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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2017

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 814-00861

**Fidus Investment Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

27-5017321  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1603 Orrington Avenue, Suite 1005  
Evanston, Illinois  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60201  
(Zip Code)

(847) 859-3940  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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n/a  
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

As of May 1, 2017, the Registrant had outstanding 22,457,576 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value.



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## PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements.

FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION  
Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities  
(in thousands, except shares and per share data)

	March 31, 2017 (unaudited)	December 31, 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments, at fair value		
Affiliate investments (cost: \$114,846 and \$113,995, respectively)	\$ 134,054	\$ 132,013
Non-control/non-affiliate investments (cost: \$401,222 and \$386,519, respectively)	402,548	392,441
Total investments, at fair value (cost: \$516,068 and \$500,514, respectively)	536,602	524,454
Cash and cash equivalents	19,092	57,083
Interest receivable	5,152	4,407
Prepaid expenses and other assets	816	798
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 561,662</b>	<b>\$ 586,742</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
SBA debentures, net of deferred financing costs (Note 6)	\$ 195,405	\$ 219,901
Borrowings under credit facility, net of deferred financing costs (Note 6)	(375)	(462)
Accrued interest and fees payable	753	3,122
Management and incentive fees payable – due to affiliate	9,114	8,830
Administration fee payable and other – due to affiliate	220	570
Taxes payable	1,590	555
Accounts payable and other liabilities	143	441
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>206,850</b>	<b>232,957</b>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)		
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value (100,000,000 shares authorized, 22,457,576 and 22,446,076, shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively)	22	22
Additional paid-in capital	340,350	340,101
Undistributed net investment income	8,731	9,626
Accumulated net realized (loss) on investments, net of taxes and distributions	(14,829)	(19,908)
Accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments	20,538	23,944
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>354,812</b>	<b>353,785</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 561,662</b>	<b>\$ 586,742</b>
<b>Net asset value per common share</b>	<b>\$ 15.80</b>	<b>\$ 15.76</b>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).

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**FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations (unaudited)**  
**(in thousands, except shares and per share data)**

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
<b>Investment Income:</b>		
Interest income		
Affiliate investments	\$ 2,674	\$ 2,844
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	12,074	10,603
Total interest income	14,748	13,447
Dividend income		
Affiliate investments	278	162
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	380	81
Total dividend income	658	243
Fee income		
Affiliate investments	6	7
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	776	968
Total fee income	782	975
Interest on idle funds and other income	40	26
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>16,228</b>	<b>14,691</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Interest and financing expenses	2,584	2,600
Base management fee	2,313	1,983
Incentive fee	2,378	1,880
Administrative service expenses	351	321
Professional fees	469	482
Other general and administrative expenses	278	318
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>8,373</b>	<b>7,584</b>
Net investment income before income taxes	7,855	7,107
Income tax (benefit) provision	(4)	25
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>7,859</b>	<b>7,082</b>
<b>Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments:</b>		
Net realized gains on affiliates investments	26	—
Net realized gains (losses) on non-control/non-affiliate investments	6,438	(310)
Net change in unrealized (depreciation) appreciation on investments	(3,406)	768
Income tax (provision) from realized gains on investments	(1,385)	—
<b>Net gain on investments</b>	<b>1,673</b>	<b>458</b>
<b>Net increase in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>\$ 9,532</b>	<b>\$ 7,540</b>
<b>Per common share data:</b>		
Net investment income per share-basic and diluted	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.43
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per share — basic and diluted	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.46
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39
Weighted average number of shares outstanding — basic and diluted	22,446,970	16,301,499

*See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).*

**FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets (unaudited)**  
(in thousands, except shares)

	Common Stock		Additional	Undistributed	Accumulated	Accumulated	Total net
	Number of	Par	paid in	net investment	net realized	net unrealized	assets
	shares	value	capital	income	(loss) on	(depreciation)	
					investments,	appreciation on	
					net of taxes and	investments	
					distributions		
<b>Balances at December 31, 2015</b>	16,300,732	\$ 16	\$246,307	\$ 13,887	\$ (6,145)	\$ (6,703)	\$247,362
Shares issued under dividend reinvestment plan	11,631	—	180	—	—	—	180
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	—	—	—	7,082	(539)	997	7,540
Dividends declared	—	—	—	(6,357)	—	—	(6,357)
<b>Balances at March 31, 2016</b>	<u>16,312,363</u>	<u>\$ 16</u>	<u>\$246,487</u>	<u>\$ 14,612</u>	<u>\$ (6,684)</u>	<u>\$ (5,706)</u>	<u>\$248,725</u>
<b>Balances at December 31, 2016</b>	22,446,076	\$ 22	\$340,101	\$ 9,626	\$ (19,908)	\$ 23,944	\$353,785
Expenses related to public offerings of common stock	—	—	51	—	—	—	51
Shares issued under dividend reinvestment plan	11,500	—	198	—	—	—	198
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	—	—	—	7,859	5,079	(3,406)	9,532
Dividends declared	—	—	—	(8,754)	—	—	(8,754)
<b>Balances at March 31, 2017</b>	<u>22,457,576</u>	<u>\$ 22</u>	<u>\$340,350</u>	<u>\$ 8,731</u>	<u>\$ (14,829)</u>	<u>\$ 20,538</u>	<u>\$354,812</u>

*See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).*

**FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)**  
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2017	2016
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 9,532	\$ 7,540
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from operations to net cash (used for) operating activities:		
Net change in unrealized depreciation (appreciation) on investments	3,406	(768)
Net realized (gain) loss on investments	(6,464)	310
Interest and dividend income paid-in-kind	(1,698)	(1,087)
Accretion of original issue discount	(128)	(60)
Accretion of loan origination fees	(346)	(316)
Purchase of investments	(55,004)	(42,348)
Proceeds from sales and repayments of investments	47,746	31,581
Proceeds from loan origination fees	340	275
Amortization of deferred financing costs	341	273
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Interest receivable	(745)	(1,205)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(19)	123
Accrued interest and fees payable	(2,369)	(2,118)
Management and incentive fees payable – due to affiliate	284	68
Administration fee payable and other – due to affiliate	(350)	(265)
Taxes payable	1,035	(400)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(297)	(29)
<b>Net cash (used for) operating activities</b>	<b>(4,736)</b>	<b>(8,426)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>		
Expenses related to stock offerings	51	—
Proceeds received from SBA debentures	—	500
Repayments of SBA debentures	(24,750)	—
Proceeds received from borrowings under credit facility	—	12,000
Repayments of borrowings under credit facility	—	(16,500)
Payment of deferred financing costs	—	(13)
Dividends paid to stockholders, including expenses	(8,556)	(6,177)
<b>Net cash (used for) financing activities</b>	<b>(33,255)</b>	<b>(10,190)</b>
<b>Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(37,991)</b>	<b>(18,616)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of period	57,083	31,657
End of period	<u>\$ 19,092</u>	<u>\$ 13,041</u>
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>		
Cash payments for interest	\$ 4,612	\$ 4,445
Cash payments for taxes, net of tax refunds received	\$ 346	\$ 425
<b>Non-cash financing activities:</b>		
Shares issued under dividend reinvestment plan	\$ 198	\$ 180

*See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).*

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**FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**Consolidated Schedule of Investments (unaudited)**  
**March 31, 2017**  
**(In thousands, except shares)**

Industry Portfolio Company (a)(b) Investment Type (c)	Rate (d) Cash/PIK	Maturity	Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense Manufacturing</b>						
<i>FDS Avionics Corp.</i>						
<i>(dba Flight Display Systems)</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.3%/0.0%	4/1/2020	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,186	\$ 4,147	
Common Equity (200 units) (i)				2,000	105	
				7,186	4,252	1%
<i>Fiber Materials, Inc. (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/1.0%	5/30/2022	4,013	3,995	3,995	
Common Equity (10 units)				1,000	1,000	
				4,995	4,995	1%
<i>Lightning Diversion Systems, LLC</i>						
Senior Secured Loan (j)	10.5%/0.0%	9/16/2021	21,204	21,120	21,204	
Revolving Loan (\$250 commitment) (h)	10.5%/0.0%	9/16/2021	—	(1)	—	
Common Equity (600,000 units)				—	3,213	
				21,119	24,417	7%
<i>Malabar International (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	11.3%/2.0%	11/13/2021	7,655	7,645	7,655	
Preferred Equity (1,494 shares) (f)	6.0%/0.0%	5/12/2022		1,997	5,382	
				9,642	13,037	4%
<i>Simplex Manufacturing Co.</i>						
Subordinated Note	14.0%/0.0%	11/1/2017	4,050	4,050	4,050	
Warrant (29 shares) (l)				1,155	3,934	
				5,205	7,984	2%
<i>Steward Holding LLC (k)</i>						
<i>(dba Steward Advanced Materials)</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/2.3%	5/12/2021	7,221	7,195	7,221	
Common Equity (1,000,000 units)				1,000	517	
				8,195	7,738	2%
<b>Apparel Distribution</b>						
<i>Jacob Ash Holdings, Inc.</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	13.0%/4.0%	6/30/2018	4,000	3,997	4,000	
Subordinated Note	13.0%/0.0%	6/30/2018	778	774	778	
Preferred Equity (66,138 shares) (f)	0.0%/15.0%	6/30/2018		1,110	1,113	
Warrant (63,492 shares) (l)				67	—	
				5,948	5,891	2%
<b>Building Products Manufacturing</b>						
<i>SES Investors, LLC (k)</i>						
<i>(dba SES Foam)</i>						
Senior Secured Loan	11.0%/0.0%	3/8/2022	10,474	10,427	10,448	
Revolving Loan (\$1,500 commitment)(i)	6.0%/0.0%	3/8/2022	1,500	1,493	1,500	
Common Equity (6,000 units) (g)(i)				600	565	
				12,520	12,513	5%



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<b>Industry</b>						
<b>Portfolio Company (a)(b)</b>						
<b>Investment Type (c)</b>	<b>Rate (d)</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	<b>Cash/PIK</b>		<b>Amount</b>			<b>of Net</b>
						<b>Assets</b>
<b>The Wolf Organization, LLC</b>						
Common Equity (175 shares)				\$ 1,455	\$ 3,577	1%
<b>US GreenFiber, LLC</b>						
Subordinated Note (j)	12.5%/0.0%	1/2/2019	\$ 14,000	13,972	13,699	
Common Equity (1,667 units) (g)(i)				500	462	
				14,472	14,161	4%
<b>Business Services</b>						
<b>Comprehensive Logistics Co., Inc.</b>						
Senior Subordinated Loan (i)	11.5%/4.5%	11/22/2021	15,245	15,175	15,175	4%
<b>Inflexxion, Inc. (k)</b>						
Senior Secured Loan	7.0%/6.0%	12/16/2019	4,259	4,246	3,571	
Revolving Loan (\$500 commitment) (i)	7.0%/6.0%	12/16/2019	162	159	136	
Preferred Equity (252,046 units)				252	160	
Preferred Equity (308,987 units)				309	196	
Preferred Equity (1,400 units)				1,400	—	
				6,366	4,063	1%
<b>Plymouth Rock Energy, LLC</b>						
Senior Secured Loan	11.8%/0.0%	5/14/2017	4,645	4,643	4,645	1%
<b>Vanguard Dealer Services, L.L.C.</b>						
Subordinated Note	12.3%/0.0%	1/30/2021	11,450	11,408	11,450	
Common Equity (6,000 shares)				600	934	
				12,008	12,384	3%
<b>Capital Equipment Manufacturing</b>						
<b>Thermoforming Technology Group LLC</b>						
Subordinated Note	12.5%/0.0%	9/14/2021	14,700	14,640	14,700	
Common Equity (3,500 units) (g)(i)				350	314	
				14,990	15,014	4%
<b>Component Manufacturing</b>						
<b>Hilco Plastics Holdings, LLC</b>						
<i>(dba Hilco Technologies)</i>						
Subordinated Note	11.5%/1.0%	7/15/2022	8,042	8,006	8,042	
Common Equity (72,507 units) (g)(i)				500	478	
				8,506	8,520	2%
<b>Toledo Molding &amp; Die, Inc.</b>						
Subordinated Note (i)	10.5%/0.0%	12/18/2018	10,000	9,935	10,000	3%
<b>TransGo, LLC</b>						
Subordinated Note	13.3%/0.0%	8/28/2022	9,500	9,453	9,453	
Common Equity (1,000 units)				1,000	1,000	
				10,453	10,453	3%

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<b>Industry</b>						
<b>Portfolio Company (a)(b)</b>						
<b>Investment Type (c)</b>	<b>Rate (d)</b>		<b>Principal</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	<b>Cash/PIK</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Amount</b>			<b>of Net</b>
						<b>Assets</b>
<b>Consumer Products</b>						
<i>World Wide Packaging, LLC (k)</i>						
Common Equity (1,517,573 units) (g)(i)				\$ 499	\$ 3,344	1%
<b>Electronic Components Supplier</b>						
<i>Apex Microtechnology, Inc. (k)</i>						
Warrant (2,293 shares) (l)				220	385	
Common Equity (11,690 shares)				1,168	2,081	
				1,388	2,466	1%
<b>Healthcare Products</b>						
<i>Allied 100 Group, Inc.</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	11.5%/0.0%	5/26/2020	\$ 13,000	12,962	13,000	
Common Equity (1,250,000 units) (i)				1,250	1,146	
				14,212	14,146	4%
<i>Anatrace Products, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note	13.0%/1.3%	6/23/2021	6,500	6,485	6,500	
Common Equity (360,000 shares) (i)				—	813	
				6,485	7,313	2%
<i>OMC Investors, LLC</i> <i>(dba Ohio Medical Corporation)</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/0.0%	7/15/2021	10,000	9,922	8,768	
Common Equity (5,000 shares)				500	226	
				10,422	8,994	3%
<i>Pfanstiehl, Inc. (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note	10.5%/0.0%	9/29/2021	6,208	6,190	6,208	
Common Equity (8,500 units) (i)				850	12,797	
				7,040	19,005	5%
<i>Six Month Smiles Holdings, Inc.</i>						
Subordinated Note (i)	6.0%/8.5%	7/31/2020	8,963	8,942	7,905	2%
<b>Healthcare Services</b>						
<i>Medsurant Holdings, LLC (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.3%/0.0%	6/18/2021	6,267	6,224	6,267	
Preferred Equity (126,662 units) (g)				1,346	1,764	
Warrant (505,176 units) (g)(l)				4,516	6,151	
				12,086	14,182	4%
<i>Microbiology Research Associates, Inc. (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note	11.0%/1.5%	3/13/2022	8,570	8,549	8,570	
Common Equity (1,625,731 units) (i)				1,939	2,821	
				10,488	11,391	3%

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Industry Portfolio Company (a)(b) Investment Type (c)	Rate (d) Cash/PIK	Maturity	Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets
<i>Oaktree Medical Centre, P.C.</i> <i>(dba Pain Management Associates)</i>						
Senior Secured Loan (i)	11.5%/0.0%	1/1/2018	\$ 571	\$ 623	\$ 637	
Senior Secured Loan (i)	7.0%/12.0%	1/1/2018	6,259	6,651	4,643	
Revolving Loan (\$2,500 commitment) (i)	11.5%/0.0%	1/1/2018	2,500	2,533	2,783	
				9,807	8,063	2%
<i>United Biologics, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/2.0%	4/30/2018	8,741	8,710	8,741	
Preferred Equity (98,377 units) (g)(i)				1,069	833	
Warrant (57,469 units) (l)				566	216	
				10,345	9,790	3%
<b>Industrial Cleaning &amp; Coatings</b>						
<i>K2 Industrial Services, Inc.</i>						
Tranche A Loan	11.8%/2.5%	4/25/2022	10,110	10,070	10,070	
Tranche B Loan	11.8%/7.3%	4/25/2022	2,064	2,056	2,056	
Common Equity (1,673 shares)				1,268	679	
				13,394	12,805	4%
<b>Information Technology Services</b>						
<i>FTH Acquisition Corp. VII</i>						
Subordinated Note	13.0%/0.0%	1/31/2019	8,033	8,034	7,862	
Preferred Equity (887,122 shares)				887	444	
				8,921	8,306	2%
<i>inthinc Technology Solutions, Inc.</i>						
Subordinate Note (\$5,000 commitment)	14.0%/0.0%	4/24/2020	4,000	3,985	3,911	
Subordinated Note	0.0%/14.0%	4/24/2020	2,237	2,084	2,104	
Royalty Rights		4/24/2020		185	185	
				6,254	6,200	2%
<i>New Era Technology, Inc.</i>						
Subordinated Note (i)	11.0%/1.5%	9/3/2022	11,514	11,457	11,457	
Common Equity (197,369 shares) (i)				750	750	
				12,207	12,207	3%
<i>Revenue Management Solutions, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	11.5%/1.0%	7/4/2022	8,771	8,687	8,687	
Subordinated Note (i)	7.0%/6.5%	7/4/2022	1,269	1,257	1,257	
Common Equity (2,250,000 units)				2,250	2,250	
				12,194	12,194	3%
<i>Software Technology, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	11.0%/0.0%	6/23/2023	8,750	8,708	8,708	
Common Equity (11 units)				1,125	1,125	
				9,833	9,833	3%
<b>Laundry Services</b>						
<i>Caldwell &amp; Gregory, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note	0.0%/12.0%	5/31/2022	2,778	2,778	2,778	
Common Equity (500,000 units) (g)				500	625	
Warrant (242,121 units) (g)(l)				243	303	
				3,521	3,706	1%

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<b>Oil &amp; Gas Distribution</b>						
<i>LNG Indy, LLC</i> (dba Kinetrex Energy)						
Subordinated Note (j)	11.5%/0.0%	9/28/2021	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,976	\$ 4,976	
Common Equity (1,000 units)				1,000	1,000	
				5,976	5,976	2%
<b>Oil &amp; Gas Services</b>						
<i>IOS Acquisitions, Inc. (m)</i>						
Common Equity (2,152 units) (i)				103	17	0%
<i>Pinnergy, Ltd. (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	0.0%/10.0%	1/24/2020	8,625	8,606	8,625	
Common Equity - Class A-2 (42,500 units) (i)				3,000	3,000	
Common Equity - Class B (1,000 units) (j)				3,000	3,000	
				14,606	14,625	4%
<b>Packaging</b>						
<i>Rohrer Corporation</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	11.0%/1.5%	1/18/2022	16,676	16,605	16,676	
Common Equity (389 shares)				750	780	
				17,355	17,456	5%
<b>Printing Services</b>						
<i>Brook &amp; Whittle Limited</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/4.8%	12/31/2017	8,128	8,128	8,324	
Subordinated Note	12.0%/2.0%	12/31/2017	2,354	2,354	2,354	
Warrant (1,051 shares) (l)				285	420	
Common Equity - Series A (148 shares)				110	58	
Common Equity - Series D (527 shares)				52	135	
				10,929	11,291	3%
<b>Promotional Products</b>						
<i>Hub Acquisition Sub, LLC</i> (dba Hub Pen)						
Subordinated Note (j)	12.3%/0.0%	9/23/2021	11,350	11,304	11,350	
Common Equity (7,500 units)				750	996	
				12,054	12,346	3%
<b>Restaurants</b>						
<i>ACFP Management, Inc. (m)</i>						
Common Equity (1,000,000 units) (i)				—	—	0%
<i>Cardboard Box LLC</i> (dba Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza)						
Common Equity (521,021 units) (i)				520	271	0%

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<b>Investment Type (c)</b>	<b>Rate (d)</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	<b>Cash/PIK</b>		<b>Amount</b>			<b>of Net</b>
						<b>Assets</b>
<b>Restaurant Finance Co, LLC</b>						
Senior Secured Loan (j)(o)	12.0%/4.0%	7/31/2020	\$ 9,154	\$ 9,126	\$ 7,096	2%
<b>Retail</b>						
<b>EBL, LLC (EbLens)</b>						
Common Equity (750,000 units) (g)(i)				750	2,062	1%
<b>Palmetto Moon, LLC</b>						
Senior Secured Term Loan	11.5%/0.0%	10/31/2021	6,304	6,267	6,267	
Common Equity (499 units) (i)				499	499	
				6,766	6,766	2%
<b>Safety Products Manufacturing</b>						
<b>Safety Products Group, LLC (k)(m)</b>						
Preferred Equity (749 units) (g)(i)				—	9	
Common Equity (676 units) (\$2,852 commitment) (g)(i)				—	—	
				—	9	0%
<b>Specialty Chemicals</b>						
<b>FAR Research Inc. (k)</b>						
Senior Secured Loan (j)	11.8%/1.0%	3/31/2019	7,289	7,273	7,289	
Revolving Loan (\$500 commitment) (i)	11.8%/1.0%	3/31/2019	138	136	138	
Common Equity (1,396 units)				1,396	1,231	
				8,805	8,658	3%
<b>Specialty Distribution</b>						
<b>Carlson Systems Holdings, Inc. (m)</b>						
Common Equity (15,000 units) (i)				—	73	
				—	73	0%
<b>Pugh Lubricants, LLC</b>						
Subordinated Note (j)	12.3%/0.0%	5/10/2022	12,256	12,199	12,199	
Common Equity (5,000 units) (g)(i)				500	500	
				12,699	12,699	4%
<b>Virginia Tile Company, LLC</b>						
Subordinated Note (j)	12.3%/0.0%	4/7/2022	12,000	11,964	12,000	
Common Equity (17 units)				342	1,214	
				12,306	13,214	4%
<b>Transportation Services</b>						
<b>Cavallo Bus Lines Holdings, LLC</b>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/3.0%	4/26/2021	8,250	8,219	8,250	2%
<b>US Pack Logistics LLC</b>						
Subordinated Note (j)	12.0%/1.8%	9/27/2020	7,185	7,153	7,185	
Common Equity (5,357 units) (g)(i)				583	827	
				7,736	8,012	2%

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<b>Worldwide Express Operations, LLC</b>						
Subordinated Note (i)(n)	9.8%/0.0%	2/3/2025	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,853	\$ 9,853	
Common Equity (4,000 units) (g)(i)				4,000	4,000	
				13,853	13,853	4%
<b>Utility Equipment Manufacturing</b>						
<b>Mirage Trailers LLC (k)</b>						
Senior Secured Loan (j)(e)	12.5%/0.0%	11/25/2020	8,123	8,057	8,123	
Common Equity (2,500,000 shares)(f)				2,482	2,773	
				10,539	10,896	3%
<b>Trantech Radiator Products, Inc. (k)</b>						
Subordinated Note (i)	12.0%/2.3%	5/31/2018	6,994	6,989	6,994	
Common Equity (6,875 shares) (i)				688	138	
				7,677	7,132	2%
<b>Vending Equipment Manufacturing</b>						
<b>Accent Food Services, LLC</b>						
Subordinated Note (j)	10.0%/1.3%	5/30/2022	20,206	20,098	20,098	
Common Equity (7,500 units) (g)(i)				750	750	
				20,848	20,848	6%
<b>Ice House America, LLC</b>						
Subordinated Note (i)	12.0%/3.0%	1/1/2020	4,269	4,134	4,269	
Warrant (1,957,895 units) (g)(i)(l)				216	114	
				4,350	4,383	1%
<b>Total Investments</b>				<u>\$516,068</u>	<u>\$536,602</u>	151%

- (a) See Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements for portfolio composition by geographic location.
- (b) Equity ownership may be held in shares or units of companies related to the portfolio companies.
- (c) All debt investments are income producing, unless otherwise indicated. Equity investments are non-income producing unless otherwise noted.
- (d) Rate includes the cash interest or dividend rate and paid-in-kind interest or dividend rate, if any, as of March 31, 2017. Generally, payment-in-kind interest can be paid-in-kind or all in cash.
- (e) The investment bears interest at a variable rate that is determined by reference to one-month LIBOR, which is reset monthly. The interest rate is set as one-month LIBOR + 11.5% and is subject to a 12.5% interest rate floor. The Company has provided the interest rate in effect as of March 31, 2017.
- (f) Income producing. Maturity date, if any, represents mandatory redemption date.
- (g) Investment is held by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, other than the Funds.
- (h) The entire commitment was unfunded at March 31, 2017. As such, no interest is being earned on this investment.
- (i) Investment pledged as collateral for the Credit Facility and, as a result, is not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than the Company's obligations under the Credit Facility (see Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements).

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- (j) The portion of the investment not held by the Funds is pledged as collateral for the Credit Facility and, as a result, is not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than the Company's obligations under the Credit Facility (see Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements).
- (k) As defined in the 1940 Act, the Company is deemed to be an "Affiliated Person" of this portfolio company because it owns 5% or more of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company. Transactions in which the issuer was an Affiliated Person are detailed in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements.
- (l) Warrants entitle the Company to purchase a predetermined number of shares of common stock, and are non-income producing. The purchase price and number of shares are subject to adjustment under certain conditions until the expiration date, if any.
- (m) Investment in portfolio company that has sold its operations and is in the process of winding down.
- (n) The investment bears interest at a variable rate that is determined by reference to three-month LIBOR, which is reset quarterly. The interest rate is set as three-month LIBOR + 8.8% and is subject to a 1.0% LIBOR interest rate floor. The Company has provided the interest rate in effect as of March 31, 2017.
- (o) Investment was on non-accrual status as of March 31, 2017, meaning the Company has ceased recognizing interest income on the investment.

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<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense Manufacturing</b>						
<i>FDS Avionics Corp.</i>						
<i>(dba Flight Display Systems)</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.3%/0.0%	4/1/2020	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,184	\$ 4,237	
Common Equity (200 units) (i)				2,000	312	
				7,184	4,549	1%
<i>Fiber Materials, Inc. (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/1.0%	5/30/2022	4,003	3,984	3,984	
Common Equity (10 units)				1,000	1,000	
				4,984	4,984	1%
<i>Lightning Diversion Systems, LLC</i>						
Senior Secured Loan (j)	10.5%/0.0%	9/16/2021	21,204	21,114	21,204	
Revolving Loan (\$250 commitment) (h)	10.5%/0.0%	9/16/2021	—	(1)	—	
Common Equity (600,000 units)				—	2,637	
				21,113	23,841	7%
<i>Malabar International (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	11.3%/2.0%	11/13/2021	7,617	7,607	7,617	
Preferred Equity (1,494 shares) (f)	6.0%/0.0%	5/12/2022		1,997	5,367	
				9,604	12,984	4%
<i>Simplex Manufacturing Co.</i>						
Subordinated Note (n)	14.0%/0.0%	12/9/2016	4,050	4,050	4,050	
Warrant (28 shares) (l)				1,041	3,787	
				5,091	7,837	2%
<i>Steward Holding LLC (k)</i>						
<i>(dba Steward Advanced Materials)</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/2.3%	5/12/2021	7,181	7,154	7,181	
Common Equity (1,000,000 units)				1,000	678	
				8,154	7,859	2%
<b>Apparel Distribution</b>						
<i>Jacob Ash Holdings, Inc.</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	13.0%/4.0%	6/30/2018	4,000	3,997	4,000	
Subordinated Note	13.0%/0.0%	6/30/2018	778	773	778	
Preferred Equity (66,138 shares) (f)	0.0%/15.0%	6/30/2018		1,071	1,075	
Warrant (63,492 shares) (l)				67	—	
				5,908	5,853	2%
<b>Building Products Manufacturing</b>						
<i>SES Investors, LLC (k)</i>						
<i>(dba SES Foam)</i>						
Senior Secured Loan	11.0%/0.0%	3/8/2022	10,474	10,424	10,424	
Revolving Loan (\$1,500 commitment)(i)	6.0%/0.0%	3/8/2022	1,000	993	993	
Common Equity (6,000 units) (g)(i)				600	600	
				12,017	12,017	4%



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			<u>Cash/PIK</u>					
<b>The Wolf Organization, LLC</b>								
	Common Equity (175 shares)					\$ 1,455	\$ 3,102	1%
<b>US GreenFiber, LLC</b>								
	Subordinated Note (j)		12.5%/0.0%	1/2/2019	\$ 14,000	13,968	14,000	
	Common Equity (1,667 units) (g)(i)					<u>500</u>	<u>574</u>	
						14,468	14,574	4%
<b>Business Services</b>								
<b>Comprehensive Logistics Co., Inc.</b>								
	Senior Subordinated Loan (i)		11.5%/4.5%	11/22/2021	15,075	15,001	15,001	4%
<b>Inflexion, Inc. (k)</b>								
	Senior Secured Loan		7.0%/6.0%	12/16/2019	4,196	4,182	3,579	
	Revolving Loan (\$500 commitment) (i)		7.0%/6.0%	12/16/2019	159	156	136	
	Preferred Equity (252,046 units)					252	114	
	Preferred Equity (308,987 units)					309	139	
	Preferred Equity (1,400 units)					<u>1,400</u>	<u>—</u>	
						6,299	3,968	1%
<b>Plymouth Rock Energy, LLC</b>								
	Senior Secured Loan		11.8%/0.0%	5/14/2017	6,000	5,995	6,000	2%
<b>Vanguard Dealer Services, L.L.C.</b>								
	Subordinated Note		12.3%/0.0%	1/30/2021	11,450	11,405	11,450	
	Common Equity (6,000 shares)					<u>600</u>	<u>907</u>	
						12,005	12,357	3%
<b>Capital Equipment Manufacturing</b>								
<b>Thermoforming Technology Group LLC</b>								
	Subordinated Note		12.5%/0.0%	9/14/2021	14,700	14,637	14,700	
	Common Equity (3,500 units) (g)(i)					<u>350</u>	<u>353</u>	
						14,987	15,053	4%
<b>Component Manufacturing</b>								
<b>Hilco Plastics Holdings, LLC</b>								
<i>(dba Hilco Technologies)</i>								
	Subordinated Note		11.5%/1.0%	7/15/2022	8,022	7,984	7,984	
	Common Equity (72,507 units) (g)(i)					<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	
						8,484	8,484	2%
<b>Toledo Molding &amp; Die, Inc.</b>								
	Subordinated Note (i)		10.5%/0.0%	12/18/2018	10,000	9,926	10,000	3%
<b>Consumer Products</b>								
<b>Grindmaster Corporation</b>								
	Subordinated Note		11.5%/0.0%	10/31/2019	10,500	10,474	10,500	3%

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	<b>Cash/PIK</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>of Net</b>
						<b>Assets</b>
<b>World Wide Packaging, LLC (k)</b>						
Common Equity (1,517,573 units) (g)(i)				\$ 499	\$ 2,898	1%
<b>Electronic Components Supplier</b>						
<i>Apex Microtechnology, Inc. (k)</i>						
Warrant (2,293 shares) (l)				220	345	
Common Equity (11,690 shares)				<u>1,168</u>	<u>1,876</u>	
				1,388	2,221	1%
<b>Healthcare Products</b>						
<i>Allied 100 Group, Inc.</i>						
Subordinated Note (i)	11.5%/0.0%	5/26/2020	\$ 13,000	12,960	13,000	
Common Equity (1,250,000 units) (i)				<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,201</u>	
				14,210	14,201	4%
<i>Anatrace Products, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note	13.0%/1.3%	6/23/2021	6,500	6,483	6,500	
Common Equity (360,000 shares) (i)				<u>—</u>	<u>259</u>	
				6,483	6,759	2%
<i>OMC Investors, LLC</i> <i>(dba Ohio Medical Corporation)</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/0.0%	7/15/2021	10,000	9,917	9,383	
Common Equity (5,000 shares)				<u>500</u>	<u>358</u>	
				10,417	9,741	3%
<i>Pfanstiehl, Inc. (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note	10.5%/0.0%	9/29/2021	6,208	6,189	6,208	
Common Equity (8,500 units) (i)				<u>850</u>	<u>13,750</u>	
				7,039	19,958	6%
<i>Six Month Smiles Holdings, Inc.</i>						
Subordinated Note (i)	6.0%/8.5%	7/31/2020	8,777	8,754	8,106	2%
<b>Healthcare Services</b>						
<i>Medsurant Holdings, LLC (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.3%/0.0%	6/18/2021	6,267	6,221	6,267	
Preferred Equity (126,662 units) (g)				1,346	1,505	
Warrant (505,176 units) (g)(l)				<u>4,516</u>	<u>5,199</u>	
				12,083	12,971	4%
<i>Microbiology Research Associates, Inc. (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note	11.0%/1.5%	3/13/2022	8,538	8,516	8,538	
Common Equity (1,625,731 units) (i)				<u>1,939</u>	<u>2,593</u>	
				10,455	11,131	3%

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<i>Oaktree Medical Centre, P.C.</i> <i>(dba Pain Management Associates)</i>						
Senior Secured Loan (i)	11.5%/0.0%	1/1/2018	\$ 571	\$ 614	\$ 633	
Senior Secured Loan (i)	7.0%/12.0%	1/1/2018	6,078	6,405	4,663	
Revolving Loan (\$2,500 commitment) (i)	11.5%/0.0%	1/1/2018	2,500	2,526	2,768	
				9,545	8,064	2%
<i>United Biologics, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/2.0%	4/30/2018	8,698	8,659	8,698	
Preferred Equity (98,377 units) (g)(i)				1,069	729	
Warrant (57,469 units) (l)				566	191	
				10,294	9,618	3%
<b>Industrial Cleaning &amp; Coatings</b>						
<i>K2 Industrial Services, Inc.</i>						
Tranche A Loan	11.8%/2.5%	4/25/2022	10,047	10,005	10,005	
Tranche B Loan	11.8%/7.3%	4/25/2022	2,027	2,019	2,019	
Common Equity (1,673 shares)				1,268	553	
				13,292	12,577	4%
<b>Information Technology Services</b>						
<i>FTH Acquisition Corp. VII</i>						
Subordinated Note	13.0%/0.0%	3/9/2017	8,178	8,178	7,937	
Preferred Equity (887,122 shares)				887	444	
				9,065	8,381	2%
<i>inthinc Technology Solutions, Inc.</i>						
Subordinate Note (\$5,000 commitment)	12.5%/0.0%	4/24/2020	4,000	3,984	4,000	
Subordinated Note	0.0%/12.5%	4/24/2020	1,178	1,039	1,141	
Royalty Rights		4/24/2020		185	—	
				5,208	5,141	1%
<i>Software Technology, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note (i)	11.0%/0.0%	6/23/2023	8,750	8,706	8,706	
Common Equity (11 units)				1,125	1,125	
				9,831	9,831	3%
<b>Laundry Services</b>						
<i>Caldwell &amp; Gregory, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note	11.5%/1.0%	11/30/2018	1,555	1,545	1,555	
Subordinated Note	0.0%/12.0%	5/31/2019	4,583	4,460	4,583	
Common Equity (500,000 units) (g)				500	650	
Warrant (242,121 units) (g)(l)				242	315	
				6,747	7,103	2%
<b>Oil &amp; Gas Distribution</b>						
<i>LNG Indy, LLC</i> <i>(dba Kinetrex Energy)</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	11.5%/0.0%	9/28/2021	5,000	4,975	4,975	
Common Equity (1,000 units)				1,000	1,000	
				5,975	5,975	2%

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<b>Oil &amp; Gas Services</b>						
<i>IOS Acquisitions, Inc. (m)</i>						
Common Equity (2,152 units) (i)				\$ 103	\$ 17	0%
<i>Pinnergy, Ltd. (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	0.0%/10.0%	1/24/2020	\$ 8,414	8,394	8,414	
Common Equity - Class A-2 (42,500 units) (i)				3,000	3,000	
Common Equity - Class B (1,000 units) (j)				3,000	3,000	
				14,394	14,414	4%
<b>Packaging</b>						
<i>Rohrer Corporation</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	11.0%/1.5%	1/18/2022	16,614	16,539	16,539	
Common Equity (389 shares)				750	750	
				17,289	17,289	5%
<b>Printing Services</b>						
<i>Brook &amp; Whittle Limited</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/4.8%	6/30/2017	8,031	8,031	8,198	
Subordinated Note	12.0%/2.0%	6/30/2017	2,342	2,342	2,342	
Warrant (1,051 shares) (l)				285	263	
Common Equity - Series A (148 shares)				110	37	
Common Equity - Series D (527 shares)				52	125	
				10,820	10,965	3%
<b>Promotional Products</b>						
<i>Hub Acquisition Sub, LLC (dba Hub Pen)</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	12.3%/0.0%	9/23/2021	11,350	11,301	11,350	
Common Equity (7,500 units)				750	1,010	
				12,051	12,360	3%
<b>Restaurants</b>						
<i>ACFP Management, Inc. (m)</i>						
Common Equity (1,000,000 units) (i)				—	—	0%
<i>Cardboard Box LLC (dba Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza)</i>						
Common Equity (521,021 units) (i)				520	240	0%
<i>Restaurant Finance Co, LLC</i>						
Senior Secured Loan (j)	12.0%/4.0%	7/31/2020	9,154	9,126	7,377	2%
<b>Retail</b>						
<i>EBL, LLC (EbLens)</i>						
Common Equity (750,000 units) (g)(i)				750	2,044	1%

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Industry Portfolio Company (a)(b) Investment Type (c)	Rate (d) Cash/PIK	Maturity	Principal Amount	Cost	Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets
<b>Palmetto Moon, LLC</b>						
Senior Secured Term Loan	11.5%/0.0%	10/31/2021	\$ 6,402	\$ 6,364	\$ 6,364	
Common Equity (499 units)				499	499	
				6,863	6,863	2%
<b>Safety Products Manufacturing</b>						
<i>Safety Products Group, LLC (k)(m)</i>						
Preferred Equity (749 units) (g)(i)				—	22	
Common Equity (676 units) (\$2,852 commitment) (g)(i)				—	—	
				—	22	0%
<b>Specialty Chemicals</b>						
<i>FAR Research Inc. (k)</i>						
Senior Secured Loan (j)	11.8%/1.0%	3/31/2019	7,271	7,256	7,271	
Revolving Loan (\$1,750 commitment) (i)	11.8%/1.0%	3/31/2019	138	134	138	
Common Equity (1,396 units)				1,395	1,012	
				8,785	8,421	2%
<b>Specialty Distribution</b>						
<i>Carlson Systems Holdings, Inc. (m)</i>						
Common Equity (15,000 units) (i)				—	73	
				—	73	0%
<i>Pugh Lubricants, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	12.3%/0.0%	5/10/2022	12,256	12,197	12,197	
Common Equity (5,000 units) (g)(i)				500	500	
				12,697	12,697	4%
<i>Virginia Tile Company, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	12.3%/0.0%	4/7/2022	12,000	11,962	12,000	
Common Equity (17 units)				342	1,220	
				12,304	13,220	4%
<b>Transportation Services</b>						
<i>Cavallo Bus Lines Holdings, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note	12.0%/3.0%	4/26/2021	8,250	8,218	8,250	2%
<i>US Pack Logistics LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note (j)	12.0%/1.8%	9/27/2020	14,027	13,923	14,027	
Common Equity (5,357 units) (g)(i)				583	675	
				14,506	14,702	4%
<i>Worldwide Express Operations, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note	11.5%/1.0%	8/1/2020	17,468	17,368	17,559	
Common Equity (2,500,000 units) (g)(i)				2,500	6,613	
				19,868	24,172	7%
<b>Utility Equipment Manufacturing</b>						
<i>Mirage Trailers LLC (k)</i>						
Senior Secured Loan (j)(e)	12.5%/0.0%	11/25/2020	8,208	8,138	8,208	
Common Equity (2,500,000 shares)				2,480	2,721	
				10,618	10,929	3%

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<i>Trantech Radiator Products, Inc. (k)</i>						
Subordinated Note (i)	12.0%/2.3%	5/31/2018	\$ 6,994	\$ 6,988	\$ 6,994	
Common Equity (6,875 shares) (i)				688	242	
				7,676	7,236	2%
<b>Vending Equipment Manufacturing</b>						
<i>Accent Food Services, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note	10.0%/1.3%	5/30/2022	14,516	14,436	14,436	
Common Equity (7,500 units) (g)(i)				750	750	
				15,186	15,186	4%
<i>Ice House America, LLC</i>						
Subordinated Note (i)	12.0%/3.0%	1/1/2020	4,237	4,090	4,237	
Warrant (1,957,895 units) (g)(i)(l)				216	101	
				4,306	4,338	1%
<b>Total Investments</b>				<u>\$500,514</u>	<u>\$524,454</u>	148%

- (a) See Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements for portfolio composition by geographic location.
- (b) Equity ownership may be held in shares or units of companies related to the portfolio companies.
- (c) All debt investments are income producing, unless otherwise indicated. Equity investments are non-income producing unless otherwise noted.
- (d) Rate includes the cash interest or dividend rate and paid-in-kind interest or dividend rate, if any, as of December 31, 2016. Generally, payment-in-kind interest can be paid-in-kind or all in cash.
- (e) The investment bears interest at a variable rate that is determined by reference to one-month LIBOR, which is reset monthly. The interest rate is set as one-month LIBOR + 11.5% and is subject to a 12.5% interest rate floor. The Company has provided the interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2016.
- (f) Income producing. Maturity date, if any, represents mandatory redemption date.
- (g) Investment is held by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, other than the Funds.
- (h) The entire commitment was unfunded at December 31, 2016. As such, no interest is being earned on this investment.
- (i) Investment pledged as collateral for the Credit Facility and, as a result, is not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than the Company's obligations under the Credit Facility (see Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements).
- (j) The portion of the investment not held by the Funds is pledged as collateral for the Credit Facility and, as a result, is not directly available to the creditors of the Company to satisfy any obligations of the Company other than the Company's obligations under the Credit Facility (see Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements).
- (k) As defined in the 1940 Act, the Company is deemed to be an "Affiliated Person" of this portfolio company because it owns 5% or more of the portfolio company's outstanding voting securities or it has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such portfolio company. Transactions in which the issuer was an Affiliated Person are detailed in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements.
- (l) Warrants entitle the Company to purchase a predetermined number of shares of common stock, and are non-income producing. The purchase price and number of shares are subject to adjustment under certain conditions until the expiration date, if any.
- (m) Investment in portfolio company that has sold its operations and is in the process of winding down.
- (n) The debt investment continues to pay interest, including the default rate, while the portfolio company pursues refinancing options.

*See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).*

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**Note 1. Organization and Nature of Business**

Fidus Investment Corporation, a Maryland corporation (“FIC,” and together with its subsidiaries, the “Company”), was formed on February 14, 2011 for the purposes of (i) acquiring 100% of the limited partnership interests of Fidus Mezzanine Capital, L.P. and its consolidated subsidiaries (collectively, “Fund I”) and 100% of the membership interests of Fund I’s general partner, Fidus Mezzanine Capital GP, LLC (“FMCGP”), (ii) raising capital in an initial public offering that was completed in June 2011 (the “IPO”) and (iii) thereafter operating as an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company, within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), that has elected to be regulated as a business development company (“BDC”) under the 1940 Act.

On June 20, 2011, FIC acquired 100% of the limited partnership interests in Fund I and 100% of the equity interests in FMCGP, in exchange for 4,056,521 shares of common stock in FIC (the “Formation Transactions”). Fund I became FIC’s wholly-owned subsidiary, retained its license to operate as a Small Business Investment Company (“SBIC”), and continues to hold investments and make new investments. The IPO consisted of the sale of 5,370,500 shares of the Company’s common stock, including shares purchased by the underwriters pursuant to their exercise of the over-allotment option, at a price of \$15.00 per share resulting in net proceeds of \$73,626, after deducting underwriting fees and commissions and offering costs totaling \$6,932.

The Company provides customized debt and equity financing solutions to lower middle-market companies. Fund I commenced operations on May 1, 2007, and on October 22, 2007, was granted a license to operate as a SBIC under the authority of the U.S. Small Business Administration (“SBA”). On March 29, 2013, the Company commenced operations of a second wholly-owned subsidiary, Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P. (“Fund II”), and, on May 28, 2013, was granted a second license to operate Fund II as an SBIC. Collectively, Fund I and Fund II are referred to as the “Funds.” The SBIC licenses allow the Funds to obtain leverage by issuing SBA-guaranteed debentures (“SBA debentures”), subject to the issuance of leverage commitments by the SBA and other customary procedures. As SBICs, the Funds are subject to a variety of regulations and oversight by the SBA under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (the “SBIC Act”), concerning, among other things, the size and nature of the companies in which they may invest and the structure of those investments.

Fund I has also elected to be regulated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. Fund II is not registered under the 1940 Act and relies on the exclusion from the definition of investment company contained in Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act. In addition, for federal income tax purposes, the Company elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (“RIC”) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), commencing with its taxable year ended December 31, 2011.

The Company pays a quarterly base management fee and an incentive fee to Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC (the “Investment Advisor”) under an investment advisory agreement (the “Investment Advisory Agreement”). The initial investment professionals of the Investment Advisor were previously employed by Fidus Capital, LLC, who was the investment advisor to Fund I prior to consummation of the Formation Transactions.

**Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies**

*Basis of presentation:* The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“GAAP”) pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-Q, Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 946, *Financial Services – Investment Companies* (“ASC 946”), and Articles 6 or 10 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, the consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications that are necessary for the fair presentation of financial results as of and for the periods presented. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. The current period’s results of operation are not necessarily indicative of results that ultimately may be achieved for the year. Therefore, the unaudited financial statements and notes should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2016.

*Use of estimates:* The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Consolidation:* Pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation S-X and ASC 946, the Company will generally not consolidate its investments in a company other than an investment company subsidiary or a controlled operating company whose business consists of providing services to the Company. As a result, the consolidated financial statements of the Company include only the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, including the Funds. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

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*Investment risks:* The Company's investments are subject to a variety of risks. These risks may include, but are not limited to the following:

- *Market risk* - Market risk represents the potential loss that can be caused by a change in the fair value of the financial instrument due to market changes.
- *Credit risk* - Credit risk represents the risk that the Company would incur if the counterparties failed to perform pursuant to the terms of their agreements with the Company.
- *Liquidity risk* - Liquidity risk represents the possibility that the Company may not maintain sufficient cash balances or may not have access to sufficient cash to meet loan and other commitments as they become due.
- *Interest rate risk* - Interest rate risk represents the likelihood that a change in interest rates could have an adverse impact on the fair value of an interest-bearing financial instrument.
- *Prepayment risk* - Certain of the Company's debt investments allow for prepayment of principal without penalty. Downward changes in interest rates may cause prepayments to occur at a faster than expected rate, thereby effectively shortening the maturity of the debt investments and making the instrument less likely to be an income producing instrument.
- *Off-Balance sheet risk* - Some of the Company's financial instruments contain off-balance sheet risk. Generally, these financial instruments represent future commitments to purchase other financial instruments at specific terms at specific future dates. See Note 7 for further details.

*Fair value of financial instruments:* The Company measures and discloses fair value with respect to substantially all of its financial instruments in accordance with ASC Topic 820 — *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* ("ASC Topic 820"). ASC Topic 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework used to measure fair value, and requires disclosures for fair value measurements, including the categorization of financial instruments into a three-level hierarchy based on the transparency of valuation inputs. See Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements for further discussion regarding the fair value measurements and hierarchy.

*Investment classification:* The Company classifies its investments in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act. Under the 1940 Act, "Control Investments" are defined as investments in those companies where the Company owns more than 25% of the voting securities of such company or has rights to maintain greater than 50% of the board representation. Under the 1940 Act, "Affiliate Investments" are defined as investments in those companies where the Company owns between 5% and 25% of the voting securities of such company. "Non-Control/Non-Affiliate Investments" are those that neither qualify as Control Investments nor Affiliate Investments.

*Segments:* In accordance with ASC Topic 280 — *Segment Reporting*, the Company has determined that it has a single reporting segment and operating unit structure.

*Cash and cash equivalents:* Cash and cash equivalents are highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition. The Company places its cash in financial institutions and, at times, such balances may be in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance limits. The Company does not believe its cash balances are exposed to any significant credit risk.

*Deferred financing costs:* Deferred financing costs consist of fees and expenses paid in connection with the Credit Facility (as defined in Note 6) and SBA debentures. Deferred financing costs are capitalized and amortized over the term of the debt agreement using the effective interest method. Unamortized deferred financing costs are presented as an offset to the corresponding debt liabilities on the consolidated statements of assets and liabilities.

*Deferred equity offering costs:* Deferred equity offering costs include registration expenses related to shelf filings, including expenses related to the launch of the ATM Program. These expenses primarily consist of Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") registration fees, legal fees and accounting fees incurred. These expenses are included in prepaid assets and are charged to additional paid in capital upon the receipt of proceeds from an equity offering or charged to expense if no offering is completed.

*Realized gains or losses and unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments:* Realized gains or losses on investments are recorded upon the sale or disposition of a portfolio investment and are calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from the sale or disposition and the cost basis of the investment, without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on the consolidated statements of operations includes changes in the fair value of investments from the prior period, as determined in good faith by the Company's board of directors (the "Board") through the application of the Company's valuation policy, as well as reclassifications of any prior period unrealized appreciation or depreciation on exited investments to realized gains or losses on investments.



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*Interest and dividend income:* Interest and dividend income is recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that we expect to collect such amounts. Interest is accrued daily based on the outstanding principal amount and the contractual terms of the debt. Dividend income is recorded as dividends are declared or at the point an obligation exists for the portfolio company to make a distribution, and is generally recognized when received. Distributions from portfolio companies are evaluated to determine if the distribution is a distribution of earnings or a return of capital. Distributions of earnings are included in dividend income while a return of capital is recorded as a reduction in the cost basis of the investment. Estimates are adjusted as necessary when the relevant tax forms are received from the portfolio company.

Certain of the Company's investments contain a payment-in-kind ("PIK") income provision. The PIK income, computed at the contractual rate specified in the applicable investment agreement, is added to the principal balance of the investment, rather than being paid in cash, and recorded as interest or dividend income, as applicable, on the consolidated statements of operations. Generally, PIK can be paid-in-kind or all in cash. The Company stops accruing PIK income when there is reasonable doubt that PIK income will be collected. PIK income is included in the Company's taxable income and, therefore, affects the amount the Company is required to pay to shareholders in the form of dividends in order to maintain the Company's tax treatment as a RIC and to avoid corporate federal income tax, even though the Company has not yet collected the cash.

When there is reasonable doubt that principal, interest or dividends will be collected, loans or preferred equity investments are placed on non-accrual status and the Company will generally cease recognizing interest or dividend income. Interest and dividend payments received on non-accrual investments may be recognized as interest or dividend income or may be applied to the investment principal balance based on management's judgment. Non-accrual investments are restored to accrual status when past due principal, interest or dividends are paid and, in management's judgment, payments are likely to remain current.

*Fee income:* Transaction fees earned in connection with the Company's investments are recognized as fee income. Such fees typically include fees for services, including structuring and advisory services, provided to portfolio companies. The Company recognizes income from fees for providing such structuring and advisory services when the services are rendered or the transactions are completed. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any prepayment penalties are recorded as fee income when earned.

The Company also typically receives loan origination or closing fees in connection with investments. Such loan origination and closing fees are capitalized as unearned income and offset against investment cost basis on the consolidated statements of assets and liabilities and accreted into income over the life of the investment.

*Warrants:* In connection with the Company's debt investments, the Company will sometimes receive warrants or other equity-related securities from the borrower ("Warrants"). The Company determines the cost basis of Warrants based upon their respective fair values on the date of receipt in proportion to the total fair value of the debt and Warrants received. Any resulting difference between the face amount of the debt and its recorded fair value resulting from the assignment of value to the Warrants is treated as original issue discount ("OID"), and accreted into interest income using the effective interest method over the term of the debt investment.

*Partial loan sales:* The Company follows the guidance in ASC 860, *Transfers and Servicing*, when accounting for loan participations and other partial loan sales. Such guidance requires a participation or other partial loan sale to meet the definition of a "participating interest," as defined in the guidance, in order for sale treatment to be allowed. Participations or other partial loan sales which do not meet the definition of a participating interest should remain on the Company's consolidated statement of assets and liabilities and the proceeds recorded as a secured borrowing until the definition is met. Management has determined that all participations and other partial loan sale transactions entered into by the Company have met the definition of a participating interest. Accordingly, the Company uses sale treatment in accounting for such transactions.

*Income taxes:* The Company has elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, which will generally relieve the Company from U.S. federal income taxes with respect to all income distributed to stockholders. To maintain the tax treatment of a RIC, the Company is required to timely distribute to its stockholders at least 90.0% of "investment company taxable income," as defined by Subchapter M of the Code, each year. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, the Company may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year distributions into the next tax year; however, the Company will pay a 4.0% excise tax if it does not distribute at least 98.0% of the current year's ordinary taxable income. Any such carryover taxable income must be distributed through a dividend declared prior to the later of the date on which the final tax return related to the year in which the Company generated such taxable income is filed or the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 9<sup>th</sup> month following the close of such taxable year. In addition, the Company will be subject to federal excise tax if it does not distribute at least 98.2% of its net capital gains realized, computed for any one year period ending October 31.

In the future, the Funds may be limited by provisions of the SBIC Act and SBA regulations governing SBICs from making certain distributions to FIC that may be necessary to enable FIC to make the minimum distributions required to maintain the tax treatment of a RIC.

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The Company has certain wholly-owned taxable subsidiaries (the “Taxable Subsidiaries”), each of which generally holds one or more of the Company’s portfolio investments listed on the consolidated schedules of investments. The Taxable Subsidiaries are consolidated for financial reporting purposes, such that the Company’s consolidated financial statements reflect the Company’s investment in the portfolio companies owned by the Taxable Subsidiaries. The purpose of the Taxable Subsidiaries is to permit the Company to hold equity investments in portfolio companies that are taxed as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes (such as entities organized as limited liability companies (“LLCs”) or other forms of pass through entities) while complying with the “source-of-income” requirements contained in the RIC tax provisions. The Taxable Subsidiaries are not consolidated with the Company for U.S. federal corporate income tax purposes, and each Taxable Subsidiary will be subject to U.S. federal corporate income tax on its taxable income. Any such income or expense is reflected in the consolidated statements of operations.

U.S. federal income tax regulations differ from GAAP, and as a result, distributions in accordance with tax regulations may differ from net investment income and realized gains recognized under GAAP. Differences may be permanent or temporary. Permanent differences may arise as a result of, among other items, a difference in the book and tax basis of certain assets and nondeductible federal income taxes. Temporary differences arise when certain items of income, expense, gain or loss are recognized at some time in the future.

ASC Topic 740 — *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* (“ASC Topic 740”) provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements. ASC Topic 740 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken in the course of preparing the Company’s tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are “more-likely-than-not” to be respected by the applicable tax authorities. Tax benefits of positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax expense in the current year. It is the Company’s policy to recognize accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax benefits in income tax provision, if any. There were no material uncertain income tax positions at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016. The Company’s tax returns are generally subject to examination by U.S. federal and most state tax authorities for a period of three years from the date the respective returns are filed, and, accordingly, the Company’s 2013 through 2016 tax years remain subject to examination.

*Distributions to stockholders:* Distributions to stockholders are recorded on the record date with respect to such distributions. The amount, if any, to be distributed to stockholders, is determined by the Board each quarter and is generally based upon the earnings estimated by management. Net realized capital gains, if any, may be distributed at least annually, although the Company may decide to retain such capital gains for investment.

The determination of the tax attributes for the Company’s distributions is made annually, and is based upon the Company’s taxable income and distributions paid to its stockholders for the full year. Ordinary dividend distributions from a RIC do not qualify for the preferential tax rate on qualified dividend income from domestic corporations and qualified foreign corporations, except to the extent that the RIC received the income in the form of qualifying dividends from domestic corporations and qualified foreign corporations. The tax characterization of the Company’s distributions generally includes both ordinary income and capital gains but may also include qualified dividends or return of capital.

The Company has adopted a dividend reinvestment plan (“DRIP”) that provides for the reinvestment of dividends on behalf of its stockholders, unless a stockholder has elected to receive dividends in cash. As a result, if the Company declares a cash dividend, the Company’s stockholders who have not “opted out” of the DRIP at least three days prior to the dividend payment date will have their cash dividend automatically reinvested into additional shares of the Company’s common stock. The Company has the option to satisfy the share requirements of the DRIP through the issuance of new shares of common stock or through open market purchases of common stock by the DRIP plan administrator. Newly issued shares are valued based upon the final closing price of the Company’s common stock on a date determined by the Board. Shares purchased in the open market to satisfy the DRIP requirements will be valued based upon the average price of the applicable shares purchased by the DRIP plan administrator before any associated brokerage or other costs. See Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements regarding dividend declarations and distributions.

*Earnings and net asset value per share:* The earnings per share calculations for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, are computed utilizing the weighted average shares outstanding for the period. Net asset value per share is calculated using the number of shares outstanding as of the end of the period.

*Stock repurchase plan:* The Company has an open market stock repurchase program (the “Program”) under which the Company may acquire up to \$5.0 million of its outstanding common stock. Under the Program, the Company may, but is not obligated to, repurchase outstanding common stock in the open market from time to time provided that the Company complies with the prohibitions under its insider trading policies and the requirements of Rule 10b-18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain price, market value and timing constraints. The timing, manner, price and amount of any share repurchases will be determined by the Company’s management, in its discretion, based upon the evaluation of economic and market conditions, stock price, capital availability, applicable legal and regulatory requirements and other corporate considerations. On November 1, 2016, the Board extended the Program through December 31, 2017, or until the approved dollar amount has been used to repurchase shares. The

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Program does not require the Company to repurchase any specific number of shares and the Company cannot assure that any shares will be repurchased under the Program. The Program may be suspended, extended, modified or discontinued at any time. The Company did not make any repurchases of common stock during the three months ended March 31, 2017 or 2016.

*Recent accounting pronouncements:* In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, which supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in *Revenue Recognition (Topic 605)*. Under the new guidance, an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, which defers the effective date of ASU 2014-09, such that the guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and early application is permitted only for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods within that reporting period. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this ASU will have on the Company’s consolidated financial position or disclosures, but the Company does not expect the impact to be material.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*, which addresses eight specific cash flow issues with the objective of reducing the existing diversity in practice in how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. This guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this ASU will have on the Company’s consolidated financial position or disclosures.

In December 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-19, *Technical Corrections and Improvements*, which includes minor corrections and clarifications that affect a wide variety of topics in the Accounting Standards Codification, including an amendment to Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, which clarifies the difference between a valuation approach and a valuation technique when applying the guidance of that Topic. The amendment also requires an entity to disclose when there has been a change in either or both a valuation approach and/or a valuation technique. The transition guidance for the Topic 820 amendment must be applied prospectively because it could potentially involve the use of hindsight that includes fair value measurements. The guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, for all entities beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company adopted this ASU effective January 1, 2017, and the amendments do not have a material effect on the Company’s consolidated financial position or disclosures.

### **Note 3. Portfolio Company Investments**

The Company’s portfolio investments principally consist of secured and unsecured debt, equity warrants and direct equity investments in privately held companies. The debt investments may or may not be secured by either a first or second lien on the assets of the portfolio company. The debt investments generally bear interest at fixed rates, and generally mature between five and seven years from the original investment. In connection with a debt investment, the Company also may receive nominally priced equity warrants and/or make a direct equity investment in the portfolio company. The Company’s warrants or equity investments may be investments in a holding company related to the portfolio company. In addition, the Company periodically makes equity investments in its portfolio companies through Taxable Subsidiaries. In both situations, the investment is generally reported under the name of the operating company on the consolidated schedules of investments.

As of March 31, 2017, the Company had active investments in 55 portfolio companies and residual investments in four portfolio companies that have sold their underlying operations. The aggregate fair value of the total portfolio was \$536,602 and the weighted average effective yield on the Company’s debt investments was 12.9% as of such date. As of March 31, 2017, the Company held equity investments in 88.1% of its portfolio companies and the average fully diluted equity ownership in those portfolio companies was 7.2%. As of December 31, 2016, the Company had active investments in 53 portfolio companies and residual investments in four portfolio companies that have sold their underlying operations. The aggregate fair value of the total portfolio was \$524,454 and the weighted average effective yield on the Company’s debt investments was 13.1% as of such date. As of December 31, 2016, the Company held equity investments in 86.0% of its portfolio companies and the average fully diluted equity ownership in those portfolio companies was 7.3%. The weighted average yield of the Company’s debt investments is not the same as a return on investment for its stockholders but, rather, relates to a portion of the Company’s investment portfolio and is calculated before the payment of all of the Company’s and its subsidiaries’ fees and expenses. The weighted average yields were computed using the effective interest rates for debt investments at cost as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, including accretion of original issue discount and loan origination fees, but excluding investments on non-accrual status, if any.

Purchases of debt and equity investments for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, totaled \$55,004 and \$42,348, respectively. Proceeds from sales and repayments, including principal, return of capital distributions and realized gains, of portfolio investments for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 totaled \$47,746 and \$31,581, respectively.

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Investments by type with corresponding percentage of total portfolio investments consisted of the following:

	Fair Value				Cost			
	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016		March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
Subordinated notes	\$372,367	69.5%	\$363,646	69.4%	\$375,113	72.8%	\$364,543	72.9%
Senior secured loans	78,480	14.6	79,758	15.2	82,753	16.0	83,426	16.7
Equity	74,047	13.8	70,849	13.5	50,749	9.8	45,207	9.0
Warrants	11,523	2.1	10,201	1.9	7,268	1.4	7,153	1.4
Royalty rights	185	—	—	—	185	—	185	—
Total	<u>\$536,602</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$524,454</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$516,068</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$500,514</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

All investments made by the Company as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were made in portfolio companies headquartered in the U.S. The following table shows portfolio composition by geographic region at fair value and cost and as a percentage of total investments. The geographic composition is determined by the location of the corporate headquarters of the portfolio company, which may not be indicative of the primary source of the portfolio company's business.

	Fair Value				Cost			
	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016		March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
Midwest	\$165,774	30.8%	\$166,412	31.6%	\$153,848	29.8%	\$153,456	30.7%
Southeast	118,326	22.1	122,633	23.4	127,207	24.6	130,107	26.0
Northeast	104,113	19.4	98,470	18.8	99,020	19.2	94,481	18.9
West	76,716	14.3	73,703	14.1	64,845	12.6	63,717	12.7
Southwest	71,673	13.4	63,236	12.1	71,148	13.8	58,753	11.7
Total	<u>\$536,602</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$524,454</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$516,068</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$500,514</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had no portfolio company investments that represented more than 10% of the total investment portfolio on a fair value or cost basis. As of March 31, 2017, the Company had debt investments in one portfolio company on non-accrual status, which had an aggregate cost and fair value of \$9,126 and \$7,096, respectively. As of December 31, 2016, there were no investments on non-accrual status.

**Schedule 12-14. Consolidated Schedule of Investments In and Advances To Affiliates**

The table below represents the fair value of control and affiliate investments as of December 31, 2016 and any gross additions and reductions made to such investments, as well as the ending fair value as of March 31, 2017.

Portfolio Company (1)	Credited to Income(2)	December 31, 2016 Fair Value	Gross Additions(3)	Gross Reductions(4)	March 31, 2017 Fair Value
<b>Affiliate Investments</b>					
<i>Apex Microtechnology, Inc.</i>					
Warrant	\$ —	\$ 345	\$ 40	\$ —	\$ 385
Common Equity	42	1,876	205	—	2,081
	42	2,221	245	—	2,466
<i>FAR Research Inc.</i>					
Senior Secured Loan	230	7,271	19	1	7,289
Revolving Loan	7	138	—	—	138
Common Equity	—	1,012	219	—	1,231
	237	8,421	238	1	8,658
<i>Fiber Materials, Inc.</i>					
Senior Subordinated Note	131	3,984	11	—	3,995
Common Equity	—	1,000	—	—	1,000
	131	4,984	11	—	4,995

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<b>Portfolio Company (1)</b>	<b>Credited to Income(2)</b>	<b>December 31, 2016 Fair Value</b>	<b>Gross Additions(3)</b>	<b>Gross Reductions(4)</b>	<b>March 31, 2017 Fair Value</b>
<i>Inflexxion, Inc.</i>					
Senior Secured Loan	\$ 138	\$ 3,579	\$ 64	\$ 72	\$ 3,571
Revolving Loan	6	136	3	3	136
Preferred Equity	—	114	46	—	160
Preferred Equity	—	139	57	—	196
Preferred Equity	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>144</u>	<u>3,968</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>4,063</u>
<i>Malabar International</i>					
Subordinated Note	253	7,617	38	—	7,655
Preferred Equity	30	5,367	15	—	5,382
	<u>283</u>	<u>12,984</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>13,037</u>
<i>Medsurant Holdings, LLC</i>					
Subordinated Note	194	6,267	2	2	6,267
Preferred Equity	—	1,505	259	—	1,764
Warrant	—	5,199	952	—	6,151
	<u>194</u>	<u>12,971</u>	<u>1,213</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>14,182</u>
<i>Microbiology Research Associates, Inc.</i>					
Subordinated Note	265	8,538	33	1	8,570
Common Equity	—	2,593	228	—	2,821
	<u>265</u>	<u>11,131</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11,391</u>
<i>Mirage Trailers LLC</i>					
Senior Secured Loan	261	8,208	5	90	8,123
Common Equity	1	2,721	52	—	2,773
	<u>262</u>	<u>10,929</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>10,896</u>
<i>Pinnergy, Ltd.</i>					
Subordinated Note	218	8,414	212	1	8,625
Common Equity — Class A-2	—	3,000	—	—	3,000
Common Equity — Class B	—	3,000	—	—	3,000
	<u>218</u>	<u>14,414</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14,625</u>
<i>Pfanstiehl, Inc.</i>					
Subordinated Note	162	6,208	1	1	6,208
Common Equity	180	13,750	—	953	12,797
	<u>342</u>	<u>19,958</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>954</u>	<u>19,005</u>

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<b>Portfolio Company (1)</b>	<b>Credited to Income(2)</b>	<b>December 31, 2016 Fair Value</b>	<b>Gross Additions(3)</b>	<b>Gross Reductions(4)</b>	<b>March 31, 2017 Fair Value</b>
<i>Safety Products Group, LLC</i>					
Preferred Equity	\$ —	\$ 22	\$ —	\$ 13	\$ 9
Common Equity	—	—	—	—	—
	—	22	—	13	9
<i>SES Investors, LLC (dba SES Foam)</i>					
Senior Secured Loan	290	10,424	24	—	10,448
Revolving Loan	21	993	507	—	1,500
Common Equity	—	600	—	35	565
	311	12,017	531	35	12,513
<i>Steward Holding LLC (dba Steward Advanced Materials)</i>					
Subordinated Note	254	7,181	41	1	7,221
Common Equity	—	678	—	161	517
	254	7,859	41	162	7,738
<i>Trantech Radiator Products, Inc.</i>					
Subordinated Note	250	6,994	1	1	6,994
Common Equity	—	242	—	104	138
	250	7,236	1	105	7,132
<i>World Wide Packaging, LLC</i>					
Common Equity	25	2,898	446	—	3,344
	25	2,898	446	—	3,344
<b>Total Affiliate Investments</b>	<b>\$ 2,958</b>	<b>\$ 132,013</b>	<b>\$ 3,480</b>	<b>\$ 1,439</b>	<b>\$134,054</b>

- (1) The principal amount, the ownership detail for equity investments, and if the investment is income producing is shown in the consolidated schedule of investments.
- (2) Represents the total amount of interest, fees or dividends included in 2017 income for the portion of the three months ended March 31, 2017 that an investment was included in the Affiliate category.
- (3) Gross additions include increases in the cost basis of investments resulting from a new portfolio investment, follow on investments, accrued PIK interest or dividends, and accretion of OID and loan origination fees. Gross additions also include net increases in unrealized appreciation or net decreases in unrealized depreciation, as well as the movement of an existing portfolio company into this category and out of a different category.
- (4) Gross reductions include decreases in the cost basis of investments resulting from principal repayments, if any. Gross reductions also include net increases in unrealized depreciation or net decreases in unrealized appreciation as well as the movement of an existing portfolio company out of this category and into a different category.

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**Note 4. Fair Value Measurements**

*Investments*

The Board has established and documented processes and methodologies for determining the fair values of portfolio company investments on a recurring basis in accordance with ASC Topic 820 and consistent with the requirements of the 1940 Act. Fair value is the price, determined at the measurement date, that would be received in the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Where available, fair value is based on observable market prices or parameters, or derived from such prices or parameters. Where observable prices or inputs are not available or reliable, valuation techniques described below are applied. Under ASC Topic 820, portfolio investments recorded at fair value in the consolidated financial statements are classified within the fair value hierarchy based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their value, as defined below:

*Level 1* — Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets as of the measurement date.

*Level 2* — Inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, or that are quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active and inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term, if applicable, of the investment.

*Level 3* — Inputs include those that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

An investment's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company's investment portfolio is comprised entirely of debt and equity securities of privately held companies for which quoted prices falling within the categories of Level 1 and Level 2 inputs are not available. Therefore, the Company values all of its portfolio investments at fair value, as determined in good faith by the Board, using Level 3 inputs. The degree of judgment exercised by the Board in determining fair value is greatest for investments classified as Level 3 inputs. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair values of investments that do not have readily available market values, the Board's estimate of fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and those differences may be material. In addition, changes in the market environment, portfolio company performance and other events that may occur over the lives of the investments may cause the amounts ultimately realized on these investments to be materially different than the valuations currently assigned.

With respect to investments for which market quotations are not readily available, the Board undertakes a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

- the quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially evaluated and rated by the investment professionals of the Investment Advisor responsible for the portfolio investment;
- preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with the investment committee of the Investment Advisor;
- the Board engages one or more independent valuation firm(s) to conduct independent appraisals of a selection of our portfolio investments for which market quotations are not readily available. Each portfolio company investment is generally appraised by the valuation firm(s) at least once every calendar year and each new portfolio company investment is appraised at least once in the twelve-month period following the initial investment. In certain instances, the Company may determine that it is not cost-effective, and as a result it is not in the Company's stockholders' best interest, to request the independent appraisal of certain portfolio company investments. Such instances include, but are not limited to, situations where the Company determines that the fair value of the portfolio company investment is relatively insignificant to the fair value of the total portfolio. The Board consulted with the independent valuation firm(s) in arriving at the Company's determination of fair value for 16 and 13 of its portfolio company investments representing 29.8% and 30.5% of the total portfolio investments at fair value (exclusive of new portfolio company investments made during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively) as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.
- the audit committee of the Board reviews the preliminary valuations of the Investment Advisor and of the independent valuation firm(s) and responds and supplements the valuation recommendations to reflect any comments; and
- the Board discusses these valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith, based on the input of the Investment Advisor, the independent valuation firm(s) and the audit committee.

In making the good faith determination of the value of portfolio investments, the Board starts with the cost basis of the security. The transaction price is typically the best estimate of fair value at inception. When evidence supports a subsequent change to the carrying value from the original transaction price, adjustments are made to reflect the expected exit values.

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Consistent with the policies and methodologies adopted by the Board, the Company performs detailed valuations of its debt and equity investments, including an analysis on the Company's unfunded loan commitments, using both the market and income approaches as appropriate. Under the market approach, the Company typically uses the enterprise value methodology to determine the fair value of an investment. There is no one methodology to estimate enterprise value and, in fact, for any one portfolio company, enterprise value is generally best expressed as a range of values, from which the Company derives a single estimate of enterprise value. Under the income approach, the Company typically prepares and analyzes discounted cash flow models to estimate the present value of future cash flows of either an individual debt investment or of the underlying portfolio company itself.

The Company evaluates investments in portfolio companies using the most recent portfolio company financial statements and forecasts. The Company also consults with the portfolio company's senior management to obtain further updates on the portfolio company's performance, including information such as industry trends, new product development and other operational issues.

For the Company's debt investments, including senior secured loans and subordinated notes, the primary valuation technique used to estimate the fair value is the discounted cash flow method. However, if there is deterioration in credit quality or a debt investment is in workout status, the Company may consider other methods in determining the fair value, including the value attributable to the debt investment from the enterprise value of the portfolio company or the proceeds that would be received in a liquidation analysis. The Company's discounted cash flow models estimate a range of fair values by applying an appropriate discount rate to the future cash flow streams of its debt investments, based on future interest and principal payments as set forth in the associated loan agreements. The Company prepares a weighted average cost of capital for use in the discounted cash flow model for each investment, based on factors including, but not limited to: current pricing and credit metrics for similar proposed or executed investment transactions of private companies; the portfolio company's historical financial results and outlook; and the portfolio company's current leverage and credit quality as compared to leverage and credit quality as of the date the investment was made. The Company may also consider the following factors when determining the fair value of debt investments: the portfolio company's ability to make future scheduled payments; prepayment penalties and other fees; estimated remaining life; the nature and realizable value of any collateral securing such debt investment; and changes in the interest rate environment and the credit markets that generally may affect the price at which similar investments may be made. The Company estimates the remaining life of its debt investments to generally be the legal maturity date of the instrument, as the Company generally intends to hold its loans to maturity. However, if the Company has information available to it that the loan is expected to be repaid in the near term, it would use an estimated remaining life based on the expected repayment date.

For the Company's equity investments, including equity and warrants, the Company generally uses a market approach, including valuation methodologies consistent with industry practice, to estimate the enterprise value of portfolio companies. Typically, the enterprise value of a private company is based on multiples of EBITDA, net income, revenues, or in limited cases, book value. In estimating the enterprise value of a portfolio company, the Company analyzes various factors consistent with industry practice, including but not limited to original transaction multiples, the portfolio company's historical and projected financial results, applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and leverage levels, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, and comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public. Where applicable, the Company considers the Company's ability to influence the capital structure of the portfolio company, as well as the timing of a potential exit.

The Company may also utilize an income approach when estimating the fair value of its equity securities, either as a primary methodology if consistent with industry practice or if the market approach is otherwise not applicable, or as a supporting methodology to corroborate the fair value ranges determined by the market approach. The Company typically prepares and analyzes discounted cash flow models based on projections of the future free cash flows (or earnings) of the portfolio company. The Company considers various factors, including but not limited to the portfolio company's projected financial results, applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and leverage levels, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, and comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public.

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

The Company reviews the fair value hierarchy classifications on a quarterly basis. Reclassifications impacting Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are reported as transfers in or out of the Level 3 category as of the beginning of the quarter in which the reclassifications occur. There were no transfers among Levels 1, 2, and 3 during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.



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The following tables present a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for fair valued investments measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Subordinated Notes	Senior Secured Loans	Equity	Warrants	Royalty Rights	Total
<b>Balance, December 31, 2015</b>	\$ 300,467	\$ 88,485	\$44,899	\$ 9,233	\$ 185	\$443,269
Net realized (losses) on investments	—	—	(35)	(275)	—	(310)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(3,710)	(1,770)	5,650	598	—	768
Purchase of investments	39,350	1,350	1,648	—	—	42,348
Proceeds from sales and repayments of investments	(7,044)	(23,836)	(700)	(1)	—	(31,581)
Interest and dividend income paid-in-kind	738	299	50	—	—	1,087
Proceeds from loan origination fees	(269)	(6)	—	—	—	(275)
Accretion of loan origination fees	124	190	2	—	—	316
Accretion of original issue discount	59	—	1	—	—	60
<b>Balance, March 31, 2016</b>	<u>\$ 329,715</u>	<u>\$ 64,712</u>	<u>\$51,515</u>	<u>\$ 9,555</u>	<u>\$ 185</u>	<u>\$455,682</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2016</b>	\$ 363,646	\$ 79,758	\$70,849	\$10,201	\$ —	\$524,454
Net realized gains on investments	—	—	6,464	—	—	6,464
Net change in unrealized (depreciation) appreciation on investments	(1,849)	(605)	(2,344)	1,207	185	(3,406)
Purchase of investments	50,388	500	4,001	115	—	55,004
Proceeds from sales and repayments of investments	(41,244)	(1,539)	(4,963)	—	—	(47,746)
Interest and dividend income paid-in-kind	1,394	266	38	—	—	1,698
Proceeds from loan origination fees	(340)	—	—	—	—	(340)
Accretion of loan origination fees	245	100	1	—	—	346
Accretion of original issue discount	127	—	1	—	—	128
<b>Balance, March 31, 2017</b>	<u>\$ 372,367</u>	<u>\$ 78,480</u>	<u>\$74,047</u>	<u>\$ 11,523</u>	<u>\$ 185</u>	<u>\$536,602</u>

Net change in unrealized (depreciation) appreciation of \$1,059 and \$(141) for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, was attributable to Level 3 investments held at March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The following tables summarize the significant unobservable inputs by valuation technique used to determine the fair value of the Company's Level 3 debt and equity investments as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016. The tables are not intended to be all-inclusive, but instead capture the significant unobservable inputs relevant to the Company's determination of fair values.

	Fair Value at March 31, 2017	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Inputs	Range (weighted average)
<b>Debt investments:</b>				
Subordinated notes	\$ 363,743	Discounted cash flow	Weighted average cost of capital	10.2% - 23.6% (14.0%)
	8,624	Enterprise value	Asset coverage	89.2% - 89.2% (89.2%)
Senior secured loans	70,417	Discounted cash flow	Weighted average cost of capital	6.1% - 21.1% (12.7%)
	8,063	Enterprise value	Asset Coverage	82.7% - 82.7% (82.7%)
<b>Equity investments:</b>				
Equity	67,692	Enterprise value	EBITDA multiples	5.0x - 14.7x (7.9x)
	6,355	Enterprise value	Revenue multiples	0.6x - 0.7x (0.7x)
Warrants	11,523	Enterprise value	EBITDA multiples	5.5x - 9.5x (7.1x)
Royalty rights	185	Discounted cash flow	Weighted average cost of capital	25.0% - 25.0% (25.0%)

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	Fair Value at December 31, 2016	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Inputs	Range (weighted average)
<b>Debt investments:</b>				
Subordinated notes	\$ 355,232	Discounted cash flow	Weighted average cost of capital	10.9% - 26.5% (14.5%)
	8,414	Enterprise value	Asset coverage	85.0% - 95.0% (87.3%)
Senior secured loans	71,693	Discounted cash flow	Weighted average cost of capital	10.9% - 21.0% (12.8%)
	8,065	Enterprise value	Asset Coverage	80.0% - 92.2% (84.2%)
<b>Equity investments:</b>				
Equity	64,596	Enterprise value	EBITDA multiples	5.0x – 12.9x (7.8x)
	6,253	Enterprise value	Revenue multiples	0.7x – 0.7x (0.7x)
Warrants	10,201	Enterprise value	EBITDA multiples	5.5x - 9.5x (6.6x)
Royalty rights	—	Discounted cash flow	Weighted average cost of capital	N/A

The significant unobservable input used in determining the fair value under the discounted cash flow technique is the weighted average cost of capital of each security. Significant increases (or decreases) in this input would likely result in significantly lower (or higher) fair value estimates.

The significant unobservable inputs used in determining fair value under the enterprise value technique are revenue and EBITDA multiples, as well as asset coverage. Significant increases (or decreases) in these inputs could result in significantly higher (or lower) fair value estimates.

*Other Financial Assets and Liabilities*

ASC Topic 820 requires disclosure of the fair value of financial instruments for which it is practical to estimate such value. The Company believes that the carrying amounts of its other financial instruments such as cash and cash equivalents, interest receivable and accounts payable and other liabilities approximate the fair value of such items due to the short maturity of such instruments. The fair value of borrowings under the Credit Facility (as defined in Note 6) are based on a market yield approach and current interest rates, which are Level 3 inputs to the market yield model. There were no borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016. The fair value of SBA debentures is estimated by discounting remaining payments using current market rates for similar instruments and considering such factors as the legal maturity date and the ability of market participants to prepay the debentures. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the fair value of the Company's SBA debentures using Level 3 inputs is estimated to be \$199,250 and \$224,000, respectively, which is the same as the Company's carrying value of the debentures.

**Note 5. Related Party Transactions**

*Investment Advisory Agreement:* The Company has entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement with the Investment Advisor. On June 2, 2016, the Board approved the renewal of the Investment Advisory Agreement through June 20, 2017. Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement and subject to the overall supervision of the Board, the Investment Advisor provides investment advisory services to the Company. For providing these services, the Investment Advisor receives a fee, consisting of two components — a base management fee and an incentive fee.

The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 1.75% based on the average value of total assets (other than cash or cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed amounts) at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters. The base management fee is payable quarterly in arrears. The base management fee under the Investment Advisory Agreement for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 totaled \$2,313, and \$1,983, respectively.

The incentive fee consists of two parts. The first part is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income for the quarter. Pre-incentive fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that the Company receives from portfolio companies but excluding fees for providing managerial assistance) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus operating expenses for the quarter (including the base management fee, any expenses payable under the Administration Agreement (defined below) and any interest expense and dividends paid on any outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the incentive fee and excise taxes on realized gains). Pre-incentive fee net investment income includes, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature (such as market discount, debt instruments with payment-in-kind income, preferred stock with PIK dividends and zero-coupon securities), accrued income the Company has not yet received in cash. The Investment Advisor is not under any obligation to reimburse the Company for any part of the incentive fee it receives that was based on accrued interest that the Company never collects.

Pre-incentive fee net investment income does not include any realized capital gains, taxes associated with such realized capital gains, realized capital losses or unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation. Because of the structure of the incentive fee, it is possible that the Company may pay an incentive fee in a quarter where the Company incurs a loss. For example, if the Company generates pre-incentive fee net investment income in excess of the hurdle rate (as defined below) for a quarter, the Company will pay the applicable incentive fee even if the Company has incurred a loss in that quarter due to a net loss on investments.

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Pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a rate of return on the value of the Company's weighted average net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any incentive fees payable during the period) at the end of the immediately preceding calendar quarter, is compared to a fixed "hurdle rate" of 2.0% per quarter. If market interest rates rise, the Company may be able to invest funds in debt instruments that provide for a higher return, which would increase the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income and make it easier for the Investment Advisor to surpass the fixed hurdle rate and receive an incentive fee based on such net investment income.

The Company pays the Investment Advisor an incentive fee with respect to pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows:

- no incentive fee in any calendar quarter in which the pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate of 2.0%;
- 100.0% of the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.5% in any calendar quarter. This portion of the pre-incentive fee net investment income (which exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.5%) is referred to as the "catch-up" provision. The catch-up is meant to provide the Investment Advisor with 20.0% of the pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle rate did not apply if this net investment income exceeds 2.5% in any calendar quarter; and
- 20.0% of the amount of the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.5% in any calendar quarter.

The sum of the calculations above equals the income incentive fee. The income incentive fee is appropriately prorated for any period of less than three months and adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the calendar quarter. The income incentive fee for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 totaled \$2,043 and \$1,788, respectively.

The second part of the incentive fee is a capital gains incentive fee that is determined and paid in arrears as of the end of each fiscal year (or upon termination of the Investment Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), and equals 20.0% of the net capital gains as of the end of the fiscal year. In determining the capital gains incentive fee to be paid to the Investment Advisor, the Company calculates the cumulative aggregate realized capital gains and cumulative aggregate realized capital losses since the Formation Transactions, and the aggregate unrealized capital depreciation as of the date of the calculation, as applicable, with respect to each of the investments in the Company's portfolio. At the end of the applicable year, the amount of capital gains that serves as the basis for the calculation of the capital gains incentive fee to be paid equals the cumulative aggregate realized capital gains less cumulative aggregate realized capital losses, less aggregate unrealized capital depreciation, with respect to the Company's portfolio of investments. If this number is positive at the end of such year, then the capital gains incentive fee to be paid for such year equals 20.0% of such amount, less the aggregate amount of any capital gains incentive fees paid in all prior years. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the capital gains incentive fee payable was \$0. The aggregate amount of capital gains incentive fees paid from the IPO through March 31, 2017 was \$348.

In addition, the Company accrues, but does not pay, a capital gains incentive fee in connection with any unrealized capital appreciation, as appropriate. If, on a cumulative basis, the sum of net realized gains/(losses) plus net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) decreases during a period, the Company will reverse any excess capital gains incentive fee previously accrued such that the amount of capital gains incentive fee accrued is no more than 20.0% of the sum of net realized gains/(losses) plus net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation). During the three ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company accrued capital gains incentive fees of \$335 and \$92, respectively.

The sum of the income incentive fee and the capital gains incentive fee is the incentive fee and is reported in the consolidated statements of operations. Accrued management fees, income incentive fees and capital gains incentive fees are reported in the management and incentive fees payable – due to affiliate line in the consolidated statements of assets and liabilities.

Unless terminated earlier as described below, the Investment Advisory Agreement will continue in effect from year to year if approved annually by the Board or by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Company's outstanding voting securities, and, in either case, if also approved by a majority of the Independent Directors. The Investment Advisory Agreement automatically terminates in the event of its assignment, as defined in the 1940 Act, by the Investment Advisor and may be terminated by either party without penalty upon not less than 60 days' written notice to the other. The holders of a majority of the Company's outstanding voting securities may also terminate the Investment Advisory Agreement without penalty.

*Administration Agreement:* The Company has also entered into an administration agreement (the "Administration Agreement") with the Investment Advisor. On June 2, 2016, the Board approved the renewal of the Administration Agreement through June 20, 2017. Under the Administration Agreement, the Investment Advisor furnishes the Company with office facilities and equipment, provides clerical, bookkeeping, and record keeping services at such facilities and provides the Company with other administrative services necessary to conduct its day-to-day operations. The Company reimburses the Investment Advisor for the

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allocable portion of overhead expenses incurred in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent and the Company's allocable portion of the cost of its chief financial officer and chief compliance officer and their respective staffs. Under the Administration Agreement, the Investment Advisor also provides managerial assistance to those portfolio companies to which the Company is required to provide such assistance and the Company reimburses the Investment Advisor for fees and expenses incurred with providing such services. In addition, the Company reimburses the Investment Advisor for fees and expenses incurred while performing due diligence on the Company's prospective portfolio companies, including "dead deal" expenses. Under the Administration Agreement, administrative expenses for services provided for the three months ended March 31, 2017, and 2016 totaled \$351 and \$321, respectively.

**Note 6. Debt**

*Revolving Credit Facility:* On June 16, 2014, FIC entered into a senior secured revolving credit agreement (the "Credit Facility") with ING Capital LLC ("ING"), as the administrative agent, collateral agent, and lender. The Credit Facility had an initial commitment of \$30,000 with an accordion feature that allows for an increase in the total commitments up to \$75,000, subject to certain conditions and the satisfaction of specified financial covenants. The Credit Facility is secured by certain portfolio investments held by the Company, but portfolio investments held by the Funds are not collateral for the Credit Facility. The stated maturity date for the Credit Facility is June 16, 2018, which may be extended by mutual agreement.

On December 19, 2014, FIC amended the Credit Facility to (i) increase the commitment from \$30,000 to \$50,000 (ii) allow FIC to buy-back up to \$10,000 of the Company's common stock subject to the satisfaction of specified financial covenants and conditions. The Credit Facility continues to have an accordion feature which allows for an increase in the total commitment up to \$75,000.

Amounts available to borrow under the Credit Facility are subject to a minimum borrowing/collateral base that applies an advance rate to certain investments held by the Company, excluding investments held by the Funds. The Company is subject to limitations with respect to the investments securing the Credit Facility, including, but not limited to, restrictions on sector concentrations, loan size, payment frequency and status and collateral interests, as well as restrictions on portfolio company leverage, which may also affect the borrowing base and therefore amounts available to borrow.

Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest, subject to the Company's election, on a per annum basis equal to (i) the alternate base rate plus 2.5% or (ii) the applicable London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, which varies depending on the period of the borrowing under the Credit Facility, plus 3.5%. The alternate base rate is equal to the greater of (i) prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus 0.5% or (iii) the three-month LIBOR plus 1.0%. The Company pays a commitment fee between 0.5% and 1.0% per annum based on the size of the unused portion of the Credit Facility.

The Company has made customary representations and warranties and is required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the documents governing the Credit Facility. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company was in compliance in all material respect with the terms of the Credit Facility.

As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility. For the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, interest and fees related to the Credit Facility amounted to \$125 and \$201, respectively, which are included in interest and financing expenses on the consolidated statements of operation. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, accrued interest and fees payable related to the Credit Facility totaled \$125 and \$127, respectively.

*SBA debentures:* The Company uses debenture leverage provided through the SBA to fund a portion of its investment purchases.

Under the SBA debenture program, the SBA commits to purchase debentures issued by SBICs; such debentures have 10-year terms with the entire principal balance due at maturity and are guaranteed by the SBA. Approved SBA debenture commitments that were unused as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were \$51,000. The SBA may limit the amount that may be drawn each year under these commitments, and each issuance of leverage is conditioned on the Company's full compliance, as determined by the SBA, with the terms and conditions set forth in the SBIC Act.

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As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company's issued and outstanding SBA debentures mature as follows:

<b>Pooling Date(1)</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Fixed Interest Rate</b>	<b>March 31, 2017</b>	<b>December 31, 2016</b>
3/26/2008	3/1/2018	6.188%	\$ —	\$ 24,750
9/24/2008	9/1/2018	6.442	11,950	11,950
3/25/2009	3/1/2019	5.337	19,750	19,750
9/23/2009	9/1/2019	4.950	10,000	10,000
3/24/2010	3/1/2020	4.825	13,000	13,000
9/22/2010	9/1/2020	3.932	12,500	12,500
3/29/2011	3/1/2021	4.801	1,550	1,550
9/21/2011	9/1/2021	3.594	3,250	3,250
3/21/2012	3/1/2022	3.483	3,250	3,250
3/21/2012	3/1/2022	3.051	19,000	19,000
9/19/2012	9/1/2022	2.530	11,000	11,000
9/19/2012	9/1/2022	3.049	11,500	11,500
3/27/2013	3/1/2023	3.155	3,000	3,000
9/24/2014	9/1/2024	3.775	1,000	1,000
3/25/2015	3/1/2025	3.321	5,500	5,500
3/25/2015	3/1/2025	3.277	22,500	22,500
9/23/2015	9/1/2025	3.571	16,700	16,700
3/23/2016	3/1/2026	3.267	1,500	1,500
3/23/2016	3/1/2026	3.249	21,800	21,800
9/21/2016	9/1/2026	2.793	500	500
3/29/2017	3/1/2027	3.587	10,000	10,000
Total outstanding SBA debentures			<u>\$199,250</u>	<u>\$ 224,000</u>

- (1) The SBA has two scheduled pooling dates for debentures (in March and in September). Certain debentures funded during the reporting periods may not be pooled until the subsequent pooling date.

Interest on SBA debentures is payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1. For the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, interest and fees on outstanding SBA debentures amounted to \$2,118 and \$2,126, respectively, which are included in interest and financing expenses on the consolidated statements of operation. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, accrued interest and fees payable related to the SBA debentures totaled \$628 and \$2,995, respectively.

*Deferred Financing Costs*

Deferred financing costs are amortized into interest and financing expenses on the consolidated statements of operations using the effective interest method, over the term of the respective financing instrument. Deferred financing cost amortization for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$341 and \$273, respectively. Deferred financing costs related to the Credit Facility and SBA debentures as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, were as follows:

	<b>March 31, 2017</b>			<b>December 31, 2016</b>		
	<b>SBA debentures</b>	<b>Credit Facility</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>SBA debentures</b>	<b>Credit Facility</b>	<b>Total</b>
SBA debenture commitment fees	\$ 2,750	\$ —	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750	—	2,750
SBA debenture leverage fees	5,433	—	5,433	5,433	—	5,433
Credit Facility upfront fees	—	1,284	1,284	—	1,284	1,284
Total deferred financing costs	8,183	1,284	9,467	8,183	1,284	9,467
Less: accumulated amortization	(4,338)	(909)	(5,247)	(4,084)	(822)	(4,906)
Unamortized deferred financing costs	<u>\$ 3,845</u>	<u>\$ 375</u>	<u>\$ 4,220</u>	<u>\$ 4,099</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>4,561</u>

Unamortized deferred financing costs are presented as a direct offset to the SBA debentures and Credit Facility liabilities on the consolidated statements of assets and liabilities. The following table summarizes the outstanding debt net of unamortized deferred financing costs as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

	March 31, 2017			December 31, 2016		
	SBA debentures	Credit Facility	Total	SBA debentures	Credit Facility	Total
Outstanding debt	\$199,250	\$ —	\$199,250	\$224,000	\$ —	\$224,000
Less: unamortized deferred financing costs	(3,845)	(375)	(4,220)	(4,099)	(462)	(4,561)
Debt, net of deferred financing costs	<u>\$195,405</u>	<u>\$ (375)</u>	<u>\$195,030</u>	<u>\$219,901</u>	<u>\$ (462)</u>	<u>\$219,439</u>

The weighted average interest rate for all SBA debentures and borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 was 3.9% and 4.1%, respectively.

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**Note 7. Commitments and Contingencies**

*Commitments:* The Company had outstanding commitments to portfolio companies to fund various undrawn revolving loans, other credit facilities and capital commitments totaling \$6,066 and \$6,566 as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. Such outstanding commitments are summarized in the following table:

Portfolio Company - Investment	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	Total	Unfunded	Total	Unfunded
	Commitment	Commitment	Commitment	Commitment
FAR Research Inc. – Revolving Loan	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,614	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,614
Inflexxion, Inc. – Revolving Loan	500	350	500	350
inthinc Technology Solutions, Inc. – Subordinated Note	5,000	1,000	5,000	1,000
Lightning Diversion Systems, LLC – Revolving Loan	250	250	250	250
Oaktree Medical Centre, P.C. – Revolving Loan	2,500	—	2,500	—
Safety Products Group, LLC – Common Equity	2,852	2,852	2,852	2,852
SES Investors, LLC – Revolving Loan	1,500	—	1,500	500
Total	<u>\$ 14,352</u>	<u>\$ 6,066</u>	<u>\$ 14,352</u>	<u>\$ 6,566</u>

Additional detail for each of the commitments above is provided in the Company’s consolidated schedules of investments.

The commitments are generally subject to the borrowers meeting certain criteria such as compliance with financial and nonfinancial covenants. Since commitments may expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amount does not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

*Indemnifications:* In the normal course of business, the Company enters into contracts and agreements that contain a variety of representations and warranties that provide indemnifications under certain circumstances. In addition, in connection with the disposition of an investment in a portfolio company, the Company may be required to make representations about the business and financial affairs of such portfolio company typical of those made in connection with the sale of a business. The Company may also be required to indemnify the purchasers of such investment to the extent that any such representations are inaccurate. The Company’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Company that have not yet occurred. The Company expects the risk of future obligation under these indemnifications to be remote.

*Legal proceedings:* In the normal course of business, the Company may be subject to legal and regulatory proceedings that are generally incidental to its ongoing operations. While the outcome of these legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, the Company does not believe these proceedings will have a material adverse effect on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

**Note 8. Common Stock**

The following table summarizes the total shares issued, offering price and net proceeds received in public offerings of the Company’s common stock since the IPO:

Offering Date	Number of Shares	Gross Proceeds	Underwriting Fees and Commissions and Offering Costs	Offering Price
September 11, 2012	2,472,500	\$39,807	\$ 1,855	\$ 16.10
February 8, 2013	1,725,000	30,361	1,504	17.60
September 30, 2014	2,083,414(1)	35,418	1,747	17.00
May 27, 2016	2,875,000(2)	43,755	56(4)	15.22(5)
November 29, 2016	3,220,000(3)	53,446	2,319	16.60(6)

- (1) Includes 83,414 shares purchased by underwriters pursuant to the over-allotment option on October 21, 2014.
- (2) Includes 375,000 shares purchased by underwriters pursuant to the over-allotment option on June 10, 2016.
- (3) Includes 420,000 shares purchased by underwriters pursuant to the over-allotment option on December 13, 2016.
- (4) Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC agreed to bear up to \$169 of the offering costs associated with this offering. Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC has also agreed to bear \$1,756, or 100%, of the underwriting fees and commissions in connection with this offering and the exercise of the over-allotment option. All payments made by Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC are not subject to reimbursement by the Company.
- (5) Represents the weighted average offering price of shares issued, including the shares issued pursuant to the

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over-allotment option. Shares were issued on May 27, 2016 at an offering price of \$15.27. The offering price of the over-allotment option shares was adjusted for the \$0.39 dividend to shareholders of record on June 10, 2016.

- (6) Represents the weighted average offering price of shares issued, including the shares issued pursuant to the over-allotment option. Shares were issued on November 29, 2016 at an offering price of \$16.65. The offering price of the over-allotment option shares was adjusted for the \$0.43 dividend to shareholders of record on November 30, 2016.

On August 21, 2014, the Company entered into an equity distribution agreement with Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated through which the Company could sell, by means of at-the-market offerings from time to time, shares of the Company's common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$50,000 (the "ATM Program"). The gross proceeds raised, the related sales agent commission, the offering expenses and the average price at which shares were issued under the ATM Program during the last two fiscal years and for the three months ended March 31, 2017 are as follows:

	Number of Shares	Gross Proceeds	Underwriting Fees and Commissions and Offering Costs	Average Offering Price
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2015</b>				
First Quarter ended March 31, 2015	49,193	\$ 819	\$ 16	\$ 16.65
Second Quarter ended June 30, 2015	141,430	2,347	50	16.60
Third Quarter ended September 30, 2015	—	—	—	—
Fourth Quarter ended December 31, 2015	—	—	—	—
Total	<u>190,623</u>	<u>\$ 3,166</u>	<u>\$ 66</u>	<u>\$ 16.61</u>
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2016</b>				
First Quarter ended March 31, 2016	—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Second Quarter ended June 30, 2016	—	—	—	—
Third Quarter ended September 30, 2016	—	—	—	—
Fourth Quarter ended December 31, 2016	—	—	—	—
Total	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
<b>Three Months ended March 31, 2017</b>				
First Quarter ended March 31, 2017	—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Total	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

See Note 9 for additional information regarding the issuance of shares under the DRIP.

As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had 22,457,576 and 22,446,076 shares of common stock outstanding, respectively.

**Note 9. Dividends and Distributions**

The Company's dividends and distributions are recorded on the record date. The following table summarizes the dividends paid during the last two fiscal years and for the three months ended March 31, 2017.

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount Per Share	Total Distribution	Cash Distribution	DRIP Shares Value	DRIP Shares	DRIP Share Issue Price
<b>Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015:</b>								
2/17/2015	3/12/2015	3/26/2015	\$ 0.38	\$ 6,099	\$ 5,886	\$ 213	12,922	\$ 16.46
5/5/2015	6/11/2015	6/25/2015	0.38	6,176	5,968	208	12,883	16.18
5/5/2015(1)	6/11/2015	6/25/2015	0.02	325	314	11	678	16.18
8/3/2015	9/17/2015	9/25/2015	0.39	6,345	6,097	248	16,985	14.61
11/2/2015(1)	11/27/2015	12/11/2015	0.04	651	624	27	2,034	13.43
11/2/2015	12/4/2015	12/18/2015	0.39	6,351	6,157	194	13,570	14.29
			<u>\$ 1.60</u>	<u>\$ 25,947</u>	<u>\$ 25,046</u>	<u>\$ 901</u>	<u>59,072</u>	
<b>Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016:</b>								
2/16/2016	3/11/2016	3/25/2016	\$ 0.39	\$ 6,357	\$ 6,177	\$ 180	11,631	15.49
5/2/2016	6/10/2016	6/24/2016	0.39	7,337	7,143	194	12,722	15.25
8/1/2016	9/9/2016	9/23/2016	0.39	7,488	7,293	195	12,340	15.76
11/1/2016	12/2/2016	12/16/2016	0.39	8,585	8,386	199	12,381	16.08
11/1/2016(1)	12/2/2016	12/16/2016	0.04	880	860	20	1,270	16.08
			<u>\$ 1.60</u>	<u>\$ 30,647</u>	<u>\$ 29,859</u>	<u>\$ 788</u>	<u>50,344</u>	
<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2017:</b>								
2/14/2017	3/10/2017	3/24/2017	\$ 0.39	\$ 8,754	\$ 8,556	\$ 198	11,500	17.17
			<u>\$ 0.39</u>	<u>\$ 8,754</u>	<u>\$ 8,556</u>	<u>\$ 198</u>	<u>11,500</u>	

(1) Special dividend.





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Since the Company's IPO, dividends and distributions to stockholders total \$138,462 or \$9.35 per share.

There were no deemed distributions during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

**Note 10. Financial Highlights**

The following is a schedule of financial highlights for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016:

	<b>Three months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Per share data:</b>		
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 15.76	\$ 15.17
Net investment income (1)	0.35	0.43
Net realized gain (loss) on investments, net of tax benefit (refund) (1)	0.22	(0.02)
Net unrealized (depreciation) appreciation on investments (1)	(0.15)	0.05
Total increase from investment operations (1)	0.42	0.46
Dividends to stockholders	(0.39)	(0.39)
Other (2)	0.01	0.01
Net asset value at end of period	<u>\$ 15.80</u>	<u>\$ 15.25</u>
Market value at end of period	<u>\$ 17.57</u>	<u>\$ 15.51</u>
Shares outstanding at end of period	22,457,576	16,312,363
Weighted average shares outstanding during the period	22,446,970	16,301,499
Net assets at end of period	\$ 354,812	\$ 248,725
Average net assets (7)	354,299	248,044
<b>Ratios to average net assets:</b>		
Total expenses (3) (5)	9.5%	12.2%
Net investment income (3) (6)	8.9%	11.4%
Total return (4)	14.2%	16.1%
Portfolio turnover ratio (3)	36.0%	28.1%
<b>Supplemental Data:</b>		
Average debt outstanding	\$ 211,625	\$ 227,000
Average debt per share (1)	\$ 9.43	\$ 13.93

(1) Weighted average per share data.

(2) Represents the impact of different share amounts used in calculating per share data as a result of calculating certain per share data based on weighted average shares outstanding during the period and certain per share data based on the shares outstanding as of a period end or transaction date.

(3) Annualized.

(4) The total return for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 equals the change in the market value of the Company's common stock per share during the period plus dividends paid per share during the period, divided by the market value per share at the beginning of the period.

(5) The total expenses to average net assets ratio is calculated using the total expenses caption as presented on the consolidated statements of operations, which includes incentive fee and excludes the income tax provision.

(6) The net investment income to average net assets ratio is calculated using the net investment income caption as presented on the consolidated statements of operations, which includes incentive fee.

(7) Average net assets is calculated as the average of the net asset balances as of each quarter end during the fiscal year and the prior year end.

**FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)**  
**(In thousands, except shares and per share data)**

**Note 11. Subsequent Events**

On April 7, 2017, the Company sold its equity investment in Anatrace Products, LLC for a realized gain of \$859.

On May 1, 2017, the Board declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.39 per share payable on June 23, 2017 to stockholders of record as of June 9, 2017.

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

*The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with Fidus Investment Corporation's consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 2, 2017. The information contained in this section should also be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.*

*Except as otherwise specified, references to "we," "us," "our," "Fidus" and "FIC" refer to Fidus Investment Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.*

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but rather are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about Fidus Investment Corporation, our current and prospective portfolio investments, our industry, our beliefs, and our assumptions. Words such as "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "will," "may," "continue," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "would," "could," "should," "targets," "projects" and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q involve risks and uncertainties, including statements as to:

- our future operating results;
- our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies;
- the impact of investments that we expect to make;
- our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties;
- the dependence of our future success on the general economy and its impact on the industries in which we invest;
- the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives;
- our expected financing and investments;
- the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital; and
- the timing of cash flows, if any, from the operations of our portfolio companies.

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

- an economic downturn could impair our portfolio companies' ability to continue to operate, which could lead to the loss of some or all of our investments in such portfolio companies;
- a contraction of available credit and/or an inability to access the equity markets could impair our lending and investment activities;
- interest rate volatility could adversely affect our results, particularly because we use leverage as part of our investment strategy;
- currency fluctuations could adversely affect the results of our investments in foreign companies, particularly to the extent that we receive payments denominated in foreign currency rather than the U.S. dollars; and,
- the risks, uncertainties and other factors we identify in *Item 1A. – Risk Factors* contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in our other filings with the SEC.

Although we believe that the assumptions on which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate, and as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those assumptions also could be inaccurate. Important assumptions include our ability to originate new loans and investments, certain margins and levels of profitability and the availability of additional capital. In light of these and other uncertainties, the inclusion of a projection or forward-looking statement in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should not be regarded as a representation by us that our plans and objectives will be achieved. These risks and uncertainties include those described or identified in *Item 1.A – Risk Factors* contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on March 2, 2017. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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### Overview

We provide customized debt and equity financing solutions to lower middle-market companies, which we define as U.S. based companies having revenues between \$10.0 million and \$150.0 million. Our investment objective is to provide attractive risk-adjusted returns by generating both current income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity related investments. Our investment strategy includes partnering with business owners, management teams and financial sponsors by providing customized financing for ownership transactions, recapitalizations, strategic acquisitions, business expansion and other growth initiatives. We seek to maintain a diversified portfolio of investments in order to help mitigate the potential effects of adverse economic events related to particular companies, regions or industries.

FIC was formed as a Maryland corporation on February 14, 2011. We completed our initial public offering, or IPO, in June 2011.

On June 20, 2011, FIC acquired all of the limited partnership interests of Fidus Mezzanine Capital, L.P., or Fund I, and membership interests of Fidus Mezzanine Capital GP, LLC, its general partner, through the Formation Transactions, resulting in Fund I becoming our wholly-owned SBIC subsidiary. Immediately following the Formation Transactions, we and Fund I elected to be treated as business development companies, or BDCs, under the 1940 Act and our investment activities have been managed by Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC, our investment advisor, and supervised by our board of directors, a majority of whom are independent of us. On March 29, 2013, we commenced operations of a second wholly-owned subsidiary, Fund II. Fund I and Fund II are collectively referred to as the “Funds.”

Fund I received its SBIC license on October 22, 2007 and Fund II received its SBIC license on May 28, 2013. We plan to continue to operate the Funds as SBICs, subject to SBA approval, and to utilize the proceeds of the sale of SBA-guaranteed debentures to enhance returns to our stockholders. We have also made, and continue to make, investments directly through FIC. We believe that utilizing FIC and the Funds as investment vehicles provides us with access to a broader array of investment opportunities. Based on the current capitalization of the Funds, we have approximately \$51.0 million of remaining borrowing capacity under the SBIC Debenture Program and intend to fully utilize such capacity over the ensuing 12-18 months.

*Revenues:* We generate revenue in the form of interest and fee income on debt investments and capital gains and distributions, if any, on equity investments. Our debt investments, whether in the form of mezzanine, senior secured or unitranche loans, typically have terms of five to seven years and bear interest at a fixed rate but may bear interest at a floating rate. In some instances, we receive payments on our debt investments based on scheduled amortization of the outstanding balances. In addition, we receive repayments of some of our debt investments prior to their scheduled maturity dates, which may include prepayment penalties. The frequency or volume of these repayments fluctuates significantly from period to period. Our portfolio activity may reflect the proceeds of sales of securities. In some cases, our investments provide for deferred interest payments or PIK interest. The principal amount of loans and any accrued but unpaid interest generally become due at the maturity date. In addition, we may generate revenue in the form of commitment, origination, amendment, or structuring fees and fees for providing managerial assistance. Debt investment origination fees, original issue discount and market discount or premium, if any, are capitalized, and we accrete or amortize such amounts into interest income. We record prepayment premiums on loans as fee income. Interest and dividend income is recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that we expect to collect such amounts. Debt investments or preferred equity securities are placed on non-accrual status when principal, interest or dividend payments become materially past due, or when there is reasonable doubt that principal, interest or dividends will be collected. See “Critical Accounting Policies and Use of Estimates – Revenue Recognition.” Interest is accrued daily based on the outstanding principal amount and the contractual terms of the debt. Dividend income is recorded as dividends are declared or at the point an obligation exists for the portfolio company to make a distribution, and is generally recognized when received. Distributions of earnings from portfolio companies are evaluated to determine if the distribution is a distribution of earnings or a return of capital. Distributions of earnings are included in dividend income while a return of capital is recorded as a reduction in the cost basis of the investment. Estimates are adjusted as necessary when the relevant tax forms are received from the portfolio company.

We recognize realized gains or losses on investments based on the difference between the net proceeds from the disposition and the cost basis of the investment, without regard to unrealized gains or losses previously recognized. We record current period changes in fair value of investments that are measured at fair value as a component of the net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments in the consolidated statements of operations.

*Expenses:* All investment professionals of our investment advisor and/or its affiliates, when and to the extent engaged in providing investment advisory and management services to us, and the compensation and routine overhead expenses allocable to personnel who provide these services to us, are provided and paid for by our investment advisor and not by us. We bear all other out-of-pocket costs and expenses of our operations and transactions, including, without limitation, those relating to:

- organization;
- calculating our net asset value (including the cost and expenses of any independent valuation firm);
- fees and expenses incurred by our investment advisor under the Investment Advisory Agreement or payable to third parties, including agents, consultants or other advisors, in monitoring financial and legal affairs for us and in monitoring our investments and performing due diligence on our prospective portfolio companies or otherwise relating to, or associated with, evaluating and making investments, including “dead deal” costs;

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- interest payable on debt, if any, incurred to finance our investments;
- offerings of our common stock and other securities;
- investment advisory fees and management fees;
- administration fees and expenses, if any, payable under the Administration Agreement (including payments under the Administration Agreement between us and our investment advisor based upon our allocable portion of our investment advisor's overhead in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent and the allocable portion of the cost of our officers, including our chief compliance officer, our chief financial officer, and their respective staffs);
- transfer agent, dividend agent and custodial fees and expenses;
- federal and state registration fees;
- all costs of registration and listing our shares on any securities exchange;
- U.S. federal, state and local taxes;
- Independent Directors' fees and expenses;
- costs of preparing and filing reports or other documents required by the SEC or other regulators including printing costs;
- costs of any reports, proxy statements or other notices to stockholders, including printing and mailing costs;
- our allocable portion of any fidelity bond, directors and officers/errors and omissions liability insurance, and any other insurance premiums;
- direct costs and expenses of administration, including printing, mailing, long distance telephone, copying, secretarial and other staff, independent auditors and outside legal costs;
- proxy voting expenses; and
- all other expenses reasonably incurred by us or our investment advisor in connection with administering our business.

### **Portfolio Composition, Investment Activity and Yield**

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, we invested \$55.0 million in debt and equity investments, including three new portfolio companies. These investments consisted of subordinated notes (\$50.4 million, or 91.6%), senior secured loans (\$0.5 million, or 0.9%), equity securities (\$4.0 million, or 7.3%) and warrant securities (\$0.1 million, or 0.2%). During the three months ended March 31, 2017 we received proceeds from sales or repayments, including principal, return of capital dividends and net realized gains (losses), of \$47.7 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, we invested \$42.3 million in debt and equity investments, including three new portfolio companies. These investments consisted of subordinated notes (\$39.3 million, or 92.9%), senior secured loans (\$1.4 million, or 3.2%), and equity securities (\$1.6 million, or 3.9%). During the three months ended March 31, 2016 we received proceeds from sales or repayments, including principal, return of capital dividends and net realized gains (losses), of \$31.6 million.

As of March 31, 2017, the fair value of our investment portfolio totaled \$536.6 million and consisted of 55 active portfolio companies and four portfolio companies that have sold their underlying operations. As of March 31, 2017, two debt investments bore interest at a variable rate, which represented \$18.0 million of our portfolio on a fair value basis, and the remainder of our debt portfolio was comprised of fixed rate investments. Overall, the portfolio had net unrealized appreciation of \$20.5 million as of March 31, 2017. As of March 31, 2017, our average active portfolio company investment at amortized cost was \$9.4 million, which excludes investments in the four portfolio companies that have sold their underlying operations.

As of December 31, 2016, the fair value of our investment portfolio totaled \$524.5 million and consisted of 53 active portfolio companies and four portfolio companies that have sold their underlying operations. As of December 31, 2016, one debt investment bore interest at a variable rate, which represented \$8.2 million of our portfolio on a fair value basis, and the remainder of our debt portfolio was comprised of fixed rate investments. Overall, the portfolio had net unrealized appreciation of \$23.9 million as of December 31, 2016. As of December 31, 2016, our average active portfolio company investment at amortized cost was \$9.4 million, which excludes investments in the four portfolio companies that have sold their underlying operations.

The weighted average yield on debt investments as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 was 12.9% and 13.1%, respectively. The weighted average yield of our debt investments is not the same as a return on investment for our stockholders but, rather, relates to a portion of our investment portfolio and is calculated before the payment of all of our fees and expenses. The weighted average yields were computed using the effective interest rates for debt investments at cost as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, including the accretion of original issue discount and loan origination fees, but excluding investments on non-accrual status, if any.

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The following table shows the portfolio composition by investment type at fair value and cost and as a percentage of total investments:

	Fair Value				Cost			
	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016		March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>							
Subordinated notes	\$372,367	69.5%	\$363,646	69.4%	\$375,113	72.8%	\$364,543	72.9%
Senior secured loans	78,480	14.6	79,758	15.2	82,753	16.0	83,426	16.7
Equity	74,047	13.8	70,849	13.5	50,749	9.8	45,207	9.0
Warrants	11,523	2.1	10,201	1.9	7,268	1.4	7,153	1.4
Royalty rights	185	—	—	—	185	—	185	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$536,602</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$524,454</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$516,068</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$500,514</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The following table shows portfolio composition by geographic region at fair value and cost and as a percentage of total investments. The geographic composition is determined by the location of the corporate headquarters of the portfolio company, which may not be indicative of the primary source of the portfolio company's business.

	Fair Value				Cost			
	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016		March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>							
Midwest	\$165,774	30.8%	\$166,412	31.6%	\$153,848	29.8%	\$153,456	30.7%
Southeast	118,326	22.1	122,633	23.4	127,207	24.6	130,107	26.0
Northeast	104,113	19.4	98,470	18.8	99,020	19.2	94,481	18.9
West	76,716	14.3	73,703	14.1	64,845	12.6	63,717	12.7
Southwest	71,673	13.4	63,236	12.1	71,148	13.8	58,753	11.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$536,602</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$524,454</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$516,068</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$500,514</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The following table shows the detailed industry composition of our portfolio at fair value and cost as a percentage of total investments:

	Fair Value		Cost	
	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Aerospace & Defense Manufacturing	11.6%	11.7%	10.8%	11.1%
Healthcare Products	10.7	11.1	9.1	9.3
Information Technology Services	9.1	4.5	9.6	4.8
Healthcare Services	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.5
Business Services	6.8	7.1	7.4	7.9
Building Products Manufacturing	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.6
Transportation services	5.6	8.9	5.7	8.4
Component Manufacturing	5.4	3.5	5.6	3.7
Specialty Distribution	4.8	5.0	4.8	5.0
Vending Equipment Manufacturing	4.7	3.7	4.9	3.9
Utility Equipment Manufacturing	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.7
Packaging	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.5
Capital Equipment Manufacturing	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.0
Oil & Gas Services	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9
Industrial Cleaning & Coatings	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.7
Promotional Products	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4
Printing Services	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
Retail	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.5
Specialty Chemicals	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8
Restaurants	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.9
Oil & Gas Distribution	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2



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	Fair Value		Cost	
	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Apparel Distribution	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%
Laundry Services	0.7	1.4	0.7	1.3
Consumer Products	0.6	2.6	0.1	2.2
Electronic Components Supplier	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
Safety Products Manufacturing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

**Portfolio Asset Quality**

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

- Investment Rating 1 is used for investments that involve the least amount of risk in our portfolio. The portfolio company is performing above expectations, the debt investment is expected to be paid in the near term and the trends and risk factors are favorable, and may include an expected capital gain.
- Investment Rating 2 is used for investments that involve a level of risk similar to the risk at the time of origination. The portfolio company is performing substantially within our expectations and the risk factors are neutral or favorable. Each new portfolio investment enters our portfolio with Investment Rating 2.
- Investment Rating 3 is used for investments performing below expectations and indicates the investment's risk has increased somewhat since origination. The portfolio company requires closer monitoring, but we expect a full return of principal and collection of all interest and/or dividends.
- Investment Rating 4 is used for investments performing materially below expectations and the risk has increased materially since origination. The portfolio company has the potential for some loss of investment return, but we expect no loss of principal.
- Investment Rating 5 is used for investments performing substantially below our expectations and the risks have increased substantially since origination. We expect some loss of principal.

The following table shows the distribution of our investments on the 1 to 5 investment rating scale at fair value and cost as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

Investment Rating	Fair Value				Cost			
	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016		March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>							
1	\$ 61,312	11.4%	\$ 91,705	17.5%	\$ 31,866	6.2%	\$ 58,967	11.8%
2	401,197	74.8	371,506	70.9	394,783	76.5	366,697	73.3
3	51,178	9.5	38,905	7.4	56,749	11.0	44,510	8.9
4	22,374	4.2	22,085	4.2	30,524	5.9	28,194	5.6
5	541	0.1	253	—	2,146	0.4	2,146	0.4
Total	<u>\$536,602</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$524,454</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$516,068</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$500,514</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Based on our investment rating system, the weighted average rating of our portfolio as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 was 2.1 and 2.0, respectively, on a fair value basis.

*Non-Accrual*

As of March 31, 2017, we had investments in one portfolio company on non-accrual status, which had an aggregate cost and fair value of \$9.1 million and \$7.1 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2016, we had no investments on non-accrual status.

For the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, we recognized unrealized depreciation on non-accrual investments of \$0.3 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

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[Table of Contents](#)**Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations*****Comparison of three months ended March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2016******Investment Income***

For the three months ended March 31, 2017, total investment income was \$16.2 million, an increase of \$1.5 million, or 10.2%, over the \$14.7 million of total investment income for the three months ended March 31, 2016. The increase was attributable to a \$1.2 million increase in interest income resulting from higher average debt investment balances outstanding during the three months ended March 31, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016, a \$0.5 million increase in dividend income due to increased levels of distributions received from equity investments during the three months ended March 31, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016, and partially offset by a \$(0.2) million decrease in fee income during the three months ended March 31, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016.

***Expenses***

For the three months ended March 31, 2017, total expenses, including income tax provision, were \$8.3 million, an increase of \$0.7 million or 9.2%, over the \$7.6 million of total expenses, including income tax provision, for the three months ended March 31, 2016. Interest and financing expenses for both the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 were \$2.6 million. The base management fee increased \$0.3 million, or 15.0%, to \$2.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 due to higher average total assets during the three months ended March 31, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016. The incentive fee for the three months ended March 31, 2017 was \$2.3 million, a \$0.4 million, or 21.1%, increase from the \$1.9 million incentive fee for the three months ended March 31, 2016, which is comprised of increases in the income and capital gains incentive fees of \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, during the three months ended March 31, 2017, as compared to the same period in 2016. The administrative service fee, professional fees and other general and administrative expenses totaled \$1.1 million for both the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

***Net Investment Income***

Net investment income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 was \$7.9 million, an increase of \$0.8 million, or 11.3%, compared to net investment income of \$7.1 million during the three months ended March 31, 2016, as a result of the \$1.5 million increase in total investment income compared to only a \$0.7 million increase in total expenses, including income tax provision.

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

For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the total net realized gain on investments was \$6.4 million. Significant realized gains and (losses) for the three months ended March 31, 2017 are summarized below:

<u>Portfolio Company</u>	<u>Realization Event</u>	<u>Net Realized Gain (Loss) (in millions)</u>
Worldwide Express Operations, LLC	Sale of portfolio company	\$ 6.4
Total		<u>\$ 6.4</u>

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, the total net realized (loss) on investments was \$0.3 million, as summarized below:

<u>Portfolio Company</u>	<u>Realization Event</u>	<u>Net Realized Gain (Loss) (in millions)</u>
Continental Anesthesia Management, LLC	Exit of portfolio company	\$ (0.3)
Total		<u>\$ (0.3)</u>

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, we recorded a net change in unrealized depreciation on investments of \$(3.4) million attributable to (i) the reversal of net unrealized appreciation of \$(4.5) million related to the exit, sale or restructuring of investments, resulting in unrealized depreciation, (ii) net unrealized depreciation of \$(2.1) million on debt investments and (iii) net unrealized appreciation of \$3.2 million on equity investments. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, we recorded a net change in unrealized appreciation on investments of \$0.8 million attributable to (i) the reversal of net unrealized depreciation on investments of \$0.9 million related to the exit or sale of investments, resulting in unrealized appreciation, (ii) net unrealized depreciation of \$(5.9) million on debt investments and (iii) net unrealized appreciation of \$5.8 million on equity investments.

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, we recorded \$(1.4) million of income tax provision for realized gains on investments. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, no income tax provision for realized gains on investments was recorded.

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As a result of these events, our net increase in net assets resulting from operations during the three months ended March 31, 2017 was \$9.5 million, an increase of \$2.0 million, or 26.7%, compared to a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$7.5 million during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

### *Liquidity and Capital Resources*

As of March 31, 2017, we had \$19.1 million in cash and cash equivalents and our net assets totaled \$354.8 million. We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents on hand, our continued access to SBA-guaranteed debentures, our Credit Facility and our anticipated cash flows from operations will provide adequate capital resources with which to operate and finance our investment business and make distributions to our stockholders for at least the next 12 months. We intend to generate additional cash primarily from the future offerings of securities (including the ATM Program) and future borrowings, as well as cash flows from operations, including income earned from investments in our portfolio companies. On both a short-term and long-term basis, our primary use of funds will be investments in portfolio companies and cash distributions to our stockholders. During the three months ended March 31, 2017, we repaid \$24.8 million of SBA debentures which would have matured on March 1, 2018. Our remaining outstanding SBA debentures continue to mature in 2018 and subsequent years through 2027, which will require repayment on or before the respective maturity dates.

### *Cash Flows*

For the three months ended March 31, 2017, we experienced a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$38.0 million. During that period, we used \$4.7 million of cash for operating activities, which included the funding of \$55.0 million of investments, which were offset by proceeds received from sales and repayments of investments of \$47.7 million. During the same period, we repaid SBA debentures of \$24.8 million and paid cash dividends to stockholders of \$8.6 million.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, we experienced a net decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$18.6 million. During that period, we used \$8.4 million of cash for operating activities, primarily for the funding of \$42.3 million of investments, which was partially offset by the proceeds from sales and repayments of investments of \$31.6 million. During the same period, we received proceeds from the issuance of SBA debentures of \$0.5 million, which were offset by net repayment of borrowings under the Credit Facility of \$4.5 million, cash dividends paid to stockholders of \$6.2 million and the payment of deferred financing costs of less than \$0.1 million.

### *Capital Resources*

We anticipate that we will continue to fund our investment activities on a long-term basis through a combination of additional debt and equity capital.

The Funds are licensed SBICs, and have the ability to issue debentures guaranteed by the SBA at favorable interest rates. Under the Small Business Investment Act and the SBA rules applicable to SBICs, an SBIC can have outstanding at any time debentures guaranteed by the SBA in an amount up to twice its regulatory capital. The SBA regulations currently limit the amount that is available to be borrowed by any SBIC and guaranteed by the SBA to 300.0% of an SBIC's regulatory capital or \$150.0 million, whichever is less. For three or more SBICs under common control, the maximum amount of outstanding SBA debentures cannot exceed \$350.0 million. SBA debentures have fixed interest rates that approximate prevailing 10-year Treasury Note rates plus a spread and have a maturity of ten years with interest payable semi-annually. The principal amount of the SBA debentures is not required to be paid before maturity but may be pre-paid at any time. As of March 31, 2017, Fund I had \$125.3 million of outstanding SBA debentures and cannot issue additional SBA debentures. As of March 31, 2017, Fund II had \$74.0 million of outstanding SBA debentures. Fund II has the current capacity to issue up to an additional \$51.0 million of SBA debentures. Subject to SBA regulatory requirements and approval, we may access up to \$99.7 million of additional SBA debentures under the SBIC Debenture Program. For more information on the SBA debentures, please see Note 6 to our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2014, we entered into the Credit Facility to provide additional funding for our investment and operational activities. The Credit Facility, which matures on June 16, 2018, had an initial commitment of \$30.0 million and an accordion feature that allows for an increase in the total commitments up to \$75.0 million, subject to certain customary conditions. The Credit Facility is secured by substantially all of our assets, excluding the assets of the Funds.

On December 19, 2014, we amended the Credit Facility to (i) increase the commitment from \$30.0 million to \$50.0 million (ii) allow FIC to buy-back up to \$10.0 million of our common stock subject to the satisfaction of specified financial covenants and conditions. The Credit Facility continues to have an accordion feature which allows for an increase in the total commitment up to \$75.0 million.

Amounts available to borrow under the Credit Facility are subject to a minimum borrowing/collateral base that applies an advance rate to certain portfolio investments. We are subject to limitations with respect to the investments securing the Credit Facility, including, but not limited to, restrictions on sector concentrations, loan size, transferability, payment frequency and status and collateral interests, as well as restrictions on portfolio company leverage, which may also affect the borrowing base and therefore amounts available to borrow.

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Borrowings under the Credit Facility bear interest, subject to our election, on a per annum basis equal to (i) the alternate base rate plus 2.5% or (ii) the applicable LIBOR, which varies depending on the period of the borrowing under the Credit Facility, plus 3.5%. The alternate base rate is equal to the greater of (i) prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus 0.5% or (iii) the three-month LIBOR plus 1.0%. We pay a commitment fee ranging from 0.5% to 1.0% per annum based on the size of the unused portion of the Credit Facility.

We have made customary representations and warranties and are required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the documents governing the Credit Facility. As of March 31, 2017, we were in compliance with all covenants of the Credit Facility and there were no borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility.

As of March 31, 2017, the weighted average interest rate for all SBA debentures and borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility was 3.9%.

As a BDC, we are generally required to meet a coverage ratio of total assets to total senior securities, which include borrowings and any preferred stock we may issue in the future, of at least 200.0%. This requirement limits the amount that we may borrow. We have received exemptive relief from the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, to allow us to exclude any indebtedness guaranteed by the SBA and issued by the Funds from the 200.0% asset coverage requirements, which, in turn, will enable us to fund more investments with debt capital.

As a BDC, we are generally not permitted to issue and sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share. We may, however, sell our common stock, or warrants, options or rights to acquire our common stock, at a price below the then-current net asset value per share of our common stock if our board of directors, including Independent Directors, determines that such sale is in the best interests of us and our stockholders, and if our stockholders approve such sale. On June 2, 2016, our stockholders voted to allow us to sell or otherwise issue common stock at a price below net asset value per share for a period of one year ending on the earlier of June 2, 2017 or the date of our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. We are presenting our stockholders a similar proposal at our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Our stockholders specified that the cumulative number of shares sold in each offering during the one-year period ending on the earlier of June 2, 2017 or the date of our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders may not exceed 25.0% of our outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such sale.

### *Stock repurchase plan*

We have an open market stock repurchase program (the "Program") under which we may acquire up to \$5.0 million of our outstanding common stock. Under the Program, we may, but are not obligated to, repurchase outstanding common stock in the open market from time to time provided that we comply with the prohibitions under our insider trading policies and the requirements of Rule 10b-18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain price, market value and timing constraints. The timing, manner, price and amount of any share repurchases will be determined by our management, in its discretion, based upon the evaluation of economic and market conditions, stock price, capital availability, applicable legal and regulatory requirements and other corporate considerations. On November 1, 2016, the Board extended the Program through December 31, 2017, or until the approved dollar amount has been used to repurchase shares. The Program does not require us to repurchase any specific number of shares and the Company cannot assure that any shares will be repurchased under the Program. The Program may be suspended, extended, modified or discontinued at any time. We did not make any repurchases of common stock during the three months ended March 31, 2017 or 2016.

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

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions affecting amounts reported in the financial statements. We have identified investment valuation and revenue recognition as our most critical accounting estimates. We continuously evaluate our estimates, including those related to the matters described below. These estimates are based on the information that is currently available to us and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates under different assumptions or conditions. A discussion of our critical accounting policies follows.

### *Valuation of Portfolio Investments*

As a BDC, we report our assets and liabilities at fair value at all times consistent with GAAP and the 1940 Act. Accordingly, we are required to periodically determine the fair value of all of our portfolio investments.

Our investments generally consist of illiquid securities including debt and equity investments in lower middle-market companies. Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at such market quotations. Because we expect

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that there will not be a readily available market for substantially all of the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors using a documented valuation policy and consistently applied valuation process. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a readily available market value existed for such investments, and the difference could be material.

With respect to investments for which market quotations are not readily available, our board of directors undertakes a multi-step valuation process each quarter, as described below:

- our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially evaluated and rated by the investment professionals of our investment advisor responsible for the portfolio investment;
- preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with the investment committee of our investment advisor;
- our board of directors engages one or more independent valuation firm(s) to conduct independent appraisals of a selection of our portfolio investments for which market quotations are not readily available. Each portfolio company investment is generally appraised by the valuation firm(s) at least once every calendar year and each new portfolio company investment is appraised at least once in the twelve-month period following the initial investment. In certain instances, we may determine that it is not cost-effective, and as a result it is not in our stockholders' best interest, to request the independent appraisal of certain portfolio company investments. Such instances include, but are not limited to, situations where we determine that the fair value of the portfolio company investment is relatively insignificant to the fair value of the total portfolio. Our board of directors consulted with the independent valuation firm(s) in arriving at our determination of fair value for 16 and 13 of our portfolio company investments representing 29.8% and 30.5% of the total portfolio investments at fair value (exclusive of new portfolio company investments made during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively) as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively;
- the audit committee of our board of directors reviews the preliminary valuations of our investment advisor and of the independent valuation firm(s) and responds and supplements the valuation recommendations to reflect any comments; and
- our board of directors discusses the valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith, based on the input of our investment advisor, the independent valuation firm(s) and the audit committee.

In making the good faith determination of the value of portfolio investments, we start with the cost basis of the security. The transaction price is typically the best estimate of fair value at inception. When evidence supports a subsequent change to the carrying value from the original transaction price, adjustments are made to reflect the expected exit values.

Consistent with the policies and methodologies adopted by our board of directors, we perform detailed valuations of our debt and equity investments, including an analysis on the Company's unfunded loan commitments, using both the market and income approaches as appropriate. Under the market approach, we typically use the enterprise value methodology to determine the fair value of an investment. There is no one methodology to estimate enterprise value and, in fact, for any one portfolio company, enterprise value is generally best expressed as a range of values, from which we derive a single estimate of enterprise value. Under the income approach, we typically prepare and analyze discounted cash flow models to estimate the present value of future cash flows of either an individual debt investment or of the underlying portfolio company itself.

We evaluate investments in portfolio companies using the most recent portfolio company financial statements and forecasts. We also consult with the portfolio company's senior management to obtain further updates on the portfolio company's performance, including information such as industry trends, new product development and other operational issues.

For our debt investments, including senior secured loans and subordinated notes, the primary valuation technique used to estimate the fair value is the discounted cash flow method. However, if there is deterioration in credit quality or a debt investment is in workout status, we may consider other methods in determining the fair value, including the value attributable to the debt investment from the enterprise value of the portfolio company or the proceeds that would be received in a liquidation analysis. Our discounted cash flow models estimate a range of fair values by applying an appropriate discount rate to the future cash flow streams of our debt investments, based on future interest and principal payments as set forth in the associated loan agreements. We prepare a weighted average cost of capital for use in the discounted cash flow model for each investment, based on factors including, but not limited to: current pricing and credit metrics for similar proposed or executed investment transactions of private companies; the portfolio company's historical financial results and outlook; and the portfolio company's current leverage and credit quality as compared to leverage and credit quality as of the date the investment was made. We may also consider the following factors when determining the fair value of debt investments: the portfolio company's ability to make future scheduled payments; prepayment penalties and other fees; estimated remaining life; the nature and realizable value of any collateral securing such debt investment; and changes in the interest rate environment and the credit markets that generally may affect the price at which similar investments may be made. We estimate the remaining life of our debt investments to generally be the legal maturity date of the instrument, as we generally intend to hold loans to maturity. However, if we have information available to us that the loan is expected to be repaid in the near term, we would use an estimated remaining life based on the expected repayment date.

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For our equity investments, including equity securities and warrants, we generally use a market approach, including valuation methodologies consistent with industry practice, to estimate the enterprise value of portfolio companies. Typically, the enterprise value of a private company is based on multiples of EBITDA, net income, revenues, or in limited cases, book value. In estimating the enterprise value of a portfolio company, we analyze various factors consistent with industry practice, including but not limited to original transaction multiples, the portfolio company's historical and projected financial results, applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and leverage levels, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, and comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public. Where applicable, we consider our ability to influence the capital structure of the portfolio company, as well as the timing of a potential exit.

We may also utilize an income approach when estimating the fair value of our equity securities, either as a primary methodology if consistent with industry practice or if the market approach is otherwise not applicable, or as a supporting methodology to corroborate the fair value ranges determined by the market approach. We typically prepare and analyze discounted cash flow models based on projections of the future free cash flows (or earnings) of the portfolio company. We consider various factors, including but not limited to the portfolio company's projected financial results, applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and leverage levels, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, and comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public.

The fair value of our royalty rights are calculated based on projected future cash flows and the specific provisions contained in the pertinent royalty agreement. The determination of the fair value of such royalty rights is not a significant component of our valuation process.

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

### **Revenue Recognition**

*Investments and related investment income.* Realized gains or losses on investments are recorded upon the sale or disposition of a portfolio investment and are calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from the sale or disposition and the cost basis of the investment, without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on the consolidated statements of operations includes changes in the fair value of investments from the prior period, as determined by our board of directors through the application of our valuation policy, as well as reclassifications of any prior period unrealized appreciation or depreciation on exited investments to realized gains or losses on investments.

*Interest and dividend income.* Interest and dividend income are recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that we expect to collect such amounts. Interest is accrued daily based on the outstanding principal amount and the contractual terms of the debt. Dividend income is recorded as dividends are declared or at the point an obligation exists for the portfolio company to make a distribution, and is generally recognized when received. Distributions from portfolio companies are evaluated to determine if the distribution is a distribution of earnings or a return of capital. Distributions of earnings are included in dividend income while a return of capital is recorded as a reduction in the cost basis of the investment. Estimates are adjusted as necessary when the relevant tax forms are received from the portfolio company.

*Payment-in-kind interest.* Certain of our investments contain a PIK income provision. The PIK income, computed at the contractual rate specified in the applicable investment agreement, is added to the principal balance of the investment, rather than being paid in cash, and recorded as interest or dividend income, as applicable, on the consolidated statements of operations. Generally, PIK can be paid-in-kind or all in cash. We stop accruing PIK income when there is reasonable doubt that PIK income will be collected. PIK income is included in our taxable income and, therefore, affects the amount we are required to pay to our stockholders in the form of dividends in order to maintain our tax treatment as a RIC and to avoid paying corporate federal income tax, even though we have not yet collected the cash.

*Non-accrual.* When there is reasonable doubt that principal, interest or dividends will be collected, loans or preferred equity investments are placed on non-accrual status and we will generally cease recognizing interest or dividend income. Interest and dividend payments received on non-accrual investments may be recognized as interest or dividend income or applied to the investment principal balance based on management's judgment. Non-accrual investments are restored to accrual status when past due principal, interest or dividends are paid and, in management's judgment, are likely to remain current.

*Warrants.* In connection with our debt investments, we will sometimes receive warrants or other equity-related securities (Warrants). We determine the cost basis of Warrants based upon their respective fair values on the date of receipt in proportion to the total fair value of the debt and Warrants received. Any resulting difference between the face amount of the debt and its recorded fair value resulting from the assignment of value to the Warrants is treated as original issue discount, or OID, and accreted into interest income using the effective interest method over the term of the debt investment.

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*Fee income.* All transaction fees earned in connection with our investments are recognized as fee income. Such fees typically include fees for services, including structuring and advisory services, provided to portfolio companies. We recognize income from fees for providing such structuring and advisory services when the services are rendered or the transactions are completed. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any prepayment penalties are recorded as fee income when earned.

We also typically receive loan origination or closing fees in connection with investments. Such loan origination and closing fees are capitalized as unearned income and offset against investment cost basis on our consolidated statements of assets and liabilities and accreted into income over the term of the investment.

### Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, which supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in *Revenue Recognition (Topic 605)*. Under the new guidance, an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, which defers the effective date of ASU 2014-09, such that the guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and early application is permitted only for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods within that reporting period. We are currently evaluating the impact this ASU will have on our consolidated financial position or disclosures, but we do not expect the impact to be material.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*, which addresses eight specific cash flow issues with the objective of reducing the existing diversity in practice in how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. This guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. We are currently evaluating the impact this ASU will have on our consolidated financial position or disclosures.

In December 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-19, *Technical Corrections and Improvements*, which includes minor corrections and clarifications that affect a wide variety of topics in the Accounting Standards Codification, including an amendment to Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, which clarifies the difference between a valuation approach and a valuation technique when applying the guidance of that Topic. The amendment also requires an entity to disclose when there has been a change in either or both a valuation approach and/or a valuation technique. The transition guidance for the Topic 820 amendment must be applied prospectively because it could potentially involve the use of hindsight that includes fair value measurements. The guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, for all entities beginning after December 15, 2016. We adopted this ASU effective January 1, 2017, and the amendments do not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or disclosures.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We may be a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financial needs of our portfolio companies. We had off-balance sheet arrangements consisting of outstanding commitments to fund various undrawn revolving loans and other credit facilities totaling \$6.1 million and \$6.6 million as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. Such outstanding commitments are summarized in the following table (dollars in thousands):

Portfolio Company - Investment	March 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	Total Commitment	Unfunded Commitment	Total Commitment	Unfunded Commitment
FAR Research Inc. – Revolving Loan	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,614	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,614
Inflexion, Inc. – Revolving Loan	500	350	500	350
inthinc Technology Solutions, Inc. – Subordinated Note	5,000	1,000	5,000	1,000
Lightning Diversion Systems, LLC – Revolving Loan	250	250	250	250
Oaktree Medical Centre, P.C. – Revolving Loan	2,500	—	2,500	—
Safety Products Group, LLC – Common Equity	2,852	2,852	2,852	2,852
SES Investors, LLC – Revolving Loan	1,500	—	1,500	500
Total	<u>\$ 14,352</u>	<u>\$ 6,066</u>	<u>\$ 14,352</u>	<u>\$ 6,566</u>

Additional detail for each of the commitments above is provided in the Company’s consolidated schedules of investments.

## Related Party Transactions

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

- In connection with the Formation Transactions, Fund I terminated its management services agreement with Fidus Capital, LLC and we entered into the Investment Advisory Agreement with Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC, as our investment advisor. The investment professionals of Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC were also the investment professionals of Fidus Capital, LLC. We entered into the Investment Advisory Agreement with Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC to manage our day-to-day operating and investing activities. We pay our investment advisor a fee for its services under the Investment Advisory Agreement consisting of two components — a base management fee and an incentive fee. See Note 5 to our consolidated financial statements.

Edward H. Ross, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Thomas C. Lauer, our President, are managers of Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC. In May 2015, Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC entered into a combination with Fidus Partners, LLC (the “Combination”), by which members of Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC and Fidus Partners, LLC (“Partners”) contributed all of their respective membership interest in Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC and Partners to a newly formed limited liability company, Fidus Group Holdings, LLC (“Holdings”). As a result, Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holdings, which is a newly formed limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware.

- We entered into the Administration Agreement with Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC to provide us with the office facilities and administrative services necessary to conduct day-to-day operations. See Note 5 to our consolidated financial statements.
- We entered into a license agreement with Fidus Partners, LLC, pursuant to which Fidus Partners, LLC has granted us a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name “Fidus.”

In connection with the IPO and our election to be regulated as a BDC, we applied for and received exemptive relief from the SEC on March 27, 2012 to allow us to take certain actions that would otherwise be prohibited by the 1940 Act, as applicable to BDCs. The relief permits FIC and Fund I, each of which has elected to be treated as a BDC, to operate effectively as one company, specifically allowing them to: (1) engage in certain transactions with each other; (2) invest in securities in which the other is or proposes to be an investor; (3) file consolidated reports with the Commission; and (4) be subject to modified consolidated asset coverage requirements for senior securities issued by a BDC and its SBIC subsidiary. Fund II has not elected to be treated as a BDC and is not party to this exemptive relief. The fourth exemption described above allows us to exclude any indebtedness guaranteed by the SBA and issued by Fund I from the 200.0% asset coverage requirements applicable to us. Effective September 30, 2014, any SBA debentures issued by Fund II are not considered senior securities for purposes of the 200.0% asset coverage requirements.

While we may co-invest with investment entities managed by our investment advisor or its affiliates, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, the 1940 Act imposes significant limits on co-investment. The SEC staff has granted us relief sought in an exemptive application that expands our ability to co-invest in portfolio companies with other funds managed by our investment advisor or its affiliates (“Affiliated Funds”) in a manner consistent with our investment objective, positions, policies, strategies and restrictions as well as regulatory requirements and other pertinent factors, subject to compliance with certain conditions (the “Order”). Pursuant to the Order, we are permitted to co-invest with our affiliates if a “required majority” (as defined in Section 57(o) of the 1940 Act) or our independent directors make certain conclusions in connection with a co-investment transaction, including that (1) the terms of the transactions, including the consideration to be paid, are reasonable and fair to us and our stockholders and do not involve overreaching by us or our stockholders on the part of any person concerned, and (2) the transaction is consistent with the interests of our stockholders and is consistent with our investment objective and strategies.

In addition, we, Fund I and our investment advisor have each adopted a joint code of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act that governs the conduct of our and our investment advisor’s officers, directors and employees. Additionally, our investment advisor has adopted a code of ethics pursuant to rule 240A-1 under the 1940 Act and in accordance with Rule 17j-1(c). We, and Fund I, have also adopted a code of business conduct that is applicable to all officers, directors and employees of Fidus and our investment advisor. Our officers and directors also remain subject to the duties imposed by both the 1940 Act and the Maryland General Corporation Law.

## Recent Developments

On April 7, 2017, we sold our equity investment in Anatrace Products, LLC for a realized gain of \$0.9 million.



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On May 1, 2017, the Board declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.39 per share payable on June 23, 2017 to stockholders of record as of June 9, 2017.

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

We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in interest rates. Changes in interest rates affect both our cost of funding and the valuation of our investment portfolio. Our risk management systems and procedures are designed to identify and analyze our risk, to set appropriate policies and limits and to continually monitor these risks and limits by means of reliable administrative and information systems and other policies and programs. In the future, our investment income may also be affected by changes in various interest rates, including LIBOR and prime rates, to the extent of any debt investments that include floating interest rates. As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, two and one debt investments, respectively, bore interest at variable rates, which represented \$18.0 million and \$8.2 million of our portfolio on a fair value basis, respectively, and the remainder of our debt portfolio was comprised entirely of fixed rate investments. Assuming that the consolidated statements of assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were to remain constant, a hypothetical 100 basis point change in interest rates would not have a material effect on our level of interest income from debt investments. Our pooled SBA debentures bear interest at fixed rates. Our Credit Facility bears interest, subject to our election, on a per annum basis equal to (i) the alternate base rate plus 2.5% or (ii) the applicable LIBOR, which varies depending on the period of the borrowing under the Credit Facility, plus 3.5%. The alternate base rate is equal to the greater of (i) prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus 0.5% or (iii) the three-month LIBOR plus 1.0%.

Because we currently borrow, and plan to borrow in the future, money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest the funds borrowed. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which could reduce our net investment income if there is not a corresponding increase in interest income generated by our investment portfolio.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

*Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the 1934 Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on the evaluation of these disclosure controls and procedures, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective. It should be noted that any system of controls, however well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system are met. In addition, the design of any control system is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. Because of these and other inherent limitations of control systems, there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how remote.

*Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the first quarter of 2017 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II — OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

We are not, and our investment advisor is not, currently subject to any material legal proceedings.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

In addition to other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the “Risk Factors” discussed in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and filed with the SEC on March 2, 2017, which are incorporated herein by reference. These Risk Factors could materially affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

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

We have an open market stock repurchase program (the “Program”) under which we may acquire up to \$5.0 million of our outstanding common stock. Under the Program, we may, but are not obligated to, repurchase outstanding common stock in the open market from time to time provided that we comply with the prohibitions under our insider trading policies and the requirements of Rule 10b-18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain price, market value and timing constraints. The timing, manner, price and amount of any share repurchases will be determined by our management, in its discretion, based upon the evaluation of economic and market conditions, stock price, capital availability, applicable legal and regulatory requirements and other corporate considerations. On November 1, 2016, the Board extended the Program through December 31, 2017, or until the approved dollar amount has been used to repurchase shares. The Program does not require us to repurchase any specific number of shares and the Company cannot assure that any shares will be repurchased under the Program. The Program may be suspended, extended, modified or discontinued at any time. We did not make any repurchases of common stock during the three months ended March 31, 2017 or 2016.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.**

None.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.**

None.

**Item 5. Other Information.**

None.

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**Item 6. Exhibits.**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
31.1	Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification pursuant to Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

Date: May 4, 2017

/s/ EDWARD H. ROSS

Edward H. Ross  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 4, 2017

/s/ SHELBY E. SHERARD

Shelby E. Sherard  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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**Fidus Investment Corporation Chief Executive Officer Certification**  
**Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,**  
**as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Edward H. Ross, as Chief Executive Officer of Fidus Investment Corporation, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Fidus Investment Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 4, 2017

/s/ EDWARD H. ROSS

Edward H. Ross  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Fidus Investment Corporation Chief Financial Officer Certification  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Shelby E. Sherard, as Chief Financial Officer of Fidus Investment Corporation, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Fidus Investment Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 4, 2017

/s/ SHELBY E. SHERARD

Shelby E. Sherard  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

**Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350,  
as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act Of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Fidus Investment Corporation (the "Company") for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Edward H. Ross, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and I, Shelby E. Sherard, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 4, 2017

/s/ EDWARD H. ROSS

Edward H. Ross  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ SHELBY E. SHERARD

Shelby E. Sherard  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)