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**Registration Statement** 

under

the SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1

### Post-Effective Amendment No.

# PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF PROPOSED PUBLIC OFFERING: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

□ Check box if the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans.

Check box if any securities being registered on this Form will be offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"), other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan.

🗵 Check box if this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction A.2 or a post-effective amendment thereto.

Check box if this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction B or a post-effective amendment thereto that will become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act.

Check box if this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction B to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act.

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box):

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If appropriate, check the following box:

 $\Box$  This post-effective amendment designates a new effective date for a previously filed post-effective amendment registration statement.

□ This Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, and the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering is:

This Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, and the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering is:

This Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, and the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering is:

Check each box that appropriately characterizes the Registrant:

🗆 Registered Closed-End Fund (closed-end company that is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Investment Company Act")).

Business Development Company (closed-end company that intends or has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act).

🗆 Interval Fund (Registered Closed-End Fund or a Business Development Company that makes periodic repurchase offers under Rule 23c-3 under the Investment Company Act)

A.2 Qualified (qualified to register securities pursuant to General Instruction A.2 of this Form).

□ Well-Known Seasoned Issuer (as defined by Rule 405 under the Securities Act).

🗆 Emerging Growth Company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act").

□ If an Emerging Growth Company, indicate by check mark if the Registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

D New Registrant (registered or regulated under the Investment Company Act for less than 12 calendar months preceding this filing).

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such dates as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer and sale is not permitted.

#### PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS

**Subject to Completion** 

# \$1,000,000,000 PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. Common Stock Preferred Stock Warrants Subscription Rights Debt Securities

PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. is a closed-end, externally managed, non-diversified investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Our investment objectives are to generate both current income and capital appreciation while seeking to preserve capital. We seek to achieve our investment objective by investing primarily in floating rate loans, and other investments made to U.S. middle-market private companies whose debt is rated below investment grade. Floating rate loans or variable-rate investments pay interest at variable rates, which are determined periodically, on the basis of a floating base lending rate such as the Secured Overnight Financing Rate, or SOFR, with or without a floor, plus a fixed spread. We can offer no assurances that we will achieve our investment objectives.

We are managed by PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC. PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, together or separately, up to \$1,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, subscription rights or debt securities, which we refer to, collectively, as the "securities." We may sell our securities through underwriters or dealers, "at-the-market" to or through a market maker into an existing trading market or otherwise directly to one or more supplements to this prospectus. The securities may be offered at prices and on terms to be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. In the event we offer common stock, the offering price per share of our common stock exclusive of any underwriting commissions or discounts will not be less than the net asset value, or NAV, per share of our common stock at the time we make the offering except (1) in connection with a rights offering to cur existing stockholders, (2) with the consent of the majority of our common stockholders and approval of our board of directors, or (3) under such circumstances as the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, may permit. See "<u>Risk Factors</u>" on page 11 and "<u>Sales of Common Stock Below Net Asset Value</u>" on page 17 of this prospectus for more information.

Our common stock is traded on The New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "PFLT." Prior to April 14, 2022, our common stock was traded on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the same symbol. The last reported closing price for our common stock on May 23, 2024 was \$11.26 per share, and our NAV on March 31, 2024 was \$11.40 per share.

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement contain important information you should know before investing in our securities. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuss to be provided to you in connection with offerings. The prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus may also add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. Please read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement, and any free writing prospectus, and the documents incorporated by reference, before you invest in our securities and keep them for future reference. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may also obtain such information free of charge or make stockholder inquiries by contacting us in writing at 1691 Michigan Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, by calling us collect at (786) 297-9500 or by visiting our website at <u>www.pennantpark.com</u>. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The SEC also maintains a website at <u>www.sec.gov</u> that contains such information free of charge.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk, including the risk of the use of leverage. Before buying any of our securities, you should read the discussion of the material risks of investing in us in "Risk Factors" beginning on page 11 of this prospectus.

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

This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement. Prospectus dated , 2024 You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement, any free writing prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement when considering whether to purchase any securities offered by this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with additional information, or information different from that contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplements or free writing prospectuses. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. We are offering to sell and seeking offers to buy, securities only in jurisdictions where offers are permitted. The information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus or such prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. We will update these documents to reflect material changes only as required by law. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since then.

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#### **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the SEC using the "shelf" registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may offer from time to time up to \$1,000,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, subscription rights or debt securities on the terms to be determined at the time of the offering. We may sell our securities through underwriters or dealers, "at-the-market" to or through a market maker, into an existing trading market or otherwise directly to one or more purchasers or through agents or through a combination of methods of sale. The identities of such underwriters, dealers, market makers or agents, as the case may be, will be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The securities may be offered at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus and our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date. Each time we use this prospectus to offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Please carefully read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus, together with any exhibits and the additional information described in the sections titled "Incorporation By Reference" and "Available Information," before you make an investment decision.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights some of the information in this prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all of the information that you may want to consider in making an investment decision. References to our portfolio, our investments and our business include investments we make through our consolidated subsidiaries. Some of the statements in this prospectus constitute forward-looking statements, which apply to both us and our consolidated subsidiaries, as applicable, and relate to future events, future performance or future financial condition. The forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties on a consolidated basis and actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements for many reasons, including those factors discussed in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus. You should read carefully the more detailed information set forth under "Risk Factors" and the other information included in this prospectus. In this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, except where the context suggests otherwise: the terms "we," "us," "our" and "Company" refer to PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. and its wholly-owned consolidated subsidiaries; "Funding I" refers to PennantPark Floating Rate Funding I, LLC; "Taxable Subsidiary" refers to collectively PFLT Investment Holdings, LLC and PFLT Investment Holdings II, LLC; "PSSL" refers to PennantPark Senior Secured Loan Fund ILLC, an unconsolidated joint venture; "PTSF" refers to PennantPark-TSO Senior Loan Fund, LP, an unconsolidated limited partnership; "PennantPark Investment Advisers" and "Investment Adviser" refer to PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC; "PennantPark Investment Administration" and "Administrator" refer to PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC; "2026 Notes" refers to our 4.25% Notes due 2026; "Code" refers to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; "RIC" refers to a regulated investment company under the Code; "1940 Act" refers to the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; "BDC" refers to a business development company under the 1940 Act; "MCG" refers to MCG Capital Corporation; "Credit Facility" refers to our multi-currency senior secured revolving credit facility, as amended from time to time, with Truist Bank and other lenders, or the "Lenders," entered into on August 12, 2021; "Securitization Issuer" refers to PennantPark CLO I, Ltd.; "Securitization Issuers' refers to the Securitization Issuer and PennantPark CLO I, LLC; "Debt Securitization" refers to the \$301.4 million term debt securitization completed by the Securitization Issuers; and "2031 Asset-Backed Debt" refers to (i) the issuance of the Class A-1 Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes due 2031, the Class A-2 Senior Secured Fixed Rate Notes due 2031, the Class B-1 Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes due 2031, the Class B-2 Senior Secured Fixed Rate Notes due 2031, the Class C-1 Secured Deferrable Floating Rate Notes due 2031, the Class C-2 Notes Secured Deferrable Fixed Rate Notes due 2031, and the Class D Secured Deferrable Floating Notes due 2031 and (ii) the borrowing of the Class A-1 Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes due 2031 by the Securitization Issuers in connection with the Debt Securitization; "2036 Securitization Issuer" refers to PennantPark CLO VIII, LLC; "2036-Debt Securitization" refers to the \$350.6 million term debt securitization completed by the 2036 Securitization Issuer; "2036 Asset-Backed Debt" refers to the issuance of the AAA(sf) Class A-1 Notes, AAA(sf) Class A-2 Notes, AA(sf) Class B Notes, A(sf) Class C Notes, BBB-(sf) Class D Notes, and the borrowing issuance of AAA(sf) Class A-1 floating rate loans. References to our portfolio, our investments, our multi-currency, senior secured revolving credit facility, as amended and restated, or the Credit Facility, and our business include investments we make through our subsidiaries.

#### General Business of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd.

PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. is a BDC whose objectives are to generate both current income and capital appreciation while seeking to preserve capital by investing primarily in floating rate loans, and other investments made to U.S. middle-market companies.

We believe that floating rate loans to U.S. middle-market companies offer attractive risk-reward to investors due to a limited amount of capital available for such companies. We use the term "middle-market" to refer to companies with annual revenues between \$50 million and \$1 billion. Our investments are typically rated below investment grade. Securities rated below investment grade are often referred to as "leveraged loans," "high yield" securities or "junk bonds" and are often higher risk compared to debt instruments that are rated above investment

grade and have speculative characteristics. However, when compared to junk bonds and other non-investment grade debt, senior secured floating rate loans typically have more robust capital-preserving qualities, such as historically lower default rates than junk bonds, represent the senior source of capital in a borrower's capital structure and often have certain of the borrower's assets pledged as collateral. Our debt investments may generally range in maturity from three to ten years and are made to U.S. and, to a limited extent, non-U.S. corporations, partnerships and other business entities which operate in various industries and geographical regions.

Under normal market conditions, we generally expect that at least 80% of the value of our managed assets, which means our net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes, will be invested in floating rate loans and other investments bearing a variable-rate of interest. We generally expect that first lien secured debt will represent at least 65% of our overall portfolio. We also generally expect to invest up to 35% of our overall portfolio opportunistically in other types of investments, including second lien secured debt and subordinated debt and, to a lesser extent, equity investments. We seek to create a diversified portfolio by generally targeting an investment size between \$5 million and \$30 million, on average, although we expect that this investment size will vary proportionately with the size of our capital base.

Our investment activity depends on many factors, including the amount of debt and equity capital available to middle-market companies, the level of merger and acquisition activity for such companies, the general economic environment and the competitive environment for the types of investments we make. We have used, and expect to continue to use, our debt capital, proceeds from the rotation of our portfolio and proceeds from public and private offerings of securities to finance our investment objectives.

#### Organization and Structure of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd.

PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd., a Maryland corporation organized in October 2010, is a closed-end, externally managed, non-diversified investment company that has elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. In addition, for federal income tax purposes we have elected to be treated, and intend to qualify annually, as a RIC under the Code.

We execute our investment strategy directly and through our wholly-owned subsidiaries, our unconsolidated joint venture and unconsolidated limited partnership. The term "subsidiary" includes entities that primarily engage in investment activities in securities or other assets and are wholly-owned by us. We comply with the provisions of Section 18 of the 1940 Act governing capital structure and leverage on an aggregate basis with our subsidiaries. Our subsidiaries comply with the provisions of Section 17 of the 1940 Act related to affiliated transactions and custody.

Funding I, our wholly-owned subsidiary and a special purpose entity, was organized in Delaware as a limited liability company in May 2011. On August 12, 2021, Funding I, as borrower, entered into the Credit Facility, which provides the ability for Funding I to borrow up to \$436 million (increased from \$386 million on April 9, 2024). The Credit Facility is secured by all of the assets of Funding I.

In May 2017, we and a subsidiary of Kemper Corporation (NYSE: KMPR), Trinity Universal Insurance Company, or Kemper, formed PSSL, an unconsolidated joint venture. PSSL invests primarily in middle-market and other corporate debt securities consistent with our strategy. PSSL was formed as a Delaware limited liability company.

In April 2019, our wholly-owned subsidiary, the Securitization Issuer, was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability. We formed the Securitization Issuer in order to complete the Debt Securitization.

In addition, in April 2021, we formed PTSF, an unconsolidated limited partnership, organized as a Delaware limited liability partnership. As of March 31, 2024, our capital commitment of \$15.3 million is fully funded and we hold 23.08% of the total outstanding Class A Units of PTSF and a 4.99% voting interest in the general partner which manages PTSF. PTSF also invests primarily in middle-market and other corporate debt securities consistent with our strategy.

In January 2024, our wholly-owned subsidiary, the 2036 Securitization Issuer, was incorporated in Delaware as a limited liability company. We formed the 2036 Securitization Issuer in order to complete the 2036-Debt Securitization.

On February 4, 2022, we formed PFLT Investment Holdings II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Holdings II"), as a wholly owned subsidiary. On December 31, 2022, we contributed 100% of our interests in PFLT Investment Holdings, LLC ("Holdings") to Holdings II. Effective as of January 1, 2024, Holdings II made an election to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. On January 3, 2024, we purchased an equity interest in Holdings from Holdings II and Holdings became a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The company and Holdings II entered into a limited liability company agreement with respect to Holdings that provides for certain payments and the sharing of income, gain, loss and deductions attributable to Holdings' investments.

#### **Our Investment Adviser and Administrator**

We utilize the investing experience and contacts of PennantPark Investment Advisers in developing what we believe is an attractive and diversified portfolio. The senior investment professionals of the Investment Adviser have worked together for many years and average over 25 years of experience in the senior lending, mezzanine lending, leveraged finance, distressed debt and private equity businesses. In addition, our senior investment professionals have been involved in originating, structuring, negotiating, managing and monitoring investments in each of these businesses across changing economic and market cycles. We believe this experience and history have resulted in a strong reputation with financial sponsors, management teams, investment bankers, attorneys and accountants, which provides us with access to substantial investment opportunities across the capital markets. Our Investment Adviser has a rigorous investment approach, which is based upon intensive financial analysis with a focus on capital preservation, diversification and active management. Since our Investment Adviser's inception in 2007, it has invested through its managed funds \$20.3 billion in 674 companies with more than 200 different financial sponsors through its managed funds, which includes investments by the Company totaling \$5.9 billion in 492 companies.

Our Administrator has experienced professionals with substantial backgrounds in finance and administration of registered investment companies. In addition to furnishing us with clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services, the Administrator also oversees our financial records as well as the preparation of our reports to stockholders and reports filed with the SEC. The Administrator assists in the determination and publication of our net asset value, or NAV, oversees the preparation and filing of our tax returns, and monitors the payment of our expenses as well as the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to us by others. Furthermore, our Administrator offers, on our behalf, significant managerial assistance to those portfolio companies to which we are required to offer such assistance. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to our Business and Structure—There are significant potential conflicts of interest which could impact our investment returns" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for more information.

#### **Market Opportunity**

We believe that the limited amount of capital available to middle-market companies, coupled with the desire of these companies for flexible sources of capital, creates an attractive investment environment for us.

- We believe middle-market companies have faced difficulty raising debt in private markets. From time to time, banks, finance companies, hedge funds and collateralized loan obligation, or CLO, funds have withdrawn, and may again withdraw, capital from the middle-market, resulting in opportunities for alternative funding sources.
- We believe middle-market companies have faced difficulty in raising debt through the capital markets. Many middle-market companies look to raise funds by issuing high-yield bonds and broadly syndicated loans. We believe this approach to financing becomes difficult at times when institutional investors seek to invest in larger, more liquid offerings. We believe this has made it harder for middle-market companies to raise funds by issuing high-yield securities from time to time.
- We believe that credit market dislocation for middle-market companies improves the risk-reward on our investments. From time to time, market participants have reduced lending to middle-market and non-investment grade borrowers. As a result, we believe there is less competition in our market, more conservative capital structures, higher yields and stronger covenants.
- We believe there is a large pool of uninvested private equity capital likely to seek to combine their capital with sources of debt capital to complete private investments. We expect that private equity firms will continue to be active investors in middle-market companies. These private equity funds generally seek to leverage their investments by combining their capital with loans provided by other sources, and we believe that we are well-positioned to partner with such equity investors.
- We believe there is substantial supply of opportunities resulting from maturing loans that seek refinancing. A high volume of financings will come due in the next few years. Additionally, we believe that demand for debt financing from middle-market companies will remain strong because these companies will continue to require credit to refinance existing debt, to support growth initiatives and to finance acquisitions. We believe the combination of strong demand by middle-market companies and, from time to time, the reduced supply of credit described above should increase lending opportunities for us. We believe this supply of opportunities coupled with a lack of demand offers attractive risk-reward to investors.

#### **Use of Proceeds**

We may use the net proceeds from selling securities pursuant to this prospectus to reduce our then-outstanding debt obligations, to invest in new or existing portfolio companies, to capitalize a subsidiary or for other general corporate or strategic purposes. Any supplements to this prospectus or free writing prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of the proceeds from such offering. See "Use of Proceeds" for more information.

#### **Distributions on Common Stock**

We intend to continue our monthly distributions to our stockholders. Our monthly distributions, if any, are determined by our board of directors. Distributions may include a return of capital. See "Distributions" for more information.

#### **Dividends on Preferred Stock**

We may issue preferred stock from time to time, although we have no immediate intention to do so. Any such preferred stock will be a senior security for purposes of the 1940 Act and, accordingly, subject to the leverage test under the 1940 Act. If we issue shares of preferred stock, holders of such preferred stock will be

entitled to receive cash dividends at an annual rate that will be fixed or will vary for the successive dividend periods for each series. In general, the dividend periods for fixed rate preferred stock can range from weekly to quarterly and are subject to extension. The dividend rate could be variable and determined for each dividend period. See "Description of our Preferred Stock" for more information.

#### **Plan of Distribution**

We may offer, from time to time, up to \$1,000,000,000 of our securities, on terms to be determined at the time of each such offering and set forth in a supplement to this prospectus.

Securities may be offered at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. We may sell our securities through underwriters or dealers, "at-the-market" to or through a market maker, into an existing trading market or otherwise directly to one or more purchasers or through agents or through a combination of methods of sale. A supplement to this prospectus relating to any offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our securities and will set forth any applicable purchase price, fee and commission or discount arrangement or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or FINRA, the compensation to the underwriters or dealers in connection with the sale of our securities as set forth on the cover page of such supplement to this prospectus.

We may not sell securities pursuant to this prospectus without delivering a prospectus supplement describing the terms of the particular securities to be offered and the method of the offering of such securities. See "Plan of Distribution" for more information.

#### **Risks Associated with Our Business**

Our business is subject to numerous risks, as described in the section titled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and related free writing prospectuses we may authorize for use in connection with a specific offering, if any, and under similar headings in the documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, including the section titled "Risk Factors" included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, as well as any amendments reflected in subsequent filings with the SEC.

#### **Our Corporate Information**

Our administrative and principal executive offices are located at 1691 Michigan Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida 33139. Our phone number is (786) 297-9500, and our internet website address is <u>www.pennantpark.com</u>. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any supplements to this prospectus, and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this prospectus or any supplements to this prospectus.

#### FEES AND EXPENSES

The following table will assist you in understanding the various costs and expenses that an investor in shares of our common stock will bear directly or indirectly. However, we caution you that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary from actual results. The following table should not be considered a representation of our future expenses. Actual expenses may be greater or less than shown. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever reference is made to fees or expenses paid by "you" or "us" or that "we" will pay, stockholders will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as investors in us.

Stockholder transaction expenses							
Sales load (as a percentage of offering price)	^(1)						
Offering expenses (as a percentage of offering price)							
Total stockholder expenses (as a percentage of offering price)							
Estimated annual expenses (as a percentage of average net assets attributable to							
common shares) <sup>(3)</sup>							
Management fees	$1.98\%^{(4)}$						
Incentive fees	2.76 % <sup>(5)</sup>						
Interest on borrowed funds	$8.50\%^{(6)}$						
Acquired fund fees and expenses	12.26 %(7)						
Other expenses	1.38 %(8)						
Total estimated annual expenses	$26.88\%^{(9)}$						

- (1) In the event that the securities to which any applicable prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters or agents, a corresponding prospectus supplement will disclose the applicable sales load.
- (2) In the event that we conduct an offering of our securities, a corresponding prospectus supplement will disclose the estimated amount of offering expenses, the offering price and the offering expenses borne by us as a percentage of the offering price.
- (3) Net assets attributable to common shares equals average net assets for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2024.
- (4) The contractual management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 1.00% of our average adjusted gross assets on March 31, 2024.
- (5) The portion of incentive fees paid with respect to net investment income and capital gains, if any, is based on actual amounts incurred during the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2024. Such incentive fees are based on performance, vary from period to period and are not paid unless our performance exceeds specified thresholds. Incentive fees in respect of net investment income do not include incentive fees in respect of net capital gains. The portion of our incentive fee paid in respect of net capital gains is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Investment Management Agreement, as of the termination date) and equals 20.0% of our realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid capital gain incentive fees. For purposes of this chart and our Consolidated Financial Statements, our incentive fees on capital gains are calculated in accordance with GAAP. As we cannot predict our future net investment income or capital gains, the incentive fee paid in future periods, if any, may be substantially different than the fee earned during the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2024. For more detailed information about the incentive fee, please see "Item 1. Business—Investment Management Agreement" and "Item 1. Business—Investment Advisory Fees" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (6) As of March 31, 2024, we had \$168.9 million in borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility, \$185.0 million outstanding under of 2026 Notes, \$226.3 million outstanding under the 2031 Asset-Backed Debt and \$287.0 million outstanding under the 2036 Asset-Backed Debt. We may use proceeds of an offering of securities under any applicable registration statement to repay outstanding obligations under our existing financing arrangements or other indebtedness. After completing any such offering, we may continue to borrow under our existing financing arrangements to finance our investment objectives. We



have estimated the annual interest expense on borrowed funds and we caution you that our actual interest expense in the future will depend on prevailing interest rates and our rate of borrowing, which may be substantially higher than the amount provided in this table.

- (7) Our stockholders indirectly bear 87.5% of the expenses of our investment in PSSL. No management fee is charged by PennantPark Investment Advisers in connection with PSSL. PSSL pays the Administrator an annual fee of 0.25% of average gross assets under management. For this chart, PSSL fees and operating expenses are based on our share of the actual fees and operating expenses of PSSL for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2024, annualized for a full year. Expenses for PSSL may fluctuate over time and may be substantially higher or lower in the future. Our stockholders indirectly bear 23.08% of the expenses of our investment in PTSF. A management fee equal to 0.50% per annum of the gross assets of PTSF and its subsidiaries is charged by PennantPark Investment Advisers in connection with PTSF. For this chart, PTSF fees and operating expenses are based on our share of the actual fees and operating expenses of PTSF for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2024, annualized for a full year. Expenses for PTSF for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2024, annualized for a full year. Expenses for PTSF may fluctuate over time and may be substantially higher or lower in the future.
- (8) "Other expenses" includes our general and administrative expenses, professional fees, directors' fees, insurance costs, taxes and the expenses of the Investment Adviser reimbursable under our Investment Management Agreement and of the Administrator reimbursable under our Administration Agreement. Such expenses are estimated for the current fiscal year based on actual other expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2024, annualized for a full year.
- (9) "Total estimated annual expenses" as a percentage of average net assets attributable to common shares, to the extent we borrow money to make investments, are higher than the total estimated annual expenses percentage would be for a company that is not leveraged. We may borrow money to leverage our net assets and increase our total assets. The SEC requires that the "total estimated annual expenses" percentage be calculated as a percentage of average net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness) rather than total assets, which include assets that have been funded with borrowed money. If the "Total estimated annual expenses" percentage were calculated instead as a percentage of total assets, our "Total estimated annual expenses" would be 12.21% of average total assets.

#### Example

The following example illustrates the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses that you would pay on a \$1,000 hypothetical investment in common shares, assuming (1) a 3.0% sales load (underwriting discounts and commissions) and offering expenses totaling 0.50%, (2) total net estimated annual expenses of 24.12% of average net assets attributable to common shares as set forth in the table above (other than performance-based incentive fees) and (3) a 5% annual return.

You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 common stock investment	1 Years	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Assuming a 5% annual return (assumes no return from net realized capital gains or net				
unrealized capital appreciation)	\$ 246	\$ 553	\$ 755	\$1,004
Assuming a 5% annual return (assumes return only from realized capital gains and thus subject				
to the capital gains incentive fee)	\$ 253	\$ 566	\$ 766	\$1,004

This example and the expenses in the table above should not be considered a representation of our future expenses. Actual expenses may be greater or less than those assumed. The table above is provided to assist you in understanding the various costs and expenses that an investor in our common stock will bear directly or indirectly. While the example assumes, as required by the SEC, a 5% annual return, our performance will vary and may result in a return greater or less than 5%. If we were to earn an annual return equal to or less than 5% from net investment income, the incentive fee under our Investment Management Agreement would not be earned or payable. If our returns on our investments, including the realized capital gains, result in an incentive fee, then our expenses would be higher. The example assumes that all distributions are reinvested at NAV. See "Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities—Distributions" for more information in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.



#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial data set forth in the following table as of and for the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014 are derived from our consolidated financial statements, which have been audited by an independent registered public accounting firm for those periods. The financial data set forth in the following table as of and for the six months ended March 31, 2024 is derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements, but in the opinion of management, reflects all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that are necessary to present fairly the results of such interim period. Interim results as of and for the six months ended March 31, 2024 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending September 30, 2024. This financial data should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes thereto and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

	For the six months ended in March 31, 2024																				
	(unaudited)		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014
Per Share Data: Net asset value, beginning of																					
period Net investment	\$ 11.13	\$	11.62	\$	12.62	\$	12.31	\$	12.97	\$	13.82	\$	14.10	\$	14.06	\$	13.95	\$	14.40	\$	14.10
income (1)	0.64		1.33		1.18		1.02		1.12		1.17		0.81		1.10		1.02		1.08		1.12
Net realized and unrealized (loss)																					
gain (1)	0.25		(0.56)		(1.10)		0.44		(0.65)		(0.88)		0.06		0.10		0.23		(0.31)		0.26
Net increase in net assets resulting																					
from																					
operations (1) Distribution of net	0.89		0.77		0.08		1.46		0.47		0.29		0.87		1.20		1.25		0.77		1.38
investment																					
income Distribution of	(0.62	)	(1.19)		(1.14)		(1.14)		(1.14)		(1.14)		(1.03)		(1.15)		(1.13)		(0.98)		(0.84)
realized gains					<u> </u>				<u> </u>				(0.11)				(0.01)		(0.18)		(0.24)
Total distributions to																					
stockholders (1),			(1.10)		(1.1.0)		(1.1.0)		(1.1.0)		(1.1.0)		(1.1.0)		(1.15)		(1.1.0)		(1.1.0)		(1.00)
(2) Accretive	(0.62	)	(1.19)		(1.14)		(1.14)		(1.14)		(1.14)		(1.14)		(1.15)		<u>(1.14</u> )		(1.16)		(1.08)
(dilutive) effect of common stock issuance and acquisition																					
of MCĠ (1)			(0.08)		0.06								(0.01)		(0.01)				(0.06)		
Net asset value, end of period	11.40		11.13	\$	11.62	\$	12.62	\$	12.31	\$	12.97	\$	13.82	\$	14.10		14.06		13.95		14.40
Per share market			11.15	Ψ	11.02	ψ	12.02	<u>Ψ</u>	12.51	<u>Ψ</u>	12.97	Ψ	15.02	Ψ	11.10		11.00		15.75		11.10
value, end of period	11.38		10.66	\$	9.60	\$	12.79	\$	8.44	\$	11.60	\$	13.15	\$	14.48		13.23		11.94		13.78
Total return*(3)	12.76	%	23.84%	ψ	(17.76)%	ψ	66.47%	_	(17.15)%	-	(3.20)%	_	(1.29)%	ψ	18.71%		21.77%		(6.01)%		8.05%
Shares outstanding at end of period	63,228,138	5	8,734,702	45	,345,638	35	3,880,728	3	8,772,074	3	8,772,074	3	8,772,074	31	2,480,074	2	6,730,074	26	5,730,074	1/	4,898,056
Ratios**/ Supplemental	05,220,150		0,754,702	43	,545,056		5,000,720		0,772,074		0,772,074		0,772,074		2,400,074		0,750,074		<u>,750,074</u>	14	<u>+,676,030</u>
Data: Ratio of operating																					
expenses to																					
average net assets (4)	5.97	%	5.90%		5.34%		3.77%		5.19%		3.94%		3.01%		4.13%		3.56%		3.01%		4.45%
Ratio of debt																					
related expenses to average net																					
assets (5) Ratio of total	7.00	%	<u>6.68</u> %		<u>5.85</u> %		5.00%		<u>5.63</u> %		<u>5.21</u> %		4.7 <u>3</u> %		<u>1.98</u> %		1.58%		2.34%		<u>1.95</u> %
expenses to																					
average net assets (5)	12.97	%	12.58%		11.19%		8.77%		10.82%		9.15%		7.74%		6.11%		5.14%		5.35%		6.40%
Ratio of net	12.97	/0	12.5670		11.1970		0.7770		10.0270		9.1070		7.7170		0.1170		5.1170		0.0070		0.1070
investment income to																					
average net	11.40	n./	11.000/		0.550/		0.070/		0.000/		0.7(0/		5.010/		7.050/		7 400/		7 420/		7.770/
assets (5) Net assets at end of	<u>11.42</u>	%	11.82%		<u>9.55</u> %		8.07%		<u>9.00</u> %		<u>8.76</u> %		<u>5.81</u> %		7.85%		7.42%		7.43%		<u>7.77</u> %
period		¢	(5) (05	¢	507.000	¢	400 (11	¢	477 070	¢	502.057	e	525.042	¢	457.000	¢	275 007	¢	272 800	¢	214 529
(in thousands) Weighted average	\$ 720,711	<u>\$</u>	653,605	<u>\$</u>	527,092	\$	490,611	\$	477,270	<u>\$</u>	503,057	\$	535,842	\$	457,906	\$	375,907	\$	372,890	\$	214,528
debt outstanding			(1.6.0.00	¢		¢	(22.52)	¢		¢		¢	254 222	¢		¢	1 40 540	¢	100.00	¢	1 47 500
(in thousands) Weighted average	<u>\$ 667,111</u>	<u>\$</u>	615,068	<u>\$</u>	698,765	<u>\$</u>	622,739	<u>\$</u>	737,209	\$	512,135	<u>\$</u>	354,322	<u>\$</u>	269,320	<u>\$</u>	140,218	<u>\$</u>	123,924	<u>\$</u>	147,599
debt per	<b>•</b> • • • •		10.40	¢	1	¢	10.00	¢	10.04	¢	10.01	0		¢	6.00	¢		¢		¢	0.01
share (1) Asset coverage per	\$ 11.13	\$	12.10	\$	17.06	\$	16.06	\$	19.01	\$	13.21	\$	9.25	\$	8.90	\$	5.25	\$	7.61	\$	9.91
unit (6)	\$ 1,825	\$	2,304	\$	1,784	\$	1,746	\$	1,677	\$	1,786	\$	2,122	\$	2,780	\$	2,601	\$	13,598	\$	2,469
Portfolio turnover ratio	17.58	%	28.64%		45.03%		62.58%		35.08%		52.64%		47.15%		59.70%		32.16%		51.02%		62.74%

Note: The expense and investment income ratios above do not reflect the Company's proportionate share of income and expenses of PSSL and PTSF.

- \* Not annualized for periods less than one year.
- \*\* Re-occuring investment income and expenses included in these ratios are annualized for periods less than one year.
- (1) Based on the weighted average shares outstanding for the respective periods.
- (2) The tax status of distributions is calculated in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from amounts determined under GAAP, and reported on Form 1099-DIV each calendar year.
- (3) Based on the change in market price per share during the period and assumes distributions, if any, are reinvested.
- (4) Excludes debt related costs.
- (5) Includes interest and expenses on debt (annualized) as well as Credit Facility amendment and debt issuance costs, if any (not annualized).
- (6) The asset coverage ratio for a class of senior securities representing indebtedness is calculated on our consolidated total assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, divided by the senior securities representing indebtedness at par (changed from fair value). This asset ratio coverage is multiplied by \$1,000 to determine the asset coverage per unit.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves a number of significant risks. In addition to the other information contained in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus, you should consider carefully the following information and the risk factors incorporated by reference in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, filed on December 8, 2023, or our then most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K we file after the date of this prospectus, and all other information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act and the risk factors and other information contained in any prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus before acquiring any of such securities and before making an investment in our securities. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or not presently deemed material by us may also impair our operations and performance. Each of the risk factors could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In such case, the NAV and market price of our common stock could decline or the value of our preferred stock, warrants, subscription rights or debt securities may decline, and investors may lose all or part of their investment. Please also read carefully the section titled "Forward-Looking Statements."

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the documents we incorporate by reference herein, contains, and any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, including the documents we incorporate by reference therein, contain statements that constitute forward-looking statements, which relate to us and our consolidated subsidiaries regarding future events or our future performance or future financial condition. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but rather are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our Company, our industry, our beliefs and our assumptions. The forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus involve risks and uncertainties, including statements as to:

- our future operating results;
- our business prospects and the prospects of our prospective portfolio companies;
- changes in political, economic or industry conditions, the interest rate environment or conditions affecting the financial and capital markets that could result in changes to the value of our assets;
- the dependence of our future success on the general economy and its impact on the industries in which we invest;
- the impact of a protracted decline in the liquidity of credit markets on our business;
- the impact of investments that we expect to make;
- the impact of fluctuations in interest rates and foreign exchange rates on our business and our portfolio companies;
- our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties;
- the valuation of our investments in portfolio companies, particularly those having no liquid trading market;
- the ability of our prospective portfolio companies to achieve their objectives;
- our expected financings and investments and ability to fund capital commitments to PSSL;
- the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital;
- the timing of cash flows, if any, from the operations of our prospective portfolio companies;
- the impact of price and volume fluctuations in the stock market;
- increasing levels of inflation, and its impact on us and our portfolio companies;
- the ability of our Investment Adviser to locate suitable investments for us and to monitor and administer our investments;
- the impact of future legislation and regulation on our business and our portfolio companies;
- the impact of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine and Hamas-Israel conflicts and other world economic and political issues; and
- the inability to develop and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting.

We use words such as "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "intends," "seeks," "plans," "estimates" and similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements. You should not place undue influence on the forward looking statements as our actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements for any reason, including the factors set forth in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus.

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

statements based on those assumptions also could be inaccurate. Important assumptions include our ability to originate new loans and investments, certain margins and levels of profitability and the availability of additional capital. In light of these and other uncertainties, the inclusion of a projection or forward-looking statement contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus should not be regarded as a representation by us that our plans and objectives will be achieved.

We base the forward-looking statements included in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, free writing prospectus and documents incorporated by reference on information available to us on the date of the relevant document, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements in such documents, 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 have filed or in the future may file with the SEC, including reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

You should understand that, under Section 27A(b)(2)(B) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E(b)(2) of the Exchange Act, the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 do not apply to forward-looking statements made in connection with any offering of securities pursuant to this prospectus or in periodic reports we file under the Exchange Act.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement or a free writing prospectus we have authorized for use in connection with a specific offering, we may use the net proceeds from selling securities pursuant to this prospectus to reduce our then-outstanding debt obligations, to invest in new or existing portfolio companies, to capitalize a subsidiary or for other general corporate or strategic purposes.

We may invest the proceeds from an offering of securities in new or existing portfolio companies, and such investments may take up to a year from the closing of such offering, in part because privately negotiated investments in illiquid securities or private middle-market companies require substantial due diligence and structuring. During this period, we may use the net proceeds from our offering to reduce then-outstanding indebtedness or to invest such proceeds in cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. We expect to earn yields on such investments, if any, that are lower than the interest income that we anticipate receiving in respect of investments in non-temporary investments. As a result, any distributions we make during this investment period may be lower than the distributions that we would expect to pay when such proceeds are fully invested in non-temporary investments. See "Business—Regulation—Temporary Investments" in our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K for more information.

#### SENIOR SECURITIES

Information about our senior securities is shown in the following table as of the end of the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2024 and as of September 30, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, and 2014. The report of RSM US LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, on our senior securities table as of September 30, 2023 is included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on December 8, 2023, and is incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

Class and Year/Period	Total A Outstar		sset Coverage Per Unit <sup>(2)</sup>	Average Market Value Per Unit <sup>(3)</sup>
Credit Facility				
Fiscal 2024 (as of March 31, 2024)	\$ 16	58,855 \$	1,825	N/A
Fiscal 2023		9,400	2,304	N/A
Fiscal 2022	16	58,830	1,784	N/A
Fiscal 2021	21	9,400	1,746	N/A
Fiscal 2020	30	)8,599	1,677	N/A
Fiscal 2019	26	55,308	1,786	N/A
Fiscal 2018	33	33,728	2,122	N/A
Fiscal 2017	25	53,783	2,780	N/A
Fiscal 2016	23	32,908	2,601	N/A
Fiscal 2015	2	29,600	13,598	N/A
Fiscal 2014	14	46,400	2,469	N/A
2023 Notes				
Fiscal 2023	\$ 7	76,219 \$	2,304	N/A
Fiscal 2022	ç	97,006	1,784	N/A
Fiscal 2021	11	17,793	1,746	N/A
Fiscal 2020	13	38,580	1,677	N/A
Fiscal 2019	13	38,580	1,786	N/A
Fiscal 2018	13	38,580	2,122	N/A
2026 Notes				
Fiscal 2024 (as of March 31, 2024)	\$ 18	\$5,000 \$	1,825	N/A
Fiscal 2023	18	35,000	2,304	N/A
Fiscal 2022	18	35,000	1,784	N/A
Fiscal 2021	10	00,000	1,746	N/A
2031 Asset-Backed Debt				
Fiscal 2024 (as of March 31, 2024)	\$ 22	26,259 \$	1,825	N/A
Fiscal 2023	22	28,000	2,304	N/A
Fiscal 2022	22	28,000	1,784	N/A
Fiscal 2021	22	28,000	1,746	N/A
Fiscal 2020	22	28,000	1,677	N/A
Fiscal 2019	22	28,000	1,786	N/A
2036 Asset-Backed Debt				
Fiscal 2024 (as of March 31, 2024)	\$ 28	\$7,000 \$	1,825	N/A

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

(2) The asset coverage ratio for a class of senior securities representing indebtedness is calculated as our consolidated total assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, divided by senior securities representing indebtedness at par. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by \$1,000 to determine the Asset Coverage Per Unit.

<sup>(3)</sup> Not applicable, as senior securities are not registered for public trading in the United States of America.

#### PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

On April 14, 2022, listing and trading of the Company's common stock commenced on the New York Stock Exchange after the Company voluntarily withdrew the principal listing of its common stock from the Nasdaq Global Stock Market effective at market close on April 13, 2022. Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "PFLT." The following table lists the high and low closing sale prices for our common stock, the closing sale prices as a premium or (discount) to our NAV per share and distributions per share for each full quarterly period within the fiscal years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, and each full fiscal quarter since the beginning of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

Period	<b>NAV</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	Closing S High	Sale Prices Low	Premium / (Discount) of High Sale Price to NAV <sup>(2)</sup>	Premium / (Discount) of Low Sale Price to NAV <sup>(2)</sup>	tributions eclared
Year Ended September 30, 2024		0				
Second quarter	\$11.40	\$12.61	\$ 11.09	11%	(3)%	\$ 0.308
First quarter	11.20	12.24	9.71	9	(13)	0.308
Year Ended September 30, 2023						
Fourth quarter	\$11.13	\$11.39	\$10.32	2%	(7)%	\$ 0.308
Third quarter	10.96	11.06	10.37	1	(5)	0.303
Second quarter	11.15	12.20	9.98	9	(10)	0.290
First quarter	11.30	11.56	9.77	2	(14)	0.285
Year Ended September 30, 2022						
Fourth quarter	\$11.62	\$13.19	\$ 9.60	14%	(17)%	\$ 0.285
Third quarter	12.21	14.20	10.45	16	(14)	0.285
Second quarter	12.62	13.56	12.23	7	(3)	0.285
First quarter	12.70	13.80	12.23	9	(4)	0.285

<sup>(1)</sup> NAV per share is determined as of the last day in the relevant quarter and therefore may not reflect the NAV per share on the date of the high and low sales prices. The NAVs shown are based on outstanding shares at the end of each period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Calculated as the respective high or low closing sales price less NAV per share, divided by the quarter-end NAV per share.

Shares of BDCs may trade at a market price both above and below the NAV that is attributable to those shares. Our shares have traded above and below our NAV. Our shares closed on the New York Stock Exchange at \$11.38 and \$10.61 on March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Our NAV per share was \$11.40 and \$11.15 as of the same dates. The possibility that our shares of common stock will trade at a discount from NAV or at a premium that is unsustainable over the long term is separate and distinct from the risk that our NAV will decrease. It is not possible to predict whether our shares will trade at, above or below our NAV in the future.

#### Sale of Unregistered Securities

We did not engage in any sales of unregistered securities during the quarter ended March 31, 2024.

#### **Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

We did not repurchase any of our common stock under our share repurchase plan during the quarter ended March 31, 2024.

#### SALES OF COMMON STOCK BELOW NET ASSET VALUE

Our stockholders may approve our ability to sell shares of our common stock below our then current NAV per share in one or more public offerings of our common stock. In making a determination that an offering below NAV per share is in our and our stockholders' best interests, our board of directors, a majority of our directors who have no financial interest in the sale and a majority of our independent directors considered a variety of factors, including:

- The effect that an offering below NAV per share would have on our stockholders, including the potential dilution they would experience as a result of the offering;
- The amount per share by which the offering price per share and the net proceeds per share are less than the most recently determined NAV per share;
- The relationship of recent market prices of our common stock to NAV per share and the potential impact of the offering on the market price per share of our common stock;
- Whether the estimated offering price would closely approximate the market value of our shares, less distributing commissions or discounts, and would not be below current market price;
- The potential market impact of being able to raise capital in the current financial market;
- The nature of any new investors anticipated to acquire shares in the offering;
- The anticipated rate of return on and quality, type and availability of investments;
- The leverage available to us, both before and after the offering and other borrowing terms; and
- The potential investment opportunities available relative to the potential dilutive effect of additional capital at the time of the offering.

Our board of directors will also consider the fact that a sale of shares of common stock at a discount will benefit our Investment Adviser, as the Investment Adviser will earn additional investment management fees on the proceeds of such offerings, as it would from the offering of any other securities of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. or from the offering of common stock at a premium to NAV per share.

Sales by us of our common stock at a discount from NAV pose potential risks for our existing stockholders whether or not they participate in the offering, as well as for new investors who participate in the offering. As of the date of this registration statement, stockholders have not approved sales of our common stock below our then current NAV per share.

We will not seek to sell shares under a prospectus supplement to the registration statement, or a post-effective amendment to the registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part (the "current registration statement") if the cumulative dilution to our NAV per share arising from offerings from the effective date of the current registration statement through and including any follow-on offering would exceed 15% based on the anticipated pricing of such follow-on offering. This limit would be measured separately for each offering pursuant to the current registration statement by calculating the percentage dilution or accretion to aggregate NAV from that offering and then summing the anticipated percentage dilution from each subsequent offering. For example, if our most recently determined NAV per share at the time of the first offering is \$10.00, and we have 100 million shares outstanding, the sale of an additional 25 million shares at net proceeds to us of \$5.00 per share (a 50% discount) would produce dilution of 10.0%. If we subsequently determined that our NAV per share increased to \$11.00 on the then outstanding 125 million shares and contemplated an additional offering, we could, for example, propose to sell approximately 31.25 million additional shares at a price that would be expected to yield net proceeds to us of \$8.25 per share, resulting in incremental dilution of 5.0%, before we would reach the aggregate 15% limit. If we file a new post-effective amendment, the threshold would reset.

The following three headings and accompanying tables explain and provide hypothetical examples assuming proceeds are temporarily invested in cash equivalents on the impact of an offering at a price less than NAV per share on three different sets of investors:

- existing stockholders who do not purchase any shares in the offering;
- existing stockholders who purchase a relatively small amount of shares in the offering or a relatively large amount of shares in the offering; and
- new investors who become stockholders by purchasing shares in the offering.

#### Impact on Existing Stockholders who do not Participate in the Offering

Our existing stockholders who do not participate, or who are not given the opportunity to participate, in an offering below NAV per share or who do not buy additional shares in the secondary market at the same or lower price we obtain in the offering (after any underwriting discounts and commissions) face the greatest potential risks. All stockholders will experience an immediate decrease (often called dilution) in the NAV of the shares they hold. Stockholders who do not participate in the offering will also experience a disproportionately greater decrease in their participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than stockholders who do participate in the offering. All stockholders may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects, to some degree, announced or potential increases and decreases in NAV per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increase.

The following examples illustrate the level of NAV dilution that would be experienced by a nonparticipating stockholder in three different hypothetical common stock offerings of different sizes and levels of discount from NAV per share, although it is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur. Actual sales prices and discounts may differ from the presentation below.

The examples assume that Company XYZ has 1,000,000 shares of common stock outstanding, \$15.0 million in total assets and \$5.0 million in total liabilities. The current NAV and NAV per share are thus \$10.0 million and \$10.00, respectively. The table below illustrates the dilutive effect on nonparticipating stockholder A of (1) an offering of 50,000 shares (5% of the outstanding shares) at \$9.50 per share after any underwriting discounts and commissions (a 5% discount from NAV); (2) an offering of 100,000 shares (10% of

the outstanding shares) at \$9.00 per share after any underwriting discounts and commissions (a 10% discount from NAV); and (3) an offering of 250,000 shares (25% of the outstanding shares) at \$7.50 per share after any underwriting discounts and commissions (a 25% discount from NAV).

	Prie	or to Sale	F	Examp 5% Off at 5% Di ollowing	ering		F	Examp 10% Off at 10% Di ollowing	fering		F	Examp 25% Off at 25% D ollowing	fering	
	Be	low NAV	-	Sale	% (	Change		Sale	% C	hange		Sale	% Char	nge
Offering Price														
Price per share to public		_	\$	10.00		-	\$	9.47		-	\$	7.89	-	
Net offering proceeds per share to issuer		—	\$	9.50		—	\$	9.00		—	\$	7.50	-	_
Decrease to NAV														
Total shares outstanding	1	,000,000	1	,050,000		5.00%	1	,100,000		10.00%	1	,250,000		.00%
NAV per share	\$	10.00	\$	9.98		(0.20)%	\$	9.91		(0.90)%	\$	9.50	(5.	.00)%
Dilution to Stockholder A														
Shares held by stockholder A		10,000		10,000		—		10,000		—		10,000	-	_
Percentage held by stockholder A		1.00%		0.95%		(5.00)%		0.91%		(9.00)%		0.80%	(20.	.00)%
Total Asset Values														
Total NAV held by stockholder A	\$	100,000	\$	99,800		(0.20)%	\$	99,100		(0.90)%	\$	95,000	(5.	.00)%
Total investment by stockholder A (assumed to be														
\$10.00 per share)	\$	100,000	\$	100,000		—	\$	100,000		—	\$	100,000	-	_
Total dilution to stockholder A (total NAV less total														
investment)		—	\$	(200)		—	\$	(900)		—	\$	(5,000)	-	_
Per Share Amounts														
NAV per share held by stockholder A		—	\$	9.98		—	\$	9.91		—	\$	9.50	-	_
Investment per share held by stockholder A														
(assumed to be \$10.00 per share on shares held														
prior to sale)	\$	10.00	\$	10.00		_	\$	10.00		_	\$	10.00	-	_
Dilution per share held by stockholder A (NAV per														
share less investment per share)		_	\$	(0.02)		_	\$	(0.09)		_	\$	(0.50)	-	_
Percentage dilution to stockholder A (dilution per														
share divided by investment per share)		—		—		(0.20)%		—		(0.90)%		—	(5.	.00)%

#### Impact on Existing Stockholders who Participate in the Offering

Our existing stockholders who participate in an offering below NAV per share or who buy additional shares in the secondary market at the same or lower price as we obtain in the offering (after any underwriting discounts and commissions) will experience the same types of NAV dilution as the nonparticipating stockholders, albeit at a lower level, to the extent they purchase less than the same percentage of the offering below NAV as their interest in our shares immediately prior to the offering. The level of NAV dilution on an aggregate basis will decrease as the number of shares such stockholders purchase increases. Existing stockholders who buy more than such percentage will experience NAV dilution but will, in contrast to existing stockholders who purchase less than their proportionate share of the offering, experience an increase (often called accretion) in NAV per share over their investment per share and will also experience a disproportionately greater increase in their participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than our increase in assets, potential earning power and voting interests due to the offering. The level of accretion will increase as the excess number of shares such stockholder purchases increases. Even a stockholder who over-participates will, however, be subject to the risk that we may make additional offerings below NAV in which such stockholder does not participate, in which case such a stockholder will experience NAV dilution as described above in such subsequent offerings. These stockholders may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential increases and decreases in NAV per share. This decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discount to NAV increases.

The examples assume that Company XYZ has 1,000,000 shares of common stock outstanding, \$15.0 million in total assets and \$5.0 million in total liabilities. The current NAV and NAV per share are thus \$10.0 million and \$10.00, respectively. The table below illustrates the (dilutive) and accretive effect in the hypothetical offering of 25% of the shares outstanding at a 25% discount to NAV from the prior chart for stockholder A that acquires shares equal to (1) 50% of their proportionate share of the offering (i.e., 1,250 shares which is 0.50% of the offering of 250,000 shares rather than their 1.00% proportionate share of the offering (i.e., 3,750 shares which is 1.50% of the offering of 250,000 shares rather than their 1.00% proportionate share).

	Prior to Sale	50% Partic	pation	150% Partie	icipation	
	Below NAV	Following Sale	% Change	Following Sale	% Change	
Offering Price			8			
Price per share to public		\$ 7.89	—	\$ 7.89	_	
Net proceeds per share to issuer		\$ 7.50	_	\$ 7.50	_	
Increases in Shares and Decrease to NAV						
Total shares outstanding	1,000,000	1,250,000	25.00%	1,250,000	25.00%	
NAV per share	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.50	(5.00)%	\$ 9.50	(5.00)%	
(Dilution)/Accretion to Participating Stockholder A						
Shares held by stockholder A	10,000	11,250	12.50%	13,750	37.50%	
Percentage held by stockholder A	1.00%	0.90%	(10.00)%	1.10%	10.00%	
Total Asset Values						
Total NAV held by stockholder A	\$ 100,000	\$ 106,875	6.88%	\$ 130,625	30.63%	
Total investment by stockholder A (assumed to be \$10.00 per share on shares						
held prior to sale)	\$ 100,000	\$ 109,863	9.86%	\$ 129,588	29.59%	
Total (dilution)/accretion to stockholder A (total NAV less total investment)	—	(2,988)	—	\$ 1,037	—	
Per Share Amounts						
NAV per share held by stockholder A	—	\$ 9.50	—	\$ 9.50	—	
Investment per share held by stockholder A (assumed to be \$10.00 per						
share on shares held prior to sale)	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.77	(2.30)%	\$ 9.42	(5.80)%	
(Dilution)/accretion per share held by stockholder A (NAV per share less						
investment per share)	—	\$ (0.27)	—	\$ 0.08	—	
Percentage (dilution)/accretion to stockholder A (dilution)/accretion per						
share divided by investment per share	—	—	(2.76)%	—	0.85%	

#### Impact on New Investors

The following examples illustrate the level of NAV dilution or accretion that would be experienced by a new stockholder in three different hypothetical common stock offerings of different sizes and levels of discount from NAV per share, although it is not possible to predict the level of market price decline that may occur. Actual sales prices and discounts may differ from the presentation below.

Investors who are not currently stockholders, but who participate in an offering below NAV and whose investment per share is greater than the resulting NAV per share due to any underwriting discounts and commissions paid by us will experience an immediate decrease, albeit small, in the NAV of their shares and their NAV per share compared to the price they pay for their shares. Investors who are not currently stockholders and whose investment per share is also less than the resulting NAV per share due to any underwriting discounts and commissions paid by us being significantly less than the discount per share, will experience an immediate increase in the NAV of their shares and their NAV per share compared to the price they pay for their shares. All these investors will experience a disproportionately greater participation in our earnings and assets and their voting power than our increase in assets, potential earning power and voting interests. These investors will, however, be subject to the risk that we may make additional offerings below NAV in which such new stockholder does not participate, in which case such new

stockholder will experience dilution as described above in such subsequent offerings. These investors may also experience a decline in the market price of their shares, which often reflects to some degree announced or potential increases and decreases in NAV per share. Their decrease could be more pronounced as the size of the offering and level of discounts increases.

The following examples illustrate the level of NAV dilution or accretion that would be experienced by a new stockholder who purchases the same percentage (1.00%) of the shares in the three different hypothetical offerings of common stock of different sizes and levels of discount from NAV per share. The examples assume that Company XYZ has 1,000,000 shares of common stock outstanding, \$15.0 million in total assets and \$5.0 million in total liabilities. The current NAV and NAV per share are thus \$10.0 million and \$10.00, respectively. The table below illustrates the dilutive and accretive effects on stockholder A at (1) an offering of 50,000 shares (5% of the outstanding shares) at \$9.50 per share after any underwriting discounts and commissions (a 5% discount from NAV); (2) an offering of 100,000 shares (10% of the outstanding shares) at \$9.00 per share after any underwriting discounts and commissions (a 10% discount from NAV); and (3) an offering of 250,000 shares (25% of the outstanding shares) at \$7.50 per share after any underwriting discounts and commissions (a 25% discount from NAV).

			Examp 5% Off at 5% Di	ering		Examp 10% Off at 10% D	ering		Examı 25% Of at 25% D	fering
	Prior to Sale Below NAV		llowing Sale	% Change	Fo	ollowing Sale	% Change	Fo	ollowing Sale	% Change
Offering Price				8			8			8
Price per share to public		\$	10.00		\$	9.47	—	\$	7.89	_
Net offering proceeds per share to issuer		\$	9.50		\$	9.00	—	\$	7.50	_
Decrease to NAV										
Total shares outstanding		1,	050,000	5.00%	1,	,100,000	10.00%	1,	,250,000	25.00%
NAV per share	—	\$	9.98	(0.20)%	\$	9.91	(0.90)%	\$	9.50	(5.00)%
Dilution to Stockholder A										
Shares held by stockholder A			500			1,000	—		2,500	_
Percentage held by stockholder A			0.05%	_		0.09%	—		0.20%	—
Total Asset Values										
Total NAV held by stockholder A		\$	4,990		\$	9,910	—	\$	23,750	—
Total investment by stockholder A		\$	5,000		\$	9,470	—	\$	19,725	_
Total (dilution)/accretion to stockholder A										
(total NAV less total investment)		\$	(10)		\$	440	—	\$	4,025	—
Per Share Amounts										
NAV per share held by stockholder A		\$	9.98		\$	9.91	—	\$	9.50	—
Investment per share held by stockholder A		\$	10.00		\$	9.47	—	\$	7.89	_
(Dilution)/accretion per share held by										
stockholder A (NAV per share less										
investment per share)		\$	(0.02)		\$	0.44	—	\$	1.61	—
Percentage (dilution)/accretion to stockholder										
A (dilution)/ accretion per share divided by										
investment per share	—		_	(0.20)%		—	4.65%		_	20.41%
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#### DISTRIBUTIONS

We intend to continue making monthly distributions to our stockholders. The timing and amount of our monthly distributions, if any, is determined by our board of directors. Any distributions to our stockholders are declared out of assets legally available for distribution. We monitor available net investment income to determine if a tax return of capital may occur for the fiscal year. To the extent our taxable earnings fall below the total amount of our distributions for any given fiscal year, a portion of those distributions may be deemed to be a tax return of capital to our common stockholders.

Each year, a Form 1099-DIV will be sent to stockholders subject to information reporting that will state the amount and composition of distributions and provide information with respect to appropriate tax treatment of our distributions.

The tax characteristics of distributions declared, in accordance with Section 19(a) of the 1940 Act, for our fiscal and taxable years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 from ordinary income (including short-term gains), if any, totaled \$60.5 million, or \$1.19 per share, and \$46.7 million, or \$1.14 per share, respectively, based on the weighted average shares outstanding for the respective periods. Additionally, for both years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, we did not pay any distributions from long-term capital gains.

We may not be able to achieve operating results that will allow us to make distributions at a specific level or to increase the amount of these distributions from time to time. In addition, we may be limited in our ability to make distributions due to the asset coverage ratio for borrowings when applicable to us as a BDC under the 1940 Act and due to provisions in future credit facilities. If we do not distribute a certain minimum percentage of our income annually, we will suffer adverse tax consequences, including possible loss of our ability to be subject to tax as a RIC. We cannot assure stockholders that they will receive any distributions or distributions at a particular level.

#### **PORTFOLIO COMPANIES**

The following is a listing of each portfolio company or its affiliate, together referred to as portfolio companies, in which we had an investment as of March 31, 2024. Percentages shown for class of investment securities held by us represent percentage of voting ownership and not economic ownership. Percentages shown for equity securities, other than warrants or options held, if any, represent the actual percentage of the class of security held before dilution. For additional information see our "Consolidated Schedule of Investments" in our Consolidated Financial Statements included in our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2024.

The portfolio companies are presented in three categories: "Companies less than 5% owned" which represent portfolio companies where we directly or indirectly own less than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company and where we have no other affiliations with such portfolio company; "Companies 5% to 24% owned" which represent portfolio companies where we directly or indirectly own 5% or more but less than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio companies where we directly or indirectly own 5% or more but less than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company and, therefore, are deemed to be an affiliated person under the 1940 Act; and "Companies 25% or more owned" which represent portfolio companies where we directly or indirectly own 25% or more of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company and, therefore, are generally presumed to be controlled by us under the 1940 Act. We make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. Certain assets are pledged as collateral under our Credit Facility or secure the 2031 Asset-Backed Debt and 2036 Asset-Backed Debt as disclosed in our Consolidated Schedule of Investments. Unless otherwise noted, we held no voting board membership on any of our portfolio companies.

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Name and Address of Portfolio Company Commonica Loss theor 5% Owned	Nature of Business	Type of Investment, Interest (1), Maturity	Voting Percentage Ownership (2)	Fair Value <u>(in thousands)</u>
Companies Less than 5% Owned Al Garage Merger Sub, LLC (Al Garage Equity, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 3254 E Broadway Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85040	Commercial Services & Supplies	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+660, 12/22/2028 Common Equity	0.2%	\$ 2,270
ACP Avenu Buyer, LLC 5860 Trinity Pkwy Centerville, VA 20120	IT Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+625, 10/02/2029	_	13,669
ACP Falcon Buyer, LLC 2141 Rosecrans Ave El Segundo, CA 90245	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), —, 08/01/2029	_	_
Ad.net Acquisition, LLC (Ad.net Holdings, Inc.) 1100 Glendon Avenue, Suite 1200 Los Angeles, CA 90024	Media	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+626, 05/07/2026 Preferred Equity Common Equity	0.6%	5,698
Aeronix, Inc. (SV Aero Holdings, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 1775 West Hibiscus Boulevard, Suite 200 Melbourne, FL 32901	Aerospace and Defense	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+550, 12/18/2028 Common Equity	0.2%	34,996
AFC Dell Holding Corp. (AFC Acquisitions, Inc.) <sup>(5)</sup> 9030 Port Union Road West Chester Township, OH 45011	Distributors	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+640, 04/09/2027 Preferred Equity	0.3%	13,465
Affinion Group Holdings, Inc. 6 High Ridge Park Stamford, CT 06905	Consumer Goods: Durable	Warrants	—	—
AG Investco LP <sup>(5)</sup> 251 Little Falls Drive Herndon, VA 19808	Software	Common Equity(4)	1.6%	1,131

Name and Address of Portfolio Company Altamira Technologies, LLC (Altamira Intermediate Company II, Inc.) 8201 Greensboro Drive, Suite 800 McLean, VA 22102	Nature of Business IT Services	Type of Investment, Interest (1), Maturity Common Equity	Voting Percentage Ownership (2) 1.0%	Fair Value <u>(in thousands)</u> \$1,679
Amsive Holding Corporation (f/k/a Vision Purchaser Corporation) 605 Territorial Drive Suite A, B & C Bolingbrook, IL 60440	Media	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+640, 06/10/2025	_	13,712
Anteriad, LLC (f/k/a MeritDirect, LLC) (Anterida Holdings, LP (5)) 2 International Drive Rye Brook, NY 10573	Media	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+575, 06/30/2026 Preferred Equity Common Equity	1.1%	18,751
Any Hour Services (KL Stockton Co-Invest LP) <sup>(5)</sup> 1374 130 S Orem, UT 84058	Energy Equipment and Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+585, 07/21/2027 Common Equity	0.1%	7,085
Applied Technical Services, LLC (Ironclad Holdco, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 1049 Triad Ct Marietta, GA 30062	Commercial Services & Supplies	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+590, 12/29/2026 Common Equity	0.3%	13,853
Arcfield Acquisition Corp. 14295 Park Meadow Drive Chantilly, VA 20151	Aerospace and Defense	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+625, 08/03/2029	_	5,907
Athletico Holdings, LLC <sup>(5)</sup> 2122 York Road, Ste. 300 Oak Brook, IL 60523	Healthcare Providers and Services	Common Equity	0.4%	4,048
Beta Plus Technologies, Inc. 7 World Trade Center, 47th Floor New York, NY 10007	Internet Software and Services	First Lien Secured Debt, 1M S+575, 07/01/2029	_	11,580
Big Top Holdings, LLC (ACP Big Top Holdings, LP) 3255 U.S. Hwy 19 N Perry, FL 32347	Construction & Engineering	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+625, 02/28/2030 Common Equity	2.4%	48,636
BioDerm, Inc. (BioDerm holdings, LP) 12320 73rd Court N Largo, FL 33773	Healthcare Equipment and Supplies	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+650, 01/31/2028 Common Equity	1.6%	1,867
Blackhawk Industrial Distribution, Inc. 1501 SW Expressway Drive Broken Arrow, OK 74012	Distributors	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+565, 09/17/2026		6,307
BlueHalo Financing Holdings, LLC 410 Jan Davis Drive Huntsville, AL 35806	Aerospace and Defense	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+475, 10/31/2025	_	6,397
Broder Bros., Co. Six Neshaminy Interplex, 6 Floor Trevose, PA 19053	Textiles, Apparel and Luxury Goods	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+626, 12/04/2025	_	3,262
Burgess Point Holdings, LP 29627 Renaissance Blvd Daphne, AL 26526	Auto Components	Common Equity	_	96

Name and Address of Portfolio Company By Light Professional IT Services, LLC (By Light Investco, LP) <sup>(5)</sup> 8484 Westpark Drive Suite 600 McLean, VA 22102	Nature of Business High Tech Industries	Type of Investment, Interest (1), Maturity First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+688, 05/16/2025 Common Equity	Voting Percentage Ownership (2) 2.9%	Fair Value <u>(in thousands)</u> \$ 40,004
Carisk Buyer, Inc. (Carisk Parent, LP) 10685 North Kendall Drive Miami, FL 33176	Healthcare Technology	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+575, 12/01/2029 Common Equity	0.2%	5,600
Carnegie Dartlet, LLC (Carnegie HoldCo, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 210 Littleton Road, Suite 100 Westford, MA 01886	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+550, 02/07/2030 Common Equity	1.5%	48,279
Cartessa Aesthetics, LLC <sup>(5)</sup> 175 Broadhollow Road Melville, NY 11747	Distributors	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+575, 06/14/2028 Preferred Equity	0.8%	15,787
CF512, Inc. (StellPen Holdings, LLC) 960B Harvest Drive Blue Bell, PA 19422	Media	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+619, 08/20/2026 Common Equity	0.3%	5,991
Challenger Performance Optimization, Inc. 1201 Wilson Blvd Arlington, VA 22209	Business Services	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+775 (PIK 2.00%), 08/31/2024		227
Compex Legal Services, Inc. 1100 Glendon Avenue Suite 1200 Los Angeles, CA 90024	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+555, 02/09/2026	_	9,160
Confluent Health, LLC 75 S English Station Road Louisville, KY 40245	Healthcare Providers and Services	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+500, 11/30/2028	—	6,948
Connatix Buyer, Inc. (Connatix Parent, LLC) 666 Broadway, Floor 10 New York, NY 10012	Media	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+576, 07/13/2027 Common Equity	_	3,769
Crane 1 Services, Inc. (Crane 1 Acquisition Parent Holdings, L.P.) 1027 Byers Rd Miamisburg, OH 45342	Commercial Services & Supplies	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+501, 08/16/2027 Common Equity	0.5%	1,228
Dr. Squatch, LLC 2355 Westwood Blvd. #1834 Los Angeles, CA 90064	Personal Products	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+585, 08/31/2027	_	6,596
DRS Holdings III, Inc. 225 State Street Boston MA 02109	Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+640, 11/03/2025		15,810
Duraco Specialty Tapes LLC 7400 Industrial Dr. Forest Park, IL 60130	Containers and Packaging	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+650, 06/30/2024	_	3,417
ECL Entertainment, LLC (Kentucky Racing Holco, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 5629 Nashville Rd Franklin, KY 42134	Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure	First Lien Secured Debt, 1M S+475, 08/31/2030 Warrants	_	5,928

Name and <u>Address of Portfolio Company</u> eCommission Holding Corporation <sup>(6)</sup> 11612 Bee Caves Road, Building II, Suite 200 Austin, TX, 78738	Nature of Business Banking, Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Type of Investment, Interest (1), Maturity Common Equity	Voting Percentage <u>Ownership (2)</u> 1.4%	Fair Value <u>(in thousands)</u> \$596
EDS Buyer, LLC (EDS Topco, LP) 810 7th Ave 12th floor New York, NY 10019	Electronic Equipment, Instruments, and Components	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+575, 01/10/2029 Common Equity	0.7%	4,952
Efficient Collaborative Retail Marketing Company, LLC 27070 Miles Road Solon, OH 44139	Media: Diversified and Production	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+900 (PIK 1.50%), 06/15/2024		5,706
Eisner Advisory Group, LLC 733 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+400, 02/23/2031	_	7,018
ETE Intermediate II, LLC (Gauge ETE Blocker, LLC) 1604 South West Avenue Waukesha, WI 53186	Diversified Consumer Services	First Lien Secured Debt, —(4), 05/25/2029 12.56% Fixed, 05/19/2029 Common Equity	0.2%	601
Exigo Intermediate II, LLC (Exigo, LLC) 1256 Main Street, Suite 256 Southlake, TX 76092	Software	First Lien Secured Debt(4), — , 03/15/2027 Common Equity	0.5%	587
Fairbanks Morse Defense 655 3rd St Suite 301 Beloit, WI 53511	Aerospace and Defense	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+501, 06/23/2028	_	997
FedHC InvestCo LP <sup>(5)</sup> 3100 Clarendon Blvd Arlington, VA 22201	Aerospace and Defense	Common Equity(4)	1.0%	1,985
Five Star Buyer, Inc. (Five Star Parent Holdings, LLC) 3388 Green Mountain Dr Branson, MO 65616	Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+710, 02/23/2028 Common Equity	0.4%	5,061
GCOM InvestCo LP 9175 Guilford Road, Suite 101 Columbia, MD 21046	IT Services	Common Equity	1.0%	4,557
Global Holdings InterCo LLC 4343 South 118th East Ave Suite 220 Tulsa, OK 74146	Diversified Financial Services	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+610, 03/16/2026		4,761
Graffiti Buyer, Inc. 25195 Brest Road Taylor, MI 48180	Trading Companies & Distributors	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+560, 08/10/2027	_	1,647
Hancock Roofing and Construction L.L.C. (Hancock Claims Consultants Investors, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 6875 Shiloh Rd. East	Insurance	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+560, 12/31/2026 Common Equity	0.4%	4,338
Alpharetta, GA 30005 Hills Distribution Inc. (GMP Hills, L.P.) 2 Brainard Road Hartford, CT 06114	Distributors	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+600, 11/07/2029 Common Equity	2.7%	12,460

Name and <u>Address of Portfolio Company</u> HV Watterson Holdings, LLC 1821 Walden Office Square Unit 111 Schaumburg, IL 60173	Nature of Business Professional Services	Type of Investment, Interest (1), Maturity Common Equity	Voting Percentage Ownership (2) 0.1%	Fair Value (in thousands) \$84
HW Holdco, LLC One Thomas Circle, NW Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20005	Media	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+640, 05/10/2026	_	10,312
Icon Partners V C, L.P. 315 Capitol St Suite 100 Houston, TX 77002	Internet Software and Services	Common Equity(4)	0.1%	1,733
ITC Infusion Co-Invest, LP <sup>(5)</sup> 3609 Park East Drive Beachwood, OH 44122	Healthcare Equipment and Supplies	Common Equity	0.8%	1,651
IG Investments Holdings, LLC 1224 Hammond Drive, Suite 1500 Atlanta, GA 30346	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+610, 09/22/2028	_	4,308
Imagine Acquisitionco, LLC (Imagine Topco, LP) 8757 Red Oak Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28217	Software	First Lien Secured Debt(4), —, 11/15/2027 Preferred Equity Common Equity	0.3%	1,376
Inception Fertility Ventures, LLC 4828 Loop Central Drive, Suite 900 Houston, TX 77081	Healthcare Providers and Services	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+725, 12/31/2024	—	23,538
Infinity Home Services Holdco, Inc. (IHS Parent Holdings, L.P.) 16600 W Cleveland Ave New Berlin, WI 53151	Commercial Services & Supplies	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+685, 12/28/2028 Common Equity	0.3%	5,834
Infolinks Media Buyco, LLC (Tower Arch Infolinks Media, LP) <sup>(5)</sup> 45 North Broad Street Ridgewood, NJ 07450	Media	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+585, 11/01/2026 Common Equity(4)	0.2%	3,321
Integrative Nutrition, LLC (IIN Group Holdings, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 245 5th Avenue New York, NY 10016	Consumer Services	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+715 (PIK 2.25%), 01/31/2025 Common Equity	1.4%	14,500
Integrity Marketing Acquisition, LLC 1445 Ross Avenue, 22nd Floor Dallas, TX 75202	Insurance	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+615, 08/27/2026	_	15,942
ITC Rumba, LLC <sup>(5)</sup> 9725 NW 117th Ave #200, Miami, FL 33178	Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals	Common Equity	_	_
Inventus Power, Inc. 1200 Internationale Parkway Woodridge, IL 60517	Electronic Equipment, Instruments, and Components	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+761, 06/30/2025	_	4,829
ITI Holdings, Inc. 2980 E. Coliseum Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46805	IT Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+560, 03/03/2028		573
Keel Platform, LLC Building 1 9801, 9801 US-78 Ladson, SC 29456	Metals and Mining	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+525, 01/19/2031	—	10,726

Name and <u>Address of Portfolio Company</u> Kinetic Purchaser, LLC 12552 S. 125 West Draper, UT 84020	Nature of Business Personal Products	Type of Investment, Interest (1), Maturity First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+615, 11/10/2027 Common Equity	Voting Percentage Ownership (2) 2.3%	Fair Value <u>(in thousands)</u> \$ 19,735
Lash OpCo, LLC (Gauge Lash Coinvest LLC) 1256 Main Street, Suite 256 Southlake, TX 76092	Personal Products	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+810 (PIK 5.10%), 02/18/2027 Common Equity	1.3%	21,041
LAV Gear Holdings, Inc. 3165 W Sunset Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89118	Capital Equipment	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+640, 10/31/25	—	14,594
Ledge Lounger, Inc. (SP L2 Holdings, LLC) 616 Cane Island Pkwy Suite 200 Katy, TX 77494	Leisure Products	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+665, 11/09/2026 Common Equity	0.5%	4,468
Lightspeed Buyer Inc. (Lightspeed Investment Holdco LLC) 1457 East 40th Street Cleveland, OH 44103	Healthcare Technology	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+535, 02/03/2026 Common Equity	0.3%	24,268
LJ Avalon Holdings, LLC (LJ Avalon LP) 4921 Memorial Hwy, Suite 300 Tampa, FL 33634	Construction & Engineering	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+640, 02/01/2030 Common Equity	0.5%	3,001
Loving Tan Intermediate II, Inc. (Gauge Loving Tan, LP) 857 Post Rd, Suite 348 Fairfield, CT 06824	Personal Products	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+700, 05/31/2028 Common Equity	3.2%	22,121
LSF9 Atlantis Holdings, LLC 8510 Colonnade Center Dr. Unit 300 Raleigh, MN 27615	Specialty Retail	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+650, 06/30/2029	_	5,581
Lucky Bucks, LLC 5820 Live Oak Parkway #300 Norcross, GA 30093	Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+765, 10/02/2028 Common Equity	_	2,885
MAG DS Corp. 2730 Fair Lakes Circle Fairfax VA, 22033	Aerospace and Defense	First Lien Secured Debt, 1M S+550, 04/01/2027	_	3,485
Magnolia Topco LP <sup>(5)</sup> 5821 Fairview Road Charlotte, NC 28209	Automobiles	Preferred Equity Common Equity	_	70
Mars Acquisition Holdings Corp. (Mars Intermediate Holdings II, Inc.) 25200 Telegraph Rd., 5th Floor Southfield, MI 48033	Media	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+565, 05/14/2026 Preferred Equity Common Equity	0.7%	10,213
MBS Holdings, Inc. 880 Montclair Road Suite 400 Birmingham, AL 35213	Internet Software and Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), —, 04/16/2027	_	(17)
MDI Buyer, Inc. (MDI Aggregator, LP) 740 W Knox Road Tempe, AZ 85284	Commodity Chemicals	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+550, 07/25/2028 Common Equity	0.6%	3,702

Name and Address of Portfolio Company Meadowlark Acquirer, LLC (Meadowlark Title, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 888 Boylston, Ste. 1600, Boston, MA, 02199	Nature of Business Professional Services	Type of Investment, Interest (1), Maturity First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+565, 12/10/2027 Common Equity	Voting Percentage <u>Ownership (2)</u> 1.1%	Fair Value <u>(in thousands)</u> \$1,895
Medina Health, LLC (New Medina Health, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> One Parkview Plaza, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181	Healthcare Providers and Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+625, 10/20/2028 Common Equity	1.7%	21,471
Megawatt Acquisitionco, Inc. (Megawatt Acquisition Partners, LLC) 6060 Phyllis Dr Cypress, CA 90630	Electronic Equipment, Instruments, and Components	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+625, 03/01/2030 Common Equity	0.6%	23,449
Mission Critical Electronics, Inc. 15272 Newsboy Circle Huntington, CA 92649	Capital Equipment	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+625, 03/31/2025	_	3,202
MOREGroup Holdings, Inc. 801 Cherry Street Suite 500 Fort Worth, TX 76102	Construction & Engineering	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+590, 01/16/2030	_	31,614
Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. 12 Turnberry Ln Sandy Hook, CT 06482	Distributors	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+515, 10/01/2027 Common Equity	1.1%	4,095
NBH Group LLC 3035 S Maryland Pkwy #110 Las Vegas, NV 89109	Healthcare Equipment and Supplies	First Lien Secured Debt(4), —, 08/19/2026	_	(75)
Neptune Flood Incorporated 400 6th St S St. Petersburg, FL 33701	Insurance	First Lien Secured Debt(4), —, 05/09/2029	_	_
NORA Acquisition, LLC (NORA Parent Holdings, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 3805 E Main St. St. Charlees, IL 60174	Healthcare Providers and Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+635, 08/31/2029 Common Equity	1.6%	22,741
OHCP V BC COI, L.P. 525 West Monroe Street Chicago, IL 60661	Distributors	Common Equity(4)	_	990
Omnia Exterior Solutions, LLC 6650 Walnut Street New Albany, OH 43054	Diversified Consumer Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+550, 12/29/2029	_	10,790
One Stop Mailing, LLC 601 Regency Drive Glendale Heights, IL 60139	Air Freight and Logistics	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+636, 05/07/2027	_	8,471
ORL Acquisition, Inc. (ORL Holdco, Inc.) 5555 N Beach St #4100, Fort Worth, TX 76137	Consumer Finance	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+940 (PIK 2.00%), 09/03/2027 Preferred Equity Common Equity	0.3%	3,523
OSP Embedded Purchaser, LLC (OSP Embedded Aggregator, LP) 2680 Grand Island Blvd, Suite 2 Grand Island, NY 14072	Aerospace and Defense	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+585, 12/15/2029 Common Equity	1.5%	14,486
Output Services Group, Inc. 775 Washington Ave Carlstadt, NJ 07072	Business Services	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+843, 11/30/2028 Common Equity	_	2,253

Name and <u>Address of Portfolio Company</u> Owl Acquisition, LLC 47 Old Webster Road Oxford, MA 01540	Nature of Business Professional Services	Type of Investment, Interest (1), Maturity First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+550, 02/04/2028	Voting Percentage Ownership (2)	Fair Value <u>(in thousands)</u> \$3,834
Ox Two, LLC 22260 Haggerty Road #365 Northville, MI 48167	Construction and Building	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+651, 05/18/2026	_	22,736
Pacific Purchaser, LLC (Consello Pacific Aggregator, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 3250 Wilshire Blvd # 900 Los Angeles, CA 90010	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+625, 09/30/2028 Common Equity	1.3%	6,016
PCS Midco, Inc. (PCS Parent, LP) 9450 SW Gemini Dr Beaverton, OR 97008	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+575, 03/01/2030 Common Equity	0.2%	11,706
PennantPark-TSO Senior Loan Fund, LP <sup>(6)</sup> 1691 Michigan Avenue Miami, FL 33139	Financial Services	Common Equity	4.99% <sup>(3)</sup>	9,705
PL Acquisitionco, LLC (Pink Lily Holdco, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 323 Mitch McConnell Way Bowling Green KY 42101	Textiles, Apparel and Luxury Goods	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+710 (PIK 3.50%), 11/09/2027 Preferred Equity Common Equity	0.4%	4,879
PlayPower, Inc. 13310 James E. Casey Ave. Englewood, CO 80112	Leisure Products	First Lien Secured Debt, 1M S+565, 05/08/2026	—	3,314
Pragmatic Institute, LLC 8910 East Raintree Drive Scottsdale, AZ 85620	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+575, 07/06/2028 Common Equity	_	996
Quad (U.S.) Co-Invest, L.P. 330 Old Country Rd Suite 300 Mineola, NY 11501	Professional Services	Common Equity	_	321
Quantic Electronics, LLC Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 3460 San Francisco, CA 94111	Electronic Equipment, Instruments, and Components	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+635, 11/19/2026	_	6,467
QuantiTech LLC (QuantiTech Investco LP) <sup>(5)</sup> (QuantiTech InvestCo II LP) <sup>(5)</sup> 360A-360D Quality Circle, Suite 100/430 Huntsville, AL 35806	Aerospace and Defense	Second Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+1010, 02/04/2027 Common Equity(4)	0.2%	630
Questex, LLC 275 Grove Street, Suite 2-130 Newton, MA 02466	Media: Diversified and Production	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+440, 09/09/2024	—	6,731
Rancho Health MSO, Inc. (RFMG Parent, LP) 31720 Temecula Pkwy Suite 100 Temecula, CA 92592	Healthcare Equipment and Supplies	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+440, 12/18/2025 Common Equity	0.7%	1,481
Recteq, LLC (NEPRT Parent Holdings, LLC ) <sup>(5)</sup> 1061 Triad Ct., Ste. 3 Marietta, GA 30062	Leisure Products	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+715, 01/29/2026 Common Equity	0.7%	1,758

Name and <u>Address of Portfolio Company</u> Research Now Group, LLC and Dynata, LLC 5800 Tennyson Parkway, Suite 600 Plano, TX 75024	Nature of Business Business Services	Type of Investment, Interest (1), Maturity First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+576, 12/20/2024	Voting Percentage Ownership (2)	Fair Value (in thousands) \$ 14,341
Riverpoint Medical, LLC 825 NE 25th Avenue Portland, OR 97232	Healthcare Equipment and Supplies	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+515, 06/20/2025	_	10,122
Rural Sourcing Holdings, Inc. (HPA SPQ Aggregator LP) 817 West Peachtree St. Suite M100 Atlanta, GA 30308	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+625, 06/15/2029 Common Equity	0.4%	1,015
S101 Holdings, Inc. 1450 Centrepark Blvd. Suite 210 West Palm Beach, FL 33401	Electronic Equipment, Instruments, and Components	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+615, 12/29/2026	_	12,377
Sales Benchmark Index LLC (SBI Holdings Investments LLC) 2021 McKinney Avenue Suite 550 Dallas, TX 75201	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+620, 01/03/2025 Common Equity	0.1%	3,117
Sargent & Greenleaf Inc. One Security Drive Nicholasville, KY 40356	Electronic Equipment, Instruments, and Components	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+760 (PIK 1.00%), 12/20/2024	_	4,112
Schlesinger Global, Inc. (Gauge Schlesinger Coinvest, LLC) 101 Wood Avenue South, Suite 501 Iselin, NJ 08830	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+825 (PIK 5.60%), 07/14/2025 Subordinate Debt 3M S+700, 07/26/2024 Preferred Equity Common Equity	1.1%	16,420
Seaway Buyer, LLC (Seaway Topco, LP) 6006 Siesta Lane Port Richey, FL 34668	Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+615, 06/13/2029 Common Equity	0.3%	2,078
Sigma Defense Systems, LLC (Delta InvestCo LP) <sup>(5)</sup> 1812 Macon Rd Perry, GA 31069	IT Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+715, 12/18/2027 Common Equity(4)	1.4%	23,587
Simplicity Financial Marketing Group Holdings Inc. 86 Summit Avenue Suite 303	Diversified Financial Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+640, 12/02/2026	_	4,331
Summit, NJ 07901 Skopima Consilio Parent, LLC 1828 L Street NW Suite 1070 Washington, DC 20036	Business Services	First Lien Secured Debt, 1M S+450, 05/17/2028	_	595
Smartronix, LLC (OceanSound Discovery Equity, LP) <sup>(5)</sup> 310 The Bridge Street, Suite 350 Huntsville, AL 35806	Aerospace and Defense	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+635, 11/23/2028 Common Equity	_	15,326
Smile Brands Inc. 100 Spectrum Center Drive, Suite 100 Irvine, CA 92618	Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+450, 10/14/2025	—	2,576

Name and Address of Portfolio Company Solutionreach, Inc. 2600 N. Ashton Blvd. Lehi, UT 84043	Nature of Business Healthcare Technology	Type of Investment, Interest (1), Maturity First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+700, 07/17/2025	Voting Percentage Ownership (2) —	Fair Value (in thousands) \$ 4,652
Spendmend Holdings LLC (North Haven Saints Equity Holdings, LP) <sup>(5)</sup> 2680 Horizon Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546	Healthcare Technology	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+565, 03/01/2028, Common Equity	0.1%	2,804
SSC Dominion Holdings, LLC (US Dominion, Inc.) 215 Spadina Avenue, Suite 200 Toronto, ON MST 2C7	Capital Equipment	Common Equity	0.8%	1,001
Summit Behavioral Healthcare, LLC 501 Corporate Centre Dr. #600 Franklin, TN 37067	Healthcare Providers and Services	First Lien Secured Debt, 1M S+501, 11/24/2028	_	1,990
System Planning and Analysis, Inc. (f/k/a Management Consulting & Research, LLC) 1220 12th Street SE Washington DC, 20003	Aerospace and Defense	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+590, 08/16/2027	_	20,622
TAC LifePort Purchaser, LLC <sup>(5)</sup> 1610 Heritage St Woodland, WA 98674	Aerospace and Defense	Common Equity	0.9%	897
TCG 3.0 Jogger Acquisitionco, Inc. (TCG 3.0 Jogger Co-Invest, LP) 3344 Walnut Street Denver, CO 80205	Media	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+650, 01/26/2029 Common Equity	0.9%	27,893
Team Services Group, LLC 131 Camino Del Rio N, Suite 650 San Diego, CA 92108	Healthcare Providers and Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+543, 12/20/2027	_	1,990
The Bluebird Group LLC 81 South Ninth Street, Suite 420, Minneapolis, MN, 55402	Professional Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+665, 07/28/2026	_	2,576
The Vertex Companies, LLC (TWD Parent Holdings, LLC) 398 Libbey Industrial Pkwy, Weymouth, MA 02189	Construction & Engineering	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+610, 08/30/2027 Preferred Equity Common Equity	0.2%	3,856
TPC US Parent, LLC (TPC Holding Company, LP) 151 Struthers Street Warren, PA 16365	Food Products	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+565, 11/24/2025 Preferred Equity Common Equity	0.6%	12,853
TransGo, LLC (Aftermarket Drivetrain Products Holdings, LLC) 2621 Merced Avenue	Auto Components	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+600, 12/29/2028 Common Equity	4.7%	15,569
El Monte, CA, 91733 TWS Acquisition Corporation 120 N. 44th Street #230 Phoenix, AZ 85034	Diversified Consumer Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+640, 06/16/2025	_	3,657
Tyto Athene, LLC (NXOF Holdings, Inc) 510 Spring Street, Suite 200 Herndon, VA 20170	IT Services	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 1M S+565, 04/01/2028 Preferred Equity Common Equity	_	12,692

Name and <u>Address of Portfolio Company</u> UniTek Global Services Inc. 1817 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 500 Jackson, MS 39216	Nature of Business Telecommunications	Type of Investment, Interest (1), Maturity Preferred Equity Common Equity Warrants	Voting Percentage Ownership (2)	Fair Value <u>(in thousands)</u> \$
UniVista Insurance <sup>(5)</sup> 1817 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 500 Jackson, MS 39216	Insurance	Common Equity	0.2%	701
Urology Partners Co., LP 500 East Broward Blvd, Suite 2150 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394	Healthcare Providers and Services	Common Equity	0.2%	660
Walker Edison Furniture Company LLC (Walker Edison Holdco LLC) 1553 W 9000 S West Jordan, UT 84088	Wholesale	First Lien Secured Debt(4), —, 03/01/2029 Common Equity	2.5%	4,947
Watchtower Intermediate, LLC (Watchtower Holdings, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 127 Weldon Parkway Maryland Heights, MO 63043	Electronic Equipment, Instruments, and Components	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+600 , 12/01/2029 Common Equity	2.5%	11,530
WCP IvyRehab QP CF Feeder, LP <sup>(5)</sup> (WCP IvyRehab Coinvestment, LP) <sup>(5)</sup> 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 140 White Plains, NY 10605	Healthcare Providers and Services	Common Equity	0.2%	4,173
Wildcat Buyerco, Inc. (Wildcat Parent, LP) 9730 Northcross Center Court Huntersville, NC 28078	Electronic Equipment, Instruments, and Components	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+575, 02/26/2027 Common Equity	_	13,378
Wrench Group, LLC 1819 Main Street Suite 1300 Sarasota, FL 34236	Commercial Services & Supplies	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+426, 10/30/2028	_	3,509
Zips Car Wash, LLC 1809 East Parker Road Jonesboro, AR 72404 <b>Companies 25% or More Owned</b>	Automobiles	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+735 (PIK 1.50%), 12/31/2024		12,960
Marketplace Events LLC (New MPE Holdings, LLC) <sup>(5)</sup> 31105 Bainbridge Road, Suite 3 Solon, OH 44139	Media: Diversified and Production	First Lien Secured Debt(4), 3M S+550, 09/30/2026	32.6% <sup>(3)</sup>	38,004
PennantPark Senior Secured Loan Fund I LLC <sup>(6)</sup> 1691 Michigan Avenue Miami, FL 33139 Total Investments	Financial Services	First Lien Secured Debt, 3M S+800, 05/06/2024 Common Equity	50.0% <sup>(3)</sup>	263,199 <u>\$ 1,477,883</u>

(1) Represents floating rate instruments that accrue interest at a predetermined spread relative to an index, typically the applicable Secured Overnight Financing Rate, or "S" or "SOFR", or Prime rate, or "P", or Sterling Overnight Index Average, or "SONIA." The spread may change based on the type of rate used. The terms in the Schedule of Investments disclose the actual interest rate in effect as of the reporting period. SOFR loans are typically indexed to a 30-day, 90-day or 180-day SOFR rates (1M S, 3M S, or 6M S, respectively) at the borrower's option. SONIA loans are typically indexed daily for GBP loans with a quarterly frequency payment. All securities are subject to a SOFR or Prime rate floor where a spread is provided, unless noted. The spread provided includes PIK interest and other fee rates, if any.

- (2) Voting ownership percentage refers only to common equity, preferred equity and warrants held, if any, were we to have voting rights.
- (3) We hold one or more voting seats on the portfolio company's board of directors/managers.
- (4) Includes the purchase of a security with delayed settlement or a revolving line of credit that is currently an unfunded investment, that does not earn a basis point spread above an index while it is unfunded.
- (5) Investment is held through our Taxable Subsidiary.
- (6) The investment is treated as a non-qualifying asset under Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act. Under the 1940 Act, we may not acquire any non-qualifying asset unless, at the time the acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of our total assets. As of March 31, 2024, qualifying assets represent 83% of our total assets and non-qualifying assets represent 17% of our total assets.

Set forth below is a brief description of each portfolio company in which we have made an investment that represents greater than 5% of our total assets as of March 31, 2024:

## PennantPark Senior Secured Loan Fund I LLC (Financial Services)

PennantPark Senior Secured Loan Fund I LLC is an unconsolidated joint venture between the Company and certain entities of Kemper Insurance Corporation, or Kemper, which invests primarily in floating rate loans, with an emphasis on senior secured loans, in middle-market leveraged companies.

The table below describes investments by industry classification and enumerates the percentage, by fair value, of the total portfolio assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents) in such industries:

Industry Classification	March 31, 2024 (1)	September 30, 2023 (1)
Professional Services	10%	7
Aerospace and Defense	9	6
Media	8	9
Healthcare Providers and Services	7	9
Electronic Equipment, Instruments, and		
Components	7	3
Construction & Engineering	7	1
Personal Products	6	8
IT Services	5	4
Distributors	4	3
Media: Diversified and Production	4	6
Healthcare Technology	3	4
High Tech Industries	3	5
Commercial Services & Supplies	2	4
Construction and Building	2	3
Insurance	2	3
Capital Equipment	2	2
Air Freight and Logistics	1	1
Auto Components	1	
Automobiles	1	2
Business Services	1	2
Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber	1	2
Consumer Services	1	2
Diversified Consumer Services	1	3
Diversified Financial Services	1	1
Energy Equipment and Services	1	1
Financial Services	1	1
Food Products	1	1

Industry Classification	March 31, 2024 (1)	September 30, 2023 (1)
Healthcare Equipment and Supplies	1	1
Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure	1	2
Internet Software and Services	1	1
Leisure Products	1	1
Metals and Mining	1	
Textiles, Apparel and Luxury Goods	1	1
All Other	2	1
Total	100%	100%

(1) Excludes investments in PSSL.

# MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY

The information in the sections entitled "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management," "Information About the Nominees and Directors," "Corporate Governance," and "Board's Oversight Role in Management" in our most recent Definitive Proxy Statement on <u>Schedule 14A</u> is incorporated herein by reference.

## INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

The information in the section entitled "Business—Investment Management Agreement," "Business—Investment Advisory Fees," "Business— Organization of the Investment Adviser," "Business—Administration Agreements" in Part I, Item 1 of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in the notes to our consolidated financial statements under the caption "Note 3. Agreements and Related Party Transactions" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Our Investment Adviser, which manages our day-to-day investment activities under the supervision of our board of directors, has nine experienced portfolio managers. These senior investment professionals of the Investment Adviser have worked together for many years and average over 25 years of experience in the senior lending, mezzanine lending, leveraged finance, distressed debt and private equity businesses. In addition, our senior investment professionals have been involved in originating, structuring, negotiating, managing and monitoring investments in each of these businesses across changing economic and market cycles. We believe this experience and history has resulted in a strong reputation with financial sponsors, management teams, investment bankers, attorneys and accountants, which provides us with access to substantial investment opportunities across the capital markets. Below is a summary of their biographical information. Our portfolio managers receive no compensation from us. The compensation of these individuals is paid by our Investment Adviser and compensation includes a base salary and a bonus contingent upon past and future performance.

Arthur H. Penn became the Chief Executive Officer and a Director of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. at its inception in 2010. Mr. Penn is the Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and Managing Member of the Adviser and the Administrator. Mr. Penn co-founded Apollo Investment Management in 2004, where he was a Managing Partner from 2004 to 2006. He also served as Chief Operating Officer of Apollo Investment Corporation from its inception in 2004 to 2006, and served as President and Chief Operating Officer of that company in 2006. Mr. Penn was formerly a Managing Partner of Apollo Value Fund L.P. (formerly Apollo Distressed Investment Fund, L.P.) from 2003 to 2006. From 2002 to 2003, prior to joining Apollo, Mr. Penn was a Managing Director of CDC-IXIS Capital Markets. Mr. Penn previously served as Global Head of Leveraged Finance at UBS Warburg LLC (now UBS Investment Bank) from 1999 through 2001. Prior to joining UBS Warburg, Mr. Penn was Global Head of Fixed Income Capital Markets for BT Securities and BT Alex Brown Incorporated from 1994 to 1999. In these capacities, Mr. Penn oversaw groups responsible for more than 200 high-yield and leveraged bank financings aggregating over \$34 billion in capital raised. From 1992 to 1994, Mr. Penn served as Head of High Yield Capital Markets at Lehman Brothers.

José A. Briones joined PennantPark Investment Advisers in December 2009 and became a member of the Board of Directors of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. on May 3, 2022. Previously, Mr. Briones was a Partner of Apollo Investment Management, L.P. and a member of its investment committee since 2006. He was a Managing Director with UBS Securities LLC in the Financial Sponsors and Leveraged Finance Group from 2001 to 2006. Prior to joining UBS he was a Vice President with JP Morgan in the Global Leveraged Finance Group from 1999 to 2001. From 1992 to 1999, Mr. Briones was a Vice President at BT Securities and BT Alex Brown Inc. in the Corporate Finance Department.

Salvatore Giannetti III joined PennantPark Investment Advisers in February 2007. Previously, Mr. Giannetti was a Partner in the private equity firm Wilton Ivy Partners since 2004. He was a Managing Director at UBS Securities LLC in its Financial Sponsors and Leveraged Finance Group from 2000 to 2001. From 1997 to 2000, Mr. Giannetti was a Managing Director in the Investment Banking Division at Deutsche Bank (joining BT Securities and BT Alex Brown Inc.). From 1986 to 1997, Mr. Giannetti worked in the Investment Banking, Syndicated Loan & Private Equity groups at Chase Securities Inc. and its predecessor firms, Chemical Securities and Manufacturers Hanover.

Michael Appelbaum joined PennantPark Investment Advisers in August 2011. Previously, Mr. Appelbaum was an Analyst in the Leveraged Finance Group at Bank of America Merrill Lynch from 2010 to 2011 and an Analyst in Aerospace and Defense Finance at CIT Group from 2007 to 2010.

Terence Clerkin joined PennantPark Investment Advisers in September 2012. Previously, Mr. Clerkin was an Associate in the Mezzanine Group at Crescent Capital from 2010 to 2012. Before that, he was an Analyst at Moelis & Company from 2008 to 2010 and an Analyst at Bear, Stearns & Co. from 2007 to 2008.

Dan Horn joined PennantPark Investment Advisers in June 2015. Previously, Mr. Horn spent two and a half years at Loop Capital Markets in the Corporate Investment Banking Division based in Chicago from 2013 to 2015, two years in a similar role at boutique firm TTK Partners from 2011 to 2013, and 12 years at Deutsche Bank Securities and its predecessor firm, Bankers Trust, from 1991 to 2003. He also served as Chief Financial Officer of Unicous Marketing from 2005 to 2008, and served as Vice President of Finance at GDX Automotive in 2004.

Ryan Raskopf joined PennantPark Investment Advisers in August 2007. Previously, Mr. Raskopf was an Analyst in the Financial Institutions Group at Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC from 2005 to 2007.

James Stone joined PennantPark Investment Advisers in July 2015. Previously, Mr. Stone was a Managing Director and Head of Financial Sponsor Coverage at Cowen and Company, which he joined in 2012. He has over 20 years of leveraged finance experience, including Managing Director positions at Gleacher & Company, Macquarie Capital, Imperial Capital, and Credit Suisse. Before joining Credit Suisse, he served as a Vice President in the Financial Sponsor Coverage Group at DLJ, as an Associate in the Corporate Finance Department at BT Securities, and was an Associate at BT Alex. Brown.

Steve Winograd joined PennantPark Investment Advisers in September 2015. Previously, Mr. Winograd spent 33 years in Investment Banking, Restructuring Advisory and Private Equity Investing. His Investment Banking experience includes 25 years originating and executing leveraged finance, M&A, and public and private equity transactions for private equity firms and their portfolio companies. During this period, he held senior positions in the Financial Sponsors Groups of BMO Capital Markets from 2011 to 2015, Bank of America Merrill Lynch from 2004 to 2011, Deutsche Bank from 2000 to 2004, Bear Stearns from 1994 to 2000, and Drexel Burnham Lambert from 1984 to 1989. He was also an associate for two years in the Corporate Finance Group of Shearson/American Express from 1982 to 1984. His Restructuring Advisory experience includes four years originating, negotiating and consummating restructuring advisory assignments at The Argosy Group from 1992 to 1994 and the Mercury Financial Group from 1990 to 1992. His Private Equity experience includes two years originating and closing control private equity investments as a General Partner of The Blackstone Group from 1989 to 1990.

In addition to managing our investments, as of March 31, 2024, our portfolio managers also managed investments on behalf of the following entities:

Name	Entity	Investment Focus	ss Assets millions)
PennantPark Investment Corporation	Business development company	Primarily in U.S. middle market companies in the form of first lien secured loans, second lien secured debt, subordinated debt and equity investments	\$ 1,291
PennantPark Senior Secured Loan Fund I LLC	Joint Venture	Primarily floating rate loans, with an emphasis on senior secured loans, in middle-market leveraged companies.	\$ 941
PennantPark Senior Loan Fund, LLC	Joint Venture	Primarily invests in middle-market and other corporate debt consistent with PennantPark Investment Corporation's strategy.	\$ 987
Other Managed Funds or Accounts (15)	Direct Lending Funds	Other credit opportunities	\$ 1,898

Because the professionals of the Investment Adviser and Administrator may serve as officers, directors or principals of entities that operate in the same or a related line of business as we do or of investment funds managed by affiliates of us that currently exist or may be formed in the future, we are subject to inherent conflicts of interest. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to our Business and Structure—There are significant potential conflicts of interest which could impact our investment returns" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for more information of potential conflicts of interests.

The following table sets forth the dollar range of our common stock beneficially owned by each of our senior investment professionals as of March 31, 2024. Information as to the beneficial ownerships is based on information furnished to us by such persons. We are not part of a "family of investment companies," as that term is defined in the 1940 Act.

	Dollar Range of the Common Stock of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>
Arthur H. Penn <sup>(2)</sup>	Over \$1,000,000
José A. Briones	Over \$1,000,000
Salvatore Giannetti III	Over \$1,000,000
Michael Appelbaum	\$100,001 - \$500,000
Terence Clerkin	\$100,001 - \$500,000
Dan Horn	Over \$1,000,000
Ryan Raskopf	\$100,001 - \$500,000
James Stone	\$50,001 - \$100,000
Steve Winograd	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

Dollar ranges are as follows: None; \$1-\$10,000; \$10,001-\$50,000; \$50,001-\$100,000; \$100,001-\$500,000; \$500,001-\$1,000,000; or over \$1,000,000.
 Beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) promulgated under the Exchange Act.

<sup>(2)</sup> Also reflects holdings of PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC.

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## DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The NAV per share of our outstanding shares of common stock is determined quarterly by dividing the value of total assets minus liabilities by the total number of shares outstanding.

As a BDC, we generally invest in illiquid securities including debt and equity investments of middle-market companies.

We expect that there may not be readily available market values for many of our investments which are or will be in our portfolio, and we value such investments at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our board of directors using a documented valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process, as described herein. With respect to investments for which there is no readily available market value, the factors that the board of directors may take into account in pricing our investments at fair value include, as relevant, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flow, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparison to publicly traded securities and other relevant factors. When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, we consider the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate or revise our valuation. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the price used in an actual transaction may be different than our valuation and the difference may be material. Our portfolio generally consists of illiquid securities, including debt and equity investments. With respect to investments for which market quotations are deemed not reflective of the fair value, our board of directors undertakes a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

- (1) Our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals of our Investment Adviser responsible for the portfolio investment;
- (2) Preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with the management of our Investment Adviser;
- (3) Our board of directors also engages independent valuation firms to conduct independent appraisals of our investments for which market quotations are not readily available or are readily available but deemed not reflective of the fair value of the investment. The independent valuation firms review management's preliminary valuations in light of their own independent assessment and also in light of any market quotations obtained from an independent pricing service, broker, dealer or market maker;
- (4) The audit committee of our board of directors reviews the preliminary valuations of our Investment Adviser and those of the independent valuation firms on a quarterly basis, periodically assesses the valuation methodologies of the independent valuation firms, and responds to and supplements the valuation recommendations of the independent valuation firms to reflect any comments; and
- (5) Our board of directors discusses these valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith, based on the input of our Investment Adviser, the respective independent valuation firms and the audit committee.

Our board of directors generally uses market quotations to assess the value of our investments for which market quotations are readily available. We obtain these market values from independent pricing services or at the bid prices obtained from at least two brokers or dealers, if available, or otherwise from a principal market maker or a primary market dealer. The Investment Adviser assesses the source and reliability of bids from brokers or dealers. If the board of directors has a bona fide reason to believe any such market quote does not reflect the fair value of an investment, it may independently value such investments by using the valuation procedure that it uses with respect to assets for which market quotations are not readily available.

Fair value, as defined under the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification, Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, or ASC 820, is the price that we would receive upon selling an investment or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction to a market participant in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment or liability. ASC 820 emphasizes that valuation techniques maximize the use of observable market inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of us. Unobservable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on the best information available to us on the reporting period date.

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

- Level 1: Inputs that are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, accessible by us at the measurement date.
- Level 2: Inputs that are quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or that are quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term, if applicable, of the financial instrument.
- Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable for an asset or liability because they are based on our own assumptions about how market participants would price the asset or liability.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Generally, most of our investments, our 2031 Asset-Backed Debt, 2036 Asset-Backed Debt and our Credit Facility are classified as Level 3. Our 2026 Notes are classified as Level 2 as they are financial instruments with readily observable market inputs. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the price used in an actual transaction may be different than our valuation and those differences may be material.

On December 3, 2020, the SEC adopted Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act, which establishes an updated regulatory framework for determining fair value in good faith for purposes of the 1940 Act. The new rule clarifies how fund boards of directors can satisfy their valuation obligations and requires, among other things, the board of directors to periodically assess material valuation risks and take steps to manage those risks. The rule also permit boards of directors, subject to board oversight and certain other conditions, to designate the fund's investment adviser to perform fair value determinations. The new rule went into effect on March 8, 2021 and had a compliance date of September 8, 2022. We came into compliance with Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act before the compliance date. While our board of directors has not elected to designate the Investment Adviser as the valuation designee at this time, we have adopted certain revisions to our valuation policies and procedures in order comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act.

## **Determinations In Connection With Offerings**

In connection with each offering of shares of our common stock, our board of directors or a committee thereof is required to make the determination that we are not selling shares of our common stock at a price below the then current NAV of our common stock at the time at which the sale is made or otherwise in violation of the 1940 Act unless we receive the consent of the majority of our common stockholders to do so, and the board of directors decides that such an offering is in the best interests of our common stockholders. Our board of directors will consider the following factors, among others, in making such determination:

the NAV of our common stock disclosed in the most recent periodic report that we filed with the SEC;

- our management's assessment of whether any change in the NAV of our common stock has occurred (including through the realization of gains on the sale of our portfolio securities) during the period beginning on the date of the most recent public filing with the SEC that discloses the NAV of our common stock and ending two days prior to the date of the sale of our common stock; and
- the magnitude of the difference between the offering price of the shares of our common stock in the proposed offering and management's assessment of any change in the NAV of our common stock during the period discussed above.

Whenever we do not have current stockholder approval to issue shares of our common stock at a price per share below our then current NAV per share, the offering price per share (exclusive of any distributing commission or discount) will equal or exceed our then current NAV per share, based on the value of our portfolio securities and other assets determined in good faith by our board of directors as of a time within 48 hours (excluding Sundays and holidays) of the sale. See "Sales Of Common Stock Below Net Asset Value" for more information.

In addition, we will only sell shares of our common stock at a price below NAV per share if the following conditions are met:

- A majority of our independent directors who have no financial interest in the sale must have approved the sale; and
- A majority of such directors, in consultation with the underwriters of the offering if it is to be underwritten, must have determined in good faith, and as of a time immediately prior to the first solicitation by us or on our behalf of firm commitments to purchase such shares or immediately prior to the issuance of such shares, that the price at which such shares are to be sold is not less than a price which closely approximates the market value of those shares, less any underwriting commission or discount.

We may, however, subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, issue subscription rights to acquire our common stock at a price below the current NAV of the common stock if our board of directors determines that such sale is in our best interests and the best interests of our common stockholders. In any such case, the price at which our securities are to be issued and sold may not be less than a price, that in the determination of our board of directors, closely approximates the market value of such securities. We will not offer transferable subscription rights to our stockholders at a price equivalent to less than the then current NAV per share of common stock, excluding underwriting commissions, unless we first file a post-effective amendment that is declared effective by the SEC with respect to such issuance and the common stock to be purchased in connection with the rights represents no more than one-third of our outstanding common stock at the time such rights are issued. If we raise additional funds by issuing more common stock or warrants or senior securities convertible into, or exchangeable for, our common stock, the percentage ownership of our common stockholders at that time would decrease, and our common stockholders may experience dilution.

These processes and procedures are part of our compliance policies and procedures. Records will be made contemporaneously with all determinations of the board of directors described in this section, and we will maintain these records with other records that we are required to maintain under the 1940 Act.

## DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK

The following description is based on relevant portions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and on our charter and bylaws. This summary is not necessarily complete, and we refer you to the Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws for a more detailed description of the provisions summarized below.

#### **Capital Stock**

As of March 31, 2024, our authorized capital stock consisted of 100,000,000 shares of stock, par value \$0.001 per share, all of which is classified as common stock. Our common stock is quoted on The New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "PFLT." There are no outstanding options or warrants to purchase our stock. No stock has been authorized for issuance under any equity compensation plans. Under Maryland law, our stockholders generally are not personally liable for our debts or obligations.

The last reported closing market price of our common stock on May 23, 2024 was \$11.26 per share. As of March 31, 2024, we had 32 stockholders of record.

The following are our outstanding classes of securities as of March 31, 2024:

		Amount Held by Us or	
	Amount	for Our	Amount
Title of Class	Authorized	Account	Outstanding
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	100,000,000		63,228,138

Under our charter, our board of directors is authorized to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of stock into other classes or series of stock and authorize the issuance of shares of stock without obtaining stockholder approval. As permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law, our charter provides that the board of directors, without any action by our stockholders, may amend the charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue.

#### **Common Stock**

All shares of our common stock have equal rights as to earnings, assets, distributions and voting and, when they are issued, will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Distributions may be paid to the holders of our common stock if, as and when authorized by our board of directors and declared by us out of assets legally available. Shares of our common stock have no preemptive, exchange, conversion or redemption rights and are freely transferable, except where their transfer is restricted by federal and state securities laws or by contract. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us, each share of our common stock would be entitled to share ratably in all of our assets that are legally available for distribution after we pay all debts and other liabilities and subject to any preferential rights of holders of our preferred stock, if any preferred stock is outstanding at such time. Each share of our common stock will possess exclusive voting power. There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors, which means that holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock can elect all of our directors, and holders of less than a majority of such shares will be unable to elect any director.

## Limitation on Liability of Directors and Officers; Indemnification and Advance of Expenses

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision eliminating the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting

from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action. Our charter contains such a provision which eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act. Nothing in our charter modifying, restricting or eliminating the duties or liabilities of directors will apply to, or in any way limit, the duties (including state law fiduciary duties of loyalty and care) or liabilities of such persons with respect to matters arising under the federal securities laws.

Our charter authorizes us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to obligate us to indemnify, and to pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to, any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while a director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust employee benefit plan, or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee, from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding.

Our bylaws obligate us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while a director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to a proceeding by reason of his or her service in any such capacity from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and, without requiring a preliminary determination of the ultimate entitlement to indemnification to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The charter and bylaws also permit us to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of us in any of the capacities described above and any of our employees or agents or any employees or agents of our predecessor. In accordance with the 1940 Act, we will not indemnify any person for any liability to which such person would be subject by reason of such person's willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office.

In addition to the indemnification provided for in our charter and bylaws, we have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our current directors and certain of our officers that provide for the maximum indemnification permitted under Maryland law and the 1940 Act.

Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which our charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received unless, in either case, a court orders indemnification, and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (b) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her good faith belief to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

#### Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and our Charter and Bylaws

The Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws contain provisions that could make it more difficult for a potential acquirer to acquire us by means of a tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise. These provisions are expected to discourage certain coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids and to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to negotiate first with our board of directors. We believe that the benefits of these provisions outweigh the potential disadvantages of discouraging any such acquisition proposals because, among other things, the negotiation of such proposals may improve their terms.

### Classified board of directors

Our board of directors is divided into three classes of directors serving staggered three-year terms. The terms of the first, second and third classes will expire at the annual meeting of stockholders held in 2027, 2025 and 2026 respectively, and in each case, those directors will serve until their successors are duly elected and qualify. Upon expiration of their current terms, directors of each class will be elected to serve for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the third year of their election and until their successors are duly elected and qualify and each year one class of directors will be elected by the stockholders. A classified board may render a change in control of us or removal of our incumbent management more difficult. We believe, however, that the longer time required to elect a majority of a classified board of directors will help to ensure the continuity and stability of our management and policies.

#### **Election of directors**

Our charter and bylaws provide that, to elect a director, the affirmative vote of a majority of the total votes cast with respect to a director nominee is required (i.e., the number of votes cast for a director nominee must exceed the number of votes cast against the nominee), provided that if the election is contested, directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Pursuant to the charter, our board of directors may amend the bylaws to alter the vote required to elect directors.

#### Number of directors; vacancies; removal

Our charter provides that the number of directors will be set only by the board of directors in accordance with our bylaws. Our bylaws provide that a majority of our entire board of directors may at any time increase or decrease the number of directors. However, unless our bylaws are amended, the number of directors may never be less than four nor more than eight. We have elected to be subject to the provision of Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the Maryland General Corporation Law regarding the filling of vacancies on the board of directors. Accordingly, except as may be provided by the board of directors in setting the terms of any class or series of preferred stock, any and all vacancies on the board of directors may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors in office, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum, and any director elected to fill a vacancy will serve for the remainder of the full term of the directorship in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is elected and qualifies, subject to any applicable requirements of the 1940 Act.

Our charter provides that a director may be removed only for cause, as defined in our charter, and then only by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast generally in the election of directors.

#### Action by stockholders

Under the Maryland General Corporation Law, stockholder action can be taken only at an annual or special meeting of stockholders or by unanimous written consent in lieu of a meeting (unless the charter provides for stockholder action by less than unanimous consent, which our charter does not). These provisions may have the effect of delaying consideration of a stockholder proposal until the next annual meeting.

#### Advance notice provisions for stockholder nominations and stockholder proposals

Our bylaws provide that with respect to an annual meeting of stockholders, nominations of persons for election to the board of directors and the proposal of business to be considered by stockholders may be made only (1) pursuant to our notice of the meeting, (2) by or at the direction of the board of directors or (3) by a stockholder who was a stockholder of record at the time of provision of notice and at the time of the meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice procedures of the bylaws. With respect to special meetings of stockholders, only the business specified in our notice of the meeting may be brought before the meeting. Nominations of persons for election to the board of directors at a special meeting may be made only (1) by or at the director of the board of directors or (2) provided that the special meeting has been called in accordance with our bylaws for the purposes of electing directors by a stockholder who was a stockholder of record at the time of provision of notice and at the time of the meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice provisions of the bylaws.

The purpose of requiring stockholders to give us advance notice of nominations and other business is to afford our board of directors a meaningful opportunity to consider the qualifications of the proposed nominees and the advisability of any other proposed business and, to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by our board of directors, to inform stockholders and make recommendations about such qualifications or business, as well as to provide a more orderly procedure for conducting meetings of stockholders. Although our bylaws do not give our board of directors any power to disapprove stockholder nominations for the election of directors or proposals recommending certain action, they may have the effect of precluding a contest for the election of directors or the consideration of stockholder proposals if proper procedures are not followed and of discouraging or deterring a third party from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect its own slate of directors or to approve its own proposal without regard to whether consideration of such nominees or proposals might be harmful or beneficial to us and our stockholders.

### Calling of special meetings of stockholders

Our bylaws provide that special meetings of stockholders may be called by our board of directors and certain of our officers. Additionally, our bylaws provide that, subject to the satisfaction of certain procedural and informational requirements by the stockholders requesting the meeting, a special meeting of stockholders will be called by the secretary of the corporation upon the written request of stockholders entitled to cast not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

#### Approval of extraordinary corporate action; amendment of charter and bylaws

Under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge, convert, sell all or substantially all of its assets, engage in a share exchange or engage in similar transactions outside the ordinary course of business, unless approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. However, a Maryland corporation may provide in its charter for approval of these matters by a lesser percentage, but not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our charter generally provides for approval of charter amendments and extraordinary transactions by the stockholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our charter also provides that certain charter amendments and any proposal for our conversion, whether by merger or otherwise, from a closed-end company to an open-end company or any proposal for our liquidation or dissolution requires the approval of the stockholders entitled to cast at least 80 percent of the votes entitled to be cast on such matter. However, if such amendment or proposal is approved by at least two-thirds of our continuing directors (in addition to approval by our board of directors), such amendment or proposal may be approved by a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on such a matter. The "continuing directors" are defined in our charter as our current directors as well as those directors whose nomination for election by the stockholders or whose election by the directors to fill vacancies is approved by a majority of the continuing directors.

Our charter and bylaws provide that the board of directors will have the exclusive power to adopt, alter or repeal any provision of our bylaws and to make new bylaws.

#### No appraisal rights

Except with respect to appraisal rights arising in connection with the Control Share Acquisition Act discussed below, as permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law, our charter provides that stockholders will not be entitled to exercise appraisal rights.

#### Control share acquisitions

Our bylaws contain a provision exempting from the Control Share Acquisition Act any and all acquisitions by any person of shares of our stock. There can be no assurance that such provision will not be amended or eliminated at any time in the future to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act.

The Control Share Acquisition Act provides that control shares of a Maryland corporation acquired in a control share acquisition have no voting rights except to the extent approved by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Shares owned by the acquirer, by officers or by directors who are employees of the corporation are excluded from shares entitled to vote on the matter. Control shares are voting shares of stock which, if aggregated with all other shares of stock owned by the acquirer or in respect of which the acquirer is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power (except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy), would entitle the acquirer to exercise voting power in electing directors within one of the following ranges of voting power:

- one-tenth or more but less than one-third;
- one-third or more but less than a majority; or
- a majority or more of all voting power.

The requisite stockholder approval must be obtained each time an acquirer crosses one of the thresholds of voting power set forth above. Control shares do not include shares the acquiring person is then entitled to vote as a result of having previously obtained stockholder approval or shares acquired directly from the corporation. A control share acquisition means the acquisition of control shares, subject to certain exceptions.

A person who has made or proposes to make a control share acquisition may compel the board of directors of the corporation to call a special meeting of stockholders to be held within 50 days of demand to consider the voting rights of the shares. The right to compel the calling of a special meeting is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including an undertaking to pay the expenses of the meeting. If no request for a meeting is made, the corporation may itself present the question at any stockholders meeting.

If voting rights are not approved at the meeting or if the acquiring person does not deliver an acquiring person statement as required by the statute, then the corporation may repurchase for fair value any or all of the control shares, except those for which voting rights have previously been approved. The right of the corporation to repurchase control shares is subject to certain conditions and limitations. Fair value is determined, without regard to the absence of voting rights for the control shares, as of the date of any meeting of stockholders at which the voting rights of the shares are considered and not approved or, if no such meeting is held, as of the date of the last control share acquisition by the acquirer. If voting rights for control shares are approved at a stockholders meeting and the acquirer becomes entitled to vote a majority of the shares entitled to vote, all other stockholders may exercise appraisal rights. The fair value of the shares as determined for purposes of appraisal rights may not be less than the highest price per share paid by the acquirer in the control share acquisition.

The Control Share Acquisition Act does not apply (a) to share acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if the corporation is a party to the transaction or (b) to acquisitions approved or exempted by the charter or bylaws of the corporation.

#### **Business combinations**

Under Maryland law, "business combinations" between a Maryland corporation and an interested stockholder or an affiliate of an interested stockholder are prohibited for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. These business combinations include a merger, consolidation, share exchange or, in circumstances specified in the statute, an asset transfer or issuance or reclassification of equity securities. An interested stockholder is defined as:

- any person who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the voting power of the corporation's shares; or
- an affiliate or associate of the corporation who, at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question, was the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding voting stock of the corporation.

A person is not an interested stockholder under this statute if the board of directors approved in advance the transaction by which he otherwise would have become an interested stockholder. However, in approving a transaction, the board of directors may provide that its approval is subject to compliance, at or after the time of approval, with any terms and conditions determined by the board.

After the five-year prohibition, any business combination between the corporation and an interested stockholder generally must be recommended by the board of directors of the corporation and approved by the affirmative vote of at least:

- 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding shares of voting stock of the corporation; and
- two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of voting stock of the corporation other than shares held by the interested stockholder with whom or with whose affiliate the business combination is to be effected or held by an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder.

These super-majority vote requirements do not apply if the corporation's common stockholders receive a minimum price, as defined under Maryland law, for their shares in the form of cash or other consideration in the same form as previously paid by the interested stockholder for its shares.

The statute permits various exemptions from its provisions, including business combinations that are exempted by the board of directors before the time that the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. Our board of directors has adopted a resolution that any business combination between us and any other person is exempted from the provisions of the Business Combination Act, provided that the business combination is first approved by the board of directors, including a majority of the directors who are not interested persons as defined in the 1940 Act. This resolution, however, may be altered or repealed in whole or in part at any time. If this resolution is repealed, or the board of directors does not otherwise approve a business combination, the statute may discourage others from trying to acquire control of us and increase the difficulty of consummating any offer.

## Conflict with 1940 Act

If and to the extent that any provision of the Maryland General Corporation Law, including the Control Share Acquisition Act (if we amend our bylaws to be subject to such Act) and the Business Combination Act, or any provision of our charter or bylaws conflicts with any provision of the 1940 Act, the applicable provision of the 1940 Act will control.

## **Exclusive** Forum

Our bylaws provide that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Maryland, or, if that court does not have jurisdiction, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Baltimore Division, will be the sole and exclusive forum for (a) any Internal Corporate Claim, as such term is defined in Section 1-101(q) of the Maryland General Corporation Law, or any successor provision thereof, (b) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Company, other than actions arising under federal securities laws, (c) any action asserting a claim of breach of any duty owed by any director or officer or other agent of the Company to the Company or to the stockholders of the Company, (d) any action asserting a claim against the Company or any director or officer or other agent of the Company arising pursuant to any provision of the Maryland General Corporation Law or our charter or bylaws or (e) any other action asserting a claim against the Company or any director or officer or other agent of the foregoing actions, claims or proceedings may be brought in any court sitting outside the State of Maryland unless the Company consents in writing to such court.

## DESCRIPTION OF OUR PREFERRED STOCK

Our charter authorizes our board of directors to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of stock into other classes or series of stock, including preferred stock. Prior to issuance of shares of each class or series, the board of directors is required by Maryland law and by our charter to set the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each class or series. Thus, the board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock with terms and conditions which could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in their best interest. You should note, however, that any issuance of preferred stock must comply with the requirements of the 1940 Act.

The 1940 Act generally requires that (1) immediately after issuance and before any distribution is made with respect to our common stock and before any purchase of common stock is made, such preferred stock together with all other senior securities must not exceed an amount equal to 66 2/3% of our total assets less liabilities not represented by indebtedness, and (2) the holders of shares of preferred stock, if any are issued, must be entitled as a class to elect two directors at all times and to elect a majority of the directors if distributions on such preferred stock are in arrears by two years or more. Certain matters under the 1940 Act require the separate vote of the holders of any issued and outstanding preferred stock. For example, holders of preferred stock would vote separately from the holders of common stock on a proposal to cease operations as a BDC. We believe that the availability for issuance of preferred stock will provide us with increased flexibility in structuring future financings and acquisitions.

For any series of preferred stock that we may issue, our board of directors will determine and the prospectus supplement relating to such series will describe:

- the designation and number of shares of such series;
- the rate and time at which, and the preferences and conditions under which, any dividends will be paid on shares of such series, as well as whether such dividends are cumulative or non-cumulative and participating or non-participating;
- any provisions relating to convertibility or exchangeability of the shares of such series;
- the rights and preferences, if any, of holders of shares of such series upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;
- the voting powers, if any, of the holders of shares of such series;
- any provisions relating to the redemption of the shares of such series;
- any limitations on our ability to pay dividends or make distributions on, or acquire or redeem, other securities while shares of such series are outstanding;
- any conditions or restrictions on our ability to issue additional shares of such series or other securities;
- if applicable, a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations; and
- any other relative power, preferences and participating, optional or special rights of shares of such series, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof.

All shares of preferred stock that we may issue will be identical and of equal rank except as to the particular terms thereof that may be fixed by our board of directors, and all shares of each series of preferred stock will be identical and of equal rank except as to the dates from which cumulative dividends, if any, thereon will be cumulative. If we issue shares of preferred stock, holders of such preferred stock will be entitled to receive cash dividends at an annual rate that will be fixed or will vary for the successive dividend periods for each series. In general, the dividend periods for fixed rate preferred stock can range from quarterly to weekly and are subject to extension. We expect the dividend rate to be variable and determined for each dividend period.

## **DESCRIPTION OF OUR WARRANTS**

The following is a general description of the terms of the warrants we may issue from time to time. Particular terms of any warrants we offer will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such warrants.

We may issue warrants to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities. Such warrants may be issued independently or together with shares of common or preferred stock or a specified principal amount of debt securities and may be attached or separate from such securities. We will issue each series of warrants under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a warrant agent. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for or with holders or beneficial owners of warrants.

A prospectus supplement will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants we may issue, including the following:

- the title of such warrants;
- the aggregate number of such warrants;
- the price or prices at which such warrants will be issued;
- the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which the price of such warrants may be payable;
- if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security or each principal amount of such security;
- in the case of warrants to purchase debt securities, the principal amount of debt securities purchasable upon exercise of one warrant and the price at which and the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which this principal amount of debt securities may be purchased upon such exercise;
- in the case of warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock, the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, purchasable upon exercise of one warrant and the price at which and the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which these shares may be purchased upon such exercise;
- the date on which the right to exercise such warrants will commence and the date on which such right will expire;
- whether such warrants will be issued in registered form or bearer form;
- if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of such warrants which may be exercised at any one time;
- if applicable, the date on and after which such warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;
- information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;
- the terms of the securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants;
- if applicable, a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations; and
- any other terms of such warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such warrants.

We and the warrant agent may amend or supplement the warrant agreement for a series of warrants without the consent of the holders of the warrants issued thereunder to effect changes that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the warrants and that do not materially and adversely affect the interests of the holders of the warrants.

Prior to exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including, in the case of warrants to purchase debt securities, the right to receive principal, premium, if any, or interest payments, on the debt securities purchasable upon exercise or to enforce covenants in the applicable indenture or, in the case of warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock, the right to receive dividends, if any, or payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up or to exercise any voting rights.

Under the 1940 Act, we may generally only offer warrants provided that (1) the warrants expire by their terms within ten years, (2) the exercise price is not less than the market value of our common stock at the date of issuance, (3) if no such market value exists for our common stock, the exercise price is not less than the then current NAV per share of our common stock (unless the requirements of Section 63 of the 1940 Act are met), (4) our stockholders authorize the proposal to issue such warrants, and our board of directors approves such issuance on the basis that the issuance is in the best interests of us and our stockholders and (5) if the warrants are accompanied by other securities, the warrants are not separately transferable unless no class of such warrants and the securities accompanying them has been publicly distributed. The 1940 Act also provides that the amount of our voting securities that would result from the exercise of all outstanding warrants at the time of issuance may not exceed 25% of our outstanding voting securities.

## DESCRIPTION OF OUR SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS

We may issue subscription rights to purchase common stock. Subscription rights may be issued independently or together with any other offered security and may or may not be transferable by the person purchasing or receiving the subscription rights. In connection with any subscription rights offering to our stockholders, we may enter into a standby underwriting or other arrangement with one or more underwriters or other persons pursuant to which such underwriters or other persons would purchase any offered securities remaining unsubscribed for after such subscription rights offering. We will not offer transferable subscription rights to our stockholders at a price equivalent to less than the then current NAV per share of common stock, excluding underwriting commissions, unless we first file a post-effective amendment that is declared effective by the SEC with respect to such issuance and the common stock to be purchased in connection with the rights represents no more than one-third of our outstanding common stock at the time such rights are issued. In connection with a subscription rights offering to our stockholders, we would distribute certificates evidencing the subscription rights and a prospectus supplement to our stockholders on the record date that we set for receiving subscription rights in such subscription rights offering.

The applicable prospectus supplement would describe the following terms of subscription rights in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered:

- the title of such subscription rights;
- the exercise price or a formula for the determination of the exercise price for such subscription rights;
- the number or a formula for the determination of the number of such subscription rights issued to each stockholder;
- the extent to which such subscription rights are transferable;
- if applicable, a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the issuance or exercise of such subscription rights;
- the date on which the right to exercise such subscription rights would commence, and the date on which such rights will expire (subject to any extension);
- the extent to which such subscription rights include an over-subscription privilege with respect to unsubscribed securities;
- if applicable, the material terms of any standby underwriting or other purchase arrangement that we may enter into in connection with the subscription rights offering; and
- any other terms of such subscription rights, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such subscription rights.

#### **Exercise of Subscription Rights**

Each subscription right would entitle the holder of the subscription right to purchase for cash such amount of shares of common stock or other securities at such exercise price as will in each case be set forth in, or be determinable as set forth in, the prospectus supplement relating to the subscription rights offered thereby or another report filed with the SEC. Subscription rights may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date for such subscription rights set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, all unexercised subscription rights would become void.

Subscription rights may be exercised as set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the subscription rights offered thereby. Upon receipt of payment and the subscription rights certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the subscription rights agent or any other office indicated in the prospectus supplement, we will forward, as soon as practicable, the shares of common stock or other securities purchasable upon such exercise. We may determine to offer any unsubscribed offered securities directly to stockholders, persons other than stockholders, to or through agents, underwriters or dealers or through a combination of such methods, including pursuant to standby underwriting or other arrangements, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

## DESCRIPTION OF OUR DEBT SECURITIES

In March 2021, and in October 2021, we issued \$100.0 million and \$85.0 million, respectively, in aggregate principal amount of our 2026 Notes at a public offering price per note of 99.4% and 101.5%, respectively. The 2026 Notes were issued pursuant to the Base Indenture, dated March 23, 2021 (the "Base Indenture"), between the Company and Equiniti Trust Company, LLC (f/k/a American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC), or Equiniti, as trustee, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated March 23, 2021, between the Company and Equiniti. The 2026 Notes are due on April 1, 2026 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at the Company's option.

The 2026 Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.25% per year payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year. The 2026 Notes are the Company's direct unsecured obligations and rank pari passu in right of payment with the Company's current and future unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness, senior to any of the Company's future indebtedness that expressly states it is subordinated in right of payment to the 2026 Notes, effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of the Company's existing and future secured indebtedness (including indebtedness that is initially unsecured, but to which the Company subsequently grant security) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, and structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of any of the Company's subsidiaries, financing vehicles, or similar facilities. We do not intend to list the 2026 Notes on any securities exchange or automated dealer quotation system.

We may issue additional debt securities in one or more series. The specific terms of each additional series of debt securities will be described in the particular prospectus supplement relating to that series. The prospectus supplement may or may not modify the general terms found in this prospectus and will be filed with the SEC. For a complete description of the terms of a particular series of debt securities, you should read both this prospectus and the prospectus supplement relating to that particular series.

As required by federal law for all bonds and notes of companies that are publicly offered in the United States, the debt securities are governed by a document called an "indenture." An indenture is a contract between us and a financial institution acting as trustee on your behalf, and is subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. The trustee has two main roles. First, the trustee can enforce your rights against us if we default. There are some limitations on the extent to which the trustee acts on your behalf. See "Description of our Debt Securities - Events of Default" For more information. Second, the trustee performs certain administrative duties for us, such as sending interest and principal payments to holders.

Because this section is a summary, it does not describe every aspect of the debt securities and the indenture. We urge you to read the indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights as a holder of debt securities issued pursuant to this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. For example, in this section, we use capitalized words to signify terms that are specifically defined in the indenture. Some of the definitions are repeated in this prospectus, but for the rest, you will need to read the indenture. See "Available Information" for information on how to obtain a copy of the indenture.

A prospectus supplement, which will accompany this prospectus with respect to a particular offering of debt securities, will describe the particular series of debt securities being offered by including:

- the designation or title of the series of debt securities;
- the total principal amount of the series of debt securities and whether or not the offering may be reopened for additional securities of that series and on what terms;
- the percentage of the principal amount at which the series of debt securities will be offered;
- the date or dates on which principal will be payable;



- the rate or rates (which may be either fixed or variable) and/or the method of determining such rate or rates of interest, if any;
- the date or dates from which any interest will accrue, or the method of determining such date or dates, and the date or dates on which any interest will be payable;
- the terms for redemption, extension or early repayment, if any;
- the currencies in which the series of debt securities are issued and payable;
- whether the amount of payments of principal, premium or interest, if any, on a series of debt securities will be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method (which could be based on one or more currencies, commodities, equity indices or other indices) and how these amounts will be determined;
- the place or places, if any, other than or in addition to The City of New York, of payment, transfer, conversion and/or exchange of the debt securities;
- the denominations in which the offered debt securities will be issued;
- the provision for any sinking fund;
- any restrictive covenants;
- any Events of Default;
- whether the series of debt securities are issuable in certificated form;
- any provisions for defeasance or covenant defeasance;
- any special federal income tax implications, including, if applicable, federal income tax considerations relating to original issue discount, or OID;
- whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities rather than pay the additional amounts (and the terms of this option);
- any provisions for convertibility or exchangeability of the debt securities into or for any other securities;
- whether the debt securities are subject to subordination and the terms of such subordination;
- the listing, if any, on a securities exchange; and
- any other terms.

The debt securities may be secured or unsecured obligations. Under the provisions of the 1940 Act, we are permitted, as a BDC, to issue debt only in amounts such that we are in compliance with our asset coverage ratio, as defined in the 1940 Act, after each issuance of debt. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, will be paid by us in immediately available funds.

### General

The indenture provides that any debt securities proposed to be sold under this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, or offered debt securities, and any debt securities issuable upon the exercise of warrants or upon conversion or exchange of other offered securities, or underlying debt securities may be issued under the indenture in one or more series.

For purposes of this prospectus, any reference to the payment of principal of, or premium or interest, if any, on, debt securities will include additional amounts if required by the terms of the debt securities.

The indenture limits the amount of debt securities that may be issued thereunder from time to time. Debt securities issued under the indenture, when a single trustee is acting for all debt securities issued under the indenture, are called the "indenture securities." The indenture also provides that there may be more than one trustee thereunder, each with respect to one or more different series of indenture securities. See "Description of our Debt Securities— Resignation of Trustee" below. At a time when two or more trustees are acting under the indenture, each with respect to only certain series, the term "indenture securities" means the one or more series of debt securities with respect to which each respective trustee is acting. In the event that there is more than one trustee under the indenture, the powers and trust obligations of each trustee described in this prospectus will extend only to the one or more series of indenture securities for which it is trustee. If two or more trustees are acting under the indenture, then the indenture securities for which each trustee is acting would be treated as if issued under separate indentures.

The indenture does not contain any provisions that give you protection in the event we issue a large amount of debt or we are acquired by another entity.

A prospectus supplement will contain information with respect to any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the Events of Default or our covenants that are described below, including any addition of a covenant or other provision providing event risk or similar protection.

We have the ability to issue indenture securities with terms different from those of indenture securities previously issued and, without the consent of the holders thereof, to reopen a previous issue of a series of indenture securities and issue additional indenture securities of that series unless the reopening was restricted when that series was created.

If any debt securities are convertible into shares of our common stock, the exercise price for such conversion will not be less than the NAV per share at the time of issuance of such debt securities (unless the majority of our board of directors determines that a lower exercise price is in the best interests of us and our stockholders, a majority of our stockholders (including stockholders who are not affiliated persons of us) have approved an issuance of common stock below the then current NAV per share in the 12 months preceding the issuance and the exercise price closely approximates the market value of our common stock at the time the debt securities are issued).

## **Conversion and Exchange**

If any debt securities are convertible into or exchangeable for other securities, the prospectus supplement will explain the terms and conditions of the conversion or exchange, including the conversion price or exchange ratio (or the calculation method), the conversion or exchange period (or how the period will be determined), if conversion or exchange will be mandatory or at the option of the holder or us, provisions for adjusting the conversion price or the exchange ratio and provisions affecting conversion or exchange in the event of the redemption of the underlying debt securities. These terms may also include provisions under which the number or amount of other securities to be received by the holders of the debt securities upon conversion or exchange would be calculated according to the market price of the other securities as of a time stated in the prospectus supplement.

#### **Issuance of Securities in Registered Form**

We may issue the debt securities in registered form, in which case we may issue them either in book-entry form only or in "certificated" form. Debt securities issued in book-entry form will be represented by global securities. We expect that we will issue debt securities in book-entry only form represented by global securities.

We also will have the option of issuing debt securities in non-registered form as bearer securities if we issue the securities outside the United States to non-U.S. persons. In that case, the prospectus supplement will set forth



the mechanics for holding the bearer securities, including the procedures for receiving payments, for exchanging the bearer securities, including the procedures for receiving payments, for exchanging the bearer securities for registered securities of the same series, and for receiving notices. The prospectus supplement will also describe the requirements with respect to our maintenance of offices or agencies outside the United States and the applicable U.S. federal tax law requirements.

#### Book-Entry Holders

We will issue registered debt securities in book-entry form only, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. This means debt securities will be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a depositary that will hold them on behalf of financial institutions that participate in the depositary's book-entry system. These participating institutions, in turn, hold beneficial interests in the debt securities held by the depositary or its nominee. These institutions may hold these interests on behalf of themselves or customers.

Under the indenture, only the person in whose name a debt security is registered is recognized as the holder of that debt security. Consequently, for debt securities issued in book-entry form, we will recognize only the depositary as the holder of the debt securities and we will make all payments on the debt securities to the depositary. The depositary will then pass along the payments it receives to its participants, which in turn will pass the payments along to their customers who are the beneficial owners. The depositary and its participants do so under agreements they have made with one another or with their customers; they are not obligated to do so under the terms of the debt securities.

As a result, investors will not own debt securities directly. Instead, they will own beneficial interests in a global security, through a bank, broker or other financial institution that participates in the depositary's book-entry system or holds an interest through a participant. As long as the debt securities are represented by one or more global securities, investors will be indirect holders, and not holders, of the debt securities.

#### Street Name Holders

In the future, we may issue debt securities in certificated form or terminate a global security. In these cases, investors may choose to hold their debt securities in their own names or in "street name." Debt securities held in street name are registered in the name of a bank, broker or other financial institution chosen by the investor, and the investor holds a beneficial interest in those debt securities through the account he or she maintains at that institution.

For debt securities held in street name, we will recognize only the intermediary banks, brokers and other financial institutions in whose names the debt securities are registered as the holders of those debt securities, and we will make all payments on those debt securities to them. These institutions will pass along the payments they receive to their customers who are the beneficial owners, but only because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. Investors who hold debt securities in street name will be indirect holders, and not holders, of the debt securities.

#### Legal Holders

Our obligations, as well as the obligations of the applicable trustee and those of any third parties employed by us or the applicable trustee, run only to the legal holders of the debt securities. We do not have obligations to investors who hold beneficial interests in global securities, in street name or by any other indirect means. This will be the case whether an investor chooses to be an indirect holder of a debt security or has no choice because we are issuing the debt securities only in book-entry form.

For example, once we make a payment or give a notice to the holder, we have no further responsibility for the payment or notice even if that holder is required, under agreements with depositary participants or customers



or by law, to pass it along to the indirect holders but does not do so. Similarly, if we want to obtain the approval of the holders for any purpose (for example, to amend an indenture or to relieve us of the consequences of a default or of our obligation to comply with a particular provision of an indenture), we would seek the approval only from the holders, and not the indirect holders, of the debt securities. Whether and how the holders contact the indirect holders is up to the holders.

When we refer to you, we mean those who invest in the debt securities being offered by this prospectus, whether they are the holders or only indirect holders of those debt securities. When we refer to your debt securities, we mean the debt securities in which you hold a direct or indirect interest.

#### Special Considerations for Indirect Holders

If you hold debt securities through a bank, broker or other financial institution, either in book-entry form or in street name, we urge you to check with that institution to find out:

- how it handles securities payments and notices;
- whether it imposes fees or charges;
- how it would handle a request for the holders' consent, if ever required;
- whether and how you can instruct it to send you debt securities registered in your own name so you can be a holder, if that is permitted in the future for a particular series of debt securities;
- how it would exercise rights under the debt securities if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests; and
- if the debt securities are in book-entry form, how the depositary's rules and procedures will affect these matters.

#### **Global Securities**

As noted above, we expect that we will issue debt securities as registered securities in book-entry form only. A global security represents one or any other number of individual debt securities. Generally, all debt securities represented by the same global securities will have the same terms.

Each debt security issued in book-entry form will be represented by a global security that we deposit with and register in the name of a financial institution or its nominee that we select. The financial institution that we select for this purpose is called the depositary. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, known as DTC, will be the depositary for all debt securities issued in book-entry form.

A global security may not be transferred to or registered in the name of anyone other than the depositary or its nominee, unless special termination situations arise. We describe those situations below under "Description of our Debt Securities—Global Securities—Special Situations when a Global Security Will Be Terminated." As a result of these arrangements, the depositary, or its nominee, will be the sole registered owner and holder of all debt securities represented by a global security, and investors will be permitted to own only beneficial interests in a global security. Beneficial interests must be held by means of an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that in turn has an account with the depositary or with another institution that has an account with the depositary. Thus, an investor whose security is represented by a global security will not be a holder of the debt security, but only an indirect holder of a beneficial interest in the global security.

#### Special Considerations for Global Securities

As an indirect holder, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the investor's financial institution and of the depositary, as well as general laws relating to securities transfers.

The depositary that holds the global security will be considered the holder of the debt securities represented by the global security.

If debt securities are issued only in the form of a global security, an investor should be aware of the following:

- an investor cannot cause the debt securities to be registered in his or her name and cannot obtain certificates for his or her interest in the debt securities, except in the special situations we describe below;
- an investor will be an indirect holder and must look to his or her own bank or broker for payments on the debt securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the debt securities, as we describe under "Description of our Debt Securities—Issuance of Securities in Registered Form" above;
- an investor may not be able to sell interests in the debt securities to some insurance companies and other institutions that are required by law to
  own their securities in non-book-entry form;
- an investor may not be able to pledge his or her interest in a global security in circumstances where certificates representing the debt securities must be delivered to the lender or other beneficiary of the pledge in order for the pledge to be effective;
- the depositary's policies, which may change from time to time, will govern payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to an
  investor's interest in a global security. We and the trustee have no responsibility for any aspect of the depositary's actions or for its records of
  ownership interests in a global security. We and the trustee also do not supervise the depositary in any way;
- if we redeem less than all the debt securities of a particular series being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount to be redeemed from each of its participants holding that series;
- an investor is required to give notice of exercise of any option to elect repayment of its debt securities, through its participant, to the applicable
  trustee and to deliver the related debt securities by causing its participant to transfer its interest in those debt securities, on DTC's records, to the
  applicable trustee;
- DTC requires that those who purchase and sell interests in a global security deposited in its book-entry system use immediately available funds. Your broker or bank may also require you to use immediately available funds when purchasing or selling interests in a global security; and
- financial institutions that participate in the depositary's book-entry system, and through which an investor holds its interest in a global security, may also have their own policies affecting payments, notices and other matters relating to the debt securities. There may be more than one financial intermediary in the chain of ownership for an investor. We do not monitor and are not responsible for the actions of any of those intermediaries.

## Special Situations when a Global Security Will Be Terminated

In a few special situations described below, a global security will be terminated and interests in it will be exchanged for certificates in non-book-entry form (certificated securities). After that exchange, the choice of whether to hold the certificated debt securities directly or in street name will be up to the investor. Investors must consult their own banks or brokers to find out how to have their interests in a global security transferred on termination to their own names, so that they will be holders. We have described the rights of holders and street name investors under "Description of our Debt Securities—Issuance of Securities in Registered Form" above.

The special situations for termination of a global security are as follows:

- if the depositary notifies us that it is unwilling, unable or no longer qualified to continue as depositary for that global security, and we are unable to appoint another institution to act as depositary;
- if we notify the trustee that we wish to terminate that global security; or

• if an event of default has occurred with regard to the debt securities represented by that global security and has not been cured or waived; we discuss defaults later under "Description of our Debt Securities—Events of Default."

The prospectus supplement may list situations for terminating a global security that would apply only to the particular series of debt securities covered by the prospectus supplement. If a global security is terminated, only the depositary, and not we or the applicable trustee, is responsible for deciding the names of the institutions in whose names the debt securities represented by the global security will be registered and, therefore, who will be the holders of those debt securities.

#### **Payment and Paying Agents**

We will pay interest to the person listed in the applicable trustee's records as the owner of the debt security at the close of business on a particular day in advance of each due date for interest, even if that person no longer owns the debt security on the interest due date. That day, often about two weeks in advance of the interest due date, is called the "record date." Because we will pay all the interest for an interest period to the holders on the record date, holders buying and selling debt securities must work out between themselves the appropriate purchase price. The most common manner is to adjust the sales price of the debt securities to prorate interest fairly between buyer and seller based on their respective ownership periods within the particular interest period. This prorated interest amount is called "accrued interest."

#### Payments on Global Securities

We will make payments on a global security in accordance with the applicable policies of the depositary as in effect from time to time. Under those policies, we will make payments directly to the depositary, or its nominee, and not to any indirect holders who own beneficial interests in the global security. An indirect holder's right to those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depositary and its participants, as described under "Description of our Debt Securities—Global Securities."

#### Payments on Certificated Securities

We will make payments on a certificated debt security as follows. We will pay interest that is due on an interest payment date by check mailed on the interest payment date to the holder at his or her address shown on the trustee's records as of the close of business on the regular record date. We will make all payments of principal and premium, if any, by check at the office of the applicable trustee in New York, New York and/or at other offices that may be specified in the prospectus supplement or in a notice to holders against surrender of the debt security.

Alternatively, if the holder asks us to do so, we will pay any amount that becomes due on the debt security by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account at a bank in the City of New York, on the due date. To request payment by wire, the holder must give the applicable trustee or other paying agent appropriate transfer instructions at least 15 business days before the requested wire payment is due. In the case of any interest payment due on an interest payment date, the instructions must be given by the person who is the holder on the relevant regular record date. Any wire instructions, once properly given, will remain in effect unless and until new instructions are given in the manner described above.

#### Payment When Offices Are Closed

If any payment is due on a debt security on a day that is not a business day, we will make the payment on the next day that is a business day. Payments made on the next business day in this situation will be treated under the indenture as if they were made on the original due date, except as otherwise indicated in the attached prospectus supplement. Such payment will not result in a default under any debt security or the indenture, and no interest will accrue on the payment amount from the original due date to the next day that is a business day.

Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive payments on their debt securities.

#### **Events of Default**

You will have rights if an Event of Default occurs in respect of the debt securities of your series and is not cured, as described later in this subsection.

The term "Event of Default" in respect of the debt securities of your series means any of the following:

- we do not pay the principal of, or any premium on, a debt security of the series on its due date;
- we do not pay interest on a debt security of the series within 30 days of its due date;
- we do not deposit any sinking fund payment in respect of debt securities of the series on its due date;
- we remain in breach of a covenant in respect of debt securities of the series for 60 days after we receive a written notice of default stating we are in breach. The notice must be sent by either the trustee or holders of at least 25% of the principal amount of debt securities of the series;
- we file for bankruptcy or certain other events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur; and
- any other Event of Default in respect of debt securities of the series described in the prospectus supplement occurs.

An Event of Default for a particular series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an Event of Default for any other series of debt securities issued under the same or any other indenture. The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of debt securities of any default, except in the payment of principal, premium or interest, if it considers the withholding of notice to be in the best interests of the holders.

## Remedies if an Event of Default Occurs

If an Event of Default has occurred and has not been cured or waived, the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series may declare the entire principal amount of all the debt securities of that series to be due and immediately payable. This is called a declaration of acceleration of maturity may be canceled by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series if the default is cured or waived and certain other conditions are satisfied.

Except in cases of default, where the trustee has some special duties, the trustee is not required to take any action under the indenture at the request of any holders unless the holders offer the trustee reasonable protection from expenses and liability (called an "indemnity"). If reasonable indemnity is provided, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the relevant series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any lawsuit or other formal legal action seeking any remedy available to the trustee. The trustee may refuse to follow those directions in certain circumstances. No delay or omission in exercising any right or remedy will be treated as a waiver of that right, remedy or Event of Default.

Before you are allowed to bypass your trustee and bring your own lawsuit or other formal legal action or take other steps to enforce your rights or protect your interests relating to the debt securities, the following must occur:

- you must give the trustee written notice that an Event of Default has occurred and remains uncured;
- the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities of the relevant series must make a written request that the trustee take action because of the default and must offer reasonable indemnity to the trustee against the cost and other liabilities of taking that action;



- the trustee must not have taken action for 60 days after receipt of the above notice and offer of indemnity; and
- the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities must not have given the trustee a direction inconsistent with the above notice during that 60-day period.

However, you are entitled at any time to bring a lawsuit for the payment of money due on your debt securities on or after the due date.

# Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how to give notice or direction to or make a request of the trustee and how to declare or cancel an acceleration of maturity.

Each year, we will furnish to each trustee a written statement of certain of our officers certifying that to their knowledge we are in compliance with the indenture and the debt securities, or else specifying any default.

## Waiver of Default

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the relevant series of debt securities may waive a default for all the relevant series of debt securities. If this happens, the default will be treated as if it had not occurred. No one can waive a payment default on a holder's debt security, however, without the holder's approval.

#### Merger or Consolidation

Under the terms of the indenture, we are generally permitted to consolidate or merge with another entity. We are also permitted to sell all or substantially all of our assets to another entity. However, we may not take any of these actions unless all the following conditions are met:

- where we merge out of existence or sell our assets, the resulting entity must agree to be legally responsible for our obligations under the debt securities;
- alternatively, we must be the surviving company;
- immediately after the transaction no event of default will exist;
- we must deliver certain certificates and documents to the trustee; and
- we must satisfy any other requirements specified in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities.

#### **Modification or Waiver**

There are three types of changes we can make to the indenture and the debt securities issued thereunder.

#### Changes Requiring Your Approval

First, there are changes that we cannot make to your debt securities without your specific approval. The following is a list of those types of changes:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of or interest on a debt security;
- reduce any amounts due on a debt security;
- reduce the amount of principal payable upon acceleration of the maturity of a security following a default;
- adversely affect any right of repayment at the holder's option;

- change the place or currency of payment on a debt security (except as otherwise described in the prospectus or prospectus supplement);
- impair your right to sue for payment;
- adversely affect any right to convert or exchange a debt security in accordance with its terms;
- reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities whose consent is needed to modify or amend the indenture;
- reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities whose consent is needed to waive compliance with certain provisions of the indenture or to waive certain defaults;
- modify any other aspect of the provisions of the indenture dealing with supplemental indentures, modification and waiver of past defaults, changes to the quorum or voting requirements or the waiver of certain covenants; and
- change any obligation we have to pay additional amounts.

## Changes Not Requiring Approval

The second type of change does not require any vote by the holders of the debt securities. This type is limited to clarifications and certain other changes that would not adversely affect holders of the outstanding debt securities in any material respect. We also do not need any approval to make any change that affects only debt securities to be issued under the indenture after the change takes effect.

#### Changes Requiring Majority Approval

Any other change to the indenture and the debt securities would require the following approval:

- if the change affects only one series of debt securities, it must be approved by the holders of a majority in principal amount of that series; and
- if the change affects more than one series of debt securities issued under the same indenture, it must be approved by the holders of a majority in principal amount of all of the series affected by the change, with all affected series voting together as one class for this purpose.

In each case, the required approval must be given by written consent.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of all of the series of debt securities issued under an indenture, voting together as one class for this purpose, may waive our compliance with some of our covenants in that indenture. However, we cannot obtain a waiver of a payment default or of any of the matters covered by the bullet points included above under "Description of our Debt Securities—Modification or Waiver—Changes Requiring Your Approval."

#### Further Details Concerning Voting

When taking a vote, we will use the following rules to decide how much principal to attribute to a debt security:

- for OID securities, we will use the principal amount that would be due and payable on the voting date if the maturity of these debt securities were
  accelerated to that date because of a default;
- for debt securities whose principal amount is not known (for example, because it is based on an index), we will use a special rule for that debt security described in the prospectus supplement; and
- for debt securities denominated in one or more foreign currencies, we will use the U.S. dollar equivalent.

Debt securities will not be considered outstanding, and therefore not eligible to vote, if we have deposited or set aside in trust money for their payment or redemption. Debt securities will also not be eligible to vote if they have been fully defeased as described later under "Description of our Debt Securities— Defeasance—Full Defeasance." We will generally be entitled to set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the holders of outstanding indenture securities that are entitled to vote or take other action under the indenture. If we set a record date for a vote or other action to be taken by holders of one or more series, that vote or action may be taken only by persons who are holders of outstanding indenture securities of those series on the record date and must be taken within eleven months following the record date.

# Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how approval may be granted or denied if we seek to change the indenture or the debt securities or request a waiver.

#### Defeasance

The following provisions will be applicable to each series of debt securities unless we state in the applicable prospectus supplement that the provisions of covenant defeasance and full defeasance will not be applicable to that series.

#### Covenant Defeasance

Under current U.S. federal tax law, we can make the deposit described below and be released from some of the restrictive covenants in the indenture under which the particular series was issued. This is called "covenant defeasance." In that event, you would lose the protection of those restrictive covenants but would gain the protection of having money and government securities set aside in trust to repay your debt securities. If applicable, you also would be released from the subordination provisions described under "Description of our Debt Securities—Indenture Provisions—Subordination" below. In order to achieve covenant defeasance, we must do the following:

- if the debt securities of the particular series are denominated in U.S. dollars, we must deposit in trust for the benefit of all holders of such debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their various due dates; and
- we may be required to deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel confirming that, under current U.S. federal income tax law, we may make the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on the debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and just repaid the debt securities ourselves at maturity.

We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel stating that the above deposit does not require registration by us under the 1940 Act, as amended, and a legal opinion and officers' certificate stating that all conditions precedent to covenant defeasance have been complied with.

If we accomplish covenant defeasance, you can still look to us for repayment of the debt securities if there were a shortfall in the trust deposit or the trustee is prevented from making payment. In fact, if one of the remaining Events of Default occurred (such as our bankruptcy) and the debt securities became immediately due and payable, there might be a shortfall. Depending on the event causing the default, you may not be able to obtain payment of the shortfall.

#### Full Defeasance

If there is a change in U.S. federal tax law, as described below, we can legally release ourselves from all payment and other obligations on the debt securities of a particular series (called "full defeasance") if we put in place the following other arrangements for you to be repaid:

• if the debt securities of the particular series are denominated in U.S. dollars, we must deposit in trust for the benefit of all holders of such debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or



U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their various due dates;

- we may be required to deliver to the trustee a legal opinion confirming that there has been a change in current U.S. federal tax law or an Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, ruling that allows us to make the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on the debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and just repaid the debt securities ourselves at maturity. Under current U.S. federal tax law, the deposit and our legal release from the debt securities would be treated as though we paid you your share of the cash and notes or bonds at the time the cash and notes or bonds were deposited in trust in exchange for your debt securities and you would recognize gain or loss on the debt securities at the time of the deposit; and
- we must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel stating that the above deposit does not require registration by us under the 1940 Act and a legal opinion and officers' certificate certifying compliance with all conditions precedent to defeasance.

If we ever did accomplish full defeasance, as described above, you would have to rely solely on the trust deposit for repayment of the debt securities. You could not look to us for repayment in the unlikely event of any shortfall. Conversely, the trust deposit would most likely be protected from claims of our lenders and other creditors if we ever became bankrupt or insolvent. If applicable, you would also be released from the subordination provisions described later under "Description of our Debt Securities—Indenture Provisions—Subordination."

#### Form, Exchange and Transfer of Certificated Registered Securities

If registered debt securities cease to be issued in book-entry form, they will be issued:

- only in fully registered certificated form;
- without interest coupons; and
- unless we indicate otherwise in the prospectus supplement, in denominations of \$1,000 and amounts that are multiples of \$1,000.

Holders may exchange their certificated securities for debt securities of smaller denominations or combined into fewer debt securities of larger denominations, as long as the total principal amount is not changed.

Holders may exchange or transfer their certificated securities at the office of their trustee. We have appointed the trustee to act as our agent for registering debt securities in the names of holders transferring debt securities. We may appoint another entity to perform these functions or perform them ourselves.

Holders will not be required to pay a service charge to transfer or exchange their certificated securities, but they may be required to pay any tax or other governmental charge associated with the transfer or exchange. The transfer or exchange will be made only if our transfer agent is satisfied with the holder's proof of legal ownership.

If we have designated additional transfer agents for your debt security, they will be named in the prospectus supplement. We may appoint additional transfer agents or cancel the appointment of any particular transfer agent. We may also approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts.

If any certificated securities of a particular series are redeemable and we redeem less than all the debt securities of that series, we may block the transfer or exchange of those debt securities during the period beginning 15 days before the day we mail the notice of redemption and ending on the day of that mailing, in order to freeze the list of holders to prepare the mailing. We may also refuse to register transfers or exchanges of any certificated securities selected for redemption, except that we will continue to permit transfers and exchanges of the unredeemed portion of any debt security that will be partially redeemed.

If a registered debt security is issued in book-entry form, only the depositary will be entitled to transfer and exchange the debt security as described in this subsection, since it will be the sole holder of the debt security.

#### **Resignation of Trustee**

Each trustee may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of indenture securities provided that a successor trustee is appointed to act with respect to these series. In the event that two or more persons are acting as trustee with respect to different series of indenture securities under the indenture, each of the trustees will be a trustee of a trust separate and apart from the trust administered by any other trustee.

#### **Indenture Provisions—Subordination**

Upon any distribution of our assets upon our dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization, the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on any indenture securities denominated as subordinated debt securities is to be subordinated to the extent provided in the indenture in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness, but our obligation to you to make payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on such subordinated debt securities will not otherwise be affected. In addition, no payment on account of principal (or premium, if any), sinking fund or interest, if any, may be made on such subordinated debt securities at any time unless full payment of all amounts due in respect of the principal (and premium, if any), sinking fund and interest on Senior Indebtedness has been made or duly provided for in money or money's worth.

In the event that, notwithstanding the foregoing, any payment by us is received by the trustee in respect of subordinated debt securities or by the holders of any of such subordinated debt securities before all Senior Indebtedness is paid in full, the payment or distribution must be paid over to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness or on their behalf for application to the payment of all the Senior Indebtedness remaining unpaid until all the Senior Indebtedness has been paid in full, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness. Subject to the payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness upon this distribution by us, the holders of such subordinated debt securities will be subrogated to the rights of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness to the extent of payments made to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness out of the distributive share of such subordinated debt securities.

By reason of this subordination, in the event of a distribution of our assets upon our insolvency, certain of our senior creditors may recover more, ratably, than holders of any subordinated debt securities. The indenture provides that these subordination provisions will not apply to money and securities held in trust under the defeasance provisions of the indenture.

Senior Indebtedness is defined in the indenture as the principal of (and premium, if any) and unpaid interest on:

- our indebtedness (including indebtedness of others guaranteed by us), whenever created, incurred, assumed or guaranteed, for money borrowed (other than indenture securities issued under the indenture and denominated as subordinated debt securities), unless in the instrument creating or evidencing the same or under which the same is outstanding it is provided that this indebtedness is not senior or prior in right of payment to the subordinated debt securities; and
- · renewals, extensions, modifications and refinancings of any of this indebtedness.

If this prospectus is being delivered in connection with the offering of a series of indenture securities denominated as subordinated debt securities, an accompanying prospectus supplement will set forth the approximate amount of our Senior Indebtedness outstanding as of a recent date.

#### The Trustee under the Indenture

Equiniti Trust Company, LLC (f/k/a American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC) is the trustee under the indenture and the 2026 Notes.

# Certain Considerations Relating to Foreign Currencies

Debt securities denominated or payable in foreign currencies may entail significant risks. These risks include the possibility of significant fluctuations in the foreign currency markets, the imposition or modification of foreign exchange controls and potential illiquidity in the secondary market. These risks will vary depending upon the currency or currencies involved and will be more fully described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

## **BROKERAGE ALLOCATIONS AND OTHER PRACTICES**

Since we generally acquire and dispose of our investments in privately negotiated transactions, we infrequently use brokers in the normal course of our business. Subject to policies established by our board of directors, the Investment Adviser is primarily responsible for the execution of the publicly traded securities portion of our portfolio transactions and the allocation of brokerage commissions. The Investment Adviser does not expect to execute transactions through any particular broker or dealer, but seeks 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 brokerage firm and the firm's risk and skill in positioning blocks of securities. While the Investment Adviser generally seeks reasonably competitive trade execution costs, we will not necessarily pay the lowest spread or commission available. Subject to applicable legal requirements, the Investment Adviser may select a broker based partly upon brokerage or research services provided to the Investment Adviser and us and any other clients. In return for such services, we may pay a higher commission than other brokers would charge if the Investment Adviser determines in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided.

## 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 common stock. This summary does not purport to be a complete description of the income tax considerations applicable to an investment in any of our securities. 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, persons that have a functional currency (as such term is defined in the Code) other than the U.S. dollar, tax-exempt organizations, insurance companies, dealers in securities, pension plans and trusts, and financial institutions. This summary assumes that investors hold our common stock as capital assets (as such term is defined in the Code). The discussion is based upon the Code, Treasury regulations, and administrative and judicial interpretations, each as of the date of this prospectus and all of which are subject to change, possibly retroactively, which could affect the continuing validity of this discussion. We have not sought and will not seek any ruling from the IRS regarding this offering. This summary does not discuss any aspects of U.S. estate or gift tax or foreign, state or local tax. It does not discuss the special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws that could result if we invested in tax-exempt securities or certain other investment assets.

A "U.S. stockholder" generally is 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; or
- a trust, if a court in the United States has primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person; or
- an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

A "Non-U.S. stockholder" is a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock that is neither a U.S. stockholder nor a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

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

Tax matters are very complicated and the tax consequences to an investor of an investment in our shares will depend on the facts of 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.

#### Taxation in Connection with Holding Securities other than our Common Stock

We intend to describe in any prospectus supplement related to the offering of preferred stock, debt securities, warrants or rights offerings to purchase our common stock, the U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to such securities as will be sold by us pursuant to that supplement, including the taxation of any debt securities that will be sold at an OID or acquired with market discount or amortizable bond premium and the tax treatment of sales, exchanges or retirements of our debt securities. In addition, we may describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to holders of our debt securities who are not "U.S. persons."

#### Election to be Treated as a RIC

We have elected to be treated, and intend to qualify annually to maintain our election to be treated, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. To maintain our RIC tax election, we must, among other requirements, meet certain annual source-of-income and quarterly asset diversification requirements (as described below). We also must annually distribute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to our stockholders of an amount generally at least equal to 90% of the sum of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, or investment company taxable income, and determined without regard to any deduction for dividends paid, out of the assets legally available for distribution, or the Annual Distribution Requirement.

In order to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes, we must:

- maintain an election to be treated as a BDC 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 of stock or other securities, net income from certain qualified publicly traded partnerships or other income derived with respect to
  our business of investing in such stock or securities, or the 90% Income Test; and
- diversify our holdings, or the Diversification Tests, 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 neither represents more than 5% of the value of our assets nor more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer; and
  - 2) 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, of one issuer or 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 in certain qualified publicly traded partnerships.

Although not required for us to maintain our RIC tax status, in order to preclude the imposition of a 4% nondeductible federal excise tax imposed on RICs, we must distribute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to our stockholders in respect of each calendar year of an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98% of our net ordinary income (subject to certain deferrals and elections) for the calendar year, (2) 98.2% of our capital gain net income (i.e., the excess, if any, of our capital gains over capital losses), adjusted for certain ordinary losses, generally for the one-year period ending on October 31 of the calendar year plus (3) any net ordinary income or capital gain net income for the preceding years that was not distributed during such years on which we did not incur any corporate income tax, or the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement. In addition, although we may distribute realized net capital gains (i.e., net long-term capital gains in excess of net short-term capital losses), if any, at least annually, out of the assets legally available for such distributions in the manner described above, we have retained and may continue to retain such net capital gains or investment company taxable income, subject to maintaining our ability to be taxed as a RIC, in order to provide us with additional liquidity.

While we intend to make sufficient distributions each taxable year to avoid incurring any material U.S. federal excise tax on our earnings, we may not be able to, or may choose not to, distribute amounts sufficient to avoid the imposition of the tax entirely. In that event, we generally will be liable for the excise tax only on the amount by which we do not meet the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement. Under certain circumstances, however, we may, in our sole discretion, determine that it is in our best interests to retain a portion of our income or capital gains rather than distribute such amount as dividends and accordingly cause us to bear the excise tax burden associated therewith.

We may invest in partnerships which may result in our being subject to additional state, local or foreign income, franchise or other tax liabilities. In addition, some of the income and fees that we may recognize will not satisfy the 90% Income Test. In order to mitigate the risk that such income and fees would disqualify us as a RIC as a result of a failure to satisfy the 90% Income Test, we may be required to recognize such income and fees indirectly through the Taxable Subsidiary, which is classified as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Taxable Subsidiary generally will be subject to corporate income taxes on its earnings, which ultimately will reduce our return on such income and fees.

#### Taxation as a RIC

If we qualify as a RIC, and satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement, then we will not be subject to federal income tax on the portion of our investment company taxable income and net capital gains, determined without regard to any deduction for dividends paid, we distribute (or are deemed to have distributed) as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to stockholders. Additionally, upon satisfying these requirements, we will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the regular corporate rates on any investment company taxable income or net capital gains determined without regard to any deduction for dividends paid, that is not distributed (or not deemed to have been distributed) as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to our stockholders.

We may be required to recognize taxable income in circumstances in which we do not receive cash. For example, if we hold a debt instrument that is treated under applicable tax rules as having OID (such as debt instruments with PIK interest or, in certain cases, increasing interest rates or issued with warrants), we must include in income each taxable year a portion of the OID that accrues over the life of the debt instrument, regardless of whether cash representing such income is received by us in the same taxable year. Because any OID accrued will be included in our investment company taxable income in the taxable year of accrual, we may be required to make a distribution to our stockholders in order to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement, even though we will not have received any corresponding cash amount.

We invest in below investment grade instruments. Investments in these types of instruments may present special tax issues for us. U.S. federal income tax rules are not entirely clear about issues such as when we may cease to accrue interest, OID or market discount, when and to what extent deductions may be taken for bad debts or worthless debt instruments, how payments received on obligations in default should be allocated between principal and income and whether exchanges of debt instruments in a bankruptcy or workout context are taxable. We will address these and other issues to the extent necessary in order to continue to maintain our qualification to be subject to tax as a RIC.

In order to enable us to make distributions to stockholders that will be sufficient to enable us to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement and the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement we may need to liquidate or sell some of our assets at times or at prices that are not advantageous, raise additional equity or debt capital, take out loans, forego new investment opportunities or otherwise take actions that are disadvantageous to our business (or be unable to take actions that are advantageous to our business). If we borrow money, we may be prevented by loan covenants from declaring and paying dividends in certain circumstances. Even if we are authorized to borrow funds and to sell assets in order to satisfy distribution requirements, under the 1940 Act, we are generally not permitted to make distributions to our stockholders while our debt obligations and senior securities are outstanding unless certain "asset coverage" tests or other financial covenants are met. Limits on our payment of dividends may prevent us from meeting the Annual Distribution Requirement, and may, therefore, jeopardize our qualification for taxation as a RIC, or subject us to the 4% excise tax on undistributed income.

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 could, depending on the specific terms of the restructuring, cause us to recognize taxable income without a corresponding receipt of cash, which could affect our ability to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement or the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement, or result in unusable capital losses and future non-cash income. Any such restructuring could also result in our receiving assets that give rise to non-qualifying gross income for purposes of the 90% Income Test.

Certain of our investment practices may be subject to special and complex U.S. federal income tax provisions that may, among other things, (a) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions, (b) convert long-term capital gain (currently taxed at lower rates for non-corporate taxpayers) into higher taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income, (c) convert an ordinary loss or a deduction into a capital loss (the deductibility of which is more limited), (d) adversely affect the time as to when a purchase or sale of stock or securities is deemed to occur, (e) adversely alter the characterization of certain complex financial transactions, (f) treat dividends that would otherwise constitute qualified dividend income as non-qualified dividend income, (g) cause us to recognize income or gain without receipt of a corresponding cash payment, and (h) 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 effects of these provisions; however, no assurance can be given that we will be eligible for any such tax elections or that any elections we make will fully mitigate the effects of these provisions.

Gain or loss realized by us from equity securities and 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.

We are authorized to borrow funds and to sell assets in order to satisfy our Annual Distribution Requirement or the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement. However, under the 1940 Act, we are not permitted to make distributions to our stockholders while our debt instruments and other senior securities are outstanding unless certain asset coverage requirements are met. Moreover, our ability to dispose of assets to meet our distribution requirements may be limited by (1) the illiquid nature of our portfolio and/or (2) 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 the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement, we may make such dispositions at times that, from an investment standpoint, are not advantageous.

We may distribute our common stock as a dividend from our taxable income and a stockholder could receive a portion of such distributions declared and distributed by us in shares of our common stock with the remaining amount in cash. A stockholder will be considered to have recognized dividend income generally equal to the fair market value of the stock paid by us plus cash received with respect to such dividend. The total dividend declared and distributed by us would be taxable income to a stockholder even though only a small portion of the dividend was paid in cash to pay any taxes due on the total dividend. We have not yet elected to distribute stock as a dividend but reserve the right to do so.

Our investment in non-U.S. securities may be subject to non-U.S. income, withholding and other taxes. In that case, our yield on those securities would be decreased. Stockholders will generally not be entitled to claim a U.S. foreign tax credit or deduction with respect to non-U.S. taxes paid by us. If we acquire 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" received on, 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. Furthermore, if we hold shares in a PFIC and elect to treat the PFIC as a qualified electing fund, or "QEF," under the Code, 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 us. Alternatively, we may elect to mark-to-market at the end of each taxable year our shares in such 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. Our ability to make either election will depend on factors beyond our control, and we are subject to restrictions that may limit the availability or benefit of these elections. Under either election, we may be required to recognize in any year income in excess of the distributions we receive 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 determining whether we satisfy the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement.

If we are deemed to own ten percent (10%) or more (by vote or value) of the stock of a non-U.S. corporation that qualifies as a "controlled foreign corporation," or "CFC," for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we would be required to include in income the amount of the CFC's "Subpart F income" to which it would have been entitled had the CFC currently distributed all of its earnings. Additionally, all or any part of any gain resulting from the sale or exchange of stock of the CFC could be treated as a dividend. For this purpose, a non-U.S. corporation is generally considered a CFC if more than 50% of the corporation's stock (by vote or value) is owned, directly or indirectly or through application of certain constructive ownership rules, by U.S. persons who each own, directly or indirectly or constructively, 10% or more (by vote or value) of the non-U.S. corporation's voting stock, or a "U.S. Shareholder." If we are treated as receiving a deemed inclusion of income from a CFC, we would be required to include such distribution in our investment company taxable income regardless of whether we receive any distributions from such CFC, and we would be required to include such deemed inclusion of income in determining our satisfaction of the Annual Distribution Requirement and the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement.

The PFIC rules would not apply to us with respect to any investment for any period during which the CFC rules were applicable to such investment. Furthermore, in determining the amount of any deemed inclusion of income from any CFC, we are required to include in gross income each taxable year our share of any "global intangible low-taxed income," or "GILTI." Rules relating to GILTI and CFCs are complex. As such, shareholders should consult their own tax advisors about the applicability and U.S. federal income tax consequences of the CFC rules to their investment in our shares, including the potential impact of rules governing the inclusion of Subpart F income and the related GILTI rules.

Our functional currency is the U.S. dollar for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Under Section 988 of the Code, gains or losses 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 may be treated as ordinary income or loss. Similarly, gains or losses on foreign currency forward contracts, the disposition of debt denominated in a foreign currency and other financial transactions denominated in foreign currency, to the extent attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the acquisition and disposition dates, may also be treated as ordinary income or loss. Some of the income and fees that we recognize, may not satisfy the 90% Income Test. In order to ensure that such income and fees do not disqualify us as a RIC for a failure to satisfy the 90% Income Test, we may be required to recognize such income or fees through one or more entities treated as U.S. corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such as the Taxable Subsidiary. While we expect that recognizing such income through such corporations will assist us in satisfying the 90% Income Test, no assurance can be given that this structure will be respected for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which could result in such income not being counted towards satisfying the 90% Income Test. If the amount of such income were too great and we were otherwise unable to mitigate this effect, it could result in our disqualification as a RIC. If, as we expect, the structure is respected, such corporations will be required to pay U.S. corporate income tax on their earnings, which ultimately will reduce the yield on such income and fees.

We are limited in our ability to deduct expenses in excess of our investment company taxable income. If our expenses in a given year exceed our investment company taxable income, we will have a net operating loss for that year. However, we are not permitted to carry forward our net operating losses to subsequent years, so these net operating losses generally will not pass through to our stockholders. In addition, expenses can be used only to offset investment company taxable income, and may not be used to offset net capital gain. As a RIC, we may not use any net capital losses (that is, realized capital losses in excess of realized capital gains) to offset our investment company taxable income, but may carry forward those losses indefinitely, and use them to offset future capital gains to the extent permitted by the Code. Further, our deduction of net business interest expense is generally limited to 30% of our "adjusted taxable income" plus "floor plan financing interest expense."

## Failure to Qualify as a RIC

If we fail to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement or fail to qualify as a RIC in any taxable year, unless certain cure provisions of the Code apply, we will be subject to tax in that taxable year on all of our taxable income at regular corporate tax rates, regardless of whether we make any dividend distributions to our stockholders. In that case, all of our income will be subject to corporate-level federal income tax, reducing the amount available to be distributed to our stockholders. In contrast, assuming we qualify as a RIC, our corporate-level federal income tax should be substantially reduced or eliminated. See "Election to be Treated as a RIC" above for more information.

If we are unable to maintain our status as a RIC, we also would not be able to deduct distributions to stockholders, nor would distributions be required to be made. Distributions would generally be taxable as dividends to our stockholders to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits. Subject to certain limitations under the Code, U.S. non-corporate stockholders generally would be eligible to treat such dividends as "qualified dividend income," which generally would be subject to reduced rates of U.S. federal income tax, and dividends paid by us to certain U.S. corporate stockholders 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 in our common stock, and any remaining distributions would be treated as a capital gain. Moreover, if we fail to qualify as a RIC in any taxable year, to qualify again to be treated as a RIC for federal income tax purposes in a subsequent taxable year, we would be required to distribute our earnings and profits attributable to any of our non-RIC taxable years as dividends to our stockholders. In addition, if we fail to qualify as a RIC for a period greater than two consecutive taxable years, to qualify as a RIC in a subsequent taxable year we may be subject to regular corporate tax on any net built-in gains with respect to certain of our assets (that is, the excess of the aggregate gains, including items of income, over aggregate losses that would have been realized with respect to such assets if we had sold the property at fair market value at the end of the taxable year) that we elect to recognize on requalification or when recognized over the next five taxable years.

The remainder of this discussion assumes that we qualify as a RIC and have satisfied the Annual Distribution Requirement.

## Taxation of U.S. Stockholders

Distributions by us, including distributions pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan or where stockholders can elect to receive cash or stock, generally are taxable to U.S. stockholders as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions of our "investment company taxable income" (which is, generally, our ordinary income plus realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses) 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. We have the ability to declare and pay a large portion of any distribution qualifying as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes in shares of our stock. The IRS has published guidance for publicly offered RICs stating that as long as at least 20% of the dividends are paid in cash and if certain other requirements are met, stockholders will be subject to tax on 100% of such dividends in the same manner as a cash dividend, even though most of the dividends were paid in shares of common stock.

To the extent distributions paid by us to non-corporate stockholders (including individuals) are attributable to dividends from U.S. corporations and certain qualified foreign corporations and are properly designated by us as "qualified dividend income," such distributions generally will be eligible for a reduced U.S. federal income tax rate, if certain holding period requirements are satisfied. However, it is anticipated that distributions paid by us generally will not be attributable to dividends and, therefore, generally will not qualify for the preferential rates applicable to qualified dividends or the dividends received deduction available to corporations under the Code. A corporate U.S. stockholder may be required to reduce its basis in our common stock with respect to certain "extraordinary dividends," as defined in Section 1059 of the Code. Corporate U.S. stockholders should consult their own tax advisors in determining the application of these rules in their particular circumstances.

Distributions of our net capital gains (which is generally our realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short- term capital losses) properly designated by us as "capital gain dividends" will be taxable to a U.S. stockholder as long-term capital gains at a reduced rate in the case of individuals, trusts or estates, regardless of the U.S. stockholder's holding period in such common stock and regardless of whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional common stock. Distributions in excess of our 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 gains to such U.S. stockholder.

Distributions out of our current and accumulated earnings and profits will not be eligible for the 20% pass through deduction under Section 199A of the Code.

Certain distributions reported by us as Section 163(j) interest dividends may be treated as interest income by U.S. stockholders for purposes of the tax rules applicable to interest expense limitations under Section 163(j) of the Code. Such treatment by U.S. stockholders is generally subject to holding period requirements and other potential limitations, although the holding period requirements are generally not applicable to dividends declared by money market funds and certain other funds that declare dividends daily and pay such dividends on a monthly or more frequent basis. The amount that we are eligible to report as a Section 163(j) dividend for a tax year is generally limited to the excess of our business interest income over the sum of our (i) business interest expense and (ii) other deductions properly allocable to our business interest income.

Although we currently intend to distribute any long-term capital gains as capital gain dividends at least annually, we may in the future decide to retain some or all of our long-term capital gains, but designate the retained amount as a "deemed distribution." In that case, among other consequences, we will be subject to tax on the retained amount, each U.S. stockholder will be required to include his, her or its share of the deemed distribution of net capital gains 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 of net capital gains at our regular corporate tax rates, and since that rate is in excess of the maximum rate currently payable by individuals on long-term capital gains, the amount of tax that individual stockholders will be treated as having paid and for which they will receive a credit generally 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. 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 on the appropriate form in order to claim a refund for the taxes we paid. In order to use the deemed distribution approach, we must provide written notice to our stockholders. We cannot treat any of our investment company taxable income as a "deemed distribution."

For purposes of determining (1) whether the Annual Distribution Requirement is satisfied for any year and (2) the amount of capital gain distributions paid for that year, we may, under certain circumstances, elect to treat a distribution that is paid during the following taxable year as if it had been paid during the taxable year in question. If we make such an election, the U.S. stockholder will still be treated as receiving the distribution in the taxable year in which the distribution is made. However, any distribution declared by us in October, November or December of any calendar year, payable to stockholders of record on a specified date in such a month and actually paid during January of the following calendar year, will be treated as if it had been received by our U.S. stockholders on December 31 of the calendar year in which the distribution 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 economically it represents a return of his, her or its investment.

The IRS currently requires that a RIC that has two or more classes of stock allocate to each such class proportionate amounts of each type of its income (such as ordinary income and capital gains) based upon the percentage of total dividends paid to each class for the tax year. Accordingly, if we issue preferred stock, we intend each year to allocate capital gain dividends, if any, between our shares of common stock and shares of preferred stock in proportion to the total dividends paid to each class with respect to such tax year.

A 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. Any gain or loss 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, such gain or loss 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 distributions 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 shares of our common stock are purchased (whether through reinvestment of dividends or other distributions or otherwise) within 30 days before or after the disposition.

In general, individual U.S. stockholders currently are subject to a maximum federal income tax rate of 20% (depending on whether the stockholder's income exceeds certain threshold amounts) on their net capital gain, i.e., 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 federal income tax on net capital gain at the maximum rate of 21%, and this rate also applies to ordinary income. Non-corporate stockholders with net capital losses for a year (i.e., capital losses in excess of capital gains) generally may deduct up to \$3,000 of such losses against their ordinary income each year; any net capital losses of a non-corporate 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 losses for a year, but may carryback such losses for three taxable years or carry forward such losses for five taxable years.

A 3.8% Medicare tax is imposed on certain net investment income (including ordinary dividends and capital gain distributions received from us and net gains from redemptions or other taxable dispositions of our shares) of U.S. individuals and on the undistributed net investment income of certain estates and trusts to the extent that such person's "modified adjusted gross income" (in the case of an individual) or "adjusted gross income" (in the case of an estate or trust) exceeds certain threshold amounts.

Under U.S. Treasury regulations, if a U.S. stockholder recognizes a loss with respect to either our preferred stock or common stock of \$2 million or more for a non-corporate U.S. stockholder or \$10 million or more for a corporate U.S. stockholder in any single taxable year, such stockholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on an IRS Form 8886. Direct U.S. stockholders of certain "portfolio securities" in many cases are excepted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance, equity owners of a RIC are not excepted. The fact that a loss is reportable under these U.S. Treasury 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. U.S. stockholders should consult their own tax advisors to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

We (or if a U.S. stockholder holds our shares through an intermediary, such intermediary) will provide information to our U.S. stockholders, as promptly as possible after the end of each calendar year, 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 federal tax status of each year's distributions generally will be reported to the IRS (including the amount of distributions, if any, eligible for the

preferential rate). Distributions may also be subject to additional state, local and foreign taxes depending on a U.S. stockholder's particular situation.

The Code requires reporting of adjusted cost basis information for covered securities, which generally include shares of a RIC acquired after January 1, 2012, to the IRS and to taxpayers. Stockholders should contact their financial intermediaries with respect to reporting of cost basis and available elections for their accounts.

A U.S. stockholder (other than an "exempt recipient," including a "C" corporation and certain other persons who, when required, demonstrate their exempt status) may be subject to federal income tax withholding ("backup withholding") at the applicable rate from all taxable distributions to any U.S. stockholder (1) who fails to furnish a correct taxpayer identification number or a certificate that such stockholder is exempt from backup withholding, or (2) with respect to whom the IRS notifies a withholding agent that such stockholder has failed to properly report certain interest and distribution 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 is not an additional tax. Any amount withheld under backup withholding is allowed as a credit against the U.S. stockholder's federal income tax liability and may entitle such stockholder to a refund, provided that proper information is timely provided to the IRS.

#### **Taxation of Tax-Exempt U.S. Stockholders**

A U.S. stockholder that is a tax-exempt organization for U.S. federal income tax purposes and therefore generally exempt from U.S. federal income taxation may nevertheless be subject to taxation to the extent that it is considered to derive unrelated business taxable income ("UBTI"). The direct conduct by a tax-exempt U.S. stockholder of the activities that we propose to conduct could give rise to UBTI. However, a RIC is a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and its business activities generally will not be attributed to its shareholders for purposes of determining their treatment under current law. Therefore, a tax-exempt U.S. stockholder should not be subject to U.S. federal income taxation solely as a result of such stockholder's direct or indirect ownership of our shares and receipt of distributions with respect to such shares (regardless of whether we incur indebtedness). Moreover, under current law, if we incur indebtedness, such indebtedness will not be attributed to a tax-exempt U.S. stockholder. Therefore, a tax-exempt U.S. stockholder should not be treated as earning income from "debt-financed property" and distributions we pay should not be treated as "unrelated debt-financed income" solely as a result of indebtedness that it incurs. Certain tax-exempt private universities are subject to an additional 1.4% excise tax on their "net investment income," including income from interest, dividends, and capital gains. Proposals periodically are made to change the treatment of "blocker" investment vehicles interposed between tax-exempt investors and non-qualifying investments. In the event that any such proposals were to be adopted and applied to RICs, the treatment of dividends payable to tax-exempt investors could be adversely affected. In addition, special rules would apply if we were to invest in certain real estate mortgage investment conduits or taxable mortgage pools, which we do not currently plan to do, that could result in a tax-exempt U.S. stockholder recognizing income that would be

#### **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.

Subject to the discussions below, distributions of our "investment company taxable income" to Non-U.S. stockholders (including interest income and net short-term capital gain) are generally expected to be subject to withholding of U.S. federal taxes at a 30% rate (or lower rate provided by an applicable treaty) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits. If the distributions are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. stockholder, we will not be required to withhold U.S. federal tax if the Non-U.S. stockholder complies with applicable certification and disclosure requirements, although the distributions will be

subject to U.S. federal income tax at the rates applicable to U.S. persons. Special certification requirements apply to a Non-U.S. stockholder that is a foreign partnership or a foreign trust, and such entities are urged to consult their own tax advisors. Backup withholding will not be applied to payments that have been subject to the 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) withholding tax described in this paragraph.

In addition, with respect to certain distributions made by RICs to Non-U.S. stockholders, no withholding is required and the distributions generally are not subject to U.S. federal income tax if (i) the distributions are properly designated in a notice timely delivered to our stockholders as "interest-related dividends" or "short-term capital gain dividends," (ii) the distributions are derived from sources specified in the Code for such dividends and (iii) certain other requirements are satisfied. Nevertheless, it should be noted that in the case of shares of our stock held through an intermediary, the intermediary may have withheld U.S. federal income tax even if we designated the payment as an interest-related dividend or as a short-term capital gain dividend. Moreover, depending on the circumstances, we may designate all, some or none of our potentially eligible dividends as ineligible for this exemption from withholding.

Actual or deemed distributions of our net long-term capital gains to a Non-U.S. stockholder, and gains realized by a Non-U.S. stockholder upon the sale of our common stock, will not be subject to federal withholding tax and generally will not be subject to federal income tax unless, (i) the distributions or gains, as the case may be, are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. stockholder and, if an income tax treaty applies, are attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. stockholder in the United States or (ii) in the case of an individual stockholder, the stockholder is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the sale or the receipt of the distributions or gains and certain other conditions are met.

We are required to withhold U.S. tax (at a 30% rate) on payments of taxable dividends made to certain non-U.S. entities that fail to comply (or be deemed compliant) with extensive reporting and withholding requirements designed to inform the U.S. Department of the Treasury of U.S.-owned foreign investment accounts. Stockholders may be requested to provide additional information to the withholding agents to enable the withholding agents to determine whether withholding is required. A non-U.S. stockholder may be exempt from the withholding described in this paragraph under an applicable intergovernmental agreement between the U.S. and a foreign government, provided that the non-U.S. stockholder and the applicable foreign government comply with the terms of such agreement.

If we distribute our net capital gains 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 claim 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 gains deemed to have been distributed. In order to obtain the refund, the Non-U.S. stockholder would be required to obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number and file a U.S. federal income tax return even if the Non-U.S. stockholder would not otherwise be required to obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number or file a U.S. federal income tax return. For a corporate Non-U.S. stockholder, distributions (both actual and deemed), and gains realized upon the sale of our common stock that are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business may, under certain circumstances, be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a 30% rate (or at a lower rate if provided for by an applicable treaty). Accordingly, investment in the shares of our common stock may not be appropriate for a Non-U.S. stockholder.

We have the ability to declare and pay a large portion of any distribution qualifying as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes in shares of our stock. Generally, were we to declare such a distribution, each Non-U.S. stockholder generally would be treated as having received a taxable distribution (including for purposes of the application of the withholding tax rules discussed above) on the date the distribution is received in an amount equal to the cash that such Non-U.S. stockholder would have received if the entire distribution had been paid in cash, even if such Non-U.S. stockholder received all or most of the distribution in shares of our stock. In such a circumstance, all or substantially all of the cash that would otherwise be distributed to a Non-U.S. stockholder may be withheld or shares of our stock may be withheld and sold to fund the applicable withholding.

A Non-U.S. stockholder who is a non-resident alien individual, and who is otherwise subject to withholding of federal income tax, may be subject to information reporting and backup tax withholding of federal income tax on distributions unless the Non-U.S. stockholder provides us or the distribution paying agent with an IRS Form W-8BEN, IRS Form W-8BEN-E, or other applicable IRS Form W-8, or otherwise meets documentary evidence requirements for establishing that it is a Non-U.S. stockholder or otherwise establishes an exemption from backup withholding.

Non-U.S. stockholders may also be subject to U.S. estate tax with respect to their investment in our common shares.

Non-U.S. persons should consult their own tax advisors 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.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities in any of three ways (or in any combination): (a) through underwriters or dealers; (b) directly to a limited number of purchasers or to a single purchaser; or (c) through agents. The securities may also be sold "at-the-market" to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market for the securities, on an exchange or otherwise. The prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of the offering of such securities, including:

- the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and the amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them;
- the offering price of the securities and the proceeds to us and any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers; and
- any securities exchanges on which the securities may be listed.

Any offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

We may offer our shares of common stock in a public offering at-the-market to a select group of investors, in which case a stockholder may not be able to participate in such offering and a stockholder will experience dilution unless the stockholder purchases additional shares of our common stock in the secondary market at the same or lower price.

If underwriters are used in the sale of any securities, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own accounts and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The securities may be either offered to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters, or directly by underwriters. Generally, the underwriters' obligations to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities if they purchase any of the securities.

In compliance with the guidelines of FINRA, the maximum compensation to the underwriters or dealers in connection with the sale of our securities pursuant to this prospectus and the accompanying supplement to this prospectus may not exceed 10% of the aggregate offering price of the securities as set forth on the cover page of the supplement to this prospectus.

We may sell the securities through agents from time to time. The prospectus supplement will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities and any commissions we pay to them. Generally, any agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

We may authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers by certain purchasers to purchase the securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts will be subject only to those conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement, and the prospectus supplement will set forth any commissions we pay for soliciting these contracts.

Agents and underwriters may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments which the agents or underwriters may be required to make in respect thereof. Agents and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

We may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and, if not identified in this prospectus, will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment). We or one of our affiliates may loan or pledge securities to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell the securities using this prospectus. Such financial institution or third party may transfer its short position to investors in our securities or in connection with a simultaneous offering of other securities offered by this prospectus or otherwise.

## SUB-ADMINISTRATOR, CUSTODIAN, TRANSFER AGENT AND TRUSTEE

BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., a subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon, provides administrative and accounting services to us under a sub-administration and accounting services agreement. The Bank of New York Mellon provides custodian services to us pursuant to a custodian services agreement. The principal business address of The Bank of New York Mellon is 240 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10286. Equiniti Trust Company, LLC (f/k/a American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC) acts as our transfer agent, distribution paying agent and registrar. Equiniti also serves as trustee under our 2026 Notes. The principal business address of Equiniti is 48 Wall Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10005, telephone number: (800) 468-9716.

### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters regarding the securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Dechert LLP, Boston, Massachusetts and by Venable LLP, as special Maryland counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for underwriters, if any, by the counsel named in the prospectus supplement, if any.

#### INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The consolidated financial statements of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. and Subsidiaries (the Company) as of September 31, 2023 and 2022 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended September 30, 2023 and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2023 incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from the PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2023 have been audited by RSM US LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report thereon (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an emphasis of matter paragraph relating to the reclassification of certain amounts presented therewithin of the 2022 and 2021 financial statements), incorporated herein by reference, and have been incorporated in this Prospectus and Registration Statement in reliance upon such report and upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The report of RSM US LLP dated December 7, 2023, on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2023, expressed an opinion that PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. had not maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The consolidated financial statements of PennantPark Senior Secured Loan Fund I LLC as of September 30, 2023, September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2021 and for the years then ended included as Exhibits 99.3 and 99.4 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 have been incorporated herein by reference, and have been incorporated in this Prospectus and Registration Statement in reliance upon such report and upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

#### **INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the SEC. Pursuant to the Small Business Credit Availability Act, we are allowed to "incorporate by reference" the information that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to comprise a part of this prospectus from the date we file that document.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus additional documents that we may file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until all of the securities offered by this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement have been sold or we otherwise terminate the offering of these securities, including all such documents we may file with the SEC after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to effectiveness of the registration statement; provided, however, that information "furnished" under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K or other information "furnished" to the SEC which is not deemed filed is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. Information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and may supersede information in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement, and information previously filed with the SEC.

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement incorporates by reference the documents set forth below that have previously been filed with the SEC:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, filed on December 8, 2023, including the information specifically incorporated by reference to the Form 10-K from our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on December 13, 2023;
- Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2024, filed with the SEC on February 7, 2024 and May 8, 2024, respectively;
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 12, 2024, February 8, 2024, February 9, 2024, February 27, 2024, April 18, 2024 and May 8, 2024; and
- The description of our common stock contained in <u>Exhibit 4.4</u> of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019 (File No. 814-00891), as filed with the SEC on November 20, 2019, which updated the description thereof referenced in our Registration Statement on <u>Form 8-A</u> (File No. 001-35127), as filed with the SEC on April 7, 2011, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description prior to the termination of the offering of the common stock registered hereby.

To obtain copies of these filings, see "Available Information."

### AVAILABLE INFORMATION

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the SEC. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement, some of which is contained in exhibits to the registration statement as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information with respect to us and the securities we are offering under this prospectus, we refer you to the registration statement, including the exhibits filed as a part of the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus concerning the contents of any contract or any other document are not necessarily complete. If a contract or other document has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, please see the copy of the contract or document that has been filed. Each statement in this prospectus relating to a contract or document filed as an exhibit is qualified in all respects by the filed exhibit.

We file with or submit to the SEC annual, quarterly and current periodic reports, proxy statements and other information meeting the informational requirements of the Exchange Act. This information is available free of charge by calling us collect at (786) 297-9500 or on our website at <u>www.pennantpark.com</u>. Except for the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, the information on our website is not part of this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement. The SEC maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information filed electronically by us with the SEC which are available free of charge on the SEC's Internet website at <u>www.sec.gov</u>. Copies of these reports, proxy and information statements and other information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by sending a request by email to: publicinfo@sec.gov.

#### PART C OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 25. Financial statements and exhibits

Financial Statements.

The consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022 and for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2023 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) as of September 30, 2023 have been incorporated by reference in this registration statement in "Part A—Information Required in a Prospectus."

2 Exhibits.

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- (a) Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Registrant (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(A) to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-170243), filed on March 29, 2011).
- (b) Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 814-00891), filed on May 11, 2020).
- (d)(1) Form of Share Certificate (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(D) to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 5 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-170243), filed on April 5, 2011).
- (d)(2) Form of Subscription Certificate (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(D)(2) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
- (d)(3) Form of Indenture (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(D)(3) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
- (d)(4) Form of Subscription Agent Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(D)(4) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
- (d)(5) Form of Warrant Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(D)(5) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
- (d)(6) Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility with respect to the Form of Indenture (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(6) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-279726), filed on May 24, 2024).
- (d)(7) Form of Articles Supplementary (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(D)(7) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
- (d)(8) Indenture, dated as of September 19, 2019, by and among PennantPark CLO I, Ltd., as issuer, PennantPark CLO I, LLC, as co-issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee and as collateral agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on September 20, 2019).
- (d)(9) Indenture, dated as of March 23, 2021, by and between the Company and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on March 23, 2021).
- (d)(10) First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 23, 2021, by and between the Company and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on March 23, 2021).

- (d)(11) Form of 4.25% Notes due 2026 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(10) hereto).
- (g)\* <u>Third Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement, dated as of May 20, 2024, between PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd.</u> and PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC.
- (h)(1) Form of Underwriting Agreement for equity (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(H)(1) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
- (h)(2) Form of Underwriting Agreement for debt (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(H)(2) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
- (h)(3) Equity Distribution Agreement, dated as of August 11, 2023, by and among PennantPark Floating Rate Capital, Ltd., PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC and Citizens JMP Securities, LLC, as the sales agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on August 11, 2023).
- (h)(4) Equity Distribution Agreement, dated as of August 11, 2023, by and among PennantPark Floating Rate Capital, Ltd., PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC and Raymond James & Associates, Inc., as the sales agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.2 to the Registrant's Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on August 11, 2023).
- (h)(5) Equity Distribution Agreement, dated as of August 11, 2023, by and among PennantPark Floating Rate Capital, Ltd., PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC and Truist Securities, Inc., as the sales agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.3 to the Registrant's Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on August 11, 2023).
- (j)\* <u>Custodian Agreement, dated as of April 7, 2011, between the Registrant and The Bank of New York Mellon.</u>
- (k)(1)\* Stock Transfer Agency Agreement, dated as of April 7, 2011, between the Registrant and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.
- (k)(2)\* Amended and Restated Administration Agreement, dated as of May 20, 2024, between the Registrant and PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC.
- (k)(3)\* Trademark License Agreement, dated as of April 7, 2011, between the Registrant and PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC.
- (k)(4) Revolving Credit and Security Agreement, dated as of August 12, 2021, among PennantPark Floating Rate Funding I, LLC, as the borrower, PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, as the collateral manager, the lenders from time to time party thereto, Truist Bank., as administrative agent, Truist Securities, Inc., as lead arranger, U.S. Bank National Association, as collateral agent, U.S. Bank National Association, as collateral administrator, U.S. Bank National Association, as backup collateral manager, and U.S. Bank National Association, as custodian (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on August 18, 2021).
- (k)(5) Amended and Restated Purchase and Contribution Agreement, dated as of August 12, 2021, between PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd., as the seller, and PennantPark Floating Rate Funding I, LLC, as the buyer (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on August 18, 2021).
- (k)(6) Limited Liability Company Agreement of PennantPark Senior Secured Loan Fund I LLC, dated as of May 4, 2017, by and between PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. and Trinity Universal Insurance Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 814-00891), filed on August 8, 2017).
- (k)(7) Indemnification Agreement, dated as of November 15, 2016, between PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd, and each of the directors and officers listed on Schedule A attached thereto (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 on the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on November 22, 2016).

- (k)(8) Credit Agreement, dated as of September 19, 2019, by and among PennantPark CLO I, Ltd., as borrower, PennantPark CLO I, LLC, as co-borrower, the various financial institutions party thereto from time to time, as lenders, and U.S. Bank National Association, as collateral agent and as loan agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on September 20, 2019).
- (k)(9) Collateral Management Agreement, dated as of September 19, 2019, between PennantPark CLO I, Ltd., as issuer, and PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, as collateral manager (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on September 20, 2019).
- (k)(10) <u>Master Loan Sale Agreement, dated as of September 19, 2019, among PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd., as seller, PennantPark CLO I Depositor, LLC, as intermediate seller, and PennantPark CLO I Ltd., as buyer (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.5 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on September 20, 2019).</u>
- (k)(1) <u>Master Participation Agreement, dated as of September 19, 2019, between PennantPark Floating Rate Funding I, LLC, as seller and</u> <u>PennantPark CLO I, Ltd., as buyer (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.6 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on September 20, 2019).</u>
- (k)(12) Underwriting Agreement, dated August 8, 2022, among PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd., PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC, and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Truist Securities, Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named on Schedule A thereto (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on August 11, 2022).
- (k)(13) First Amendment to Revolving Credit and Security Agreement, dated September 15, 2022, among PennantPark Floating Rate Funding I, LLC, PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, the lenders from time to time party thereto, Truist Bank, as administrative agent and swingline lender, U.S. Bank National Association, as collateral agent, custodian, collateral administrator and backup collateral manager (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on September 21, 2022).
- (k)(14) Underwriting Agreement, dated January 23, 2023, among PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd., PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC, and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, UBS Securities LLC, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named on Schedule A thereto (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on January 26, 2023).
- (k)(15) Indenture, dated as of February 22, 2024, by and between PennantPark CLO VIII, LLC, as issuer, and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee and as collateral agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on February 27, 2024).
- (k)(16) Credit Agreement, dated as of February 22, 2024, by and among PennantPark CLO VIII, LLC, as borrower, the various financial institutions party thereto from time to time, as lenders, and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as collateral agent and as loan agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on February 27, 2024).
- (k)(17) Collateral Management Agreement, dated as of February 22, 2024, between PennantPark CLO VIII, LLC, as issuer, and PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, as collateral manager (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on February 27, 2024).

(k)(18)	Master Loan Sale Agreement, dated as of February 22, 2024, among PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd., as seller, PennantPark CLO VIII, LLC, as buyer, and PennantPark Floating Rate Funding I, LLC as the financing subsidiary (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Form 8-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on February 27, 2024).
(l)(1)	Opinion and Consent of Venable LLP (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (1)(1) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-279726), filed on May 24, 2024).
(1)(2)	<u>Opinion and Consent of Dechert LLP (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (1)(2) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-279726), filed on May 24, 2024).</u>
(n)(1)*	Consent of RSM US LLP.
(n)(2)*	Consent of RSM US LLP.
(n)(3)	Report of RSM US LLP on Senior Securities Table (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on December 8, 2023).
(n)(4)*	Power of Attorney.
(r)(1)	Joint Code of Ethics of the Registrant, PennantPark Investment Corporation and PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 14.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 814-00891), filed on December 8, 2023).
(s)(1)	Form of Prospectus Supplement For Common Stock Offerings (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(S)(1) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
(s)(2)	Form of Prospectus Supplement For Preferred Stock Offerings (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(S)(2) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
(s)(3)	Form of Prospectus Supplement For Debt Offerings (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(S)(3) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
(s)(4)	Form of Prospectus Supplement For Rights Offerings (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(S)(4) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
(s)(5)	Form of Prospectus Supplement For Warrant Offerings (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99(S)(5) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180084), filed on March 14, 2012).
(s)(6)	Calculation of Filing Fee Table (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (s)(6) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-279726), filed on May 24, 2024).

\* Filed herewith

# Item 26. Marketing arrangements

The information contained under the heading "Plan of Distribution" in this Registration Statement is hereby incorporated by reference.

## Item 27. Other expenses of issuance and distribution

The following table sets forth the estimated expenses to be incurred by the Registrant in connection with the offering described in this registration statement:

SEC registration fee		808.29*
NYSE listing fee	\$	**
Printing (other than certificates)	\$	**
Legal fees and expenses		**
Accounting fees and expenses	\$	**
Miscellaneous fees and expenses		**
Total	\$	**

All of the expenses set forth above shall be borne by the Registrant.

\* This amount has been offset against a filing fee associated with unsold securities registered under a previous registration statement.

\*\* To be provided by amendment.

## Item 28. Persons controlled by or under common control with the registrant

The following lists sets forth each of the companies considered to be controlled by us as defined by the 1940 Act.

Name of entity and place of jurisdiction <sup>(1)</sup>	Voting Securities Owned Percentage
PennantPark Floating Rate Funding I, LLC (Delaware)	100%
PennantPark Floating Rate Funding II, LLC (Delaware)	100%
PennantPark CLO I, LLC (Delaware)	100%
PennantPark CLO I, Ltd. (Cayman Islands)	100%
PennantPark CLO I Depositor, LLC (Delaware)	100%
PennantPark CLO VIII, LLC (Delaware)	100%
PFLT Investment Holdings, LLC (Delaware)	100%
PFLT Investment Holdings II, LLC (Delaware)	100%
PennantPark Senior Secured Loan Fund I LLC	50% <sup>(2)</sup>

(1) All entities other than PSSL set forth in the list are wholly-owned subsidiaries of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd.

(2) This is a controlled affiliated investment.

## Item 29. Number of holders of securities

As of March 31, 2024

	Number of Record
Title of Class	Holders
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	32

#### Item 30. Indemnification

The information contained under the heading "Description of our Capital Stock—Limitation on Liability of Directors and Officers; Indemnification and Advance of Expenses" is incorporated herein by reference.



## Item 31. Business and other connections of Investment Adviser

Neither the Investment Adviser nor any officer, director or partner of the Investment Adviser has been substantially engaged in any business, profession, vocation or employment since the inception of the Investment Adviser other than as set forth under the headings "Portfolio Management" or is otherwise incorporated by reference. Additional information regarding the Investment Adviser and its officers and directors is set forth in its Form ADV, as filed with the SEC (SEC File No. 801-67622), and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 32. Location of accounts and records

All accounts, books and other documents required to be maintained by Section 31(a) of the 1940 Act, and the rules thereunder are maintained at the offices of:

- (1) the Registrant, PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd., 1691 Michigan Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139;
- (2) the Transfer Agent, Equiniti Trust Company, LLC, 48 Wall Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10005;
- (3) the Custodian, The Bank of New York Mellon, 240 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10286; and
- (4) the Investment Adviser, PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, 1691 Michigan Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

#### Item 33. Management services

Not Applicable.

## Item 34. Undertakings

The Registrant hereby undertakes:

- 1. to suspend the offering of shares until the prospectus filed as part of this registration statement is amended if (1) subsequent to the effective date of its registration statement, the NAV declines more than ten percent from its NAV as of the effective date of the registration statement; or (2) the NAV increases to an amount greater than the net proceeds as stated in the prospectus.
- 2. Not applicable.
- 3. Not applicable.
- 4. (a) for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the Registrant under Rule 424(b) (1) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective; and (b) for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of the securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- 5. Not applicable.
- 6. insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director,

officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

7. to send by first class mail or other means designed to ensure equally prompt delivery, within two business days of receipt of a written or oral request, any prospectus or Statement of Additional Information.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, and State of New York, on the 21st day of June 2024.

## By: /s/ Arthur H. Penn

Name: Arthur H. Penn Title: Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the

Board

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities set forth below on the 21st day of June 2024.

Name	Title
/s/ Arthur H. Penn	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors
Arthur H. Penn /s/ Richard T. Allorto, Jr.	(Principal Executive Officer) —— Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
Richard T. Allorto, Jr. *	
Adam K. Bernstein *	Director
Jeffrey Flug	Director
* Marshall Brozost	Director
* Samuel L. Katz	Director
*	Director
José A. Briones	

\* Signed by Richard T. Allorto, Jr. on behalf of those identified pursuant to his designation as an attorney-in-fact signed on May 24, 2024.

## THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED

## **INVESTMENT ADVISORY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

## **BETWEEN**

### PENNANTPARK FLOATING RATE CAPITAL LTD.

## AND

### PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT ADVISERS, LLC

THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") made this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024, by and between PENNANTPARK FLOATING RATE CAPITAL LTD., a Maryland corporation (the "Corporation"), and PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT ADVISERS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Adviser").

WHEREAS, the Corporation operates as a closed-end management investment company;

WHEREAS, the Corporation has filed an election to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act");

WHEREAS, the Corporation and the Adviser are parties to that certain investment advisory management agreement dated April 7, 2011, as amended and restated on August 7, 2012, by and between the Corporation and the Adviser (the "Prior Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Corporation and the Adviser desire to amend and restate the Prior Agreement to set forth the terms and conditions for the continued provision by the Adviser of investment advisory services to the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation's board of directors has determined that such amendment and restatement clarifies the intent of the Prior Agreement in a manner that is consistent with the Corporation's public disclosures and is not detrimental to the Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereby agree as follows:

### 1. Duties of the Adviser.

(a) The Corporation hereby employs the Adviser to act as the investment adviser to the Corporation and to manage the investment and reinvestment of the assets of the Corporation, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, for the period and upon the terms herein set forth, (i) in accordance with the investment objective, policies and restrictions that are set forth in the Corporation's registration statement, as the same may be amended from time to time, (ii) in accordance with the 1940 Act and (iii) during the term of this Agreement in accordance with all other applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and the Corporation's charter and by-laws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Adviser shall, during the term and subject to the provisions of this Agreement, (i) determine the composition of the portfolio of the Corporation, the nature and timing of the changes therein and the manner of implementing such changes; (ii) identify, evaluate and negotiate the structure of the investments made by the Corporation; (iii) close and monitor the Corporation's investments; determine the securities and other assets that the Corporation will purchase, retain, or sell; perform due diligence on prospective portfolio companies; and (vi) provide the Corporation with such other investment advisory, research and related services as the Corporation may, from time to time, reasonably

require for the investment of its funds. The Adviser shall have the power and authority on behalf of the Corporation to effectuate its investment decisions for the Corporation, including the execution and delivery of all documents relating to the Corporation's investments and the placing of orders for other purchase or sale transactions on behalf of the Corporation. In the event that the Corporation determines to acquire debt financing, the Adviser will arrange for such financing on the Corporation's behalf, subject to the oversight and approval of the Corporation's Board of Directors. If it is necessary for the Adviser to make investments on behalf of the Corporation through a special purpose vehicle, the Adviser shall have authority to create or arrange for the creation of such special purpose vehicle and to make such investments through such special purpose vehicle in accordance with the 1940 Act.

(b) The Adviser hereby accepts such employment and agrees during the term hereof to render the services described herein for the compensation provided herein.

(c) Subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Adviser is hereby authorized to enter into one or more sub-advisory agreements with other investment advisers (each, a "Sub-Adviser") pursuant to which the Adviser may obtain the services of the Sub-Adviser(s) to assist the Adviser in fulfilling its responsibilities hereunder. Specifically, the Adviser may retain a Sub-Adviser to recommend specific securities or other investments based upon the Corporation's investment objective and policies, and work, along with the Adviser, in structuring, negotiating, arranging or effecting the acquisition or disposition of such investments and monitoring investments on behalf of the Corporation, subject to the oversight of the Adviser and the Corporation. The Adviser, and not the Corporation, shall be responsible for any compensation payable to any Sub-Adviser. Any sub-advisory agreement entered into by the Adviser shall be in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act and other applicable federal and state law.

(d) The Adviser shall for all purposes herein provided be deemed to be an independent contractor and, except as expressly provided or authorized herein, shall have no authority to act for or represent the Corporation in any way or otherwise be deemed an agent of the Corporation.

(e) The Adviser shall keep and preserve, in the manner and for the period that would be applicable to investment companies registered under the 1940 Act any books and records relevant to the provision of its investment advisory services to the Corporation and shall specifically maintain all books and records with respect to the Corporation's portfolio transactions and shall render to the Corporation's Board of Directors such periodic and special reports as the Board may reasonably request. The Adviser agrees that all records that it maintains for the Corporation are the property of the Corporation and will surrender promptly to the Corporation any such records upon the Corporation's request, provided that the Adviser may retain a copy of such records.

2. <u>Corporation's Responsibilities and Expenses Payable by the Corporation</u>. All investment professionals of the Adviser and their respective staffs, when and to the extent engaged in providing investment advisory and management services hereunder, and the compensation and routine overhead expenses of such personnel allocable to such services, will be provided and paid for by the Adviser and not by the Corporation. The Corporation will bear all other costs and expenses of its operations and transactions, including (without limitation) those relating to: organization and offering; calculating the Corporation's net asset value (including the cost and expenses of any independent valuation firm); expenses incurred by the Adviser payable to third parties, including agents, consultants or other advisors, in monitoring financial and legal affairs for the Corporation and in monitoring the Corporation's investments and performing due diligence (including related legal expenses) on its prospective portfolio companies; interest payable on debt, if any, incurred to finance the Corporation's investment advisory and management fees; administration fees payable under the Administration Agreement (the "Administration Agreement") between the Corporation and PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC (the "Administrator"), the Corporation's administrator; fees payable to

third parties, including agents, consultants or other advisors, relating to, or associated with, evaluating and making investments, including costs associated with meeting potential financial sponsors; transfer agent and custodial fees; federal and state registration fees; all costs of registration and listing the Corporation's shares on any securities exchange; federal, state and local taxes; independent directors' fees and expenses; costs of preparing and filing reports or other documents required by the Securities and Exchange Commission; costs of any reports, proxy statements or other notices to stockholders, including printing costs; costs associated with individual or group stockholders; the Corporation's allocable portion of the fidelity bond, directors and officers/errors and omissions liability insurance, and any other insurance premiums; direct costs and expenses of administration, including printing, mailing, long distance telephone, copying, secretarial and other staff, independent auditors and outside legal costs; and all other expenses incurred by the Corporation or the Administrator in connection with administering the Corporation's business, including payments under the Administration Agreement between the Corporation of the Administrator's overhead in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent and the allocable portion of the corporation's chief compliance officer and chief financial officer and their respective staffs.

3. <u>Compensation of the Adviser</u>. The Corporation agrees to pay, and the Adviser agrees to accept, as compensation for the services provided by the Adviser hereunder, a base management fee ("Base Management Fee") and an incentive fee ("Incentive Fee") as hereinafter set forth. The Corporation shall make any payments due hereunder to the Adviser or to the Adviser's designee as the Adviser may otherwise direct. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Adviser may elect, or adopt a deferred compensation plan pursuant to which it may elect, to defer all or a portion of its fees hereunder for a specified period of time.

(a) The Base Management Fee shall be calculated at an annual rate of 1.00% of the Corporation's "average adjusted gross assets," which equals the Corporation's gross assets (net of U.S. Treasury Bills, temporary draws under any credit facility, cash and cash equivalents, repurchase agreements or other balance sheet transactions undertaken at the end of a fiscal quarter for purposes of preserving investment flexibility for the next quarter and adjusted to exclude cash, cash equivalents and unfunded commitments, if any). For services rendered under this Agreement, the Base Management Fee will be payable quarterly in arrears. The Base Management Fee will be calculated based on the average adjusted gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters, and appropriately adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the current calendar quarter. Base Management Fees for any partial month or quarter will be appropriately pro-rated.

### (b) The Incentive Fee shall consist of two parts, as follows:

(i) One part will be calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on the Corporation's pre-Incentive Fee net investment income for the immediately preceding calendar quarter. For this purpose, pre-Incentive Fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income, including any other fees (other than fees for providing managerial assistance), such as amendment, commitment, origination, structuring, prepayment penalties, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that the Corporation receives from portfolio companies, accrued during the calendar quarter, minus the Corporation's operating expenses for the quarter (including the Base Management Fee, any expenses payable under the Administration Agreement, and any interest expense or amendment fees under any credit facility and distribution paid on any issued and outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the Incentive Fee). Pre-Incentive Fee net investment income includes, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature (such as original issue discount, debt instruments with payment-in-kind interest and zero coupon securities), accrued income that the Corporation has not yet received in cash. Pre-Incentive Fee

net investment income does not include any realized capital gains, computed net of all realized capital losses or unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation. Pre-Incentive Fee net investment income, expressed as a percentage of the value of the Corporation's net assets at the end of the immediately preceding calendar quarter, will be compared to a "hurdle rate" of 1.75% per quarter (7.00% annualized). The Corporation's net investment income used to calculate this part of the Incentive Fee is also included in the amount of its gross assets used to calculate the 1.00% Base Management Fee. The Corporation will pay the Adviser an Incentive Fee with respect to the Corporation's pre-Incentive Fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate of 1.75%; (2) 50% of the Corporation's pre-Incentive Fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate of 1.75%; (2) 50% of the Corporation's pre-Incentive Fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.9167% in any calendar quarter (11.67% annualized) (this portion of the pre-Incentive Fee net investment income (which exceeds the hurdle but is less than 2.9167%) is referred to herein as the "catch-up," which is meant to provide the Adviser with 20% of the Corporation's pre-Incentive Fee net investment income exceeds 2.9167% in any calendar quarter. These calculations will be appropriately pro-rated for any period of less than three months and adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the relevant quarter.

(ii) The second part of the Incentive Fee (the "Capital Gains Fee") will be determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of this Agreement as set forth below), commencing with December 31, 2011, and will equal 20.0% of the Corporation's realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid Capital Gains Fees. In the event that this Agreement shall terminate as of a date that is not a calendar year end, the termination date shall be treated as though it were a calendar year end for purposes of calculating and paying a Capital Gains Fee.

4. <u>Covenants of the Adviser</u>. The Adviser covenants that it is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act. The Adviser agrees that its activities will at all times be in compliance in all material respects with all applicable federal and state laws governing its operations and investments.

5. Excess Brokerage Commissions. The Adviser is hereby authorized, to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law, to cause the Corporation to pay a member of a national securities exchange, broker or dealer an amount of commission for effecting a securities transaction in excess of the amount of commission another member of such exchange, broker or dealer would have charged for effecting that transaction, if the Adviser determines in good faith, 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, that such amount of commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and/or research services provided by such member, broker or dealer, viewed in terms of either that particular transaction or its overall responsibilities with respect to the Corporation's portfolio, and constitutes the best net results for the Corporation.

6. <u>Limitations on the Employment of the Adviser</u>. The services of the Adviser to the Corporation are not exclusive, and the Adviser may engage in any other business or render similar or different services to others including, without limitation, the direct or indirect sponsorship or management of other investment based accounts or commingled pools of capital, however structured, having investment objectives similar

to those of the Corporation, so long as its services to the Corporation hereunder are not impaired thereby, and nothing in this Agreement shall limit or restrict the right of any manager, partner, officer or employee of the Adviser to engage in any other business or to devote his or her time and attention in part to any other business, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature, or to receive any fees or compensation in connection therewith (including fees for serving as a director of, or providing consulting services to, one or more of the Corporation's portfolio companies, subject to applicable law). So long as this Agreement or any extension, renewal or amendment remains in effect, the Adviser shall be the only investment adviser for the Corporation, subject to the Adviser's right to enter into sub-advisory agreements. The Adviser assumes no responsibility under this Agreement other than to render the services called for hereunder. It is understood that directors, officers, employees and stockholders of the Corporation are or may become interested in the Adviser and its affiliates, as directors, officers, employees, partners, stockholders, members, managers or otherwise, and that the Adviser and directors, officers, employees, partners, stockholders, members and managers of the Adviser and its affiliates are or may become similarly interested in the Corporation as stockholders or otherwise.

7. <u>Responsibility of Dual Directors, Officers and/or Employees</u>. If any person who is a manager, partner, officer or employee of the Adviser or the Administrator is or becomes a director, officer and/or employee of the Corporation and acts as such in any business of the Corporation, then such manager, partner, officer and/or employee of the Adviser or the Administrator shall be deemed to be acting in such capacity solely for the Corporation, and not as a manager, partner, officer or employee of the Adviser or the Administrator or under the control or direction of the Adviser or the Administrator, even if paid by the Adviser or the Administrator.

8. Limitation of Liability of the Adviser; Indemnification. The Adviser (and its officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with the Adviser, including without limitation its general partner and the Administrator) shall not be liable to the Corporation for any action taken or omitted to be taken by the Adviser in connection with the performance of any of its duties or obligations under this Agreement or otherwise as an investment adviser of the Corporation, except to the extent specified in Section 36(b) of the 1940 Act concerning loss resulting from a breach of fiduciary duty (as the same is finally determined by judicial proceedings) with respect to the receipt of compensation for services, and the Corporation shall indemnify, defend and protect the Adviser (and its officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with the Adviser, including without limitation its general partner and the Administrator, each of whom shall be deemed a third party beneficiary hereof, collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") and hold them harmless from and against all damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) incurred by the Indemnified Parties in or by reason of any pending, threatened or completed action, suit, investigation or other proceeding (including an action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation or its security holders) arising out of or otherwise based upon the performance of any of the Adviser's duties or obligations under this Agreement or otherwise as an investment adviser of the Corporation. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence of this Paragraph 8 to the contrary, nothing contained herein shall protect or be deemed to protect the Indemnified Parties against or entitle or be deemed to entitle the Indemnified Parties to indemnification in respect of, any liability to the Corporation or its security holders to which the Indemnified Parties would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of the Adviser's duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of the Adviser's duties and obligations under this Agreement (as the same shall be determined in accordance with the 1940 Act and any interpretations or guidance by the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff thereunder).

9. <u>Effectiveness, Duration and Termination of Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall become effective as of the first date above written. This Agreement shall continue automatically for successive annual periods, provided that such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by (a) the vote of the Corporation's Board of Directors, or by the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Corporation and (b) the vote of a majority of the Corporation's directors who are not parties to this Agreement or "interested persons" (as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act) of any such party, in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act. This Agreement may be terminated at any time, without the payment of any penalty, upon 60 days' written notice, by the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Corporation's Directors or by the Adviser. This Agreement will automatically terminate in the event of its "assignment" (as such term is defined for purposes of Section 15(a)(4) of the 1940 Act). The provisions of Paragraph 8 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, and the Adviser shall remain entitled to the benefits thereof, notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement. Further, notwithstanding the termination or expiration of this Agreement as aforesaid, the Adviser shall be entitled to any amounts owed under Section 3 through the date of termination or expiration and Section 8 shall continue in force and effect and apply to the Adviser and its representatives as and to the extent applicable.

10. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice under this Agreement shall be given in writing, addressed and delivered or mailed, postage prepaid, to the other party at its principal office.

11. <u>Amendments</u>. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent, but the consent of the Corporation must be obtained in conformity with the requirements of the 1940 Act.

12. Entire Agreement; Governing Law. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings and arrangements with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the applicable provisions of the 1940 Act. To the extent the applicable laws of the State of New York, or any of the provisions herein, conflict with the provisions of the 1940 Act, the latter shall control.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed on the date above written.

# PENNANTPARK FLOATING RATE CAPITAL LTD.

By: /s/Arthur Penn	
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Name:	Arthur Penn
Title:	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of
	Directors

## PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT ADVISERS, LLC

By:/s/Arthur PennName:Arthur Penn

Title: Managing Member

Exhibit (j)

TEF BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

## CUSTODY AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated as of April 7, 2011, between PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. (the "Fund") and The Bank of New York Mellon, a New York corporation authorized to do a banking business having its principal office and place of business at One Wall Street, New York, New York 10286 ("Custodian").

#### WITNESSETH:

that for and in consideration of the mutual promises hereinafter set forth the Fund and Custodian agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Whenever used in this Agreement, the following words shall have the meanings set forth below:

1. "Authorized Person" shall be any person, whether or not an officer or employee of the Fund, duly authorized by the Fund's board to execute any Certificate or to give any Oral Instruction with respect to one or more Accounts, such persons to be designated in a Certificate annexed hereto as Schedule I hereto or such other Certificate as may be received by Custodian from time to time.

2. "BNY Affiliate" shall mean any office, branch or subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation.

3. "Book-Entry System" shall mean the Federal Reserve/Treasury book-entry system for receiving and delivering securities, its successors and nominees.

4. "Business Day" shall mean any day on which Custodian and relevant Depositories are open for business.

5. "Certificate" shall mean any notice, instruction, or other instrument in writing, authorized or required by this Agreement to be given to Custodian, which is actually received by Custodian by letter or facsimile transmission and signed on behalf of the Fund by an Authorized Person or a person reasonably believed by Custodian to be an Authorized Person.

6. **"Composite Currency Unit"** shall mean the Euro or any other composite currency unit consisting of the aggregate of specified amounts of specified currencies, as such unit may be constituted from time to time.

7. **"Depository**" shall include (a) the Book-Entry System, (b) the Depository Trust Company, (c) any other clearing agency or securities depository registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission identified to the Fund from time to time, and (d) the respective successors and nominees of the foregoing.

8. **"Foreign Depository"** shall mean (a) Euroclear, (b) Clearstream Banking, societe anonyme, (c) each Eligible Securities Depository as defined in Rule 17f-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, identified to the Fund from time to time, and (d) the respective successors and nominees of the foregoing.

9. "Hedge Fund Investments" shall mean investments by any Customer in hedge funds, mutual funds and other investment or collective investment vehicles.

10. **"Instructions"** shall mean communications actually received by Custodian by S.W.I.F.T., tested telex, letter, facsimile transmission, or other method or system specified by Custodian as available for use in connection with the services hereunder.

11. **"Oral Instructions"** shall mean verbal instructions received by Custodian from an Authorized Person or from a person reasonably believed by Custodian to be an Authorized Person.

12. "Series" shall mean the various portfolios, if any, of the Fund listed on Schedule II hereto, and if none are listed references to Series shall be references to the Fund.

13. **"Securities**" shall include, without limitation, any common stock and other equity securities, bonds, debentures and other debt securities, notes, loans, mortgages or other obligations, and any instruments representing rights to receive, purchase, or subscribe for the same, or representing any other rights or interests therein (whether represented by a certificate or held in a Depository or by a Subcustodian).

14. **"Subcustodian"** shall mean a bank (including any branch thereof) or other financial institution (other than a Foreign Depository) located outside the U.S. which is utilized by Custodian in connection with the purchase, sale or custody of Securities hereunder and identified to the Fund from time to time, and their respective successors and nominees.

#### ARTICLE II APPOINTMENT OF CUSTODIAN; ACCOUNTS; REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, AND COVENANTS

1. (a) The Fund hereby appoints Custodian as custodian of all Securities and cash at any time delivered to Custodian during the term of this Agreement, and authorizes Custodian to hold Securities in registered form in its name or the name of its nominees. Custodian hereby accepts such appointment and agrees to establish and maintain one or more securities accounts and cash accounts for each Series in which Custodian will hold Securities and cash as provided herein. Custodian shall maintain books and records segregating the assets of each Series from the assets of any other Series. Such accounts (each, an "Account"; collectively, the "Accounts") shall be in the name of the Fund.

(b) Custodian may from time to time establish on its books and records such sub-accounts within each Account as the Fund and Custodian may agree upon (each a "Special Account"), and Custodian shall reflect therein such assets as the Fund may specify in a Certificate or Instructions.

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(c) Custodian may from time to time establish pursuant to a written agreement with and for the benefit of a broker, dealer, future commission merchant or other third party identified in a Certificate or Instructions such accounts on such terms and conditions as the Fund and Custodian shall agree, and Custodian shall transfer to such account such Securities and money as the Fund may specify in a Certificate or Instructions.

2. The Fund hereby represents and warrants, which representations and warranties shall be continuing and shall be deemed to be reaffirmed upon each delivery of a Certificate or each giving of Oral Instructions or Instructions by the Fund, that:

(a) It is duly organized and existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, with full power to carry on its business as now conducted, to enter into this Agreement, and to perform its obligations hereunder;

(b) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Fund, approved by a resolution of its board, constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the Fund, enforceable in accordance with its terms, and there is no statute, regulation, rule, order or judgment binding on it, and no provision of its charter or by-laws, nor of any mortgage, indenture, credit agreement or other contract binding on it or affecting its property, which would prohibit its execution or performance of this Agreement;

(c) It is conducting its business in substantial compliance with all applicable laws and requirements, both state and federal, and has obtained all regulatory licenses, approvals and consents necessary to carry on its business as now conducted;

(d) It will not use the services provided by Custodian hereunder in any manner that is, or will result in, a violation of any law, rule or regulation applicable to the Fund;

(e) Its board or its foreign custody manager, as defined in Rule 17f-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "40 Act"), has determined that use of each Subcustodian (including any Replacement Custodian) which Custodian is authorized to utilize in accordance with Section 1(a) of Article III hereof satisfies the applicable requirements of the '40 Act and Rule 17f-5 thereunder;

(f) The Fund or its investment adviser has determined that the custody arrangements of each Foreign Depository provide reasonable safeguards against the custody risks associated with maintaining assets with such Foreign Depository within the meaning of Rule 17f-7 under the '40 Act;

(g) It is fully informed of the protections and risks associated with various methods of transmitting Instructions and Oral Instructions and delivering Certificates to Custodian, shall, and shall cause each Authorized Person, to safeguard and treat with extreme care any user and authorization codes, passwords and/or authentication keys, understands that there may be more secure methods of transmitting or delivering the same than the methods selected by the Fund, agrees that the security procedures (if any) to be followed in connection therewith provide a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances, and acknowledges and agrees that Instructions need not be reviewed by Custodian, may conclusively be presumed by Custodian to have been given by person(s) duly authorized, and may be acted upon as given;

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(h) It shall manage its borrowings, including, without limitation, any advance or overdraft (including any day-light overdraft) in the Accounts, so that the aggregate of its total borrowings for each Series does not exceed the amount such Series is permitted to borrow under the '40 Act;

(i) Its transmission or giving of, and Custodian acting upon and in reliance on, Certificates, Instructions, or Oral Instructions pursuant to this Agreement shall at all times comply with the '40 Act;

(j) It shall impose and maintain restrictions on the destinations to which cash may be disbursed by Instructions to ensure that each disbursement is for a proper purpose;

(k) (i) it has established and presently maintains policies and procedures requiring it to obtain and verify information about the identity of its customers and which are reasonably designed to ensure that it is not being used as a conduit for money laundering or other illicit purposes; and

(ii) it has verified the identity of each such third party and made reasonable inquiries regarding the source of funds credited to such Account, and to the best of its knowledge, no transaction through any Account is prohibited by applicable law, regulation or rule; and

(1) It has the right to make the pledge and grant the security interest and security entitlement to Custodian contained in Section 1 of Article V hereof, free of any right of redemption or prior claim of any other person or entity, such pledge and such grants shall have a first priority subject to no setoffs, counterclaims, or other liens or grants prior to or on a parity therewith, and it shall take such additional steps as Custodian may require to assure such priority.

3. The Custodian hereby represents and warrants, which representations and warranties shall be continuing and shall be deemed to be reaffirmed upon each receipt of a Certificate or of Oral Instructions or Instruction by the Fund, that:

(a) It is duly organized and existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, with full power to carry on its business as now conducted, to enter into this Agreement, and to perform its obligations hereunder;

(b) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Custodian, constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of Custodian, enforceable in accordance with its terms;;

(c) It is conducting its business in substantial compliance with all applicable laws and requirements, both state and federal, and has obtained all regulatory licenses, approvals and consents necessary to carry on its business as now conducted; and

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(d) It has at least the minimum qualifications required by Section 17(f)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "40 Act"), to act as custodian of the portfolio securities and cash of the Fund, and has indicated its willingness to so act, subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

4. The Fund hereby covenants that it shall from time to time complete and execute and deliver to Custodian upon Custodian's request a Form FR U-1 (or successor form) whenever the Fund borrows from Custodian any money to be used for the purchase or carrying of margin stock as defined in Federal Reserve Regulation U.

## ARTICLE III CUSTODY AND RELATED SERVICES

1. (a) Subject to the terms hereof, the Fund hereby authorizes Custodian to hold any Securities received by it from time to time for the Fund's account. Custodian shall be entitled to utilize, subject to subsection (c) of this Section 1, Depositories, Subcustodians, and, subject to subsection (d) of this Section 1, Foreign Depositories, to the extent possible in connection with its performance hereunder. Securities and cash held in a Depository or Foreign Depository will be held subject to the rules, terms and conditions of such entity. Securities and cash held through Subcustodians shall be held subject to the terms and conditions of Custodians. Subcustodians may be authorized to hold Securities in Foreign Depositories in which such Subcustodians participate. Unless otherwise required by local law or practice or a particular subcustodian agreement, Securities deposited with a Subcustodian, a Depository or a Foreign Depositories, or Subcustodians. Custodian shall, directly or indirectly through Depositories, or Subcustodians. Custodian shall, directly or indirectly through Subcustodians, Depositories, or Foreign Depositories, endeavor, to the extent feasible, to hold Securities in the country or other jurisdiction in which the principal trading market for such Securities is located, where such Securities are to be presented for cancellation and/or payment and/or registration, or where such Securities are acquired. Custodian at any time may cease utilizing any Subcustodian and/or may replace a Subcustodian with a different Subcustodian (the "Replacement Subcustodian,"). In the event Custodian selects a Replacement Subcustodian and/or foreign custody manager has determined that utilization of such Replacement Subcustodian satisfies the requirements of the '40 Act and Rule 17f-5 thereunder.

(b) Unless Custodian has received a Certificate or Instructions to the contrary, Custodian shall hold Securities indirectly through a Subcustodian only if (i) the Securities are not subject to any right, charge, security interest, lien or claim of any kind in favor of such Subcustodian or its creditors or operators, including a receiver or trustee in bankruptcy or similar authority, except for a claim of payment for the safe custody or administration of Securities on behalf of the Fund by such Subcustodian, and (ii) beneficial ownership of the Securities is freely transferable without the payment of money or value other than for safe custody or administration.

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(c) With respect to each Depository, Custodian (i) shall exercise due care in accordance with reasonable commercial standards in discharging its duties as a securities intermediary to obtain and thereafter maintain Securities or financial assets deposited or held in such Depository, and (ii) will provide, promptly upon request by the Fund, such reports as are available concerning the internal accounting controls and financial strength of Depository.

(d) With respect to each Foreign Depository, Custodian shall exercise reasonable care, prudence, and diligence (i) to provide the Fund with an analysis of the custody risks associated with maintaining assets with the Foreign Depository, and (ii) to monitor such custody risks on a continuing basis and promptly notify the Fund of any material change in such risks. The Fund acknowledges and agrees that such analysis and monitoring shall be made on the basis of, and limited by, information gathered from Subcustodians or through publicly available information otherwise obtained by Custodian, and shall not include any evaluation of Country Risks. As used herein the term "Country Risks" shall mean with respect to any Foreign Depository: (a) the financial infrastructure of the country in which it is organized, (b) such country's prevailing custody and settlement practices, (c) nationalization, expropriation or other governmental actions, (d) such country's regulation of the banking or securities industry, (e) currency controls, restrictions, devaluations or fluctuations, and (f) market conditions which affect the order execution of securities transactions or affect the value of securities.

2. Custodian shall furnish the Fund with an advice of daily transactions (including a confirmation of each transfer of Securities) and a monthly summary of all transfers to or from the Accounts.

3. With respect to all Securities held hereunder, Custodian shall, unless otherwise instructed to the contrary:

(a) Receive all income and other payments and advise the Fund as promptly as practicable of any such amounts due but not paid;

(b) Present for payment and receive the amount paid upon all Securities which may mature and advise the Fund as promptly as practicable of any such amounts due but not paid;

(c) Forward to the Fund copies of all information or documents that it may actually receive from an issuer of Securities which, in the opinion of Custodian, are intended for the beneficial owner of Securities;

(d) Execute, as custodian, any certificates of ownership, affidavits, declarations or other certificates under any tax laws now or hereafter in effect in connection with the collection of bond and note coupons;

(e) Hold directly or through a Depository, a Foreign Depository, or a Subcustodian all rights and similar Securities issued with respect to any Securities credited to an Account hereunder; and

(f) Endorse for collection checks, drafts or other negotiable instruments.

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4. (a) Custodian shall notify the Fund of rights or discretionary actions with respect to Securities held hereunder, and of the date or dates by when such rights must be exercised or such action must be taken, provided that Custodian has actually received, from the issuer or the relevant Depository (with respect to Securities issued in the United States) or from the relevant Subcustodian, Foreign Depository, or a nationally or internationally recognized bond or corporate action service to which Custodian subscribes, timely notice of such rights or discretionary corporate action or of the date or dates such rights must be exercised or such action must be taken. Absent actual receipt of such notice, Custodian shall have no liability for failing to so notify the Fund.

(b) Whenever Securities (including, but not limited to, warrants, options, tenders, options to tender or non-mandatory puts or calls) confer discretionary rights on the Fund or provide for discretionary action or alternative courses of action by the Fund, the Fund shall be responsible for making any decisions relating thereto and for directing Custodian to act. In order for Custodian to act, it must receive the Fund's Certificate or Instructions at Custodian's offices, addressed as Custodian may from time to time request, not later than noon (New York time) at least two (2) Business Days prior to the last scheduled date to act with respect to such Securities (or such earlier date or time as Custodian may specify to the Fund). Absent Custodian's timely receipt of such Certificate or Instructions, Custodian shall not be liable for failure to take any action relating to or to exercise any rights conferred by such Securities.

5. All voting rights with respect to Securities, however registered, shall be exercised by the Fund or its designee. Custodian will make available to the Fund proxy voting services upon the request of, and for the jurisdictions selected by, the Fund in accordance with terms and conditions to be mutually agreed upon by Custodian and the Fund.

6. Custodian shall promptly advise the Fund upon Custodian's actual receipt of notification of the partial redemption, partial payment or other action affecting less than all Securities of the relevant class. If Custodian, any Subcustodian, any Depository, or any Foreign Depository holds any Securities in which the Fund has an interest as part of a fungible mass, Custodian, such Subcustodian, Depository, or Foreign Depository may select the Securities to participate in such partial redemption, partial payment or other action in any non-discriminatory manner that it customarily uses to make such selection.

7. Custodian shall not under any circumstances accept bearer interest coupons which have been stripped from United States federal, state or local government or agency securities unless explicitly agreed to by Custodian in writing.

8. The Fund shall be liable for all taxes, assessments, duties and other governmental charges, including any interest or penalty with respect thereto ("Taxes"), with respect to any cash or Securities held on behalf of the Fund or any transaction related thereto. The Fund shall indemnify Custodian and each Subcustodian for the amount of any Tax that Custodian, any such Subcustodian or any other withholding agent is required under applicable laws (whether by assessment or otherwise) to pay on behalf of, or in respect of income earned by or payments or distributions made to or for the account of the Fund (including any payment of Tax required by reason of an earlier failure to withhold). Custodian shall, or shall instruct the applicable Subcustodian or other withholding agent to, withhold the amount of any Tax which is required to

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be withheld under applicable law upon collection of any dividend, interest or other distribution made with respect to any Security and any proceeds or income from the sale, loan or other transfer of any Security. In the event that Custodian or any Subcustodian is required under applicable law to pay any Tax on behalf of the Fund, Custodian is hereby authorized to withdraw cash from any cash account in the amount required to pay such Tax and to use such cash, or to remit such cash to the appropriate Subcustodian or other withholding agent, for the timely payment of such Tax in the manner required by applicable law. If the aggregate amount of cash in all cash accounts is not sufficient to pay such Tax, Custodian shall promptly notify the Fund of the additional amount of cash (in the appropriate currency) required, and the Fund shall directly deposit such additional amount in the appropriate cash account promptly after receipt of such notice, for use by Custodian as specified herein. In the event that Custodian reasonably believes that Fund is eligible, pursuant to applicable law or to the provisions of any tax treaty, for a reduced rate of, or exemption from, any Tax which is otherwise required to be withheld or paid on behalf of the Fund under any applicable law, Custodian shall, or shall instruct the applicable Subcustodian or withholding agent to, either withhold or pay such Tax at such reduced rate or refrain from withholding or paying such Tax, as appropriate; provided that Custodian shall have received from the Fund all documentary evidence of residence or other qualification for such reduced rate or exemption required to be received under such applicable law or treaty. In the event that Custodian reasonably believes that a reduced rate of, or exemption from, any Tax is obtainable only by means of an application for refund, Custodian and the applicable Subcustodian shall have no responsibility for the accuracy or validity of any forms or documentation provided by the Fund to Custodian hereunder. The Fund hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Custodian and each Subcustodian in respect of any liability arising from any underwithholding or underpayment of any Tax which results from the inaccuracy or invalidity of any such forms or other documentation, and such obligation to indemnify shall be a continuing obligation of the Fund, its successors and assigns notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.

9. (a) For the purpose of settling Securities and foreign exchange transactions, the Fund shall provide Custodian with sufficient immediately available funds for all transactions by such time and date as conditions in the relevant market dictate. As used herein, "sufficient immediately available funds" shall mean either (i) sufficient cash denominated in U.S. dollars to purchase the necessary foreign currency, or (ii) sufficient applicable foreign currency, to settle the transaction. Custodian shall provide the Fund with immediately available funds each day which result from the actual settlement of all sale transactions, based upon advices received by Custodian from Subcustodians, Depositories, and Foreign Depositories. Such funds shall be in U.S. dollars or such other currency as the Fund may specify to Custodian.

(b) Any foreign exchange transaction effected by Custodian in connection with this Agreement may be entered with Custodian or a BNY Affiliate acting as principal or otherwise through customary banking channels. The Fund may issue a standing Certificate or Instructions with respect to foreign exchange transactions, but Custodian may establish rules or limitations concerning any foreign exchange facility made available to the Fund. The Fund shall bear all risks of investing in Securities or holding cash denominated in a foreign currency.

10. Until such time as Custodian receives a certificate to the contrary with respect to a particular Security, Custodian may release the identity of the Fund to an issuer which requests such information pursuant to the Shareholder Communications Act of 1985 for the specific purpose of direct communications between such issuer and shareholder.

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#### ARTICLE IV PURCHASE, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES; CREDITS TO ACCOUNT

1. (a) Promptly after each purchase or sale of Securities by the Fund, the Fund shall deliver to Custodian a Certificate or Instructions, or with respect to a purchase or sale of a Security generally required to be settled on the same day the purchase or sale is made, Oral Instructions specifying all information Custodian may reasonably request to settle such purchase or sale. Custodian shall account for all purchases and sales of Securities on the actual settlement date unless otherwise agreed by Custodian.

(b) With respect to purchases and redemptions of Hedge Fund Investments, upon the Written Instructions of an Authorized Person, Custodian (or its nominee) will as agent for the Fund subscribe for and redeem shares, units or other interests and complete, execute and submit all relevant subscription and redemption documentation required by the relevant issuer; provided that any Written Instructions given to Custodian hereunder shall be in accordance with Custodian's procedures notified to the Customer from time to time; and provided further, that the applicable Fund's delivery to Custodian of any such Written Instructions to purchase Hedge Fund Investments shall constitute the applicable Fund's representation and warranty that the applicable Fund has reviewed and understands the terms of the relevant offering memorandum or subscription agreement (or similar document) and other document(s) related thereto and agreement to be bound by the terms and conditions thereof (including all representations and warranties to which the applicable Fund will be bound as beneficial owner of such Hedge Fund Investment).

2. The Fund understands that when Custodian is instructed to deliver Securities against payment, delivery of such Securities and receipt of payment therefor may not be completed simultaneously. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, settlements, payments and deliveries of Securities may be effected by Custodian or any Subcustodian in accordance with the customary or established securities trading or securities processing practices and procedures in the jurisdiction in which the transaction occurs, including, without limitation, delivery to a purchaser or dealer therefor (or agent) against receipt with the expectation of receiving later payment for such Securities. The Fund assumes full responsibility for all risks, including, without limitation, credit risks, involved in connection with such deliveries of Securities.

3. Custodian may, as a matter of bookkeeping convenience or by separate agreement with the Fund, credit the Account with the proceeds from the sale, redemption or other disposition of Securities or interest, dividends or other distributions payable on Securities prior to its actual receipt of final payment therefor. All such credits shall be conditional until Custodian's actual receipt of final payment and may be reversed by Custodian to the extent that final payment is not received. Payment with respect to a transaction will not be "final" until Custodian shall have received immediately available funds which under applicable local law, rule and/or practice are irreversible and not subject to any security interest, levy or other encumbrance, and which are specifically applicable to such transaction.

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#### ARTICLE V OVERDRAFTS OR INDEBTEDNESS

1. If Custodian should in its sole discretion advance funds on behalf of any Series which results in an overdraft (including, without limitation, any day-light overdraft) because the money held by Custodian in an Account for such Series shall be insufficient to pay the total amount payable upon a purchase of Securities specifically allocated to such Series, as set forth in a Certificate, Instructions or Oral Instructions, or if an overdraft arises in the separate account of a Series for some other reason, including, without limitation, because of a reversal of a conditional credit or the purchase of any currency, or if the Fund is for any other reason indebted to Custodian with respect to a Series, including any indebtedness to The Bank of New York Mellon under the Fund's Cash Management and Related Services Agreement (except a borrowing for investment or for temporary or emergency purposes using Securities as collateral pursuant to a separate agreement and subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Article), such overdraft or indebtedness shall be deemed to be a loan made by Custodian to the Fund for such Series payable on demand and shall bear interest from the date incurred at a rate per annum ordinarily charged by Custodian to its institutional customers, as such rate may be adjusted from time to time. In addition, the Fund hereby agrees that Custodian shall to the maximum extent permitted by law have a continuing lien, security interest, and security entitlement in and to any property, including, without limitation, any investment property or any financial asset, of such Series at any time held by Custodian for the benefit of such Series or in which such Series may have an interest which is then in Custodian's possession or control or in possession or control of any third party acting in Custodian's behalf. The Fund authorizes Custodian, in its sole discretion, at any time to charge any such overdraft or indebtedness together with interest due thereon against any balance of account standing to such Ser

2. If the Fund borrows money from any bank (including Custodian if the borrowing is pursuant to a separate agreement) for investment or for temporary or emergency purposes using Securities held by Custodian hereunder as collateral for such borrowings, the Fund shall deliver to Custodian a Certificate specifying with respect to each such borrowing: (a) the Series to which such borrowing relates; (b) the name of the bank, (c) the amount of the borrowing, (d) the time and date, if known, on which the loan is to be entered into, (e) the total amount payable to the Fund on the borrowing date, (f) the Securities to be delivered as collateral for such loan, including the name of the issuer, the title and the number of shares or the principal amount of any particular Securities, and (g) a statement specifying whether such loan is for investment purposes or for temporary or emergency purposes and that such loan is in conformance with the '40 Act and the Fund's prospectus. Custodian shall deliver on the borrowing date specified in a Certificate the specified collateral against payment by the lending bank of the total amount of the loan payable, provided that the same conforms to the total amount payable as set forth in the Certificate. Custodian may, at the option of the lending bank, keep such collateral in its possession, but such collateral shall be subject to all rights therein given the lending bank by virtue of any promissory note or loan agreement. Custodian shall deliver such Securities-as additional collateral as may be specified in a Certificate to collateral as may be specified in this Section. The Fund shall cause all Securities released from collateral status to be

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returned directly to Custodian, and Custodian shall receive from time to time such return of collateral as may be tendered to it. In the event that the Fund fails to specify in a Certificate the Series, the name of the issuer, the title and number of shares or the principal amount of any particular Securities to be delivered as collateral by Custodian, Custodian shall not be under any obligation to deliver any Securities.

## ARTICLE VI SALE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

1. Whenever the Fund shall sell any shares issued by the Fund ("Shares") it shall deliver to Custodian a Certificate or Instructions specifying the amount of money and/or Securities to be received by Custodian for the sale of such Shares and specifically allocated to an Account for such Series.

2. Upon receipt of such money, Custodian shall credit such money to an Account in the name of the Series for which such money was received.

3. Except as provided hereinafter, whenever the Fund desires Custodian to make payment out of the money held by Custodian hereunder in connection with a redemption of any Shares, it shall furnish to Custodian (a) a resolution of the Fund's board directing the Fund's transfer agent to redeem the Shares, and (b) a Certificate or Instructions specifying the total amount to be paid for such Shares. Custodian shall make payment of such total amount to the transfer agent specified in such Certificate or Instructions out of the money held in an Account of the appropriate Series.

#### ARTICLE VII PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS OR DISTRIBUTIONS

1. Whenever the Fund shall determine to pay a dividend or distribution on Shares it shall furnish to Custodian Instructions or a Certificate setting forth with respect to the Series specified therein the date of the declaration of such dividend or distribution, the total amount payable, and the payment date.

2. Upon the payment date specified in such Instructions or Certificate, Custodian shall pay out of the money held for the account of such Series the total amount payable to the dividend agent of the Fund specified therein.

#### ARTICLE VIII CONCERNING CUSTODIAN

(a) Custodian shall exercise good faith in carrying out all of these duties and obligations. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, Custodian shall not be liable for any costs, expenses, damages, liabilities or claims, including attorneys' and accountants' fees (collectively, "Losses"), incurred by or asserted against the Fund, except those Losses arising out of Custodian's own negligence or willful misconduct. Custodian shall have no liability whatsoever for the action or inaction of any Depositories or of any Foreign Depositories, except in each case to the extent such action or inaction is a direct result of the Custodian's failure to fulfill its duties hereunder. With respect to any Losses incurred by the Fund as a result of the acts or any failures

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to act by any Subcustodian (other than a BNY Affiliate), Custodian shall take appropriate action to recover such Losses from such Subcustodian; and Custodian's sole responsibility and liability to the Fund shall be limited to amounts so received from such Subcustodian (exclusive of costs and expenses incurred by Custodian). In no event shall Custodian be liable to the Fund or any third party for special, indirect or consequential damages, or lost profits or loss of business, arising in connection with this Agreement, nor shall BNY or any Subcustodian be liable: (i) for acting in accordance with any Certificate or Oral Instructions actually received by Custodian and reasonably believed by Custodian to be given by an Authorized Person; (ii) for acting in accordance with Instructions without reviewing the same; (iii) for conclusively presuming that all Instructions are given only by person(s) duly authorized; (iv) for conclusively presuming that all disbursements of cash directed by the Fund, whether by a Certificate, an Oral Instruction, or an Instruction, are in accordance with Section 2(i) of Article II hereof; (v) for holding property in any particular country, including, but not limited to, Losses resulting from nationalization, expropriation or other governmental actions; regulation of the banking or securities industry; exchange or currency controls or restrictions, devaluations or fluctuations; availability of cash or Securities or market conditions which prevent the transfer of property or execution of Securities transactions or affect the value of property; (vi) for any Losses due to forces beyond the control of Custodian, including without limitation strikes, work stoppages, acts of war or terrorism, insurrection, revolution, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, or interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software and hardware) services; (vii) for the insolvency of any Subcustodian (other than a BNY Affiliate), any Depository, or, except to the extent such action or inaction is a direct result of the Custodian's failure to fulfill its duties hereunder, any Foreign Depository; or (viii) for any Losses arising from the applicability of any law or regulation now or hereafter in effect, or from the occurrence of any event, including, without limitation, implementation or adoption of any rules or procedures of a Foreign Depository, which may affect, limit, prevent or impose costs or burdens on, the transferability, convertibility, or availability of any currency or Composite Currency Unit in any country or on the transfer of any Securities, and in no event shall Custodian be obligated to substitute another currency for a currency (including a currency that is a component of a Composite Currency Unit) whose transferability, convertibility or availability has been affected, limited, or prevented by such law, regulation or event, and to the extent that any such law, regulation or event imposes a cost or charge upon Custodian in relation to the transferability, convertibility, or availability of any cash currency or Composite Currency Unit, such cost or charge shall be for the account of the Fund, and Custodian may treat any account denominated in an affected currency as a group of separate accounts denominated in the relevant component currencies.

(b) Custodian may enter into subcontracts, agreements and understandings with any BNY Affiliate, whenever and on such terms and conditions as it deems necessary or appropriate to perform its services hereunder. No such subcontract, agreement or understanding shall discharge Custodian from its obligations hereunder.

The Fund agrees to indemnify Custodian and hold Custodian harmless from and against any and all Losses sustained or incurred by or asserted against Custodian by reason of or as a result of any action or inaction, or arising out of Custodian's performance hereunder, including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel incurred by Custodian in a successful defense of claims by the Fund; provided however, that the Fund shall not indemnify Custodian for those Losses arising out of Custodian's own negligence or willful misconduct or for any Losses which constitute

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indirect, special or consequential damages or lost profits or loss of business. This indemnity shall be a continuing obligation of the Fund, its successors and assigns, notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.

2. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Custodian shall be under no obligation to inquire into, and shall not be liable for:

(a) Any Losses incurred by the Fund or any other person as a result of the receipt or acceptance of fraudulent, forged or invalid Securities, or Securities which are otherwise not freely transferable or deliverable without encumbrance in any relevant market;

(b) The validity of the issue of any Securities purchased, sold, or written by or for the Fund, the legality of the purchase, sale or writing thereof, or the propriety of the amount paid or received therefor;

(c) The legality of the sale or redemption of any Shares, or the propriety of the amount to be received or paid therefor;

(d) The legality of the declaration or payment of any dividend or distribution by the Fund;

(e) The legality of any borrowing by the Fund;

(f) The legality of any loan of portfolio Securities, nor shall Custodian be under any duty or obligation to see to it that any cash or collateral delivered to it by a broker, dealer or financial institution or held by it at any time as a result of such loan of portfolio Securities is adequate security for the Fund against any loss it might sustain as a result of such loan, which duty or obligation shall be the sole responsibility of the Fund. In addition, Custodian' shall be under no duty or obligation to see that any broker, dealer or financial institution to which portfolio Securities of the Fund are lent makes payment to it of any dividends or interest which are payable to or for the account of the Fund during the period of such loan or at the termination of such loan, provided, however that Custodian shall promptly notify the Fund in the event that such dividends or interest are not paid and received when due;

(g) The sufficiency or value of any amounts of money and/or Securities held in any Special Account in connection with transactions by the Fund; whether any broker, dealer, futures commission merchant or clearing member makes payment to the Fund of any variation margin payment or similar payment which the Fund may be entitled to receive from such broker, dealer, futures commission merchant or clearing member is the amount the Fund is entitled to receive, or to notify the Fund of Custodian's receipt or non-receipt of any such payment; or

(h) Whether any Securities at any time delivered to, or held by it or by any Subcustodian, for the account of the Fund and specifically allocated to a Series are such as properly may be held by the Fund or such Series under the provisions of its then current prospectus and statement of additional information, or to ascertain whether any transactions by the Fund, whether or not involving Custodian, are such transactions as may properly be engaged in by the Fund.

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3. Custodian may, with respect to questions of law specifically regarding an Account, obtain the advice of counsel and shall be fully protected with respect to anything done or omitted by it in good faith in conformity with such advice.

4. Custodian shall be under no obligation to take action to collect any amount payable on Securities in default, or if payment is refused after due demand and presentment.

5. Custodian shall have no duty or responsibility to inquire into, make recommendations, supervise, or determine the suitability of any transactions affecting any Account.

6. The Fund shall pay to Custodian the fees and charges as may be specifically agreed upon from time to time and such other fees and charges at Custodian's standard rates for such services as may be applicable. The Fund shall reimburse Custodian for all costs associated with the conversion of the Fund's Securities hereunder and the transfer of Securities and records kept in connection with this Agreement. The Fund shall also reimburse Custodian for out-of-pocket expenses which are a normal incident of the services provided hereunder.

7. Custodian has the right to debit any cash account for any amount payable by the Fund in connection with any and all obligations of the Fund to Custodian. In addition to the rights of Custodian under applicable law and other agreements, at any time when the Fund shall not have honored any of its obligations to Custodian, Custodian shall have the right without notice to the Fund to retain or set-off, against such obligations of the Fund, any Securities or cash Custodian may directly or indirectly hold for the account of the Fund, and any obligations (whether matured or unmatured) that Custodian may have to the Fund in any currency or Composite Currency Unit. Any such asset of, or obligation to, the Fund may be transferred to Custodian in order to effect the above rights.

8. The Fund agrees to forward to Custodian a Certificate or Instructions confirming Oral Instructions by the close of business of the same day that such Oral Instructions are given to Custodian. The Fund agrees that the fact that such confirming Certificate or Instructions are not received or that a contrary Certificate or contrary Instructions are received by Custodian shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of transactions authorized by such Oral Instructions and effected by Custodian. If the Fund elects to transmit Instructions through an on-line communications system offered by Custodian, the Fund's use thereof shall be subject to the Terms and Conditions attached as Appendix I hereto. If Custodian receives Instructions which reasonably appear on their face to have been transmitted by an Authorized Person via (i) computer facsimile, email, the Internet or other insecure electronic method, or (ii) secure electronic transmission containing applicable authorization codes, passwords and/or authentication keys, the Fund understands and agrees that Custodian cannot determine the identity of the actual sender of such Instructions and that Custodian shall conclusively presume that such Written Instructions have been sent by an Authorized Person, and the Fund shall be responsible for ensuring that only Authorized Persons transmit such Instructions to Custodian. If the Fund elects (with Custodian's prior consent) to transmit Instructions through an on-line communications service owned or operated by a third party, the Fund agrees that Custodian shall not be responsible or liable for the reliability or availability of any such service.

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9. The books and records pertaining to the Fund which are in possession of Custodian shall be the property of the Fund. Such books and records shall be prepared and maintained as required by the '40 Act and the rules thereunder. The Fund, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to such books and records during Custodian's normal business hours. Upon the reasonable request of the Fund, copies of any such books and records shall be provided by Custodian to the Fund or its authorized representative. Upon the reasonable request of the Fund, Custodian shall provide in hard copy or on computer disc any records included in any such delivery which are maintained by Custodian on a computer disc, or are similarly maintained.

10. It is understood that Custodian is authorized to supply any information regarding the Accounts which is required by any law, regulation or rule now or hereafter in effect. The Custodian shall provide the Fund with any report obtained by the Custodian on the system of internal accounting control of a Depository, and with such reports on its own system of internal accounting control as the Fund may reasonably request from time to time.

Upon reasonable request of the Fund, Custodian will provide a sub-certification to the Fund's chief executive officer and/or chief financial officer in support of certain matters set forth in the certifications of the Fund's chief executive officer and/or chief financial officer, which certifications are required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or any rules or regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder; such sub-certifications to be in such form and relating to such matters as agreed between the Fund and the Custodian from time to time. Custodian shall be required to provide a sub-certification only during the term of this Agreement and only if it receives such cooperation as it may reasonably request to perform its investigations with respect to the sub-certification. For clarity, the sub-certification is not itself a certification under any regulatory requirement.

11. Custodian shall have no duties or responsibilities whatsoever except such duties and responsibilities as are specifically set forth in this Agreement, and no covenant or obligation shall be implied against Custodian in connection with this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE IX TERMINATION

1. Either of the parties hereto may terminate this Agreement by giving to the other party a notice in writing specifying the date of such termination, which shall be not less than ninety (90) days after the date of giving of such notice. In the event such notice is given by the Fund, it shall be accompanied by a copy of a resolution of the board of the Fund, certified by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, electing to terminate this Agreement and designating a successor custodian or custodians, each of which shall be a bank or trust company eligible to serve as a custodian of a unit investment trust under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. In the event such notice is given by Custodian, the Fund shall, on or before the termination date, deliver to Custodian a copy of a resolution of the board of the Fund, certified by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, designating a successor custodian or custodians. In the absence of such designation by the Fund, Custodian may designate a successor custodian

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which shall be a bank or trust company eligible to serve as custodian for a unit investment trust under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Upon the date set forth in such notice this Agreement shall terminate, and Custodian shall upon receipt of a notice of acceptance by the successor custodian on that date deliver directly to the successor custodian all Securities and money then owned by the Fund and held by it as Custodian, after deducting all fees, expenses and other amounts for the payment or reimbursement of which it shall then be entitled.

2. If a successor custodian is not designated by the Fund or Custodian in accordance with the preceding Section, the Fund shall upon the date specified in the notice of termination of this Agreement and upon the delivery by Custodian of all Securities (other than Securities which cannot be delivered to the Fund) and money then owned by the Fund be deemed to be its own custodian and Custodian shall thereby be relieved of all duties and responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement, other than the duty with respect to Securities which cannot be delivered to the Fund to hold such Securities hereunder in accordance with this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Fund agrees to furnish to Custodian a new Certificate of Authorized Persons in the event of any change in the then present Authorized Persons. Until such new Certificate is received, Custodian shall be fully protected in acting upon Certificates or Oral Instructions of such present Authorized Persons.

2. Any notice or other instrument in writing, authorized or required by this Agreement to be given to Custodian, shall be sufficiently given if addressed to Custodian and received by it at its offices at One Wall Street, New York, New York 10286, or at such other place as Custodian may from time to time designate in writing.

3. Any notice or other instrument in writing, authorized or required by this Agreement to be given to the Fund shall be sufficiently given if addressed to the Fund and received by it at its offices at 590 Madision Avenue, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10022, or at such other place as the Fund may from time to time designate in writing.

4. Each and every right granted to either party hereunder or under any other document delivered hereunder or in connection herewith, or allowed it by law or equity, shall be cumulative and may be exercised from time to time. No failure on the part of either party to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right will operate as a waiver thereof, nor will any single or partial exercise by either party of any right preclude any other or future exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.

5. In case any provision in or obligation under this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any exclusive jurisdiction, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected thereby. This Agreement may not be amended or modified in any manner except by a written agreement executed by both parties, except that any amendment to the Schedule I hereto need be signed only by the Fund and any amendment to Appendix I hereto need be signed only by Custodian. This Agreement shall extend to and shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns; provided, however, that this Agreement shall not be assignable by either party without the written consent of the other.

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6. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of New York, without regard to conflicts of laws principles thereof. The Fund and Custodian hereby consent to the jurisdiction of a state or federal court situated in New York City, New York in connection with any dispute arising hereunder. The Fund hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such proceeding brought in such a court and any claim that such proceeding brought in such a court has been brought in an inconvenient forum. The Fund and Custodian each hereby irrevocably waives any and all rights to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement.

7. The Fund hereby acknowledges that Custodian is subject to federal laws, including its Customer Identification Program (CIP) requirements under the USA PATRIOT Act and its implementing regulations, pursuant to which Custodian must obtain, verify and record information that allows Custodian to identify the Fund. Accordingly, prior to opening an Account hereunder Custodian will ask the Fund to provide certain information including, but not limited to, the Fund's name, physical address, tax identification number and other information that will help Custodian to identify and verify the Fund's identity such as organizational documents, certificate of good standing, license to do business, or other pertinent identifying information. The Fund agrees that Custodian cannot open an Account hereunder unless and until Custodian verifies the Fund's identity in accordance with its CIP.

8. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but such counterparts shall, together, constitute only one instrument.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Fund and Custodian have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers, thereunto duly authorized, as of the day and year first above written.

PENNANTPARK FLOATING RATE CAPITAL LTD.

By: Title: Tax Identification No:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

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By: Title:

Thomas Levings Managing Director The Bank of New York Mellon

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CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT of AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY, LLC as

☑ TRANSFER AGENT □ REGISTRAR

#### BY PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd.

(name of corporation)

a Maryland

(state of corporation)

(the "Company")

corporation

(description of entity-e.g., corporation, partnership)

The Company is authorized to issue the following shares/units:

Class of Stock	Par Value	Number of Shares/Units Authorized
Common Stock	\$.001	100,000,000

The address of the Company to which Notices may be sent is:

590 Madison Avenue	
15th Floor	
New York, New York 10022	

The name and address of legal counsel for the Company is:

Dechert LLP	
1775   Street, N.W.	
Washington, DC 20006	

Attached are true copies of the certificate of Incorporation and bylaws (or such other comparable documents for non-corporate entities), as amended, of the Company.

If any provision of the certificate of Incorporation or by-laws of the Corporation, any court or administrative order, or any other document, affects any transfer agency or registrar function or responsibility relating to the shares, attached is a statement of each such provision.

All shares issued and outstanding as of the date hereof, or to be issued during the term of this appointment, are/shall be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. All such shares are (or, in the case of shares that have not yet been issued, will be) duly registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Act of 1934. Any shares not so registered were or shall be issued or transferred in a transaction or series of transactions exempt from the registration provisions of the relevant Act, and in each such issuance or transfer, the Corporation was or shall be advised by its legal counsel and all shares issued or to be issued bear or shall bear all appropriate legends.

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC ("AST") is hereby appointed as transfer agent and registrar for the shares/units of the Company set forth above, in accordance with the general practices of AST and its regulations set forth in the pamphlet entitled Regulations of American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, a copy of which we have received and reviewed.

The Initial term of this Certificate of Appointment shall be one year from the date of this Certificate of Appointment and the appointment shall automatically be renewed for further one year successive terms without further action of the parties, unless written notice is provided by either party at least 90 days prior to the end of the initial or any subsequent three year period. The term of this appointment shall be governed in accordance with this paragraph, notwithstanding the cessation of active trading in the capital stock of the Company.

The Company will advise AST promptly of any change in any information contained in this Certificate by a supplemental Certificate or otherwise in writing.

WITNESS my hand this 7th day of April, 2011.

By: Arthur H. Penn

Title: <u>Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of</u> <u>Directors</u>



American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC 6201 15th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11219 Tel: 718.921.8200

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER AGENT & REGISTRAR**

The undersigned, an officer of American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC (the "Agent"), authorized to make this statement on behalf of the Company, hereby certifies that:

- 1. The Agent is duly appointed and authorized to act as Transfer Agent and Registrar with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. (the "Company").
- 2. The Agent duly registered as a transfer agent under Section 17A (c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder.
- 3. In accordance with the instructions of the Company, the Agent, as such Transfer Agent and Registrar, has duly issued and registered an aggregate of 6,700,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Shares"), as specified by Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc. on behalf of the several underwriters (the "Underwriters") which are registered under the Securities Act of 1933 pursuant to a Registration Statement.
- 4. Each person who, as an officer of the Agent, issued and registered any of the Shares referred to in paragraph 3, was duly elected, appointed, qualified and acting as such officer at the respective times of the issuance and registration thereof and was duly authorized to issue and register the Shares on behalf of the Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name this 13th day April, 2011.

AMERICAN STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY, LLC

Suson Silher

Name: Susan Silber Title: Assistant Secretary

## AMENDED AND RESTATED ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") made as of May 20, 2024 by and between PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd., a Maryland corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation"), and PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrator").

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Corporation is a closed-end non-diversified management investment company that has filed a notice with the Securities and Exchange Commission that it intends to elect to treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "1940 Act");

WHEREAS, the Corporation has engaged the Administrator to provide administrative services to the Corporation under that Administration Agreement, most recently re-approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation in February 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation and the Administrator wish to make certain amendments to the Administration Agreement, as reflected in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the covenants hereinafter contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, the Corporation and the Administrator hereby agree as follows:

#### 1. Duties of the Administrator

(a) <u>Employment of Administrator</u>. The Corporation hereby employs the Administrator to act as administrator of the Corporation, and to furnish, or arrange for others to furnish, the administrative services, personnel and facilities described below, subject to review by and the overall control of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, for the period and on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. The Administrator hereby accepts such employment and agrees during such period to render, or arrange for the rendering of, such services and to assume the obligations herein set forth subject to the reimbursement of costs and expenses provided for below. The Administrator and such others shall for all purposes herein be deemed to be independent contractors and shall, unless otherwise expressly provided or authorized herein, have no authority to act for or represent the Corporation in any way or otherwise be deemed agents of the Corporation.

(b) <u>Services</u>. The Administrator shall perform (or oversee, or arrange for, the performance of) the administrative services necessary for the operation of the Corporation. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrator shall provide the Corporation with office facilities, equipment, clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at such facilities and such other services as the Administrator, subject to review by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, shall from time to time determine to be necessary or useful to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Administrator shall also, on behalf of the Corporation, conduct relations with custodians, depositories, transfer agents, dividend disbursing agents, other stockholder servicing agents, accountants, attorneys, underwriters, brokers and dealers, corporate fiduciaries, insurers, banks and such other persons in any such other capacity deemed to be necessary or desirable. The Administrator shall make reports to the Directors of its performance of obligations hereunder and furnish advice and recommendations with respect to such other aspects of the business and affairs of the Corporation as it shall determine to be desirable; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to require the Administrator to, and the Administrator shall not, provide any advice or

recommendation relating to the securities and other assets that the Corporation should purchase, retain or sell or any other investment advisory services to the Corporation. The Administrator shall be responsible for the financial and other records that the Corporation is required to maintain and shall prepare reports to stockholders, and reports and other materials filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The Administrator will provide on the Corporation's behalf significant managerial assistance to those portfolio companies to which the Corporation is required to provide such assistance. In addition, the Administrator will assist the Corporation in determining and publishing the Corporation's net asset value, overseeing the preparation and filing of the Corporation's tax returns, and the printing and dissemination of reports to stockholders of the Corporation, and generally overseeing the payment of the Corporation's expenses and the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to the Corporation by others.

### 2. Records

The Administrator agrees to maintain and keep all books, accounts and other records of the Corporation that relate to activities performed by the Administrator hereunder and, if required by the 1940 Act, will maintain and keep such books, accounts and records in accordance with that Act. In compliance with the requirements of Rule 31a-3 under the 1940 Act, the Administrator agrees that all records which it maintains for the Corporation shall at all times remain the property of the Corporation, shall be readily accessible during normal business hours, and shall be promptly surrendered upon the termination of the Agreement or otherwise on written request. The Administrator further agrees that all records which it maintains for the Corporation pursuant to Rule 31a-1 under the 1940 Act will be preserved for the periods prescribed by Rule 31a-2 under the 1940 Act unless any such records are earlier surrendered as provided above. Records shall be surrendered in usable machine-readable form. The Administrator shall have the right to retain copies of such records subject to observance of its confidentiality obligations under this Agreement.

## 3. Confidentiality

The parties hereto agree that each shall treat confidentially the terms and conditions of this Agreement and all information provided by each party to the other regarding its business and operations. All confidential information provided by a party hereto, including nonpublic personal information pursuant to Regulation S-P of the SEC, shall be used by any other party hereto solely for the purpose of rendering services pursuant to this Agreement and, except as may be required in carrying out this Agreement, shall not be disclosed to any third party, without the prior consent of such providing party. The foregoing shall not be applicable to any information that is publicly available when provided or thereafter becomes publicly available other than through a breach of this Agreement, or that is required to be disclosed by any regulatory authority, any authority or legal counsel of the parties hereto, by judicial or administrative process or otherwise by applicable law or regulation.

### 4. Compensation; Allocation of Costs and Expenses

In full consideration of the provision of the services of the Administrator, the Corporation shall reimburse the Administrator for the costs and expenses incurred by the Administrator in performing its obligations and providing personnel and facilities hereunder. If requested to perform significant managerial assistance to portfolio companies of the Corporation, the Administrator will be paid an additional amount based on the services provided, which shall not exceed the amount the Corporation receives from the portfolio companies for providing this assistance. The Corporation will bear all costs and expenses that are incurred in its operation and transactions and not specifically assumed by the Corporation's investment adviser (the "Adviser"), pursuant to that certain Third Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Management Agreement, dated as of May 20, 2024, by and between the Corporation and the Adviser. Costs and expenses to be borne by the Corporation include, but are not limited to, those relating to: organization and offering; calculating the Corporation's net asset value (including the cost and expenses of any independent valuation firm); expenses incurred by the Adviser payable to third parties, including agents, consultants or other advisors, in monitoring financial and legal affairs for the Corporation and in monitoring the Corporation's investments and performing due diligence (including related legal expenses) on its prospective portfolio companies and expenses related to unsuccessful portfolio acquisition efforts; interest payable on debt, if any, incurred to finance the Corporation's investments; offerings of the Corporation's common stock and other securities; investment advisory and management fees; administration fees payable under this Agreement; fees payable to third parties, including agents, consultants or other advisors, relating to, or associated with, evaluating and making investments, including costs associated with meeting potential financial sponsors; transfer agent and custodial fees; federal and state registration fees; all costs of registration and listing the Corporation's shares on any securities exchange; federal, state and local taxes; independent directors' fees and expenses; costs of preparing and filing reports or other documents required by the SEC; costs of any reports, proxy statements or other notices to stockholders, including printing costs; costs associated with individual or groups of stockholders; the Corporation's allocable portion of the fidelity bond, directors and officers/errors and omissions liability insurance, and any other insurance premiums; direct costs and expenses of administration, including printing, mailing, long distance telephone, copying, secretarial and other staff, independent auditors and legal costs; and all other expenses incurred by the Corporation or the Administrator in connection with administering the Corporation's business, including payments under this Agreement based upon the Corporation's allocable portion of the Administrator's overhead in performing its obligations under this Agreement, including rent and the allocable portion of the cost of the Corporation's chief compliance officer and chief financial officer and their respective staffs. For the avoidance of doubt, the costs and expenses to be borne by the Corporation set forth above include the costs and expenses allocable with respect to the provision of in-house legal, tax, or other professional advice and/or services to the Corporation, including performing due diligence on its prospective portfolio companies, as deemed appropriate by the Administrator, where such in-house personnel perform services that would be paid by the Corporation if outside service providers provided the same services, subject to the Board of Directors' oversight.

At its election, the Administrator may elect to receive payment under this Agreement in the form of a percentage of assets under management by the Corporation, rather than based on the sum of the actual expenses accrued. Such percentage shall be in an amount mutually agreed by the Administrator and the Corporation.

## 5. Limitation of Liability of the Administrator; Indemnification

The Administrator (and its officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons, members, and any other person or entity affiliated with the Administrator, including without limitation its sole member) shall not be liable to the Corporation for any action taken or omitted to be taken by the Administrator in connection with the performance of any of its duties or obligations under this Agreement or otherwise as administrator for the Corporation, and the Corporation shall indemnify, defend and protect the Administrator (and its officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons, members, and any other person or entity affiliated with the Administrator, including without limitation the Adviser, each of whom shall be deemed a third party beneficiary hereof, collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") and hold them harmless from and against all damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) incurred by the Indemnified Parties in or by reason of any pending, threatened or completed action, suit, investigation or other proceeding (including an action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation or its security holders) arising out of or otherwise based upon the performance of any of the Administrator's duties or obligations under this Agreement or otherwise as administrator for the Corporation. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence of this Paragraph 5 to the

contrary, nothing contained herein shall protect or be deemed to protect the Indemnified Parties against or entitle or be deemed to entitle the Indemnified Parties to indemnification in respect of, any liability to the Corporation or its security holders to which the Indemnified Parties would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of the Administrator's duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of the Administrator's duties and obligations under this Agreement (to the extent applicable, as the same shall be determined in accordance with the 1940 Act and any interpretations or guidance by the SEC or its staff thereunder).

## 6. Activities of the Administrator

The services of the Administrator to the Corporation are not to be deemed to be exclusive, and the Administrator and each affiliate is free to render services to others. It is understood that directors, officers, employees and stockholders of the Corporation are or may become interested in the Administrator and its affiliates, as directors, officers, members, managers, employees, partners, stockholders or otherwise, and that the Administrator and directors, officers, members, managers, employees of the Administrator and its affiliates are or may become similarly interested in the Corporation as stockholders or otherwise.

## 7. Duration and Termination of this Agreement

This Agreement shall become effective as of the date hereof, and shall remain in force with respect to the Corporation for two years thereafter, and thereafter continue from year to year, but only so long as such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by (i) the Board of Directors of the Corporation and (ii) a majority of those directors who are not parties to this Agreement or "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party.

This Agreement may be terminated at any time, without the payment of any penalty, by vote of the directors of the Corporation, or by the Administrator, upon 60 days' written notice to the other party. This Agreement may not be assigned by a party without the consent of the other party.

## 8. Amendments of this Agreement

This Agreement may be amended pursuant to a written instrument by mutual consent of the parties.

## 9. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with laws of the State of New York and the applicable provisions of the 1940 Act, if any. To the extent that the applicable laws of the State of New York, or any of the provisions herein, conflict with the applicable provisions of the 1940 Act, if any, the latter shall control.

## 10. Entire Agreement

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and supercedes all prior agreements, understandings and arrangements with respect to the subject matter hereof.

## 11. Notices

Any notice under this Agreement shall be given in writing, addressed and delivered or mailed, postage prepaid, to the other party at its principal office.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date first above written.

## PENNANTPARK FLOATING RATE CAPITAL LTD.

By: /s/ Arthur H. Penn

Name: Arthur H. Penn Title: Chief Executive Officer

# PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION, LLC

By: /s/ Arthur H. Penn

Name: Arthur H. Penn Title: Chief Executive Officer

#### TRADEMARK LICENSE AGREEMENT

This TRADEMARK LICENSE AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and effective as of April 7, 2011 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"), by and between PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Licensor</u>" or the "<u>Adviser</u>"), and PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maryland (the "<u>Corporation</u>") (each a "<u>party</u>," and collectively, the "<u>parties</u>").

## **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Adviser is the owner of the trade name "PENNANTPARK" (the "Licensed Mark") and has filed an application to register the mark in the United States of America (the "Territory") for investment management, investment consultation and investment advisory services.

WHEREAS, the Corporation is a newly organized closed-end management investment company that has filed notice with the Securities and Exchange Commission that it intends to elect to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "<u>1940 Act</u>");

WHEREAS, the Corporation is entering into an investment advisory and management agreement with the Adviser (the "Advisory Agreement"), wherein the Corporation will engage the Adviser to act as the investment adviser to the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation desires to use the Licensed Mark in connection with the operation of its business, and the Adviser is willing to permit the Corporation to use the Licensed Mark, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1. LICENSE GRANT

1.1. License. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Adviser hereby grants to The Corporation, and The Corporation hereby accepts from the Adviser, a personal, non-exclusive, royalty-free right and license to use the Licensed Mark solely and exclusively as an element of Corporation's own corporate name and in connection with marketing the investment management, investment consultation and investment advisory services that the Adviser may provide to Corporation. During the term of this Agreement, the Corporation shall use the Licensed Mark only to the extent permitted under this License, and except as provided above, neither the Corporation nor any affiliate, owner, director, officer, employee, or agent thereof shall otherwise use the Licensed Mark or any derivative thereof in the Territory without the prior express written consent of the Adviser in its sole and absolute

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discretion and shall not use the Licensed Mark for any purpose outside the Territory. All rights not expressly granted to the Corporation hereunder shall remain the exclusive property of the Adviser.

1.2. <u>Licensor's Use</u>. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude Licensor or any of its successors or assigns from using or permitting other entities to use the Licensed Mark, whether or not such entity directly or indirectly competes or conflicts with the Corporation's business in any manner.

#### ARTICLE 2. OWNERSHIP

2.1. <u>Ownership</u>. The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Adviser is the owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the Licensed Mark, and all such right, title and interest shall remain with the Adviser. The Corporation shall not contest, dispute, challenge, oppose or seek to cancel the Adviser's right, title, and interest in and to the Licensed Mark. The Corporation shall not prosecute any application for registration of the Licensed Mark, or seek to register the Licensed Mark as a domain name or part of any domain name.

2.2. <u>Goodwill</u>. The Corporation acknowledges that the Corporation shall not acquire any right, title, or interest in the Licensed Mark by virtue of this Agreement other than the license granted hereunder, and disclaims any such right, title, interest, or ownership. All goodwill and reputation generated by the Corporation's use of the Licensed Mark shall inure to the exclusive benefit of the Adviser. The Corporation shall not by any act or omission use the Licensed Mark in any manner that disparages or reflects adversely on the Adviser or its business or reputation. The Corporation shall not take any action that would interfere with or prejudice the Adviser's ownership or registration of the Licensed Mark, the validity of the Licensed Mark or the validity of the license granted by this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 3. COMPLIANCE

3.1. <u>Quality Control</u>. In order to preserve the inherent value of the Licensed Mark, the Corporation agrees to use reasonable efforts to ensure that it maintains the quality of the Corporation's business and the operation thereof equal to the standards prevailing in the operation of the Adviser's and the Corporation's business as of the date of this Agreement. The Adviser shall oversee the quality of the services provided under the Licensed Mark by virtue of its role as investment adviser to the Corporation, and shall approve, prior to their use, all prospectuses, advertisements, and other materials upon which the Corporation uses the Licensed Mark. The Corporation further agrees to use the Licensed Mark in accordance with such quality standards as may be reasonably established by Licensor and communicated to the Corporation from time to time in writing, or as may be agreed to by Licensor and the Corporation from time to time in writing.

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3.2. <u>Compliance With Laws</u>. The Corporation agrees that the business operated by it in connection with the Licensed Mark shall comply with all laws, rules, regulations and requirements of any governmental body in the Territory or elsewhere as may be applicable to the operation, advertising and promotion of the business and shall notify the Adviser of any action that must be taken by the Corporation to comply with such law, rules, regulations or requirements.

3.3. <u>Notification of Infringement</u>. Each party shall immediately notify the other party and provide to the other party all relevant background facts upon becoming aware of (a) any registrations of, or applications for registration of, marks in the Territory that do or may conflict with any Licensed Mark, and (b) any infringements, imitations, or illegal use or misuse of the Licensed Mark in the Territory. The Adviser shall have the exclusive right, but not the obligation, to prosecute, defend and/or settle in its sole discretion, all actions, proceedings and claims involving any Third Party Infringement or Third Party Claim, and to take any other action that it deems necessary or proper for the protection and preservation of its rights in the Licensed Mark. The Corporation shall cooperate with the Adviser in the prosecution, defense, or settlement of such actions, proceedings, or claims.

#### ARTICLE 4.

## REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

4.1. The Corporation acknowledges that the Adviser has applied for registration in the Territory of PENNANTPARK, that the Adviser's application for registration has not yet been examined or approved for registration, and that the Corporation accepts this license on an "as is" basis. The Corporation acknowledges that the Adviser makes no explicit or implicit representation or warranty as to the registrability, validity, enforceability, or ownership of the Licensed Mark, or as to the Corporation's ability to use the Licensed Mark without infringing or otherwise violating the rights of others, and the Adviser has no obligation to indemnify the Corporation with respect to any claims arising from the Corporation's use of the Licensed Mark.

4.2. Mutual Representations. Each party hereby represents and warrants to the other party as follows:

(a) <u>Due Authorization</u>. Such party is a corporation duly incorporated and in good standing as of the Effective Date, and the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by such party have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of such party.

(b) <u>Due Execution</u>. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by such party and, with due authorization, execution and delivery by the other party, constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of such party, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms.

(c) <u>No Conflict</u>. Such party's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement do not: (i) violate, conflict with or result in the breach of any provision of the

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charter or by-laws (or similar organizational documents) of such party; (ii) conflict with or violate any law or governmental order applicable to such party or any of its assets, properties or businesses; or (iii) conflict with, result in any breach of, constitute a default (or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become a default) under, require any consent under, or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration, suspension, revocation or cancellation of any contract, agreement, lease, sublease, license, permit, franchise or other instrument or arrangement to which it is a party.

#### ARTICLE 5. TERM AND TERMINATION

5.1. <u>Term</u>. This Agreement shall expire (a) upon expiration or termination of the Advisory Agreement; (b) if the Adviser ceases to serve as investment adviser to the Corporation; (c) by the Adviser or the Corporation upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the other party, or (d) by the Adviser at any time in the event the Corporation assigns or attempts to assign or sublicense this Agreement or any of the Corporation's rights or duties hereunder without the prior written consent of the Adviser.

5.2. <u>Upon Termination</u>. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, all rights granted to the Corporation under this Agreement with respect to the Licensed Mark shall cease, and the Corporation shall immediately discontinue all use of the Licensed Mark. The Corporation shall immediately change its corporate name by deleting the term "PENNANTPARK." For twenty- four (24) months following termination of this Agreement, the Corporation shall specify on all public-facing materials in a prominent place and in prominent typeface that the Corporation is no longer operating under the Licensed Mark and is no longer associated with Licensor.

## ARTICLE 6.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

6.1. <u>Assignment</u>. The Corporation will not sublicense, assign, pledge, grant or otherwise encumber or transfer to any third party all or any part of its rights or duties under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent from the Adviser, which consent the Adviser may grant or withhold in its sole and absolute discretion. Any purported transfer without such consent shall be void *ab initio*.

6.2. <u>Independent Contractor</u>. Except as expressly provided or authorized in the Advisory Agreement, neither party shall have, or shall represent that it has, any power, right or authority to bind the other party to any obligation or liability, or to assume or create any obligation or liability on behalf of the other party.

6.3. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given or made (and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made upon receipt) by delivery in person, by overnight courier service (with signature

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required), by facsimile, or by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) to the respective parties at the following addresses:

If to the Adviser:	If to the Corporation:
PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC	PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd.
590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor	590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10022	New York, NY 10022
Tel. No.: (212) 905-1000	Tel. No.: (212) 905-1000
Fax No.: (212) 905-1075	Fax No.: (212) 905-1075
Attn: Chief Compliance Officer	Attn: Chief Compliance Officer

6.4. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York. The parties unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in the State of New York and waive any objection with respect thereto, for the purpose of any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

6.5. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by each party hereto.

6.6. <u>No Waiver</u>. The failure of either party to enforce at any time for any period the provisions of or any rights deriving from this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of such provisions or rights or the right of such party thereafter to enforce such provisions, and no waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing by all parties hereto.

6.7. <u>Severability</u>. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any law or public policy, all other terms and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

6.8. <u>Headings</u>. The descriptive headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

6.9. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original instrument and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

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6.10. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.

6.11. <u>Third party Beneficiaries</u>. Nothing in this Agreement, either express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any third party any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party has caused this Agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date by its duly authorized officer.

## ADVISER:

## PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT ADVISERS, LLC

By: /s/ Arthur H. Penn Name: Arthur H. Penn Title: Managing Member

## **CORPORATION:**

## PENNANTPARK FLOATING RATE CAPITAL LTD.

 By:
 /s/ Arthur H. Penn

 Name:
 Arthur H. Penn

 Title:
 Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors

[Signature Page to Trademark License Agreement]

#### **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 and related Prospectus of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. (the Company) of our reports dated December 7, 2023, relating to the consolidated financial statements and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (on which our report expresses an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting because of material weaknesses) of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. and Subsidiaries, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended September 30, 2023. We also consent to the incorporation by reference in such Registration Statement of our report dated December 7, 2023, relating to the senior securities table appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. for the year ended September 30, 2023.

We also consent to the reference to our firm under the headings "Senior Securities" and "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in this Registration Statement.

/s/ RSM US LLP

New York, New York June 21, 2024

#### **Consent of Independent Auditor**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. of our reports dated December 7, 2023 and November 17, 2022, relating to the consolidated financial statements of PennantPark Senior Secured Loan Fund I LLC, appearing in Exhibits 99.3 and 99.4 in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of PennantPark Floating Rate Capital Ltd. for the year ended September 30, 2023.

We also consent to the reference to our firm under the heading "Independent Auditor" in this Registration Statement.

/s/ RSM US LLP

New York, New York June 21, 2024

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Richard T. Allorto, Jr. his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement on Form N-2 and any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully and to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement on Form N-2 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities set forth below on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

Name	<u>Title</u>
/s/ Arthur H. Penn Arthur H. Penn	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ Richard T. Allorto, Jr. Richard T. Allorto, Jr.	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ Adam K. Bernstein Adam K. Bernstein	Director
/s/ Jeffrey Flug Jeffrey Flug	Director
/s/ Marshall Brozost Marshall Brozost	Director
/s/ Samuel L. Katz Samuel L. Katz	Director
/s/ José A. Briones José A. Briones	Director