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Before you invest in our securities, you should be aware of various risks, including those described below. You should carefully consider these risk factors, together with all of the other information included in this annual report on Form 10-K before you decide whether to make an investment in our securities. The risks described in this document and set out below are not the only risks we face. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected. In such case, our net asset value and the trading price of our common stock could decline or the value of our preferred stock, debt securities, subscription rights or warrants may decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Relating to Our Investments We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities. A number of entities compete with us to make the types of investments that we target in leveraged companies. We compete with other BDCs, public and private funds, commercial and investment banks, commercial financing companies and, to the extent they provide an alternative form of financing, private equity funds. Many of our competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. For example, some competitors may have a lower cost of funds and access to funding sources that are not available to us. In addition, some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments than we have, which could allow them to consider a wider variety of investments and establish more relationships and offer better pricing and a more flexible structure than we are able to do. Furthermore, many of our potential competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a BDC. If we are unable to source attractive investments, we may hold a greater percentage of our assets in cash and cash equivalents than anticipated, which could impact potential returns on our portfolio. We cannot assure you that the competitive pressures we face will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Also, as a result of this competition, we may not be able to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities from time to time, and we can offer no assurance that we will be able to identify and make investments that are consistent with our investment objective. Participants in our industry compete on several factors, including price, flexibility in transaction structure, customer service, reputation, market knowledge and speed in decision-making. We do not seek to compete primarily based on the interest rates we will offer, and we believe that some of our competitors may make loans with interest rates that will be comparable to or lower than the rates we offer. We may lose investment opportunities if we do not match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure. However, if we match our competitors' pricing, terms and structure, we may experience decreased net interest income and increased risk of credit loss. Our investments are very risky and highly speculative. We invest primarily in leveraged middle-market companies in the form of senior secured loans, financing leases and to a lesser extent, unsecured loans and equity securities.

Senior Secured Loans. When we make a senior secured term loan investment in a portfolio company, we generally take a security interest in the available assets of the portfolio company, including the equity interests of its subsidiaries, which we expect to help mitigate the risk that we will not be repaid. However, there is a risk that the collateral securing our loans may decrease in value over time, may be difficult to sell in a timely manner, may be difficult to appraise and may fluctuate in value based upon the success of the business and market conditions, including as a result of the inability of the portfolio company to raise additional capital, and, in some circumstances, our lien could be subordinated to claims of other creditors. In addition, deterioration in a portfolio company's financial condition and prospects, including its inability to raise additional capital, may be accompanied by deterioration in the value of the collateral for the loan. Consequently, the fact that a loan is secured does not guarantee that we will receive principal and interest payments according to the loan's terms, or at all, or that we will be able to collect on the loan should we be forced to enforce our remedies.

Unsecured ~~31 Loans~~ Loans and Preferred Securities. Our unsecured and preferred investments are generally subordinated to senior loans and are generally unsecured. As such, other creditors may rank senior to us in the event of an insolvency. This may result in an above average amount of risk and loss of principal.

Equity Investments. When we invest in senior secured loans, unitranche loans, unsecured loans or preferred securities, we may acquire common equity securities as well. In certain other unique circumstances we may also make equity investments in businesses that make senior loans and / or leases, such as our investments in Kingsbridge Holdings, LLC, SLR Credit Solutions, SLR Equipment Finance, SLR Business Credit and SLR Healthcare ABL. In addition, we may invest directly in the equity securities of portfolio companies without limitation as to market capitalization. For instance, we may invest in thinly traded companies, the prices of which may be subject to erratic market movement. Our goal is ultimately to exit such equity interests and realize gains upon our disposition of such interests. However, the equity interests we receive may not appreciate in value and, in fact, may decline in value. Accordingly, we may not be able to realize gains from our equity interests, and any gains that we do realize on the disposition of any equity interests may not be sufficient to offset any other losses we experience. In addition, investing in middle-market companies involves a number of significant risks, including:

- these companies may have limited financial resources and may be unable to meet their obligations under their debt securities that we hold, which may be accompanied by a deterioration in the value of any collateral and a reduction in the likelihood of us realizing any guarantees we may have obtained in connection with our investment;
- they typically have shorter operating histories, narrower product lines and smaller market shares than larger businesses, which tend to render them more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns;
- they are more likely to depend on the management talents and efforts of a small group of persons; therefore, the death, disability, resignation or termination of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse impact on our portfolio company and, in turn, on us;
- they generally have less predictable operating results, may from time to time be parties to litigation, may be engaged in rapidly changing businesses with products subject to a substantial risk of

obsolescence, and may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, finance expansion or maintain their competitive position. In addition, our executive officers, directors and our Investment Adviser may, in the ordinary course of business, be named as defendants in litigation arising from our investments in the portfolio companies; and • they may have difficulty accessing the capital markets to meet future capital needs, which may limit their ability to grow or to repay their outstanding indebtedness upon maturity. The lack of liquidity in our investments may make it difficult for us to dispose of our investments at a favorable price, which may adversely affect our ability to meet our investment objectives. We generally make investments in private companies. We invest and expect to continue investing in companies whose securities have no established trading market and whose securities are and will be subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or whose securities are and will be less liquid than are publicly- traded securities. Investments purchased by us that are liquid at the time of purchase may subsequently become illiquid due to events relating to the issuer of the investments, market events, economic conditions or investor perceptions. The illiquidity of our investments may make it difficult for us to sell such investments if the need arises. In addition, if we are required to liquidate all or a portion of our portfolio quickly, we may realize significantly less than the value at which we have previously recorded our investments. As a result, we do not expect to achieve liquidity in our investments in the near- term. However, to maintain our qualification as a BDC and as a RIC, we may have to dispose of investments if we do not satisfy one or more of the applicable criteria under the respective regulatory frameworks. Domestic and foreign markets are complex and interrelated, so that events in one sector of the world ~~32markets~~ **markets** or economy, or in one geographical region, can reverberate and have materially negative consequences for other markets, economic or regional sectors in a manner that may not be foreseen and which may negatively impact the liquidity of our investments and materially harm our business. In addition, we may face other restrictions on our ability to liquidate an investment in a portfolio company to the extent that we have material non- public information regarding such portfolio company. Our portfolio may be concentrated in a limited number of portfolio companies and industries, which will subject us to a risk of significant loss if any of these companies performs poorly or defaults on its obligations under any of its debt instruments or if there is a downturn in a particular industry. Our portfolio may be concentrated in a limited number of portfolio companies and industries. **For example, The Company is classified as a non- diversified investment company within the meaning of the 1940 Act, which means that it is not limited by the 1940 Act with respect to the proportion of its assets that it could invest in a single portfolio company. To the extent that we assume large positions in the securities of a small number of portfolio companies, our net asset value could fluctuate to a greater extent than that of a diversified investment company as a result of changes in the financial condition or the market’ s assessment of the portfolio company. We could also be more susceptible to any single economic or regulatory occurrence than a diversified investment company.** As of December 31, ~~2023~~ **2024**, our investments in SLR Credit Solutions, Kingsbridge Holdings, LLC and SLR ~~Equipment Finance~~ **Business Credit** comprised 11. ~~8 %~~, ~~10.3 %~~, ~~9.4 %~~ and ~~45.91 %~~, respectively, of our total assets and our investments in ~~the~~ diversified financial services ~~and~~, multi- sector holdings ~~and health care providers & services~~ industries comprised ~~18.22 %~~ and ~~14.15 %~~ ~~8.2 %~~ and ~~11.1 %~~, respectively, of our total assets. Beyond the asset diversification requirements associated with our qualification as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, we do not have fixed guidelines for diversification, and while we are not targeting any specific industries, our investments may be concentrated in relatively few industries or portfolio companies. As a result, the aggregate returns we realize may be significantly adversely affected if a small number of investments perform poorly or if we need to write down the value of any one investment. Additionally, a downturn in any particular industry in which we are invested could also significantly impact the aggregate returns we realize. Our investments in securities rated below investment grade are speculative in nature and are subject to additional risk factors such as the increased possibility of default, illiquidity of the security, and changes in value based on changes in interest rates. The securities that we invest in are typically rated below investment grade. Securities rated below investment grade are speculative and are often referred to as “ leveraged loans, ” “ high yield ” or “ junk ” securities, and may be considered “ high risk ” compared to debt instruments that are rated investment grade. High yield securities are regarded as having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer’ s capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligations and involve major risk exposure to adverse conditions. In addition, high yield securities generally offer a higher current yield than that available from higher grade issues, but typically involve greater risk. These securities are especially sensitive to adverse changes in general economic conditions, to changes in the financial condition of their issuers and to price fluctuation in response to changes in interest rates. During periods of economic downturn or rising interest rates, ~~such as the recent economic period~~, issuers of below investment grade instruments may experience financial stress that could adversely affect their ability to make payments of principal and interest and increase the possibility of default. The secondary market for high yield securities may not be as liquid as the secondary market for more highly rated securities. In addition, many of our debt investments will not fully amortize during their lifetime, which means that a borrower may be unable to ~~payoff~~ **pay off** its debt due to bankruptcy or other reasons and therefore we may write- off such debt investment prior to its scheduled maturity. Upon such an occurrence, we may realize a loss or a substantial amount of unpaid principal and interest due upon maturity. Price declines and illiquidity in the corporate debt markets have adversely affected, and may continue to adversely affect, the fair value of our portfolio investments, reducing our net asset value through increased net unrealized depreciation. Any unrealized depreciation that we experience on our loan portfolio may be an indication of future realized losses, which could reduce our income available for distribution and could adversely affect our ability to service our outstanding borrowings. As a BDC, we are required to carry our investments at market value or, if no market value is ascertainable, at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of our board of directors. Decreases in the market values or fair values of our investments are recorded as unrealized depreciation. Any unrealized depreciation in our loan portfolio could be an indication of a portfolio company’ s inability to meet its repayment obligations to us with respect to the affected loans. This could result in realized losses in the future and ultimately in reductions ~~33of~~ **of** our income available for distribution in future periods and could materially adversely affect our ability to service our outstanding

borrowings. Depending on market conditions, we could incur substantial losses in future periods, which could further reduce our net asset value and have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Economic sanction laws in the United States and other jurisdictions may prohibit us and our affiliates from transacting with certain countries, individuals and companies. Economic sanction laws in the United States and other jurisdictions may prohibit us or our affiliates from transacting with certain countries, individuals and companies. In the United States, the U. S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control administers and enforces laws, executive orders and regulations establishing U. S. economic and trade sanctions, which prohibit, among other things, transactions with, and the provision of services to, certain non- U. S. countries, territories, entities and individuals. These types of sanctions may significantly restrict or completely prohibit investment activities in certain jurisdictions, and if we, our portfolio companies or other issuers in which we invest were to violate any such laws or regulations, we may face significant legal and monetary penalties. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, or FCPA, and other anti- corruption laws and regulations, as well as anti- boycott regulations, may also apply to and restrict our activities, our portfolio companies and other issuers of our investments. If an issuer or we were to violate any such laws or regulations, such issuer or we may face significant legal and monetary penalties. The U. S. government has indicated that it is particularly focused on FCPA enforcement, which may increase the risk that an issuer or us becomes the subject of such actual or threatened enforcement. In addition, certain commentators have suggested that private investment firms and the funds that they manage may face increased scrutiny and / or liability with respect to the activities of their underlying portfolio companies. As such, a violation of the FCPA or other applicable regulations by us or an issuer of our portfolio investments could have a material adverse effect on us. We are committed to complying with the FCPA and other anti- corruption laws and regulations, as well as anti- boycott regulations, to which it is subject. As a result, we may be adversely affected because of our unwillingness to enter into transactions that violate any such laws or regulations. If we cannot obtain additional capital because of either regulatory or market price constraints, we could be forced to curtail or cease our new lending and investment activities, our net asset value could decrease and our level of distributions and liquidity could be affected adversely. Our ability to secure additional financing and satisfy our financial obligations under indebtedness outstanding from time to time will depend upon our future operating performance, which is subject to the prevailing general economic and credit market conditions, including interest rate levels and the availability of credit generally, and financial, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. The worsening of current economic and capital market conditions could have a material adverse effect on our ability to secure financing on favorable terms, if at all. If we are unable to obtain debt capital, then our equity investors will not benefit from the potential for increased returns on equity resulting from leverage to the extent that our investment strategy is successful and we may be limited in our ability to make new commitments or fundings to our portfolio companies. We may suffer a loss if a portfolio company defaults on a loan and the underlying collateral is not sufficient. In the event of a default by a portfolio company on a secured loan, we will only have recourse to the assets collateralizing the loan. If the underlying collateral value is less than the loan amount, we will suffer a loss. In addition, we sometimes make loans that are unsecured, which are subject to the risk that other lenders may be directly secured by the assets of the portfolio company. In the event of a default, those collateralized lenders would have priority over us with respect to the proceeds of a sale of the underlying assets. In cases described ~~34 above~~ **above**, we may lack control over the underlying asset collateralizing our loan or the underlying assets of the portfolio company prior to a default, and as a result the value of the collateral may be reduced by acts or omissions by owners or managers of the assets. In the event of bankruptcy of a portfolio company, we may not have full recourse to its assets in order to satisfy our loan, or our loan may be subject to equitable subordination. In addition, certain of our loans are subordinate to other debt of the portfolio company. If a portfolio company defaults on our loan or on debt senior to our loan, or in the event of a portfolio company bankruptcy, our loan will be satisfied only after the senior debt receives payment. Where debt senior to our loan exists, the presence of inter- creditor arrangements may limit our ability to amend our loan documents, assign our loans, accept prepayments, exercise our remedies (through "standstill" periods) and control decisions made in bankruptcy proceedings relating to the portfolio company. Bankruptcy and portfolio company litigation can significantly increase collection losses and the time needed for us to acquire the underlying collateral in the event of a default, during which time the collateral may decline in value, causing us to suffer further losses. If the value of the collateral underlying our loan declines or interest rates increase during the term of our loan, a portfolio company may not be able to obtain the necessary funds to repay our loan at maturity through refinancing. Decreasing collateral value and / or periods of increasing interest rates, ~~such as the recent economic period,~~ may hinder a portfolio company's ability to refinance our loan because the underlying collateral cannot satisfy the debt service coverage requirements necessary to obtain new financing. If a borrower is unable to repay our loan at maturity, we could suffer a loss which may adversely impact our financial performance. The business, financial condition and results of operations of our portfolio companies could be adversely affected by worldwide economic conditions, as well as political and economic conditions in the countries in which they conduct business. The business and operating results of our portfolio companies may be impacted by worldwide economic conditions, ~~such as the economic impact that the COVID-19 pandemic, certain regional bank failures, an inflationary economic environment, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the ongoing war in the Middle East have imposed, and may continue to impose, on the U. S. and worldwide economy.~~ Any deterioration of general economic conditions may lead to significant declines in corporate earnings or loan performance, and the ability of corporate borrowers to service their debt, any of which could trigger a period of global economic slowdown, and have an adverse impact on our performance and financial results, and the value and the liquidity of our investments. In an economic downturn, we could have non- performing assets or an increase in non- performing assets, and we would anticipate that the value of our portfolio would decrease during these periods. For instance, concerns of economic slowdown in China and other emerging markets and signs of deteriorating sovereign debt conditions in Europe could lead to disruption and instability in the global financial markets. The significant debt in the United States and European countries is expected to hinder growth in those countries for the foreseeable future. In the future, the U. S. government may not be able to meet its debt payments unless the

federal debt ceiling is raised. If legislation increasing the debt ceiling is not enacted, as needed, and the debt ceiling is reached, the U. S. federal government may stop or delay making payments on its obligations. Any default by the U. S. government on its obligations or any prolonged U. S. government shutdown could negatively impact the U. S. economy and our portfolio companies. Multiple factors relating to the international operations of some of our portfolio companies and to particular countries in which they operate could negatively impact their business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, concerns over the United States' debt ceiling and budget- deficit have driven downgrades by rating agencies to the U. S. government' s credit rating. Downgrades by rating agencies to the U. S. government' s credit rating or concerns about its credit and deficit levels in general could cause interest rates and borrowing costs to rise, which may negatively impact both the perception of credit risk associated with our debt portfolio and our ability to access the debt markets on favorable terms. In addition, a decreased U. S. government credit rating, any default by the U. S. government on its obligations, or any prolonged U. S. government shutdown, could create broader financial turmoil and uncertainty, which may weigh heavily on our financial performance and the value of our common stock. U. S. debt ceiling and budget deficit concerns have increased the possibility of additional credit- rating downgrades and economic slowdowns or a recession in the U. S. ~~35~~ **Some** of the products of our portfolio companies are developed, manufactured, assembled, tested or marketed outside the United States. Any conflict or uncertainty in these countries, including due to natural disasters, public health concerns ~~(including the global COVID-19 pandemic)~~, political unrest or safety concerns, could harm their business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, if the government of any country in which their products are developed, manufactured or sold sets technical or regulatory standards for products developed or manufactured in or imported into their country that are not widely shared, it may lead some of their customers to suspend imports of their products into that country, require manufacturers or developers in that country to manufacture or develop products with different technical or regulatory standards and disrupt cross- border manufacturing, marketing or business relationships which, in each case, could harm their businesses. Our failure to make follow- on investments in our portfolio companies could impair the value of our portfolio. Following an initial investment in a portfolio company, we may make additional investments in that portfolio company as " follow- on " investments, in order to: (i) increase or maintain in whole or in part our ownership percentage; (ii) exercise warrants, options or convertible securities that were acquired in the original or subsequent financing; or (iii) attempt to preserve or enhance the value of our investment. We may elect not to make follow- on investments or otherwise lack sufficient funds to make those investments. We will have the discretion to make any follow- on investments, subject to the availability of capital resources. The failure to make follow- on investments may, in some circumstances, jeopardize the continued viability of a portfolio company and our initial investment, or may result in a missed opportunity for us to increase our participation in a successful operation. Even if we have sufficient capital to make a desired follow- on investment, we may elect not to make a follow- on investment because we may not want to increase our concentration of risk, either because we prefer other opportunities or because we are subject to BDC requirements that would prevent such follow- on investments or the desire to maintain our RIC tax treatment. Where we do not hold controlling equity interests in our portfolio companies, we may not be in a position to exercise control over our portfolio companies or to prevent decisions by management of our portfolio companies that could decrease the value of our investments. Although we hold controlling equity positions in some of our portfolio companies, we do not currently hold controlling equity positions in the majority of our portfolio companies. As a result, we are subject to the risk that a portfolio company in which we do not have a controlling interest may make business decisions with which we disagree, and that the management and / or stockholders of such portfolio company may take risks or otherwise act in ways that are adverse to our interests. Due to the lack of liquidity of the debt and equity investments that we typically hold in our portfolio companies, we may not be able to dispose of our investments in the event we disagree with the actions of a portfolio company and may therefore suffer a decrease in the value of our investments. Prepayments of our debt investments by our portfolio companies could adversely impact our results of operations and reduce our return on equity. We are subject to the risk that the investments we make in our portfolio companies may be prepaid prior to maturity. When this occurs, we may reduce our borrowings outstanding or reinvest these proceeds in temporary investments, pending their future investment in new portfolio companies. These temporary investments, if any, will typically have substantially lower yields than the debt investment being prepaid and we could experience significant delays in reinvesting these amounts. Any future investment in a new portfolio company may also be at lower yields than the debt investment that was prepaid. As a result, our results of operations could be materially adversely affected if one or more of our portfolio companies elect to prepay amounts owed to us. Additionally, prepayments could negatively impact our return on equity, which could result in a decline in the market price of our common stock. We may choose to waive or defer enforcement of covenants in the debt securities held in our portfolio, which may cause us to lose all or part of our investment in these companies. We structure the debt investments in our portfolio companies to include business and financial covenants placing affirmative and negative obligations on the operation of the company' s business and its financial condition. ~~36~~ **However** -- **However**, from time to time we may elect to waive breaches of these covenants, including our right to payment, or waive or defer enforcement of remedies, such as acceleration of obligations or foreclosure on collateral, depending upon the financial condition and prospects of the particular portfolio company. These actions may reduce the likelihood of our receiving the full amount of future payments of interest or principal and be accompanied by a deterioration in the value of the underlying collateral as many of these companies may have limited financial resources, may be unable to meet future obligations and may go bankrupt. This could negatively impact our ability to pay distributions, could adversely affect our results of operation and financial condition and cause the loss of all or part of your investment. In addition, some of the loans in which we may invest may be " covenant- lite " loans. We use the term " covenant- lite " loans to refer generally to loans that do not have a complete set of financial maintenance covenants. Generally, " covenant- lite " loans provide borrower companies more freedom to negatively impact lenders because their covenants are incurrence- based, which means they are only tested and can only be breached following an affirmative action of the borrower, rather than by a deterioration in the borrower' s financial condition.

Accordingly, to the extent we invest in “covenant- lite ” loans, we may have fewer rights against a borrower and may have a greater risk of loss on such investments as compared to investments in or exposure to loans with financial maintenance covenants. Our loans could be subject to equitable subordination by a court which would increase our risk of loss with respect to such loans. Courts may apply the doctrine of equitable subordination to subordinate the claim or lien of a lender against a borrower to claims or liens of other creditors of the borrower, when the lender or its affiliates is found to have engaged in unfair, inequitable or fraudulent conduct. The courts have also applied the doctrine of equitable subordination when a lender or its affiliates is found to have exerted inappropriate control over a client, including control resulting from the ownership of equity interests in a client. We have made direct equity investments or received warrants in connection with loans. Payments on one or more of our loans, particularly a loan to a client in which we may also hold an equity interest, may be subject to claims of equitable subordination. If we were deemed to have the ability to control or otherwise exercise influence over the business and affairs of one or more of our portfolio companies resulting in economic hardship to other creditors of that company, this control or influence may constitute grounds for equitable subordination and a court may treat one or more of our loans as if it were unsecured or common equity in the portfolio company. In that case, if the portfolio company were to liquidate, we would be entitled to repayment of our loan on a pro- rata basis with other unsecured debt or, if the effect of subordination was to place us at the level of common equity, then on an equal basis with other holders of the portfolio company’ s common equity only after all of its obligations relating to its debt and preferred securities had been satisfied. An investment strategy focused primarily on privately held companies presents certain challenges, including the lack of available information about these companies, a dependence on the talents and efforts of only a few key portfolio company personnel and a greater vulnerability to economic downturns. We invest primarily in privately held companies. Generally, little public information exists about these companies, and we are required to rely on the ability of SLR Capital Partners’ investment professionals to obtain adequate information to evaluate the potential returns from investing in these companies. If we are unable to uncover all material information about these companies, we may not make a fully informed investment decision, and we may lose money on our investments. Also, smaller privately held companies frequently have less diverse product lines and smaller market presence than larger competitors. These factors could adversely affect our investment returns as compared to companies investing primarily in the securities of public companies. ~~37Our~~ **Our** portfolio companies may incur debt that ranks equally with, or senior to, our investments in such companies. We invest primarily in leveraged middle- market companies in the form of senior secured loans, financing leases and to a lesser extent, unsecured loans and equity securities. Our portfolio companies typically have, or may be permitted to incur, other debt that ranks equally with, or senior to, the debt securities in which we invest. By their terms, such debt instruments may provide that the holders are entitled to receive payment of interest or principal on or before the dates on which we are entitled to receive payments in respect of the debt securities in which we invest. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of a portfolio company, holders of debt instruments ranking senior to our investment in that portfolio company would typically be entitled to receive payment in full before we receive any distribution in respect of our investment. After repaying such senior creditors, such portfolio company may not have any remaining assets to use for repaying its obligation to us. In the case of debt ranking equally with debt securities in which we invest, we would have to share on an equal basis any distributions with other creditors holding such debt in the event of an insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of the relevant portfolio company. Any such limitations on the ability of our portfolio companies to make principal or interest payments to us, if at all, may reduce our net asset value and have a negative material adverse impact to our business, financial condition and results of operation. Our investments in foreign securities may involve significant risks in addition to the risks inherent in U. S. investments. Our investment strategy contemplates potential investments in debt securities of foreign companies, including emerging market companies. Investing in foreign companies may expose us to additional risks not typically associated with investing in U. S. companies. These risks include changes in exchange control regulations, political and social instability, expropriation, imposition of foreign taxes, less liquid markets and less available information than is generally the case in the United States, higher transaction costs, less government supervision of exchanges, brokers and issuers, less developed bankruptcy laws, difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards and greater price volatility. These risks may be more pronounced for portfolio companies located or operating primarily in emerging markets, whose economies, markets and legal systems may be less developed. Although most of our investments will be U. S. dollar- denominated, any investments denominated in a foreign currency will be subject to the risk that the value of a particular currency will change in relation to one or more other currencies. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, the level of short- term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long- term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation, and political developments. We may employ hedging techniques to minimize these risks, but we can offer no assurance that we will, in fact, hedge currency risk, or that if we do, such strategies will be effective. We may expose ourselves to risks if we engage in hedging transactions. If we engage in hedging transactions, we may expose ourselves to risks associated with such transactions. We may utilize instruments such as forward contracts, currency options and interest rate swaps, caps, collars and floors to seek to hedge against fluctuations in the relative values of our portfolio positions from changes in currency exchange rates and market interest rates. Hedging against a decline in the values of our portfolio positions does not eliminate the possibility of fluctuations in the values of such positions or prevent losses if the values of such positions decline. However, such hedging can establish other positions designed to gain from those same developments, thereby offsetting the decline in the value of such portfolio positions. Such hedging transactions may also limit the opportunity for gain if the values of the underlying portfolio positions should increase. It may not be possible to hedge against an exchange rate or interest rate fluctuation that is so generally anticipated that we are not able to enter into a hedging transaction at an acceptable price. ~~38The~~ **The** success of our hedging transactions will depend on our ability to correctly predict movements in currencies and interest rates. Therefore, while we may enter into such transactions to seek to reduce currency exchange rate and interest rate risks, unanticipated changes in currency exchange rates or

interest rates may result in poorer overall investment performance than if we had not engaged in any such hedging transactions. In addition, the degree of correlation between price movements of the instruments used in a hedging strategy and price movements in the portfolio positions being hedged may vary. Moreover, for a variety of reasons, we may not seek to establish a perfect correlation between such hedging instruments and the portfolio holdings being hedged. Any such imperfect correlation may prevent us from achieving the intended hedge and expose us to risk of loss. In addition, it may not be possible to hedge fully or perfectly against currency fluctuations affecting the value of securities denominated in non- U. S. currencies because the value of those securities is likely to fluctuate as a result of factors not related to currency fluctuations. To the extent we engage in hedging transactions, we also face the risk that counterparties to the derivative instruments we hold may default, which may expose us to unexpected losses from positions where we believed that our risk had been appropriately hedged. Our Investment Adviser may not be able to achieve the same or similar returns as those achieved for other funds it currently manages or by our senior investment professionals while they were employed at prior positions. Our Investment Adviser manages other funds, including other BDCs, and may manage other entities in the future. The track record and achievements of these other entities are not necessarily indicative of future results that will be achieved by our Investment Adviser because these other entities may have investment objectives and strategies that differ from ours. Additionally, although in the past our senior investment professionals held senior positions at a number of investment firms, their track record and achievements are not necessarily indicative of future results that will be achieved by our Investment Adviser. In their roles at such other firms, our senior investment professionals were part of investment teams, and they were not solely responsible for generating investment ideas. In addition, such investment teams arrived at investment decisions by consensus. We may be exposed to higher risks with respect to our investments that include original issue discount or PIK interest. Zero- coupon bonds pay interest only at maturity rather than at intervals during the life of the security. Deferred interest rate bonds generally provide for a period of delay before the regular payment of interest begins. PIK securities are debt obligations that pay “ interest ” in the form of other debt obligations, instead of in cash. Each of these instruments is normally issued and traded at a deep discount from face value. Zero- coupon bonds, deferred interest rate bonds and PIKs allow an issuer to avoid or delay the need to generate cash to meet current interest payments and, as a result, may involve greater credit risk than bonds that pay interest currently or in cash. In addition, such investments experience greater volatility in market value due to changes in interest rates than debt obligations that provide for regular payments of interest. To the extent we invest in original issue discount instruments, including PIK, zero coupon bonds, and debt securities with attached warrants, investors will be exposed to the risks associated with the inclusion of such non- cash income in taxable and accounting income prior to receipt of cash, including the following: • The interest payments deferred on a PIK loan are subject to the risk that the borrower may default when the deferred payments are due in cash at the maturity of the loan; • The interest rates on PIK loans are higher to reflect the time- value of money on deferred interest payments and the higher credit risk of borrowers who may need to defer interest payments; • PIK instruments may have unreliable valuations because the accruals require judgments about ultimate collectability of the deferred payments and the value of the associated collateral; • An election to defer PIK income payments by adding them to principal increases our gross assets and, thus, increases future base fees to the Investment Adviser and, because income payments will then be ~~39payable~~ **payable** on a larger principal amount, the PIK election also increases the Investment Adviser’ s future income incentive fees at a compounding rate; • Market prices of original issue discount instruments are more volatile because they are affected to a greater extent by interest rate changes than instruments that pay interest periodically in cash; • The deferral of interest on a PIK loan increases its loan- to- value ratio, which is a measure of the riskiness of a loan; and • Original issue discount creates the risk of non- refundable cash payments to the Investment Adviser based on non- cash accruals that may never be realized.

Risks Relating to an Investment in Our Securities Our shares may trade at a substantial discount from net asset value and may continue to do so over the long term. Shares of BDCs may trade at a market price that is less than the net asset value that is attributable to those shares. The possibility that our shares of common stock will trade at a substantial discount from net asset value over the long term is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value will decrease. We cannot predict whether shares of our common stock will trade above, at or below our net asset value in the future. If our common stock trades below its net asset value, we will generally not be able to issue additional shares or sell our common stock at its market price without first obtaining the approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors. If additional funds are not available to us, we could be forced to curtail or cease our new lending and investment activities, and our net asset value could decrease and our level of distributions could be impacted. Our common stock price may be volatile and may decrease substantially. The trading price of our common stock may fluctuate substantially. The price of our common stock that will prevail in the market may be higher or lower than the price you pay, depending on many factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be directly related to our operating performance. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following: • price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market from time to time; • investor demand for our shares; • significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of BDCs or other companies in our sector, which are not necessarily related to the operating performance of these companies; • exclusion of our common stock from certain market indices, such as the Russell 2000 Financial Services Index, which could reduce the ability of certain investment funds to own our common stock and put short- term selling pressure on our common stock; • changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines with respect to RICs or BDCs; • failure to qualify as a RIC, or the loss of RIC tax treatment; • any shortfall in revenue or net income or any increase in losses from levels expected by investors or securities analysts; • changes, or perceived changes, in the value of our portfolio investments; • departures of SLR Capital Partners’ key personnel; • operating performance of companies comparable to us; • changes in the prevailing interest rates; ~~40~~ • loss of a major funding source; or • general economic conditions and trends and other external factors. Our businesses may be adversely affected by litigation and regulatory proceedings. From time to time, we may be subject to legal actions as well as various regulatory, governmental and law enforcement inquiries, investigations and subpoenas. In any such claims or actions, demands for substantial monetary damages

may be asserted against us and may result in financial liability or an adverse effect on our reputation among investors. **In addition, the new presidential administration will lead to leadership changes at a number of U. S. federal regulatory agencies with oversight over our industry. Any changes or reforms may impose additional costs or result in other limitations on us.** In connection with acquisitions of, and investments in, businesses complementary to our business, we have been and may be in the future subject to securities litigation or stockholder activism in connection with such acquisitions or investments. Securities litigation and stockholder activism, including potential proxy contests, could result in substantial costs and divert management's and our board of directors' attention and resources from our business. We may be unable to accurately estimate our exposure to litigation risk when we record balance sheet reserves for probable loss contingencies. As a result, any reserves we establish to cover any settlements or judgments may not be sufficient to cover our actual financial exposure, which may have a material impact on our results of operations or financial condition. In regulatory enforcement matters, claims for disgorgement, the imposition of penalties and the imposition of other remedial sanctions are possible. **If the current period of capital market disruption and instability continues for an extended period of time, there** **There** is a risk that investors in our equity securities may not receive distributions consistent with historical levels or at all or that our distributions may not grow over time and a portion of our distributions may be a return of capital. We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders out of assets legally available for distribution. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results that will allow us to make a specified level of cash distributions. Our ability to pay distributions might be adversely affected by the impact of one or more of the risk factors described in this annual report on Form 10-K. If we violate certain covenants under our existing or future credit facilities or other leverage, we may be limited in our ability to make distributions. If we declare a distribution and if more stockholders opt to receive cash distributions rather than participate in our dividend reinvestment plan, we may be forced to sell some of our investments in order to make cash distribution payments. To the extent we make distributions to stockholders that include a return of capital, such portion of the distribution essentially constitutes a return of the stockholder's investment. Although such return of capital may not be taxable, such distributions would generally decrease a stockholder's basis in our common stock and may therefore increase such stockholder's tax liability for capital gains upon the future sale of such stock. A return of capital distribution may cause a stockholder to recognize a capital gain from the sale of our common stock even if the stockholder sells its shares for less than the original purchase price. As a RIC, if we do not distribute a certain percentage of our income annually, we may suffer adverse tax consequences, including possibly losing the U. S. federal income tax benefits allowable to RICs. We cannot assure you that you will receive distributions at a particular level or at all. In certain cases, we may recognize income before or without receiving the accompanying cash. Depending on the amount of noncash income, this could result in difficulty satisfying the annual distribution requirement applicable to RICs. Accordingly, we may have to sell some portfolio investments at times it would not consider advantageous, raise additional debt or equity capital or reduce new investments to meet these distribution requirements. **We** **Due to disruptions in the economy, we** may reduce or defer our dividends and choose to incur U. S. federal excise tax in order to preserve cash and maintain flexibility. In order to maintain our tax treatment as a RIC, we must distribute to stockholders for each taxable year at least 90 % of our investment company taxable income (i. e., net ordinary income plus realized net short- term capital ~~41~~ **gains** in excess of realized net long- term capital losses). If we qualify for taxation as a RIC, we generally will not be subject to corporate- level US federal income tax on our investment company taxable income and net capital gains (i. e., realized net long- term capital gains in excess of realized net short- term capital losses) that we timely distribute to stockholders. We will be subject to a 4 % U. S. federal excise tax on undistributed earnings of a RIC unless we distribute each calendar year at least the sum of (i) 98. 0 % of our ordinary income for the calendar year, (ii) 98. 2 % of our capital gains in excess of capital losses for the one- year period ending on October 31 of the calendar year, and (iii) any ordinary income and net capital gains that were recognized for preceding years, but were not distributed during such years and on which we paid no U. S. federal income tax. Any net operating losses that we incur in periods during which we qualify as a RIC will not offset net capital gains (i. e., net realized long- term capital gains in excess of net realized short- term capital losses) that we are otherwise required to distribute, and we cannot pass such net operating losses through to our stockholders. In addition, net operating losses that we carry over to a taxable year in which we qualify as a RIC normally cannot offset ordinary income or capital gains. Under the Code, we may satisfy certain of our RIC distributions with dividends paid after the end of the current year. In particular, if we pay a distribution in January of the following year that was declared in October, November, or December of the current year and is payable to stockholders of record in the current year, the dividend will be treated for all US federal income tax purposes as if it were paid on December 31 of the current year. In addition, under the Code, we may pay dividends, referred to as " spillover dividends, " that are paid during the following taxable year that will allow us to maintain our qualification for taxation as a RIC and eliminate our liability for corporate- level U. S. federal income tax. Under these spillover dividend procedures, we may defer distribution of income earned during **2024-2025** until as late as December 31, **2025-2026**. If we choose to pay a spillover dividend, we will incur the 4 % U. S. federal excise tax on some or all of the distribution. **We** **Due to events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, certain regional bank failures, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the ongoing war in the Middle East or other disruptions in the economy, such as the recent inflationary environment, we** may take certain actions with respect to the timing and amounts of our distributions in order to preserve cash and maintain flexibility **in response to changes in economic conditions**. For example, we may reduce our dividends and / or defer dividends to the following taxable year. If we defer our dividends, we may choose to utilize the spillover dividend rules discussed above and incur the 4 % U. S. federal excise tax on such amounts. To further preserve cash, we may combine these reductions or deferrals of dividends with one or more distributions that are payable partially in our stock as discussed below under " We may choose to pay distributions in our own stock, in which case our stockholders may be required to pay U. S. federal income taxes in excess of the cash distributions they receive. " We may choose to pay distributions in our own common stock, in which case our stockholders may be required to pay

U. S. federal income taxes in excess of the cash distributions they receive. We may distribute taxable distributions that are payable in part in shares of our common stock. Under certain applicable provisions of the Code and the published guidance, distributions of a publicly offered RIC that are in cash or in shares of stock at the election of stockholders may be treated as taxable distributions. The Internal Revenue Service has issued a revenue procedure indicating that this rule will apply if the total amount of cash to be distributed is not less than 20 % of the total distribution. Under this revenue procedure, if too many stockholders elect to receive their distributions in cash, the cash available for distribution must be allocated among the stockholders electing to receive cash (with the balance of distributions paid in stock). In no event will any stockholder electing to receive cash, receive less than the lesser of (a) the portion of the distribution such stockholder has elected to receive in cash or (b) an amount equal to his or her entire distribution times the percentage limitation on cash available for distribution. If we decide to make any distributions consistent with this revenue procedure that are payable in part in our stock, taxable stockholders receiving such distributions will be required to include the full amount of the distribution (whether received in cash, our stock, or a combination thereof) as ordinary income (or as long- term capital gain to the extent such distribution is properly reported as a capital gain distribution) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits for U. S. federal ~~42income~~ **income** tax purposes. As a result, a U. S. stockholder may be required to pay tax with respect to such distributions in excess of any cash received. If a U. S. stockholder sells the stock it receives as a distribution in order to pay this tax, the sales proceeds may be less than the amount included in income with respect to the distribution, depending on the market price of our stock at the time of the sale. Furthermore, with respect to non- U. S. stockholders, we may be required to withhold U. S. tax with respect to such distributions, including in respect of all or a portion of such distribution that is payable in stock. If a significant number of our stockholders determine to sell shares of our stock in order to pay taxes owed on distributions, it may put downward pressure on the trading price of our stock. Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market may have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock. **As The shares of February 21, 2025, Messrs. Gross and Spohler beneficially owned, either directly or indirectly, approximately 8.3 % of our outstanding** common stock ~~beneficially owned by each of Messrs. Gross and Spohler immediately prior to completion of our initial public offering, including any shares that are attributable to such shares issued pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan, are no longer subject to lock-up restrictions that each of Messrs. Gross and Spohler agreed to in connection with our initial public offering, and are generally available for resale without restriction, subject to the provisions of Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “ Securities Act ”). In addition, on November 30, 2010, Messrs. Gross and Spohler jointly acquired 115,000 shares of our common stock in a private placement transaction conducted in accordance with Regulation D under the Securities Act.~~ Such shares are generally available for resale without restriction, subject to the provisions of Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act **of 1933, as amended (the “ Securities Act ”)**. Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock, or the availability of such common stock for sale, could adversely affect the prevailing market prices for our common stock. If this occurs and continues, it could impair our ability to raise additional capital through the sale of securities should we desire to do so. We may be unable to invest the net proceeds raised from any offerings on acceptable terms or allocate net proceeds from any offering of our securities in ways with which you may not agree. We cannot assure you that we will be able to find enough appropriate investments that meet our investment criteria or that any investment we complete using the proceeds from any securities offering will produce a sufficient return. Until we identify new investment opportunities, we intend to either invest the net proceeds of future offerings in cash equivalents, U. S. government securities and other high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less or use the net proceeds from such offerings to reduce then- outstanding obligations. We have significant flexibility in investing the net proceeds of any offering of our securities and may use the net proceeds from an offering in ways with which you may not agree or for purposes other than those contemplated at the time of the offering. The net asset value per share of our common stock may be diluted if we issue or sell shares of our common stock at prices below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock or securities to subscribe for or **that are** convertible into shares of our common stock. We will generally not be able to issue additional shares or sell our common stock at its market price without first obtaining the approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors. Any offering of our common stock that requires stockholder approval must occur, if at all, within one year after receiving such stockholder approval. At our 2011 Annual Stockholders Meeting, our stockholders authorized us to sell or otherwise issue warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock subject to certain limitations (including, without limitation, that the number of shares issuable does not exceed 25 % of our then outstanding common stock and that the exercise or conversion price thereof is not, at the date of issuance, less than the market value per share of our common stock). Such authorization has no expiration. We may also use newly issued shares to implement our dividend reinvestment plan, whether our shares are trading at a premium or at a discount to our then current net asset value per share. Any decision to issue or sell ~~43shares~~ **shares** of our common stock below our then current net asset value per share or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock would be subject to the determination by our board of directors that such issuance or sale is in our and our stockholders’ best interests. If we were to issue or sell shares of our common stock below our then current net asset value per share, such issuances or sales would result in an immediate dilution to the net asset value per share of our common stock. This dilution would occur as a result of the issuance or sale of shares at a price below the then current net asset value per share of our common stock and a proportionately greater decrease in the stockholders’ interest in our earnings and assets and their voting interest in us than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance or sale. Because the number of shares of common stock that could be so issued and the timing of any issuance is not currently known, the actual dilutive effect cannot be predicted. In addition, if we issue warrants or securities to subscribe for or convertible into shares of our common stock, subject to certain limitations, the exercise or conversion price per share could be less than net asset value per share at the time of exercise or conversion (including through the operation of anti- dilution protections). Because we would incur expenses in connection with any issuance of such securities, such issuance could result in a dilution of the net asset value

per share at the time of exercise or conversion. This dilution would include reduction in net asset value per share as a result of the proportionately greater decrease in the stockholders' interest in our earnings and assets and their voting interest than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance. Further, if our current stockholders do not purchase any shares to maintain their percentage interest, regardless of whether such offering is above or below the then current net asset value per share, their voting power will be diluted. For example, if we sell an additional 10 % of our common stock at a 5 % discount from net asset value, a stockholder who does not participate in that offering for its proportionate interest will suffer net asset value dilution of up to 0.5 % or \$ 5 per \$ 1,000 of net asset value. Similarly, all distributions declared in cash payable to stockholders that are participants in our dividend reinvestment plan are automatically reinvested in shares of our common stock. As a result, stockholders that opt out of the dividend reinvestment plan may experience dilution over time. Stockholders who do not elect to receive distributions in shares of common stock may experience accretion to the net asset value of their shares if our shares are trading at a premium and dilution if our shares are trading at a discount. The level of accretion or discount would depend on various factors, including the proportion of our stockholders who participate in the plan, the level of premium or discount at which our shares are trading and the amount of the distribution payable to a stockholder. If we issue preferred stock, the net asset value and market value of our common stock may become more volatile. We cannot assure you that the issuance of preferred stock would result in a higher yield or return to the holders of the common stock. The issuance of preferred stock would likely cause the net asset value and market value of the common stock to become more volatile. If the distribution rate on the preferred stock were to approach the net rate of return on our investment portfolio, the benefit of leverage to the holders of the common stock would be reduced. If the distribution rate on the preferred stock were to exceed the net rate of return on our portfolio, the leverage would result in a lower rate of return to the holders of common stock than if we had not issued preferred stock. Any decline in the net asset value of our investments would be borne entirely by the holders of common stock. Therefore, if the market value of our portfolio were to decline, the leverage would result in a greater decrease in net asset value to the holders of common stock than if we were not leveraged through the issuance of preferred stock. This greater net asset value decrease would also tend to cause a greater decline in the market price for the common stock. We might be in danger of failing to maintain the required asset coverage of the preferred stock or of losing our ratings on the preferred stock or, in an extreme case, our current investment ~~44income~~ **income** might not be sufficient to meet the distribution requirements on the preferred stock. In order to counteract such an event, we might need to liquidate investments in order to fund a redemption of some or all of the preferred stock. In addition, we would pay (and the holders of common stock would bear) all costs and expenses relating to the issuance and ongoing maintenance of the preferred stock, including higher advisory fees if our total return exceeds the distribution rate on the preferred stock. Holders of preferred stock may have different interests than holders of common stock and may at times have disproportionate influence over our affairs. Our board of directors is authorized to reclassify any unissued shares of common stock into one or more classes of preferred stock, which could convey special rights and privileges to its owners. Under Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter, our board of directors is authorized to classify and reclassify any authorized but unissued shares of stock into one or more classes of stock, including preferred stock. Prior to issuance of shares of each class or series, the board of directors is required by Maryland law and our charter to set the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each class or series. Thus, the board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock with terms and conditions which could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in their best interest. The cost of any such reclassification would be borne by our existing common stockholders. The issuance of shares of preferred stock convertible into shares of common stock might also reduce the net income and net asset value per share of our common stock upon conversion, provided that we will only be permitted to issue such convertible preferred stock to the extent we comply with the requirements of Section 61 of the 1940 Act, including obtaining common stockholder approval. These effects, among others, could have an adverse effect on your investment in our common stock. Certain matters under the 1940 Act require the separate vote of the holders of any issued and outstanding preferred stock. For example, holders of preferred stock would vote separately from the holders of common stock on a proposal to cease operations as a BDC. In addition, the 1940 Act provides that holders of preferred stock are entitled to vote separately from holders of common stock to elect two preferred stock directors. In the event distributions become two full years in arrears, holders of any preferred stock would have the right to elect a majority of the directors until such arrearage is completely eliminated. Preferred stockholders also have class voting rights on certain matters, including changes in fundamental investment restrictions and conversion to open-end status, and accordingly can veto any such changes. Restrictions imposed on the declarations and payment of distributions to the holders of our common stock and preferred stock, both by the 1940 Act and by requirements imposed by rating agencies or the terms of our credit facilities, might impair our ability to maintain our qualification for tax treatment as a RIC for U. S. federal income tax purposes. While we would intend to redeem our preferred stock to the extent necessary to enable us to distribute our income as required to maintain our qualification as a RIC, there can be no assurance that such actions could be effected in time to meet the tax requirements. To the extent we use debt or preferred stock to finance our investments, changes in interest rates will affect our cost of capital and net investment income. To the extent we borrow money, or issue preferred stock, to make investments, our net investment income will depend, in part, upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds or pay distributions on preferred stock and the rate at which we invest those funds. In addition, many of our debt investments and borrowings have floating interest rates that reset on a periodic basis, and many of our investments are subject to interest rate floors. As a result, we can offer no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income in the event we use debt to finance our investments. In periods of rising interest rates, ~~such as the recent economic period,~~ our cost of funds have increased, and could continue to increase, because the interest rates on the amounts borrowed under our credit facilities or certain other financing arrangements are typically floating, except to the extent we issue fixed rate

debt or preferred stock, which could reduce our net investment income, and the interest rate on investments with an interest rate ~~45 floor~~ **floor** (such as a SOFR floor) above current levels will not increase until interest rates exceed the applicable floor. We expect that our long- term fixed- rate investments will generally be financed with equity and long- term debt. **In periods of declining interest rates, we may earn less interest income from investments and our cost of funds will also decrease, to a lesser extent, given certain of our currently outstanding indebtedness bears interest at fixed rates, resulting in lower net investment income.** We may use interest rate risk management techniques in an effort to limit our exposure to interest rate fluctuations. Such techniques may include various interest rate hedging activities to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act. These activities could limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to the hedged borrowings. Adverse developments resulting from changes in interest rates or hedging transactions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. You should also be aware that the rise in the general level of interest rates can be expected to lead to higher interest rates applicable to our debt investments. Accordingly, such increase in interest rates makes it easier for us to meet or exceed the incentive fee hurdle rate and may result in a substantial increase of the amount of incentive fees payable to our Investment Adviser with respect to our pre- incentive fee net investment income. Also, an increase in interest rates available to investors could make an investment in our common stock less attractive if we are not able to increase our distribution rate, which could reduce the value of our common stock. We may in the future determine to fund a portion of our investments with preferred stock, which would magnify the potential for loss and the risks of investing in us in a similar way as our borrowings. Preferred stock, which is another form of leverage, has the same risks to our common stockholders as borrowings because the distributions on any preferred stock we issue must be cumulative. Payment of such distributions and repayment of the liquidation preference of such preferred stock must take preference over any distributions or other payments to our common stockholders, and preferred stockholders are not subject to any of our expenses or losses and are not entitled to participate in any income or appreciation in excess of their stated preference. Our stock repurchase program could affect the price of our common stock and increase volatility and may be suspended or terminated at any time, which may result in a decrease in the trading price of our common stock. On May ~~9-7, 2023-2024~~, our board of directors most recently extended our share repurchase program (the “ Program ”), under which we can repurchase up to \$ 50 million shares of our outstanding common stock. Under the Program, purchases can be made at management’ s discretion from time to time in open- market transactions, in accordance with all applicable securities laws and regulations, **and** at prices below the Company’ s NAV as reported in its most recently published consolidated financial statements. We have in the past, and could in the future, enter into a plan to repurchase shares of our common stock pursuant to the Program in a manner intended to comply with the requirements of Rule 10b5- 1 under the 1934 Act. **Unless further amended or extended by our board of directors, we expect the Program to be in place until the earlier of May 7, 2025 or until \$ 50 million of our outstanding shares of common stock have been repurchased.** The Program is discretionary and whether purchases will be made under the Program and how much will be purchased at any time is uncertain and dependent on prevailing market prices and trading volumes, all of which we cannot predict. These activities could have the effect of maintaining the market price of our common stock or retarding a decline in the market price of the common stock, and, as a result, the price of our common stock could be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. Repurchases pursuant to the Program could affect the price of our common stock and increase its volatility. The existence of the Program could also cause the price of our common stock to be higher than it would be in the absence of such a program and could potentially reduce the market liquidity for our common stock. There can be no assurance that any stock repurchases will enhance stockholder value because the market price of our common stock could decline below the levels at which we repurchased such shares. Any failure to repurchase shares after we have announced our intention to do so could negatively impact our reputation and investor confidence in us and could negatively impact our stock price. Although the Program is intended to enhance long- term stockholder value, short- term stock price fluctuations could reduce the Program’ s effectiveness. ~~46Risks~~ **Risks** Relating to Our Business and Structure We are dependent upon SLR Capital Partners’ key personnel for our future success. We depend on the diligence, skill and network of business contacts of Messrs. Gross and Spohler, who serve as the managing partners of SLR Capital Partners and who lead SLR Capital Partners’ investment team. Messrs. Gross and Spohler, together with the other dedicated investment professionals available to SLR Capital Partners, evaluate, negotiate, structure, close and monitor our investments. Our future success will depend on the diligence, skill, network of business contacts and continued service of Messrs. Gross and Spohler and the other investment professionals available to SLR Capital Partners. We cannot assure you that unforeseen business, medical, personal or other circumstances would not lead any such individual to terminate his relationship with us. The loss of ~~Mr.~~ **Messrs.** Gross or ~~Mr.~~ Spohler, or any of the other senior investment professionals who serve on SLR Capital Partners’ investment team, could have a material adverse effect on our ability to achieve our investment objective as well as on our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, we can offer no assurance that SLR Capital Partners will remain our Investment Adviser. The senior investment professionals of SLR Capital Partners are and may in the future become affiliated with entities engaged in business activities similar to those intended to be conducted by us, and may have conflicts of interest in allocating their time. We expect that Messrs. Gross and Spohler will dedicate a significant portion of their time to the activities of SLR Investment Corp.; however, they may be engaged in other business activities which could divert their time and attention in the future. Specifically, Mr. Gross serves as Co- Chief Executive Officer and President of SCP Private Credit Income BDC LLC, SLR HC BDC LLC, and SLR Private Credit BDC II LLC. In addition, Mr. Spohler serves as Co- Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of SCP Private Credit Income BDC LLC, SLR HC BDC LLC, and SLR Private Credit BDC II LLC. Our business model depends to a significant extent upon strong referral relationships with financial sponsors, and the inability of the senior investment professionals of our Investment Adviser to maintain or develop these relationships, or the failure of these relationships to generate investment opportunities, could adversely affect our business. We expect that the principals of our Investment Adviser will maintain and develop their relationships with financial sponsors, and we will rely to a significant extent

upon these relationships to provide us with potential investment opportunities. If the senior investment professionals of our Investment Adviser fail to maintain their existing relationships or develop new relationships with other sponsors or sources of investment opportunities, we will not be able to grow our investment portfolio. In addition, individuals with whom the senior investment professionals of our Investment Adviser have relationships are not obligated to provide us with investment opportunities, and, therefore, there is no assurance that such relationships will generate investment opportunities for us. If our Investment Adviser is unable to source investment opportunities, we may hold a greater percentage of our assets in cash and cash equivalents than anticipated, which could impact potential returns on our portfolio. A disruption in the capital markets and the credit markets could negatively affect our business. As a BDC, we must maintain our ability to raise additional capital for investment purposes. Without sufficient access to the capital markets or credit markets, we may be forced to curtail our business operations or we may not be able to pursue new business opportunities. Disruptive conditions in the financial industry and the impact of new legislation in response to those conditions could restrict our business operations and could adversely impact our results of operations and financial condition. If the fair value of our assets declines substantially, we may fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios imposed upon us by the 1940 Act and our existing credit facilities. Any such failure could result in an event of default and all of our debt being declared immediately due and payable and would affect our ability to issue senior securities, including borrowings, and pay distributions, which could materially impair our business operations. Our liquidity could be impaired further by an inability to access the capital markets or to draw on our credit facilities. For ~~47example~~ **example**, we cannot be certain that we will be able to renew our existing credit facilities as they mature or to consummate new borrowing facilities to provide capital for normal operations, including new originations. Reflecting concern about the stability of the financial markets, many lenders and institutional investors have reduced or ceased providing funding to borrowers. This market turmoil and tightening of credit have led to increased market volatility and widespread reduction of business activity generally. If we are unable to renew or replace our existing credit facilities and consummate new facilities on commercially reasonable terms, our liquidity will be reduced significantly. If we consummate new facilities but are then unable to repay amounts outstanding under such facilities and are declared in default or are unable to renew or refinance these facilities, we would not be able to initiate significant originations or to operate our business in the normal course. These situations may arise due to circumstances that we may be unable to control, such as inaccessibility to the credit markets, a severe decline in the value of the U. S. dollar, ~~an a further~~ **an a further** economic downturn or an operational problem that affects third parties or us, and could materially damage our business. Moreover, we are unable to predict when economic and market conditions may become more favorable. Even if such conditions improve broadly and significantly over the long term, adverse conditions in particular sectors of the financial markets could adversely impact our business. Our financial condition and results of operations will depend on SLR Capital Partners' ability to manage our future growth effectively by identifying, investing in and monitoring companies that meet our investment criteria. Our ability to achieve our investment objective and to grow depends on SLR Capital Partners' ability to identify, invest in and monitor companies that meet our investment criteria. Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis is largely a function of SLR Capital Partners' structuring of the investment process, its ability to provide competent, attentive and efficient services to us and its ability to access financing for us on acceptable terms. The investment team of SLR Capital Partners has substantial responsibilities under the Advisory Agreement, and they may also be called upon to provide managerial assistance to our portfolio companies as the principals of our administrator. In addition, the members of SLR Capital Partners' investment team have similar responsibilities with respect to the management of other investment portfolios, including the investment portfolios of SCP Private Credit Income BDC LLC, SLR HC BDC LLC, and SLR Private Credit BDC II LLC. Such demands on their time may distract them or slow our rate of investment. In order to grow, we and SLR Capital Partners will need to retain, train, supervise and manage new investment professionals. However, we can offer no assurance that any such investment professionals will contribute effectively to the work of the Investment Adviser. Any failure to manage our future growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We may need to raise additional capital to grow because we must distribute most of our income. We may need additional capital to fund growth in our investments. We expect to issue equity securities and expect to borrow from financial institutions in the future. A reduction in the availability of new capital could limit our ability to grow. We must distribute at least 90 % of our investment company taxable income to our stockholders to maintain our tax treatment as a RIC. As a result, any such cash earnings may not be available to fund investment originations. We expect to borrow from financial institutions and issue additional debt and equity securities. If we fail to obtain funds from such sources or from other sources to fund our investments, it could limit our ability to grow, which may have an adverse effect on the value of our securities. In addition, as a BDC, our ability to borrow or issue additional preferred stock may be restricted if our total assets are less than 150 % of our total borrowings and preferred stock. Any failure on our part to maintain our status as a BDC would reduce our operating flexibility and we may be limited in our investment choices as a BDC. The 1940 Act imposes numerous constraints on the operations of BDCs. For example, BDCs are required to invest at least 70 % of their total assets in specified types of securities, primarily in private companies or thinly- ~~48traded~~ **traded** U. S. public companies, cash, cash equivalents, U. S. government securities and other high quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. Furthermore, any failure to comply with the requirements imposed on BDCs by the 1940 Act could cause the SEC to bring an enforcement action against us and / or expose us to claims of private litigants. In addition, upon approval of a majority of our stockholders, we may elect to withdraw our status as a BDC. If we decide to withdraw our election, or if we otherwise fail to qualify, or maintain our qualification, as a BDC, we may be subject to the substantially greater regulation under the 1940 Act as a closed- end investment company. Compliance with such regulations would significantly decrease our operating flexibility, and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Regulations governing our operation as a BDC affect our ability to, and the way in which we will, raise additional capital. As a BDC, the necessity of raising additional capital may expose us to risks, including the typical risks associated with leverage. In order to satisfy the tax requirements applicable to a RIC, to avoid payment of

excise taxes and to minimize or avoid payment of income taxes, we intend to distribute to our stockholders substantially all of our ordinary income and realized net capital gains except for certain realized net long-term capital gains, which we may retain, pay applicable income taxes with respect thereto and elect to treat as deemed distributions to our stockholders. We may issue debt securities or preferred stock and / or borrow money from banks or other financial institutions, which we refer to collectively as “senior securities,” up to the maximum amount permitted by the 1940 Act. Under the provisions of the 1940 Act, we had been permitted, as a BDC, to issue senior securities in amounts such that our asset coverage ratio, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200 % of gross assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, after each issuance of senior securities. However, our stockholders have approved a resolution permitting us to be subject to a 150 % asset coverage ratio effective as of October 12, 2018. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy the asset coverage test. If that happens, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments and, depending on the nature of our leverage, repay a portion of our indebtedness at a time when such sales may be disadvantageous. Also, any amounts that we use to service our indebtedness would not be available for distributions to our common stockholders. Furthermore, as a result of issuing senior securities, we would also be exposed to typical risks associated with leverage, including an increased risk of loss. In addition, because our management fee is calculated as a percentage of our gross assets, which includes any borrowings for investment purposes, the management fee expenses will increase if we incur additional indebtedness. As of December 31, 2023-2024, we had \$ 507-482 . 0 million outstanding under the Credit Facility, composed of \$ 407-342 . 0 million of revolving credit and \$ 100-140 . 0 million outstanding of term loans, and \$ 206-165 . 3-1 million outstanding under our SPV Credit Facility. We also had \$ 135-49 . 0 million outstanding of 2027 Series G Unsecured Notes, \$ 135. 0 million outstanding of the 2027 Series F Unsecured Notes, \$ 50. 0 million outstanding of the 2027 Unsecured Notes, \$ 50-75 . 0 million outstanding of the 2027-2026 Unsecured Notes, and \$ 75-85 . 0 million outstanding of the 2026 Unsecured Notes, \$ 85. 0 million outstanding of the 2025 Unsecured Notes, and \$ 125. 0 million outstanding of the 2024 Unsecured Notes. If we issue preferred stock, the preferred stock would rank “senior” to common stock in our capital structure, preferred stockholders would generally vote together with common stockholders but would have separate voting rights on certain matters and might have other rights, preferences, or privileges more favorable than those of our common stockholders, and the issuance of preferred stock could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change of control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in your best interest. We are not generally able to issue and sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share. We may, however, sell our common stock, 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 determines that such sale is in the best interests of SLR Investment Corp. and its stockholders, and our stockholders approve such sale. In any such case, the price at which our securities are to be issued and sold may not be less than a price that, in the determination of our board of directors, closely approximates the market value of such securities (less any distributing commission or discount). If we raise additional funds by issuing more common stock or senior securities— securities convertible into, or exchangeable for, our common stock, then the percentage ownership of our stockholders at that time will decrease, and you might experience dilution. This dilution would occur as a result of a proportionately greater decrease in a stockholder’s interest in our earnings and assets and voting interest in us than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance. Because the number of future shares of common stock that may be issued below our net asset value per share and the price and timing of such issuances are not currently known, we cannot predict the actual dilutive effect of any such issuance. We cannot determine the resulting reduction in our net asset value per share of any such issuance. We also cannot predict whether shares of our common stock will trade above, at or below our net asset value. Our credit ratings may not reflect all risks of an investment in our debt securities. Our credit ratings are an assessment by third parties of our ability to pay our obligations. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally affect the market value of our publicly issued debt securities. Our credit ratings, however, may not reflect the potential impact of risks related to market conditions generally or other factors discussed above on the market value of, or trading market for, any publicly issued debt securities. Our stockholders may experience dilution in their ownership percentage if they opt out of our dividend reinvestment plan. All distributions declared in cash payable to stockholders that are participants in our dividend reinvestment plan are automatically reinvested in shares of our common stock. In the event we issue new shares in connection with our dividend reinvestment plan, our stockholders that do not elect to receive distributions in shares of common stock may experience dilution in their ownership percentage over time as a result of such issuance. We have and will continue to borrow money, which would magnify the potential for loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us. We borrow money as part of our business plan. Borrowings, also known as leverage, magnify the potential for loss on amounts invested and, therefore, increase the risks associated with investing in our securities. As of December 31, 2023-2024, we had \$ 507-482 . 0 million outstanding under the Credit Facility, composed of \$ 407-342 . 0 million of revolving credit and \$ 100-140 . 0 million outstanding of term loans, and \$ 206-165 . 3-1 million outstanding under our SPV Credit Facility. We also had \$ 135-49 . 0 million outstanding of 2027 Series G Unsecured Notes, \$ 135. 0 million outstanding of the 2027 Series F Unsecured Notes, \$ 50. 0 million outstanding of the 2027 Unsecured Notes, \$ 50-75 . 0 million outstanding of the 2027-2026 Unsecured Notes, and \$ 75-85 . 0 million outstanding of the 2026 Unsecured Notes, \$ 85. 0 million outstanding of the 2025 Unsecured Notes, and \$ 125. 0 million outstanding of the 2024 Unsecured Notes. We may borrow from and issue senior debt securities to banks, insurance companies and other lenders in the future. Lenders of these senior securities, including the Credit Facility, the SPV Credit Facility, the 2027 Series G Unsecured Notes, the 2027 Series F Unsecured Notes, the 2027 Unsecured Notes, the 2027 Unsecured Notes, the 2026 Unsecured Notes, and the 2025 Unsecured Notes, and the 2024 Unsecured Notes, will have fixed dollar claims on our assets that are superior to the claims of our common stockholders, and we would expect such lenders to seek recovery against our assets in the event of a default. If the value of our assets increases, then leveraging would cause the net asset value attributable to our common stock to increase more sharply than it would have had we not leveraged. Conversely, if the value of our assets decreases, leveraging would cause net asset value to

decline more sharply than it otherwise would have had we not leveraged. Similarly, any decrease in our income would cause net income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Also, any increase in our income in excess of interest payable on the borrowed funds would cause our net investment income to increase more than it would without the leverage, while any decrease in our income would cause net investment income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Such a decline could also negatively affect our ability to make distribution payments on our common stock, scheduled debt payments or other payments related to our securities. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique. Our ability to service any debt that we incur will depend largely on our financial performance and will be subject to prevailing economic conditions and competitive pressures. Moreover, as the management fee payable to our Investment Adviser, SLR Capital Partners, will be payable ~~50 based~~ **based** on our gross assets, including those assets acquired through the use of leverage, SLR Capital Partners will have a financial incentive to incur leverage which may not be consistent with our stockholders' interests. In addition, our common stockholders will bear the burden of any increase in our expenses as a result of leverage, including any increase in the management fee payable to SLR Capital Partners. As a BDC, we had generally been required to meet a coverage ratio of total assets to total borrowings and other senior securities, which include all of our borrowings and any preferred stock that we may issue in the future, of at least 200 %. However, our stockholders have approved a resolution permitting us to be subject to a 150 % asset coverage ratio effective as of October 12, 2018. Even though we are subject to a 150 % asset coverage ratio effective as of October 12, 2018, contractual leverage limitations under our existing credit facilities or future borrowings may limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness. On August 28, 2019, we entered into the Credit ~~Agreement~~ **Facility**, which was amended on December 28, 2021, which permits 150 % asset coverage. Some of our wholly and / or substantially owned portfolio companies, including Kingsbridge Holdings, LLC, SLR Credit Solutions, SLR Equipment Finance, SLR Business Credit and SLR Healthcare ABL, may incur significantly more leverage than we can but we do not consolidate Kingsbridge Holdings, LLC, SLR Credit Solutions, SLR Equipment Finance, SLR Business Credit and SLR Healthcare ABL and their leverage is non-recourse to us. Additionally, the Credit Facility and the SPV Credit Facility require us to comply with certain financial and other restrictive covenants including maintaining an asset coverage ratio of not less than 150 % at any time. Failure to maintain compliance with these covenants could result in an event of default and all of our debt being declared immediately due and payable. If this ratio declines below 150 %, we may not be able to incur additional debt and could be required by law to sell a portion of our investments to repay some debt when it is disadvantageous to do so, which could have a material adverse effect on our operations, and we may not be able to make distributions. The amount of leverage that we employ will depend on our Investment Adviser's and our board of directors' assessment of the market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain credit at all or on terms acceptable to us. In addition, our credit facilities impose, and any other debt facility into which we may enter would likely impose, financial and operating covenants that restrict our business activities, including limitations that could hinder our ability to finance additional loans and investments or to make the distributions required to maintain RIC tax treatment under Subchapter M of the Code. The debt securities that we may issue will be governed by an indenture or other instrument containing covenants restricting our operating flexibility. We, and indirectly our stockholders, bear the cost of issuing and servicing such debt securities. Any convertible or exchangeable securities that we issue in the future may have rights, preferences and privileges more favorable than those of our common stock. Illustration. The following table illustrates the effect of leverage on returns from an investment in our common stock assuming various annual returns on our portfolio, net of interest expense. The calculations in the table below are hypothetical and actual returns may be higher or lower than those appearing in the table below. Assumed total return (net of interest expense) (10) % (5) % 0 % 5 % 10 % Corresponding return to stockholder (1) (~~32 30.69~~) % (~~19.18.85~~) % (~~7.6.12~~) % (~~5.6.71~~) % 18.5 % (1) Assumes \$ 2. ~~5.4~~ billion in total assets (inclusive of temporary cash assets of \$ ~~332.398~~ million) and \$ 1. ~~2.0~~ billion in total debt outstanding, which reflects our total assets and total debt outstanding as of December 31, ~~2023.2024~~, and a cost of funds of 5. ~~88.91~~%. Excludes non-leverage related expenses. In order for us to cover our annual interest payments on our outstanding indebtedness at December 31, ~~2023.2024~~, we must achieve annual returns on our December 31, ~~2023.2024~~ total assets of at least 2. ~~8.5~~%. ~~51~~ **It** is likely that the terms of any current or future long-term or revolving credit or warehouse facility we may enter into in the future could constrain our ability to grow our business. Our current lenders have, and any future lender or lenders may have, fixed dollar claims on our assets that are senior to the claims of our stockholders and, thus, will have a preference over our stockholders with respect to our assets in the collateral pool. Our current credit facilities and borrowings also subject us to various financial and operating covenants, including, but not limited to, maintaining certain financial ratios and minimum tangible net worth amounts. Future credit facilities and borrowings will likely subject us to similar or additional covenants. In addition, we may grant a security interest in our assets in connection with any such credit facilities and borrowings. Our credit facilities generally contain customary default provisions such as a minimum net worth amount, a profitability test, and a restriction on changing our business and loan quality standards. In addition, our credit facilities require or are expected to require the repayment of all outstanding debt on the maturity, which may disrupt our business and potentially the business of our portfolio companies that are financed through our credit facilities. An event of default under our credit facilities would likely result, among other things, in termination of the availability of further funds under our credit facilities and accelerated maturity dates for all amounts outstanding under our credit facilities, which would likely disrupt our business and, potentially, the business of the portfolio companies whose loans we finance through our credit facilities. This could reduce our revenues and, by delaying any cash payment allowed to us under our credit facilities until the lender has been paid in full, reduce our liquidity and cash flow and impair our ability to grow our business and maintain RIC tax treatment. The terms of future available financing may place limits on our financial and operational flexibility. If we are unable to obtain sufficient capital in the future, we may be forced to reduce or discontinue our operations, not be able to make new investments, or otherwise respond to changing business conditions or competitive pressures. Our quarterly and annual operating results are subject to fluctuation as a result of the nature of our business, and if we fail to achieve our investment

objective, the net asset value of our common stock may decline. We could experience fluctuations in our quarterly and annual operating results due to a number of factors, some of which are beyond our control, including, but not limited to, the interest rate payable on the debt securities that we acquire, the default rate on such securities, the level of our expenses, variations in and the timing of the recognition of realized and unrealized gains or losses, changes in our portfolio composition, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets, market volatility in our publicly traded securities and the securities of our portfolio companies, and general economic conditions. As a result of these factors, results for any period should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future periods. In addition, any of these factors could negatively impact our ability to achieve our investment objectives, which may cause our net asset value of our common stock to decline. Our investments may be in portfolio companies that may have limited operating histories and financial resources. We expect that our portfolio will continue to consist of investments that may have relatively limited operating histories. These companies may be particularly vulnerable to U. S. and foreign economic downturns ~~such as the U. S. recession that began in mid-2007, the European financial crisis, and the COVID-19 related economic downturn~~, may have more limited access to capital and higher funding costs, may have a weaker financial position and may need more capital to expand or compete. These businesses also may experience substantial variations in operating results. They may face intense competition, including from companies with greater financial, technical and marketing resources. Furthermore, some of these companies do business in regulated industries and could be affected by changes in government regulation. Accordingly, these factors could impair their cash flow or result in other events, such as bankruptcy, which could limit their ability to repay their obligations to us, and may adversely affect the return on, or the recovery of, our investment in these companies. ~~52~~ **We** cannot assure you that any of our investments in our portfolio companies will be successful. Our portfolio companies compete with larger, more established companies with greater access to, and resources for, further development in these new technologies. Therefore, we may lose our entire investment in any or all of our portfolio companies. There will be uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments, which may impact our net asset value. A large percentage of our portfolio investments are in the form of securities that are not publicly traded. The fair value of securities and other investments that are not publicly traded may not be readily determinable. We value these securities on a quarterly basis in accordance with our valuation policy, which is at all times consistent with GAAP. Our board of directors will (1) periodically assess and manage valuation risks; (2) establish and apply fair value methodologies; (3) test fair value methodologies; (4) oversee and evaluate third- party pricing services; (5) oversee the reporting required by Rule 2a- 5 under the 1940 Act; and (6) maintain recordkeeping requirements under Rule 2a- 5. Our board of directors utilizes the services of third-party valuation firms to aid it in determining the fair value of material assets. The board of directors discusses valuations and determines the fair value in good faith based on the input of our Investment Adviser and, when utilized, the respective third-party valuation firms. The factors that may be considered in fair value pricing our investments include the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company' s ability to make payments and its earnings, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparisons to publicly traded companies, discounted cash flow and other relevant factors. Because such valuations, and particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate over short periods of time and may be based on estimates, our determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used if a ready market for these securities existed. Our net asset value could be adversely affected if our determinations regarding the fair value of our investments were materially higher than the values that we ultimately realize upon the disposal of such securities. Our equity ownership in a portfolio company may represent a control investment. Our ability to exit an investment in a timely manner because we are in a control position or have access to inside information in the portfolio company could result in a realized loss on the investment. If we obtain a control investment in a portfolio company our ability to divest ourselves from a debt or equity investment could be restricted due to illiquidity in a private stock, limited trading volume on a public company' s stock, inside information on a company' s performance, insider blackout periods, or other factors that could prohibit us from disposing of the investment as we would if it were not a control investment. Additionally, we may choose not to take certain actions to protect a debt investment in a control investment portfolio company. As a result, we could experience a decrease in the value of our portfolio company holdings and potentially incur a realized loss on the investment. There are significant potential conflicts of interest, including SLR Capital Partners' management of other investment funds such as SCP Private Credit Income BDC LLC, SLR HC BDC LLC, and SLR Private Credit BDC II LLC, which could impact our investment returns, and an investment in SLR Investment Corp. is not an investment in SCP Private Credit Income BDC LLC, SLR HC BDC LLC, or SLR Private Credit BDC II LLC. Our executive officers and directors, as well as the current and future partners of our Investment Adviser, SLR Capital Partners, may serve as officers, directors or principals of entities that operate in the same or a related line of business as we do. For example, SLR Capital Partners presently serves as the Investment Adviser to (i) SCP Private Credit Income BDC LLC, an unlisted BDC that focuses on investing primarily in senior secured loans, including non- traditional asset- based loans and first lien loans, (ii) SLR HC BDC LLC, an unlisted BDC whose principal focus is to invest directly and indirectly in senior secured loans and other debt instruments typically to middle market companies within the healthcare industry, and (iii) SLR Private Credit BDC II LLC, an unlisted BDC whose principal focus is to invest in first lien senior secured floating rate loans primarily to upper middle ~~53~~ **market** -- **market** leveraged companies with EBITDA between approximately \$ 25 million and \$ 250 million that have significant free cash flow and are in non- cyclical industries in which the Investment Adviser has significant experience. In addition, Michael S. Gross, our Chairman, Co- Chief Executive Officer and President, Bruce Spohler, our Co- Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer and board member, ~~and~~ Shiraz Y. Kajee, our Chief Financial Officer **and Treasurer, and Guy F. Talarico, our Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary**, serve in similar capacities for SCP Private Credit Income BDC LLC, SLR HC BDC LLC, and SLR Private Credit BDC II LLC. Accordingly, they may have obligations to investors in those entities, the fulfillment of which obligations might not be in the best interests of us or our stockholders. In addition, we note that any affiliated investment vehicle formed in the future and managed by our Investment Adviser or its affiliates may, notwithstanding different stated investment objectives, have

overlapping investment objectives with our own and, accordingly, may invest in asset classes similar to those targeted by us. As a result, SLR Capital Partners may face conflicts in allocating investment opportunities between us and such other entities. Although SLR Capital Partners will endeavor to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner, it is possible that, in the future, we may not be given the opportunity to participate in investments made by investment funds managed by our Investment Adviser or an investment manager affiliated with our Investment Adviser. In any such case, when SLR Capital Partners identifies an investment, it will be forced to choose which investment fund should make the investment. As a BDC, we were substantially limited in our ability to co-invest in privately negotiated transactions with affiliated funds until we obtained an exemptive order from the SEC. The most recent exemptive order, received on June 13, 2017 (the “Exemptive Order”), permits us to participate in negotiated co-investment transactions with certain affiliates, each of whose investment adviser is an investment adviser that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with SLR Capital Partners and is registered as an Investment Adviser under the Advisers Act, in a manner consistent with our investment objective, positions, policies, strategies and restrictions as well as regulatory requirements and other pertinent factors, and pursuant to the conditions to the Exemptive Order. If we are unable to rely on the Exemptive Order for a particular opportunity, such opportunity will be allocated first to the entity whose investment strategy is the most consistent with the opportunity being allocated, and second, if the terms of the opportunity are consistent with more than one entity’s investment strategy, on an alternating basis. Although our investment professionals will endeavor to allocate investment opportunities in a fair and equitable manner, we and our common stockholders could be adversely affected to the extent investment opportunities are allocated among us and other investment vehicles managed or sponsored by, or affiliated with, our executive officers, directors and members of our Investment Adviser. SLR Capital Partners and certain investment advisory affiliates may determine that an investment is appropriate for us and for one or more of those other funds. In such event, depending on the availability of such investment and other appropriate factors, SLR Capital Partners or its affiliates may determine that we should invest side-by-side with one or more other funds. Any such investments will be made only to the extent permitted by applicable law and interpretive positions of the SEC and its staff, and consistent with SLR Capital Partners’ allocation procedures. Related party transactions may occur among SLR Investment Corp., SLR Credit Solutions, Equipment Operating Leases LLC, Loyer Capital LLC, SLR Equipment Finance, SLR Business Credit, SLR Healthcare ABL, SLR Senior Lending Program LLC and SLR Senior Lending Program SPV LLC. These transactions may occur in the normal course of business. No administrative or other fees are paid to SLR Capital Partners by SLR Credit Solutions, Equipment Operating Leases LLC, Loyer Capital LLC, SLR Equipment Finance, SLR Business Credit, SLR Healthcare ABL, SLR Senior Lending Program LLC and SLR Senior Lending Program SPV LLC. In the ordinary course of our investing activities, we pay management and incentive fees to SLR Capital Partners and reimburse SLR Capital Partners for certain expenses it incurs. As a result, investors in our common stock will invest on a “gross” basis and receive distributions on a “net” basis after expenses, resulting in a lower rate of return than an investor might achieve through direct investments. Accordingly, there may be times when the management team of SLR Capital Partners has interests that differ from those of our stockholders, giving rise to a conflict. **We** entered into an amended and restated royalty-free license agreement on February 25, 2021 with our Investment Adviser, pursuant to which our Investment Adviser has granted us a non-exclusive license to use the marks “SOLAR” and “SLR.” Under the license agreement, we have the right to use the “SLR Investment” name for so long as SLR Capital Partners or one of its affiliates remains our Investment Adviser. In addition, we pay SLR Capital Management, an affiliate of SLR Capital Partners, our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by SLR Capital Management in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent, the fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions, and our allocable portion of the compensation of our chief compliance officer and our chief financial officer and their respective staffs. These arrangements create conflicts of interest that our board of directors must monitor. Our ability to enter into transactions involving derivatives and financial commitment transactions may be limited. Through comprehensive new global regulatory regimes impacting derivatives (e.g., the Dodd-Frank Act, European Market Infrastructure Regulation (“EMIR”), Markets in Financial Investments Regulation (“MIFIR”)/Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (“MIFID II”), certain over-the-counter derivatives transactions in which we may engage are ~~either now or will soon be~~ subject to various requirements, such as mandatory central clearing of transactions which include additional margin requirements and in certain cases trading on electronic platforms, pre- and post-trade transparency reporting requirements and mandatory bi-lateral exchange of initial margin for non-cleared swaps. The Dodd-Frank Act also created new categories of regulated market participants, such as “swap dealers,” “security-based swap dealers,” “major swap participants,” and “major security-based swap participants” who are subject to significant new capital, registration, recordkeeping, reporting, disclosure, business conduct and other regulatory requirements. ~~The EU and some other jurisdictions are implementing similar requirements. Because these requirements are new and evolving (and some of the rules are not yet final), their ultimate impact remains unclear. However, even~~ **Even** if we are not located in a particular jurisdiction or directly subject to the jurisdiction’s derivatives regulations, we may still be impacted to the extent we enter into a derivatives transaction with a regulated market participant or counterparty that is organized in that jurisdiction or otherwise subject to that jurisdiction’s derivatives regulations. ~~The~~ **Based on information available as of the date of this annual report on Form 10-K,** ~~the~~ effect of such requirements will be likely to (directly or indirectly) increase our overall costs of entering into derivatives transactions. In particular, new margin requirements, position limits and significantly higher capital charges resulting from new global capital regulations, even if not directly applicable to us, may cause an increase in the pricing of derivatives transactions entered into by market participants to whom such requirements apply or affect our overall ability to enter into derivatives transactions with certain counterparties. ~~Such new global capital regulations and the need to satisfy the various requirements by counterparties are resulting in increased funding costs and increased overall transaction costs and are significantly affecting balance sheets, thereby resulting in changes to financing terms and potentially impacting our ability to obtain financing.~~ Administrative costs ~~related~~, **due to new such** requirements such as registration, recordkeeping, reporting, and compliance,

even if not directly applicable to us, may also be reflected in our derivatives transactions. ~~New requirements~~ **Requirements** to trade certain derivatives transactions on electronic trading platforms and trade reporting requirements may lead to (among other things) fragmentation of the markets, higher transaction costs or reduced availability of derivatives, and / or a reduced ability to hedge, all of which could adversely affect the performance of certain of our trading strategies. In addition, changes to derivatives regulations may impact the tax and / or accounting treatment of certain derivatives, which could adversely impact us. In November 2020, the SEC adopted new rules regarding the ability of a BDC (or a registered investment company) to use derivatives and other transactions that create future payment or delivery obligations. BDCs that use derivatives would be subject to a value- at- risk leverage limit, certain other derivatives risk management program and testing requirements and requirements related to board reporting. These new requirements would apply unless the BDC qualified as a “ limited derivatives user, ” as defined in the SEC’ s adopted rules. A BDC that enters into reverse repurchase agreements or similar financing transactions would need to aggregate the ~~55amount~~ **amount** of indebtedness associated with the reverse repurchase agreements or similar financing transactions and could either (i) comply with the asset coverage requirements of the Section 18 of the 1940 Act when engaging in reverse repurchase agreements or (ii) choose to treat such agreements as derivative transactions under the adopted rule. Under the adopted rule, a BDC may enter into an unfunded commitment agreement that is not a derivatives transaction, such as an agreement to provide financing to a portfolio company, if the BDC has a reasonable belief, at the time it enters into such an agreement, that it will have sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet its obligations with respect to all of its unfunded commitment agreements, in each case as it becomes due. If the BDC cannot meet this test, it is required to ~~treat~~ **consider** unfunded commitments **for purposes** as a derivatives transaction subject to the requirements of **computing** the ~~rule~~ **BDC’ s asset coverage**. Collectively, these requirements may limit our ability to use derivatives and / or enter into certain other financial contracts. We may be obligated to pay our Investment Adviser incentive compensation even if we incur a loss. Our Investment Adviser will be entitled to incentive compensation for each fiscal quarter in an amount equal to a percentage of the excess of our pre- incentive fee net investment income for that quarter (before deducting incentive compensation) above a performance threshold for that quarter. Accordingly, since the performance threshold is based on a percentage of our net asset value, decreases in our net asset value make it easier to achieve the performance threshold. Our pre- incentive fee net investment income for incentive compensation purposes excludes realized and unrealized capital losses or depreciation that we may incur in the fiscal quarter, even if such capital losses or depreciation result in a net loss on our statement of operations for that quarter. Thus, we may be required to pay SLR Capital Partners incentive compensation for a fiscal quarter even if there is a decline in the value of our portfolio or we incur a net loss for that quarter. Our incentive fee may induce SLR Capital Partners to pursue speculative investments. The incentive fee payable by us to SLR Capital Partners may create an incentive for SLR Capital Partners to pursue investments on our behalf that are riskier or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of such compensation arrangement. The incentive fee payable to our Investment Adviser is calculated based on a percentage of our return on invested capital. This may encourage our Investment Adviser to use leverage to increase the return on our investments. Under certain circumstances, the use of leverage may increase the likelihood of default, which would impair the value of our common stock. In addition, our Investment Adviser receives the incentive fee based, in part, upon net capital gains realized on our investments. Unlike that portion of the incentive fee based on income, there is no hurdle rate applicable to the portion of the incentive fee based on net capital gains. As a result, our Investment Adviser may have a tendency to invest more capital in investments that are likely to result in capital gains as compared to income producing securities. Such a practice could result in our investing in more speculative securities than would otherwise be the case, which could result in higher investment losses, particularly during economic downturns. The incentive fee payable by us to our Investment Adviser also may induce SLR Capital Partners to invest on our behalf in instruments that have a deferred interest feature, even if such deferred payments would not provide the cash necessary to enable us to pay current distributions to our stockholders. Under these investments, we would accrue interest over the life of the investment but would not receive the cash income from the investment until the end of the term. Our net investment income used to calculate the income portion of our investment fee, however, includes accrued interest. Thus, a portion of this incentive fee would be based on income that we have not received in cash. In addition, the “ catch- up ” portion of the incentive fee may encourage SLR Capital Partners to accelerate or defer interest payable by portfolio companies from one calendar quarter to another, potentially resulting in fluctuations in timing and distribution amounts. We may invest, to the extent permitted by law, in the securities and instruments of other investment companies, including private funds, and, to the extent we so invest, will bear our ratable share of any such investment company’ s expenses, including management and performance fees. We will also remain obligated to pay ~~56management~~ **management** and incentive fees to SLR Capital Partners with respect to the assets invested in the securities and instruments of other investment companies. With respect to each of these investments, each of our stockholders will bear his or her share of the management and incentive fee of SLR Capital Partners as well as indirectly bearing the management and performance fees and other expenses of any investment companies in which we invest. We may become subject to corporate- level U. S. federal income tax if we are unable to qualify and maintain our qualification for tax treatment as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. Although we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, no assurance can be given that we will continue to be able to qualify for and maintain RIC tax treatment. To maintain RIC tax treatment under the Code, we must meet the following annual distribution, income source and asset diversification requirements on an ongoing basis. • The Annual Distribution Requirement for a RIC will be satisfied if we distribute to our stockholders on an annual basis at least 90 % of our net ordinary income and realized net short- term capital gains in excess of realized net long- term capital losses, if any. Because we may use debt financing, we are subject to certain asset coverage ratio requirements under the 1940 Act and financial covenants under loan and credit agreements that could, under certain circumstances, restrict us from making distributions necessary to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement. If we are unable to obtain cash from other sources, we could fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment and become subject to corporate- level U. S federal income tax. • The income source requirement will be satisfied if we obtain at

least 90 % of our income for each year from certain passive investments, including interest, dividends, gains from the sale of stock or securities, or similar sources. • The asset diversification requirement will be satisfied if we meet certain asset diversification requirements at the end of each quarter of our taxable year. Failure to meet those requirements may result in our having to dispose of certain investments quickly in order to prevent the loss of RIC tax treatment. Because most of our investments will be relatively illiquid, any such dispositions could be made at disadvantageous prices and could result in substantial losses. If we fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment for any reason and become subject to corporate income tax, the resulting corporate taxes could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution and the amount of our distributions. Such a failure could have a material adverse effect on us, the net asset value of our common stock and the total return, if any, obtainable from your investment in our common stock. We may have difficulty satisfying the Annual Distribution Requirement in order to qualify and maintain RIC tax treatment if we recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income. In accordance with GAAP and tax requirements, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as contractual PIK interest, which represents contractual interest added to a loan balance and due at the end of such loan' s term. In addition to the cash yields received on our loans, in some instances, certain loans may also include any of the following: end- of- term payments, exit fees, balloon payment fees or prepayment fees. The increases in loan balances as a result of contractual PIK arrangements are included in income for the period in which such PIK interest was accrued, which is often in advance of receiving a cash payment, and are separately identified on our statements of cash flows. We also may be required to include in income certain other amounts prior to receiving the related cash. Any warrants that we receive in connection with our debt investments will generally be valued as part of the negotiation process with the particular portfolio company. As a result, a portion of the aggregate purchase price ~~57for~~ **for** the debt investments and warrants will be allocated to the warrants that we receive. This will generally result in “ original issue discount ” for U. S. federal income tax purposes, which we must recognize as ordinary income, increasing the amount that we are required to distribute to qualify for the U. S. federal income tax benefits applicable to RICs. Because these warrants generally will not produce distributable cash for us at the same time as we are required to make distributions in respect of the related original issue discount, we would need to obtain cash from other sources or to pay a portion of our distributions using shares of newly issued common stock, consistent with Internal Revenue Service requirements, to satisfy the Annual Distribution and Excise Tax Avoidance requirements. Other features of the debt instruments that we hold may also cause such instruments to generate original issue discount, resulting in a distribution requirement in excess of current cash interest received. Since in certain cases we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty meeting the RIC tax requirement to distribute at least 90 % of our net ordinary income and realized net short- term capital gains in excess of realized net long- term capital losses, if any. Under such circumstances, we may have to sell some of our investments at times we would not consider advantageous, raise additional debt or equity capital or reduce new investment originations to meet these distribution requirements. If we are unable to obtain cash from other sources and are otherwise unable to satisfy such distribution requirements, we may fail to qualify for the U. S. federal income tax benefits allowable to RICs and, thus, become subject to a corporate- level U. S. federal income tax on all our income. Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and of our charter and bylaws could deter takeover attempts and have an adverse impact on the price of our common stock. The Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws contain provisions that may discourage, delay or make more difficult a change in control of SLR Investment Corp. or the removal of our directors. We are subject to the Maryland Business Combination Act, subject to any applicable requirements of the 1940 Act. Our board of directors has adopted a resolution exempting from the Maryland Business Combination Act any business combination between us and any other person, subject to prior approval of such business combination by our board of directors, including approval by a majority of our disinterested directors. If the resolution exempting business combinations is repealed or our board of directors does not approve a business combination, the Maryland Business Combination Act may discourage third parties from trying to acquire control of us and increase the difficulty of consummating such an offer. Our bylaws exempt from the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act (the “ Control Share Act ”) acquisitions of our stock by any person. If we amend our bylaws to repeal the exemption from the Control Share Act, the Control Share Act also may make it more difficult for a third party to obtain control of us and increase the difficulty of consummating such a transaction. The SEC staff has rescinded its position that, under the 1940 Act, an investment company may not avail itself of the Control Share Act. As a result, we will amend our bylaws to be subject to the Control Share Act only if our board of directors determines that it would be in our best interests. We have also adopted measures that may make it difficult for a third party to obtain control of us, including provisions of our charter classifying our board of directors in three classes serving staggered three- year terms, and authorizing our board of directors to classify or reclassify shares of our stock in one or more classes or series, to cause the issuance of additional shares of our stock and to amend our charter without stockholder approval to increase or decrease the number of shares of stock that we have authority to issue. These provisions, as well as other provisions of our charter and bylaws, may delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might otherwise be in the best interests of our stockholders. The foregoing provisions are expected to discourage certain coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids and to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to negotiate first with our board of directors. However, these provisions may deprive a stockholder of the opportunity to sell such stockholder' s shares at a premium to a potential acquirer. We believe that the benefits of these provisions outweigh the potential disadvantages of discouraging any such acquisition proposals because, among other things, the negotiation of ~~58such~~ **such** proposals may improve their terms. Our board of directors has considered both the positive and negative effects of the foregoing provisions and determined that they are in the best interest of our stockholders. Our bylaws designate the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Maryland as the sole and exclusive forum for certain types of actions and proceedings that may be initiated by our stockholders and provide that claims relating to causes of action under the Securities Act may only be brought in federal district courts, which could limit our stockholders' ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers or agents,

if any, and could discourage lawsuits against us and our directors, officers and agents, if any. Our bylaws provide that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Maryland, or, if that court does not have jurisdiction, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Northern Division, will be the sole and exclusive forum for (a) any Internal Corporate Claim, as such term is defined in the MGCL, (b) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf (other than actions arising under federal securities laws), (c) any action asserting a claim of breach of any duty owed by any of our directors, officers or other agents to us or to our stockholders, (d) any action asserting a claim against us or any of our directors, officers or other agents arising pursuant to any provision of the MGCL or our charter or bylaws or (e) any other action asserting a claim against us or any of our directors, officers or other employees that is governed by the internal affairs doctrine. With respect to any proceeding described in the foregoing sentence that is in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Maryland, our stockholders consent to the assignment of the proceeding to the Business and Technology Case Management Program pursuant to Maryland Rule 16- 308 or any successor thereof. None of the foregoing actions, claims or proceedings may be brought in any court sitting outside the State of Maryland unless we consent in writing to such court. Our bylaws do not apply to lawsuits asserting claims brought to enforce a duty or liability arising exclusively under the Securities Act, the 1934 Act, or the 1940 Act, or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. Unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be the sole and exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act. This paragraph does not apply to claims arising exclusively under the 1934 Act or the 1940 Act, or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. These exclusive forum provisions may limit the ability of our stockholders to bring a claim in a judicial forum that such stockholders find favorable for disputes with us or our directors, officers, or agents, if any, which may discourage such lawsuits against us and our directors, officers, and agents, if any. Alternatively, if a court were to find the choice of forum provisions contained in our bylaws to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, and operating results. For example, under the Securities Act, federal courts have concurrent jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Securities Act, and investors cannot waive compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder. The failure in cyber security systems, as well as the occurrence of events unanticipated in our disaster recovery systems and management continuity planning could impair our ability to conduct business effectively. The occurrence of a disaster, such as a cyber- attack against us or against a third party that has access to our data or networks, a natural catastrophe, an industrial accident, failure of our disaster recovery systems, or consequential employee error, could have an adverse effect on our ability to communicate or conduct business, negatively impacting our operations and financial condition. This adverse effect can become particularly acute if those events affect our electronic data processing, transmission, storage, and retrieval systems, or impact the availability, integrity, or confidentiality of our data. We depend heavily upon computer systems to perform necessary business functions. We rely on the Investment Adviser' s enterprise- wide cybersecurity program, to protect its information, including due oversight of the ~~59 cybersecurity~~ **cybersecurity** programs of our key service providers and processes for the assessment, identification, and management of material risks from cybersecurity threats, including those associated with the use of third- party service providers. Despite the Investment Adviser' s implementation of a variety of security measures, our computer systems, networks, and data, like those of other companies, could be subject to cyber- attacks and unauthorized access, use, alteration, or destruction, such as from physical and electronic break- ins or unauthorized tampering. If one or more of these events occurs, it could potentially jeopardize the confidential, proprietary, and other information processed, stored in, and transmitted through our computer systems and networks. Such an attack could cause interruptions or malfunctions in our operations, which could result in financial losses, litigation, regulatory penalties, client dissatisfaction or loss, reputational damage, and increased costs associated with mitigation of damages and remediation. If unauthorized parties gain access to such information and technology systems, they may be able to steal, publish, delete or modify private and sensitive information, including nonpublic personal information related to stockholders (and their beneficial owners) and material nonpublic information. The systems the Investment Adviser has implemented to manage risks relating to these types of events could prove to be inadequate and, if compromised, could become inoperable for extended periods of time, cease to function properly or fail to adequately secure private information. Breaches such as those involving covertly introduced malware, impersonation of authorized users and industrial or other espionage may not be identified even with sophisticated prevention and detection systems, potentially resulting in further harm and preventing them from being addressed appropriately. The failure of these systems or of disaster recovery plans for any reason could cause significant interruptions in our and our Investment Adviser' s operations and result in a failure to maintain the security, confidentiality or privacy of sensitive data, including personal information relating to stockholders, material nonpublic information and other sensitive information in our possession. A disaster or a disruption in the infrastructure that supports our business, including a disruption involving electronic communications or other services used by us or third parties with whom we conduct business, or directly affecting our headquarters, could have a material adverse impact on our ability to continue to operate our business without interruption and to protect us, insofar as is practicable, from the hazards of cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities in accordance with applicable legal requirements and guidance. Our disaster recovery programs may not be sufficient to mitigate the harm that may result from such a disaster or disruption. In addition, insurance and other safeguards might only partially reimburse us for our losses, if at all. Although we are not currently aware of any cyber- attacks or other incidents that, individually or in the aggregate, have materially affected, or would reasonably be expected to materially affect, its operations or financial condition, there has been an increase in the frequency and sophistication of the cyber and security threats faced in the marketplace. Cyber- attacks and other security threats could originate from a wide variety of sources, including cyber criminals, nation state hackers, hacktivists and other outside or inside parties. We may be a target for attacks because, as a specialty finance company, we hold confidential and other sensitive information, including price

information, about existing and potential investments. Further, we are dependent on third- party vendors for hosting hardware, software and data processing systems that we do not control. We also rely on third- party service providers for certain aspects of its business, including for certain information systems, technology and administration of our portfolio companies and compliance matters. While we rely on the cybersecurity strategy and policies implemented by the Investment Adviser, our reliance on the Investment Adviser and third- party service providers removes certain cybersecurity functions from outside of the Company' s immediate control, and cyber- attacks on the Investment Adviser, on us or on third- party service providers could adversely affect us, our business, and our reputation. The costs related to cyber- attacks or other security threats or disruptions may not be fully insured or indemnified by others, including by our third- party providers. As our reliance on computer hardware and software systems, data processing systems, and other technology has increased, so have the risks posed to such systems, both those the Investment Adviser controls and those provided by third- party vendors. Cyber- attacks may originate from a wide variety of sources, and while the Investment Adviser has implemented processes, procedures, and internal controls designed to mitigate cybersecurity risks and cyber- attacks, these measures do not guarantee that a cyber- attack will not occur or that our financial results, operations, or confidential information, personal, or other sensitive information will not be ~~negatively~~ **negatively** impacted by such an incident, especially because the techniques of threat actors change frequently and are often not recognized until launched. The Investment Adviser relies on industry accepted security measures and technology to securely maintain confidential and proprietary information maintained on its information systems, as well as on policies and procedures to protect against the unauthorized or unlawful disclosure of confidential, personal, or other sensitive information. Although the Investment Adviser takes protective measures and endeavors to strengthen its computer systems, software, technology assets, and networks to prevent and address potential cyber- attacks, there can be no assurance that any of these measures prove effective. The Investment Adviser expects to be required to devote increasing levels of funding and resources, which may in part be allocated to us, to comply with evolving cybersecurity and privacy laws and regulations and to continually monitor and enhance its cybersecurity procedures and controls. In addition, we, the Investment Adviser, the Administrator, or their employees, if any, may also be the target of fraudulent emails or other targeted attempts to gain unauthorized access to confidential, personal, or other sensitive information. ~~The result of any~~ **Many jurisdictions have also enacted laws requiring companies to notify individuals of data security breaches involving certain types of personal information, with which we and the Investment Adviser must comply in the event of a security incident or** cyber- attack ~~or other~~. ~~The result of any~~ **incident or cyber- attack** may include disrupted operations, misstated or unreliable financial data, fraudulent transfers or requests for transfers of money, liability for stolen information (including personal information), investigations, misappropriation of assets, increased cybersecurity protection and insurance costs, litigation and damage to our business relationships, regulatory fines or penalties, or other adverse effects on our business, financial condition or results of operations. ~~The~~ **Investment** Adviser may be required to expend significant additional resources to modify its protective measures and to investigate and remediate vulnerabilities or other exposures arising from operational and security risks related to cyber- attacks. The rapid evolution and increasing prevalence of artificial intelligence technologies may also increase cybersecurity risks. Third parties with which we do business may also be sources of cybersecurity or other technological risk. We outsource certain functions and these relationships allow for the storage and processing of our information, as well as client, counterparty, employee, and borrower information. While we engage in actions to reduce our exposure resulting from outsourcing, ongoing threats may result in unauthorized access, loss, exposure, destruction, or other cybersecurity incident that affects our data, resulting in increased costs and other consequences as described above. In addition, cybersecurity has become a top priority for global lawmakers and regulators around the world, and some jurisdictions have proposed or enacted laws requiring companies to notify regulators and individuals of data security breaches involving certain types of personal data. In particular, state and federal laws and regulations related to cybersecurity compliance continue to evolve and change, which may require substantial investments in new technology, software and personnel, which could affect the Company' s profitability. These changes may also result in enhanced and unforeseen consequences for cyber- related breaches and incidents, which may further adversely affect the Company' s profitability. If we fail to comply with the relevant and increasing laws and regulations, we could suffer financial losses, a disruption of our businesses, liability to investors, regulatory intervention or reputational damage. Policies of remote working, whether by the Investment Adviser, the Administrator, us or by our or their respective service providers, could strain technology resources, introduce operational risks and otherwise heighten the risks described above. Remote working environments may be less secure and more susceptible to hacking attacks, including phishing and social engineering attempts. We, our Investment Adviser and our portfolio companies are subject to risks associated with cyber- attacks. Cybersecurity risks are exacerbated by the rapidly increasing volume of highly sensitive data, including our proprietary business information, personal information of the Investment Adviser' s employees, our investors and others, and other sensitive information that the Investment Adviser collects, processes, and stores in its data centers and on its networks or those of third- party service providers. The secure processing, maintenance, and transmission of this information are critical to our operations. There is a risk that encryption and other protective measures against cyber- attacks may be circumvented, particularly to the extent that new computing technologies increase the speed and computing power available. ~~Even~~ **Even** the most well- protected information, networks, systems and facilities remain potentially vulnerable because the techniques used in such attempted security breaches evolve and generally are not recognized until launched against a target, and in some cases are designed not to be detected and, in fact, may not be detected. A significant actual or potential theft, loss, corruption, exposure, fraudulent use or misuse of investor or other personal information, proprietary business data or other sensitive information, whether by third parties or as a result of malfeasance by the Investment Adviser' s employees or otherwise, non- compliance with applicable contractual or other legal obligations regarding such data or intellectual property or a violation of applicable privacy and security policies with respect to such data could result in significant investigation, remediation and other costs, fines, penalties, litigation or regulatory actions against the Company and significant

reputational harm, any of which could harm our business and results of operations. Cybersecurity risks require continuous and increasing attention and other resources from the Investment Adviser to, among other actions, identify and quantify these risks and upgrade and expand the Investment Adviser's technologies, systems and processes to adequately address such risks. Such attention diverts time and other resources from other activities and there is no assurance that the Investment Adviser's efforts will be effective. Cybersecurity incidents may adversely impact us and our stockholders. There is no guarantee that we, the Investment Adviser, and / or their respective service providers will be successful in protecting against cybersecurity incidents. We can be highly dependent on information systems and systems failures could significantly disrupt our business, which may, in turn, negatively affect the market price of our common stock and our ability to pay distributions. Our business is highly dependent upon our and third parties' communications and information systems. Any failure or interruption of those systems, including as a result of the termination of an agreement with any third- party service providers, could cause delays or other problems in our activities. Our financial, accounting, data processing, backup or other operating systems and facilities may fail to operate properly or become disabled or damaged as a result of a number of factors including events that are wholly or partially beyond our control and adversely affect our business. There could be: • sudden electrical or telecommunications outages; • natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes; • events arising from local or larger scale political or social matters, including terrorist acts; and • cyber- attacks. These events, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and negatively affect the market price of our common stock and our ability to pay distributions to our stockholders. Communications with stockholders may be delivered electronically and there may be certain costs and possible risks associated with such electronic delivery. Moreover, the Investment Adviser cannot provide any assurance that these communication methods are secure and will not be responsible for any computer viruses, problems or malfunctions resulting from the use of such communication methods.

Any inability or perceived inability to adequately address privacy concerns, or comply with applicable laws and regulations, even if unfounded, may result in adverse consequences to the Company. The Company and the Investment Adviser and its affiliates are subject to numerous laws and regulations in various jurisdictions relating to privacy and the storage, sharing, use, processing, disclosure and protection of information that the Company and the Investment Adviser hold. The SEC has adopted changes to Regulation S- P, which requires, among other things, that registered investment advisers notify affected individuals of a breach involving their personal information when there has been an incident that rises to the level of being a reportable breach. In general, these laws and regulations introduce many new obligations on the Company, the Investment Adviser and its affiliates and service providers and create new rights for parties who have given any of us their personal information, such as investors and others. The scope of data protection and privacy laws and regulations is rapidly evolving, and such laws and regulations are subject to differing interpretations. Any inability or perceived inability to adequately address privacy concerns or comply with applicable laws and regulations, even if unfounded, could result in regulatory and third- party liability, increased costs, disruption to the Company's operations and reputational damage. Obligations to which the Company and / or the Investment Adviser and its affiliates are subject impose compliance costs and risks of penalties, which could increase significantly as such laws and regulations evolve globally. Moreover, as data protection and privacy laws and regulations continue to develop, it could be more difficult and / or more costly for the Company and / or the Investment Adviser and its affiliates to collect, store, use, transmit and process personal information. While the Company and the Investment Adviser and its affiliates take reasonable efforts to comply with data protection and privacy laws and regulations, it is possible that the Company and the Investment Adviser will not be able to accurately anticipate the ways in which regulators and courts will apply or interpret these laws, and there can be no assurance that Company and / or the Investment Adviser and its affiliates will not be subject to regulatory or individual legal action, including fines, in the event of a security incident, alleged non- compliance with applicable data protection and privacy laws or regulations or other claim that an individual's privacy rights have been violated. Many regulators have indicated an intention to take more aggressive enforcement actions regarding data privacy matters, and private litigation resulting from such matters is increasing and resulting in large judgments and settlements.

Our board of directors may change our investment objective, operating policies and strategies without prior notice or stockholder approval. Our board of directors has the authority to modify or waive certain of our operating policies and strategies without prior notice (except as required by the 1940 Act) and without stockholder approval. However, absent stockholder approval, we may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or withdraw our election as a BDC. We cannot predict the effect any changes to our current operating policies and strategies would have on our business, operating results and the value of our stock. Nevertheless, the effects may adversely affect our business and impact our ability to make distributions.

~~62 Our~~ **Our** business is subject to increasingly complex corporate governance, public disclosure and accounting requirements that could adversely affect our business and financial results. We are subject to changing rules and regulations of federal and state government as well as the stock exchange on which our common stock is listed. These entities, including the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the SEC and the NASDAQ Stock Market, have issued a significant number of new and increasingly complex requirements and regulations over the course of the last several years and continue to develop additional regulations and requirements in response to laws enacted by Congress. Our efforts to comply with these existing requirements, or any revised or amended requirements, have resulted in, and are likely to continue to result in, an increase in expenses and a diversion of management's time from other business activities. Changes in laws or regulations governing our operations may adversely affect our business. Changes in the laws or regulations, or the interpretations of the laws and regulations, which govern BDCs, RICs or non- depository commercial lenders could significantly affect our operations and our cost of doing business. We are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations and are subject to judicial and administrative decisions that affect our operations, including our loan originations, maximum interest rates, fees and other charges, disclosures to portfolio companies, the terms of secured transactions, collection and foreclosure procedures, and other trade practices. If these laws, regulations or decisions change, or if we expand our business into

jurisdictions that have adopted more stringent requirements than those in which we currently conduct business, then we may have to incur significant expenses in order to comply or we may have to restrict our operations. In addition, if we do not comply with applicable laws, regulations and decisions, then we may lose licenses needed for the conduct of our business and be subject to civil fines and criminal penalties, any of which could have a material adverse effect upon our business results of operations or financial condition. Changes to United States tariff and import / export regulations may have a negative effect on our portfolio companies and, in turn, harm us. There has been ongoing discussion and commentary regarding potential significant changes to United States trade policies, treaties and tariffs. The **United States current administration, along with Congress, has created recently enacted and proposed to enact significant new tariffs. Additionally, President Trump has directed various federal agencies to further evaluate key aspects of United States trade policy, and there continues to exist** significant uncertainty about the future relationship between the United States and other countries with respect to the trade policies, treaties and tariffs. These developments, or the perception that any of them could occur, may have a material adverse effect on global economic conditions and the stability of global financial markets, and may significantly reduce global trade and, in particular, trade between the impacted nations and the United States. Any of these factors could depress economic activity and restrict our portfolio companies' access to suppliers or customers and have a material adverse effect on their business, financial condition and results of operations, which in turn would negatively impact us. Our Investment Adviser can resign on 60 days' notice, and we may not be able to find a suitable replacement within that time, resulting in a disruption in our operations that could adversely affect our financial condition, business and results of operations. Our Investment Adviser has the right, under the Advisory Agreement, to resign at any time upon 60 days written notice, whether we have found a replacement or not. If our Investment Adviser resigns, we may not be able to find a new investment adviser or hire internal management with similar experience and ability to provide the same or equivalent services on acceptable terms within 60 days, or at all. If we are unable to do so quickly, our operations are likely to experience a disruption, our financial condition, business and results of operations as well as our ability to pay distributions are likely to be adversely affected and the market price of our shares may decline. In addition, the coordination of our internal management and investment activities is likely to suffer if we are unable to identify and reach an agreement with a single institution or group of executives having the experience possessed by our Investment Adviser and its affiliates. Even if we are able to retain comparable management, whether internal or external, the integration of such management and their lack of familiarity with ~~63our~~ **our** investment objective may result in additional costs and time delays that may adversely affect our financial condition, business and results of operations. General Risk Factors Volatility or a prolonged disruption in the credit markets could materially damage our business. We are required to record our assets at fair value, as determined in good faith by our board of directors, in accordance with our valuation policy. As a result, volatility in the capital markets may have a material adverse effect on our valuations and our net asset value, even if we hold investments to maturity. Volatility or dislocation in the capital markets may depress our stock price below our net asset value per share and create a challenging environment in which to raise equity and debt capital. These conditions could continue for a prolonged period of time or worsen in the future. While these conditions persist, we and other companies in the financial services sector may have to access, if available, alternative markets for debt and equity capital. Equity capital may be difficult to raise because, subject to some limited exceptions which apply to us, as a BDC we are generally not able to issue additional shares of our common stock at a price less than net asset value without first obtaining approval for such issuance from our stockholders and our independent directors. Any offering of our common stock that requires stockholder approval must occur, if at all, within one year after receiving such stockholder approval. In addition, our ability to incur indebtedness (including by issuing preferred stock) is limited by applicable regulations such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, must equal at least 150 % immediately after each time we incur indebtedness. The debt capital that will be available, if at all, may be at a higher cost and on less favorable terms and conditions in the future. Any inability to raise capital could have a negative effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Additionally, our ability to incur indebtedness is limited by the asset coverage ratio for a BDC, as defined under the 1940 Act. Declining portfolio values negatively impact our ability to borrow additional funds because our net asset value is reduced for purposes of the asset coverage ratio. If the fair value of our assets declines substantially, we may fail to maintain the asset coverage ratio stipulated by the 1940 Act, which could, in turn, cause us to lose our status as a BDC and materially impair our business operations. A lengthy disruption in the credit markets could also materially decrease demand for our investments. The significant ~~disruption~~ **disruptions** in the capital markets experienced in the past, ~~including the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, certain regional bank failures, an inflationary economic environment, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the ongoing war in the Middle East,~~ have had, and ~~may~~ **may** have, a negative effect on the valuations of our investments and on the potential for liquidity events involving our investments. The debt capital that may be available to us in the future may be at a higher cost and have less favorable terms and conditions than those currently in effect. If our financing costs increase and we have no increase in interest income, then our net investment income will decrease. A prolonged inability to raise capital may require us to reduce the volume of investments we originate and could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. This may also increase the probability that other structural risks will negatively impact us. These situations may arise due to circumstances that we may be unable to control, such as a lengthy disruption in the credit markets, a severe decline in the value of the U. S. dollar, a sharp economic downturn or recession or an operational problem that affects third parties or us, and could materially damage our business, financial condition and results of operations. Global economic, regulatory and market conditions may adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition, including our revenue growth and profitability. We and our portfolio companies are subject to regulation by laws at the U. S. federal, state and local levels. These laws and regulations, as well as their interpretation, could change from time to time, including as the result of interpretive guidance or other directives from the U. S. President and others in the executive branch, and new laws, regulations and interpretations could also come into effect. Any such new or changed laws or regulations could have a material adverse effect on our business, and political uncertainty

could increase regulatory uncertainty in the near term. ~~64The~~ **The** effects of legislative and regulatory proposals directed at the financial services industry or affecting taxation, could negatively impact the operations, cash flows or financial condition of us and our portfolio companies, impose additional costs on us or our portfolio companies, intensify the regulatory supervision of us or our portfolio companies or otherwise adversely affect our business or the business of our portfolio companies. In addition, if we do not comply with applicable laws and regulations, we could lose any licenses that we then hold for the conduct of business and could be subject to civil fines and criminal penalties. Over the last several years, there also has been an increase in regulatory attention to the extension of credit outside of the traditional banking sector, raising the possibility that some portion of the non- bank financial sector will be subject to new regulation. While it cannot be known at this time whether any regulation will be implemented or what form it will take, increased regulation of non- bank credit extension could negatively impact our operations, cash flows or financial condition, impose additional costs on us, intensify the regulatory supervision of us or otherwise adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Although we cannot predict the impact, if any, of these changes to our business, they could adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows. Until we know what policy changes are made and how those changes impact business and the business of our competitors over the long term, we will not know if, overall, it will benefit from them or be negatively affected by them. Deterioration in the economic conditions in the Eurozone and other regions or countries globally and the resulting instability in global financial markets may pose a risk to our business. Financial markets have been affected at times by a number of global macroeconomic events, including the following: large sovereign debts and fiscal deficits of several countries in Europe and in emerging markets jurisdictions, levels of non- performing loans on the balance sheets of European banks, the effect of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union, **and** instability in the Chinese capital markets ~~and the COVID-19 pandemic~~. Various social and political circumstances in the U. S. and around the world (including wars and other forms of conflict, terrorist acts, security operations and catastrophic events such as fires, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes and global health epidemics) ~~may~~ also contribute to increased market volatility and economic uncertainties or deterioration in the U. S. and worldwide. Such events, including rising trade tensions between the United States and China, other uncertainties regarding actual and potential shifts in U. S. and foreign, trade, economic and other policies with other countries, the large- scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia that began in February 2022 and resulting sanctions or other restrictive actions that the United States and other countries have imposed against Russia, ~~the COVID-19 pandemic, certain regional bank failures,~~ an inflationary environment and the ongoing war in the Middle East, could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. **Additionally, as a result of the 2024 U. S. election, the Republican Party currently controls both the executive and legislative branches of government, which increases the likelihood that legislation may be adopted that could significantly affect the regulation of U. S. financial markets. Regulatory changes could result in greater competition from banks and other lenders with which we compete for lending and other investment opportunities. The United States may also potentially withdraw from or renegotiate various trade agreements and take other actions that would change current trade policies of the United States.** These market and economic disruptions could negatively impact the operating results of our portfolio companies. **This could in turn materially reduce our net asset value and dividends and adversely affect our financial prospects and condition**. In addition, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and corresponding events have had, and could continue to have, severe adverse effects on regional and global economic markets. Following Russia's actions, various governments, including the United States, have issued broad- ranging economic sanctions against Russia, including, among other actions, a prohibition on doing business with certain Russian companies, large financial institutions, officials and oligarchs; a commitment by certain countries and the European Union to remove selected Russian banks from the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications, the electronic banking network that connects banks globally; and restrictive measures to prevent the Russian Central Bank from undermining the impact of the sanctions. The duration of hostilities and the vast array of sanctions and related events (including cyberattacks and espionage) cannot be predicted. Furthermore, the conflict between the two nations and the varying involvement of the United States and other NATO countries could preclude prediction as to their ultimate adverse impact on global economic and market conditions, and, as a result, presents material uncertainty and risk with respect to markets globally, which pose potential adverse risks to us and the performance of our investments and operations, and our ability to achieve our investment objectives. Additionally, to the extent that third parties, investors, or related customer bases have material operations or assets in Russia or Ukraine, they ~~65may~~ **may** have adverse consequences related to the ongoing conflict. Any such market disruptions could affect our portfolio companies' operations and, as a result, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Additionally, the Federal Reserve raised the ~~Federal federal Funds funds Rate rate~~ **Federal Reserve** rate in 2022 and in 2023. **While** the Federal Reserve ~~left cut~~ its benchmark rates ~~rate steady~~ in the **third and fourth quarters of 2023-2024 and** ~~it has~~ indicated that **there may be** additional rate ~~increases cuts~~ in the **2025**, future **reductions** may be necessary to mitigate inflationary pressures and **benchmark rates are not certain. Additionally,** there can be no assurance that the Federal Reserve will not ~~make~~ **return to making upward upwards** adjustments to the federal funds rate in 2024 the future. ~~However, there are reports that the Federal Reserve may begin to cut the benchmark rates in 2024.~~ **However, there are reports that the Federal Reserve may begin to cut the benchmark rates in 2024.** These developments, along with the United States government's credit and deficit concerns, global economic uncertainties and market volatility ~~and the impacts of COVID-19~~, could cause interest rates to be volatile, which may negatively impact our ability to access the debt markets and capital markets on favorable terms. Events outside of our control, including ~~the COVID-19~~ public health crises, could negatively affect our portfolio companies and our results of our operations. Periods of market volatility have occurred and could continue to occur in response to pandemics or other events outside of our control. These types of events have adversely affected and could continue to adversely affect operating results for us and for our portfolio companies. For example, the COVID- 19 pandemic ~~has~~ adversely impacted global commercial activity and contributed to significant volatility in the equity and debt markets. The COVID- 19 pandemic and restrictive measures taken to contain or mitigate its spread ~~have~~ caused, and **any**

similar measures in the future may continue to cause, business shutdowns, or the re- introduction of business shutdowns, cancellations of events and restrictions on travel, significant reductions in demand for certain goods and services, reductions in business activity and financial transactions, supply chain interruptions, labor shortages, increased inflationary pressure and overall economic and financial market instability both globally and in the United States. Many states, including those in which we and **the** portfolio companies in which we invest may operate, have previously issued orders requiring the closure of, or certain restrictions on the operation of, certain businesses. **We** The ultimate duration and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, including COVID-19 variants, remain uncertain. Despite actions of the U. S. federal government and foreign governments, the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, including uncertainty regarding existing or **our portfolio companies may be materially adversely affected if similar measures are taken in the** future variants and other factors, has contributed to significant volatility in the global response to public health crises equity markets and global debt capital markets. The continued uncertainty related to the sustainability and pace of economic recovery in the U. S. and globally could have a negative impact on our business. Our business is directly influenced by the economic cycle, and could be negatively impacted by a downturn in economic activity in the U. S. as well as globally. Fiscal and monetary actions taken by U. S. and non- U. S. government and regulatory authorities could have a material adverse impact on our business. To the extent uncertainty regarding the U. S. or global economy, including as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic, negatively impacts consumer confidence and consumer credit factors, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected. Moreover, Federal Reserve policy, including with respect to certain interest rates and the decision to end its quantitative easing policy, along with the general policies of the current Presidential administration, may also adversely affect the value, volatility and liquidity of dividend- and interest- paying securities. Market volatility, periods of rising interest rates, such as the recent economic period, and / or a return to unfavorable economic conditions could adversely affect our business. There is uncertainty surrounding potential legal, regulatory and policy changes by new presidential administrations in the United States that may directly affect financial institutions and the global economy. The current administration has called for significant changes to U. S. trade, healthcare, immigration, foreign and government regulatory policy. In this regard, there is significant uncertainty with respect to legislation, regulation ~~66~~ and **and** government policy at the federal level, as well as the state and local levels. Recent events have created a climate of heightened uncertainty and introduced new and difficult- to- quantify macroeconomic and political risks with potentially far- reaching implications. There has been a corresponding meaningful increase in the uncertainty surrounding interest rates, inflation, foreign exchange rates, trade volumes and fiscal and monetary policy. To the extent the U. S. Congress or the current administration implements changes to U. S. policy, those changes may impact, among other things, the U. S. and global economy, international trade and relations, unemployment, immigration, corporate taxes, healthcare, the U. S. regulatory environment, inflation and other areas. Although we cannot predict the impact, if any, of these changes to our business, they could adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows. Until we know what policy changes are made and how those changes impact our business and the business of our competitors over the long term, we will not know if, overall, we will benefit from them or be negatively affected by them. The alternative reference rates that have replaced LIBOR in our credit arrangements and other financial instruments may not yield the same or similar economic results as LIBOR over the life of such transactions. The London Interbank Offered Rate (“ LIBOR ”) is an index rate that historically was widely used in lending transactions and was a common reference rate for setting the floating interest rate on private loans. LIBOR was typically the reference rate used in floating- rate loans extended to our portfolio companies. The ICE Benchmark Administration (“ IBA ”) (the entity that is responsible for calculating LIBOR) ceased providing overnight, one, three, six and twelve ~~months~~ **month** USD LIBOR tenors on June 30, 2023. In addition, the United Kingdom’ s Financial Conduct Authority (“ FCA ”), which oversees the IBA, now prohibits entities supervised by the FCA from using LIBORs, including USD LIBOR, except in very limited circumstances. In the United States, the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“ SOFR ”) is the preferred alternative rate for LIBOR. SOFR is a measure of the cost of borrowing cash overnight, collateralized by U. S. Treasury securities, and is based on directly observable U. S. Treasury- backed repurchase transactions. SOFR is published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York each U. S. Government Securities Business Day, for transactions made on the immediately preceding U. S. Government Securities Business Day. Alternative reference rates that may replace LIBOR, including SOFR for USD transactions, may not yield the same or similar economic results as LIBOR over the lives of such transactions. **The Company’ s** As of the filing date of this Annual Report on Form 10- K, many of our loans that referenced LIBOR have been amended to reference the forward- looking term rate published by CME Group Benchmark Administration Limited based on SOFR (“ CME Term SOFR ”) or CME Term SOFR plus a fixed spread adjustment. CME Term SOFR rates are forward- looking rates that are derived by compounding projected overnight SOFR rates over one, three, and six months taking into account the values of multiple consecutive, executed, one- month and three- month CME Group traded SOFR futures contracts and, in some cases, over- the- counter SOFR Overnight Indexed Swaps as an indicator of CME Term SOFR reference rate values. CME Term SOFR and the inputs on which it is based are derived from SOFR. Since CME Term SOFR is a relatively new market rate, there will likely be no established trading market for credit agreements or other financial instruments when they are issued, and an established market may never develop or may not be liquid. Market terms for instruments referencing CME Term SOFR rates may be lower than those of later- issued CME Term SOFR indexed instruments. Similarly, if CME Term SOFR does not prove to be widely used, the trading price of instruments referencing CME Term SOFR may be lower than those of instruments indexed to indices that are more widely used. Further, the composition and characteristics of SOFR and CME Term SOFR are not the same as those of LIBOR. Even with the application of a fixed spread adjustment, LIBOR and CME Term SOFR will not have the same composition and characteristics, and there can be no assurance that the replacement rate, as so adjusted, will be a direct substitute for LIBOR. There can be no guarantee that SOFR will not be discontinued or fundamentally altered in a manner that is materially adverse to the interests of investors in loans referencing SOFR. If the manner in which SOFR or CME ~~67~~ **Term** SOFR is calculated is changed, that change may result in a reduction of the

amount of interest payable on such loans and the trading prices of the SOFR Loans. In addition, there can be no guarantee that loans referencing SOFR or CME Term SOFR will continue to reference those rates until maturity or that, in the future, our loans will reference benchmark rates other than CME Term SOFR. Should any of these events occur, our loans, and the yield generated thereby, could be affected. Specifically, the anticipated yield on our loans may not be fully realized and our loans may be subject to increased pricing volatility and market risk. Inflation and a rising interest rate environment may adversely affect the business, results of operations and financial condition of us and our portfolio companies. The recent macroeconomic environment is characterized by record- high inflation, supply chain challenges, labor shortages, **high strikes, work stoppages, labor disputes, supply chain disruptions and accidents, changing** interest rates, foreign currency exchange volatility, volatility in global capital markets and **growing concerns over actual and potential tariffs and sanctions, inflation and persistent** recession risk. The risks associated with the Company' s and our portfolio companies' businesses are more severe during periods of economic slowdown or recession. Any disruptions in the capital markets, as a result of inflation **and a rising interest environment** or otherwise, may increase the spread between the yields realized on risk- free and higher risk securities and can result in illiquidity in parts of the capital markets, significant write- offs in the financial sector and re- pricing of credit risk in the broadly syndicated market. These and any other unfavorable economic conditions could increase our funding costs, limit our access to the capital markets or result in a decision by lenders not to extend credit to us. In addition, market conditions (including inflation, supply chain issues and decreased consumer demand) have adversely impacted, and could in the future further impact, the operations of certain of our portfolio companies. If the financial results of middle- market companies, like those in which we invest, experience deterioration, it could ultimately lead to difficulty in meeting debt service requirements and an increase in defaults, and further deterioration in market conditions will further depress the outlook for those companies. Further, adverse economic conditions decreased and may in the future decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans and the value of our equity investments. Such conditions have required and may in the future require us to modify the payment terms of our investments, including changes in PIK interest provisions and / or cash interest rates. The performance of certain of our portfolio companies has been, and in the future may be, negatively impacted by these economic or other conditions, which can result in our receipt of reduced interest income from our portfolio companies and / or realized and unrealized losses related to our investments, and, in turn, may adversely affect distributable income and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. Inflation may cause the real value of our investments to decline. Inflation risk results from the variation in the value of cash flows from a security due to inflation, as measured in terms of purchasing power. We are exposed to inflation risk with respect to any fixed rate investments that we make, if any, because the interest rate the issuer has to pay us is fixed for the life of the security. To the extent that interest rates reflect the expected inflation rate, floating rate loans have a lower level of inflation risk. Adverse developments affecting the financial services industry, such as actual events or concerns involving liquidity, defaults or non- performance by financial institutions or transactional counterparties , could have a material adverse effect on us, the Investment Adviser and our portfolio companies. Cash not held in custody accounts and held by us, our Investment Adviser and by our portfolio companies in non- interest- bearing and interest- bearing operating accounts could, at times, exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (" FDIC ") insurance limits. If such banking institutions were to fail, we, our Investment Adviser, or our portfolio companies could lose all or a portion of those amounts held in excess of such insurance limits. In addition, actual events involving limited liquidity, defaults, non- performance or other adverse developments that affect financial institutions, transactional counterparties or other companies in the financial services industry or the financial services industry generally, or concerns or rumors about any events of these **68 kinds -- kinds** or other similar risks, have in the past and may in the future lead to market- wide liquidity problems, which could adversely affect our, our Investment Adviser' s and our portfolio companies' business, financial condition, results of operations, or prospects. Although we and our Investment Adviser assess our and our portfolio companies' banking and financing relationships as we believe necessary or appropriate, our and our portfolio companies' access to funding sources and other credit arrangements in amounts adequate to finance or capitalize current and projected future business operations could be significantly impaired by factors that affect the financial institutions with which we, our Investment Adviser or our portfolio companies have arrangements directly or the financial services industry or economy in general. These factors could include, among others, events such as liquidity constraints or failures, the ability to perform obligations under various types of financial, credit or liquidity agreements or arrangements, disruptions or instability in the financial services industry or financial markets, or concerns or negative expectations about the prospects for companies in the financial services industry. These factors could involve financial institutions or financial services industry companies with which we, our Investment Adviser or our portfolio companies have financial or business relationships, but could also include factors involving financial markets or the financial services industry generally. In addition, investor concerns regarding the U. S. or international financial systems could result in less favorable commercial financing terms, including higher interest rates or costs and tighter financial and operating covenants, or systemic limitations on access to credit and liquidity sources, thereby making it more difficult for us, our Investment Adviser, or our portfolio companies to acquire financing on acceptable terms or at all. Technological innovations and industry disruptions may negatively impact us. Technological innovations have disrupted traditional approaches in multiple industries and can permit younger companies to achieve success and in the process disrupt markets and market practices. We can provide no assurance that new businesses and approaches will not be created that would compete with us and / or our portfolio companies or alter the market practices in which SLR Capital Partners and its affiliates and us have been designed to function within and on which we depend on for our investment return. New approaches could damage our investments, disrupt the market in which we operate and subject us to increased competition, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of investments. We are subject to risks associated with artificial intelligence and machine learning technology. Recent technological advances in artificial intelligence and machine learning technology (" Machine Learning Technology ") pose risks to us and our portfolio companies. We and our portfolio companies could be exposed to the risks of Machine Learning

Technology if third- party service providers or any counterparties use Machine Learning Technology in their business activities. We and the Investment Adviser are not in a position to control the use of Machine Learning Technology in third- party products or services. Use of Machine Learning Technology could include the input of confidential information in contravention of applicable policies, contractual or other obligations or restrictions, resulting in such confidential information becoming part accessible by other third- party Machine Learning Technology applications and users. Machine Learning Technology and its applications continue to develop rapidly, and we cannot predict the risks that may arise from such developments. Machine Learning Technology is generally highly reliant on the collection and analysis of large amounts of data, and it is not possible or practicable to incorporate all relevant data into the model that Machine Learning Technology utilizes to operate. Certain data in such models will inevitably contain a degree of inaccuracy and error and could otherwise be inadequate or flawed, which would be likely to degrade the effectiveness of Machine Learning Technology. To the extent we or our portfolio companies are exposed to the risks of Machine Learning Technology use, any such inaccuracies or errors could adversely impact us or our portfolio companies. ~~69~~~~We~~~~are~~ subject to risks related to corporate social responsibility. Our business (including that of our portfolio companies) faces increasing public scrutiny related to environmental, social and governance (“ ESG ”) activities ; ~~which are increasingly considered to contribute to reducing a company’s operational risk, market risk and reputational risk, which may in turn impact the long- term sustainability of a company’s performance~~. A variety of organizations measure the performance of companies on ESG topics, and the results of these assessments are widely publicized. **If our ESG ratings or performance do not meet the standards set by such investors or our stockholders, they may choose to exclude our securities from their investments.** In addition, investment in funds that specialize in companies that perform well in such assessments ~~remain~~ ~~are~~ ~~increasingly~~ popular, and major institutional investors have publicly ~~emphasized~~ ~~discussed~~ ~~the~~ ~~their~~ ~~importance~~ ~~consideration~~ of such ESG ratings and measures ~~to~~ ~~in~~ ~~making~~ their investment decisions. We risk damage to our brand and reputation if we fail to act responsibly in a number of areas, including, but not limited to , ~~diversity, equity and inclusion~~, human rights, climate change, environmental stewardship, support for local communities, corporate governance ; ~~and~~ transparency ~~and~~ ~~or~~ consideration of ESG factors in our investment processes. Adverse incidents with respect to ESG activities could impact the value of our brand, our relationship with existing and future portfolio companies, the cost of our operations and relationships with investors, all of which could adversely affect our business and results of operations. However, regional and investor specific sentiment may differ in what constitutes a material positive or negative ESG corporate practice. There is no guarantee that the Company’s ESG and sustainability practices will uniformly fit every investor’s definition of best practices for all environmental, social and governance considerations across geographies and investor types. **At the same time, “ anti- ESG ” sentiment has also gained momentum across the U. S., with a growing number of states, federal agencies, the executive branch and Congress having enacted, proposed or indicated an intent to pursue “ anti- ESG ” policies, legislation or issued related legal opinions and engaged in related investigations and litigation. If investors subject to “ anti- ESG ” legislation view our Investment Adviser’s responsible investing or ESG practices as being in contradiction of such “ anti- ESG ” policies, legislation or legal opinions, such investors may not invest in us and it could negatively impact the price of our common stock. In addition, corporate diversity, equity and inclusion (“ DEI ”) practices have recently come under increasing scrutiny. For example, some advocacy groups and federal and state officials have asserted that the U. S. Supreme Court’s decision striking down race- based affirmative action in higher education in June 2023 should be analogized to private employment matters and private contract matters and several media campaigns and cases alleging discrimination based on such arguments have been initiated since the decision. Additionally, in January 2025, President Trump signed a number of Executive Orders focused on DEI, which indicate continued scrutiny of DEI initiatives and potential related investigations of certain private entities with respect to DEI initiatives, including publicly traded companies.** If we do not successfully manage expectations across varied stakeholder interests, it could erode stakeholder trust, impact our reputation and constrain our investment opportunities. **Such scrutiny of both ESG and DEI related practices could expose our Investment Adviser to the risk of litigation, investigations or challenges by federal or state authorities or result in reputational harm.** There is also a growing regulatory interest across jurisdictions in improving transparency regarding the definition, measurement and disclosure of ESG factors in order to allow investors to validate and better understand sustainability claims. For example, the SEC ~~sometimes reviews compliance with ESG commitments in examinations and~~ ~~has~~ ~~taken~~ ~~proposed~~, or has announced that it is working on proposals for, rules that, among other matters, would establish a framework for reporting of climate- related risks, corporate and fund carbon emissions, broad diversity and capital management. At this time, there is uncertainty regarding the scope of such proposals or when they would become effective (if at all). In 2021, the SEC established an enforcement task force to look into ESG practices and disclosures by public companies and investment managers and has started to bring enforcement actions based on ~~against registered investment advisers for not establishing adequate or consistently implementing ESG disclosures not matching actual investment processes~~ ~~policies and procedures to meet ESG commitments to investors~~. **In March 2024 , the SEC adopted issued a proposed rule rules regarding the enhancement aimed at enhancing and standardization--- standardizing of mandatory climate- related disclosures for investors ; however, these rules are stayed pending the outcome of consolidated legal challenges in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. At the state level, in October 2023, California enacted legislation that would mandate extensive will ultimately require certain companies that do business in California to publicly disclosure--- disclose their Scopes 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions, with third party assurance of such data, and issue public reports on their climate- related financial data, risks--- risk and opportunities related mitigation measures. Compliance with any new laws for--- or certain public regulations increases our regulatory burden and could result in increased legal, accounting and compliance costs, make some activities more difficult, time- consuming and costly, affect the manner in which we or our portfolio companies conduct our businesses and adversely affect our profitability**. We and our portfolio companies are subject to the risk that ~~similar~~ ~~ESG and sustainability~~ measures might

continue to be introduced in other jurisdictions in the future. Additionally, compliance with any new laws or regulations increases our regulatory burden and could make compliance more difficult and expensive, affect the manner in which we or our portfolio companies conduct our businesses and adversely affect our profitability. The effect of global climate change may impact the operations of our portfolio companies. There may be evidence of global climate change. Climate change creates physical and financial risk and some of our portfolio companies may be adversely affected by climate change. For example, the needs of customers of energy companies vary with weather conditions, primarily temperature and humidity. To the extent weather conditions are affected by climate change, energy use could increase or decrease depending on the duration and magnitude of any changes. Increases in the cost of energy could adversely affect the cost of operations of our portfolio companies if the use of energy products or services is material to their business. A decrease in energy use due to weather changes may affect some of our portfolio companies' financial condition, through decreased revenues. Extreme weather conditions in general require more system backup, adding to costs, and can contribute to increased system stresses, including service interruptions. Energy companies could also be affected by the potential for lawsuits against or taxes or other regulatory costs imposed on greenhouse gas emitters, based on links drawn between greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

~~70 In December 2015, the United Nations, of which the U. S. is a member, adopted a climate accord with the long-term goal of limiting global warming and the short-term goal of significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As a result, some of our portfolio companies may become subject to new or strengthened regulations or legislation, which could increase their operating costs and / or decrease their revenues.~~ We cannot predict how changes in tax law will affect us, our investments, or our stockholders, and any such legislation could adversely affect our business. Legislative or other actions relating to taxes could have a negative effect on us. The rules dealing with U. S. federal income taxation are constantly under review by persons involved in the legislative process and by the Internal Revenue Service and the U. S. Treasury Department. New legislation and any other tax law developments, including new or revised U. S. Treasury regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions, could negatively and perhaps retroactively affect our ability to qualify for tax treatment as a RIC or the U. S. federal income tax consequences to us and our stockholders, or could have other adverse consequences. Investors are urged to consult with their tax advisor regarding tax legislative, regulatory, or administrative developments and proposals and their potential effect on an investment in our common stock. Uncertainty about U. S. government initiatives could negatively impact our business, financial condition and results of operations. The U. S. government has recently called for significant changes to U. S. trade, healthcare, immigration, foreign and government regulatory policy. In this regard, there is significant uncertainty with respect to legislation, regulation and government policy at the federal level, as well as the state and local levels. Recent events have created a climate of heightened uncertainty and introduced new and difficult-to-quantify macroeconomic and political risks with potentially far-reaching implications. There has been a corresponding meaningful increase in the uncertainty surrounding interest rates, inflation, foreign exchange rates, trade volumes and fiscal and monetary policy. To the extent the U. S. Congress or the current administration implements changes to U. S. policy, those changes may impact, among other things, the U. S. and global economy, international trade and relations, unemployment, immigration, corporate taxes, healthcare, the U. S. regulatory environment, inflation and other areas. A particular area identified as subject to potential change, amendment or repeal includes the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, or the "Dodd-Frank Act," including the Volcker Rule and various swaps and derivatives regulations, credit risk retention requirements and the authorities of the Federal Reserve, the Financial Stability Oversight Council and the SEC. Given the uncertainty associated with the manner in which and whether the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act will be implemented, repealed, amended, or replaced, the full impact such requirements will have on our business, results of operations or financial condition is unclear. The changes resulting from the Dodd-Frank Act or any changes to the regulations already implemented thereunder may require us to invest significant management attention and resources to evaluate and make necessary changes in order to comply with new statutory and regulatory requirements. Failure to comply with any such laws, regulations or principles, or changes thereto, may negatively impact our business, results of operations or financial condition. While we cannot predict what effect any changes in the laws or regulations or their interpretations would have on us as a result of recent financial reform legislation, these changes could be materially adverse to us and our stockholders.

63 Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments None. **71 Item 1C. Cybersecurity Risk Management and Strategy** We recognize the importance of assessing, identifying, and managing material risks from cybersecurity threats, as such term is defined in Item 106 (a) of Regulation S-K. These risks include, among other things, operational risks, financial loss, intellectual property theft, fraud, extortion, loss of sensitive data, harm to individuals including stockholders, violation of privacy or security laws, increased costs associated with mitigation of damages and remediation, and other legal and reputational risks. We have implemented several cybersecurity processes and controls to aid in our efforts to assess, identify, and manage such material risks. We rely on the Investment Adviser's enterprise-wide cybersecurity program to protect our information, including due oversight of the cybersecurity programs of our key service providers and processes for the assessment, identification, and management of material risks from cybersecurity threats, including those associated with the use of third-party service providers. The Investment Adviser considers such cybersecurity threats as part of its broader risk management framework, and its cybersecurity program is designed to, among other things, protect us, insofar as is practicable, from the hazards of cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities in accordance with applicable legal requirements and guidance. The Investment Adviser collaborates with third-party subject-matter experts, as necessary, to identify and assess material cybersecurity threat risks and evaluate and test its cybersecurity protections, including through continuous network and endpoint monitoring, employee anti-phishing training, vulnerability assessments, and penetration testing to inform the Investment Adviser's risk identification and assessment. The Investment Adviser also performs due diligence reviews on third-parties that have access to our systems, data, or facilities that house such systems or data and continually monitors cybersecurity threat risks identified through such diligence. Together with management, the Board has designated an Information Security Group ("ISG") to monitor issues relating to cybersecurity and work with the Investment Adviser's third-party Information Technology ("IT

2) service provider to evaluate potential cyber risk vulnerabilities. While its composition may change over time, the ISG currently consists of our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer. The ISG, together with the Investment Adviser's third-party IT service provider, annually reviews the cyber risks applicable to our business and the measures established by the Investment Adviser and other service providers to protect against those risks and recommends changes or enhancements, as necessary. The Investment Adviser's management and the third-party IT service provider also monitor the Investment Adviser's network to identify internal and external cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities in order to determine any steps that should be taken to protect information stored on the Investment Adviser's network and promptly inform the ISG of any identified cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities. The ISG also makes inquiries of the Investment Adviser's management and the third-party IT service provider regarding such efforts.

Material Impact of Cybersecurity Risks The potential impact of risks from cybersecurity threats on us are assessed on an ongoing basis, and how such risks could materially affect our business strategy, operational results, or financial condition are regularly evaluated. During the reporting period, we did not identify any risks from cybersecurity threats, including as a result of previous cybersecurity incidents, that we believe have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our business strategy, operational results, or financial condition. We further describe cybersecurity risks that we face in "The failure in cyber security systems, as well as the occurrence of events unanticipated in our disaster recovery systems and management continuity planning could impair our ability to conduct business effectively" and "We, our Investment Adviser and our portfolio companies are subject to risks associated with cyber-attacks" under "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of this annual report on Form 10-K.

72 Governance The Board has overall responsibility for risk oversight, including risks related to cybersecurity threats. The Board is aware of the critical nature of managing these risks and has sought to establish oversight mechanisms to ensure effective governance in managing risks associated with cybersecurity and appropriate review of the protections provided to us by the Investment Adviser. In conducting its duties, the ISG relies on the experience and expertise of the Investment Adviser's third-party IT service provider, which includes, among other things, over two decades of managing network security for companies, a track record of collaborating with management teams on incident response and threat mitigation, and, through various partnerships, vetting and implementing cutting-edge cybersecurity technologies. The ISG will provide a report, at least annually, to the entire Board regarding our cybersecurity threat risk management and strategy processes covering topics such as data security posture, results from third-party assessments, progress towards pre-determined risk mitigation-related goals, the Investment Adviser's incident response plan, and cybersecurity threat risks or incidents and developments, as well as the steps the Investment Adviser's management has taken to respond to and mitigate such risks. The Investment Adviser's incident response plan provides guidelines for responding to cyber incidents and facilitates coordination across multiple operational functions of the Investment Adviser. The incident response plan includes notification to the ISG and, depending on its nature, escalation to the Board, if appropriate. The Board is also encouraged to engage with the ISG on cybersecurity topics at other times, and material cybersecurity threats and risks are also considered by the Board in relation to other important matters that come before it.

Item 2. Properties Our offices are located at 500 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, and are provided by SLR Capital Management in accordance with the terms of the Administration Agreement. We believe that our office facilities are suitable and adequate for our business as it is presently conducted.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings We and our consolidated subsidiaries are not currently subject to any material legal proceedings, nor, to our knowledge, is any material legal proceeding threatened against us or our consolidated subsidiaries. From time to time, we and our consolidated subsidiaries may be a party to certain legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business, including proceedings relating to the enforcement of our rights under contracts with our portfolio companies. While the outcome of these legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not expect that these proceedings will have a material effect upon our financial condition or results of operations.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures Not applicable.

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

Common Stock Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "SLRC". The following table sets forth, for each fiscal quarter during the last two fiscal years, the net asset value ("NAV") per share of our common stock, the high and low closing sales prices for our common stock, such sales prices as a percentage of NAV per share and distributions per share.

	High Closing Price	Low Closing Price	NAV per share	High Closing Price as % of NAV	Low Closing Price as % of NAV	Distributions per share
Fiscal 2023 Fourth Quarter	\$ 18.09	\$ 15.43	\$ 14.14	(14.7)%	(21.8)%	\$ 0.41
Third Quarter	18.06	15.60	14.22	(13.6)	(21.3)	0.41
Second Quarter	17.98	15.20	13.59	(15.5)	(24.4)	0.41
First Quarter	18.04	16.00	14.12	(11.3)	(21.7)	0.41
Fiscal 2022 Fourth Quarter	\$ 18.33	\$ 15.03	\$ 12.50	(18.0)%	(31.8)%	\$ 0.41
Third Quarter	18.37	15.76	12.32	(14.2)	(32.9)	0.41
Second Quarter	18.53	18.19	14.17	(1.8)	(23.5)	0.41
First Quarter	19.56	19.26	17.68	(1.5)	(9.6)	0.41

(1) NAV per share is determined as of the last day in the relevant quarter and therefore may not reflect the NAV per share on the date of the high and low sales prices. The net asset values shown are based on outstanding shares at the end of each period. (2) Calculated as of the respective high or low closing price divided by NAV and subtracting 1. (3) Represents the cash distribution for the specified quarter. On February 23, 2024, the last reported sales price of our common stock was \$ 14.89 per share. As of February 23, 2024, we had 19 stockholders of record. Shares of BDCs may trade at a market price that is less than the value of the net assets attributable to those shares. The possibility that our shares of common stock will trade at a discount from net asset value or at premiums that are unsustainable over the long term is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value will decrease. Since our IPO on February 9, 2010, our shares of common stock have traded at both a discount and a premium to the net assets attributable to those shares. As of February 23, 2024, our shares of common stock traded at a discount equal to approximately 17.7% of the net assets attributable to those shares based upon our net asset value as of December 31, 2023. It is not possible to predict whether the shares offered hereby will trade at, above, or below net asset value.

DISTRIBUTIONS Tax characteristics of all distributions will be reported to stockholders on Form 1099 after the end of the calendar year. Future quarterly distributions, if any, will be determined by the Board. We expect that our distributions to stockholders will generally be from accumulated net investment income, from net realized capital gains or non-taxable return of

capital, if any, as applicable. ⁷⁴We have elected to be taxed as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. To maintain our RIC tax treatment, we must distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, out of the assets legally available for distribution. In addition, although we currently intend to distribute realized net capital gains (i. e., net long-term capital gains in excess of short-term capital losses), if any, at least annually, out of the assets legally available for such distributions, we may in the future decide to retain such capital gains for investment. We maintain an “opt out” dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. As a result, if we declare a distribution, then stockholders’ cash distributions will be automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, unless they specifically “opt out” of the dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash distributions. We may not be able to achieve operating results that will allow us to make distributions at a specific level or to increase the amount of these distributions from time to time. In addition, due to the asset coverage test applicable to us as a business development company, we may in the future be limited in our ability to make distributions. Also, our revolving credit facility may limit our ability to declare distributions if we default under certain provisions. If we do not distribute a certain percentage of our income annually, we will suffer adverse tax consequences, including possible loss of the tax benefits available to us as a regulated investment company. In addition, in accordance with GAAP and tax regulations, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as contractual payment-in-kind income, which represents contractual income added to the loan balance that becomes due at the end of the loan term, or the accrual of original issue or market discount. Since we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty meeting the requirement to distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income to obtain tax benefits as a regulated investment company. With respect to the distributions to stockholders, income from origination, structuring, closing and certain other upfront fees associated with investments in portfolio companies are treated as taxable income and accordingly, distributed to stockholders. We cannot assure stockholders that they will receive any distributions at a particular level. All distributions declared in cash payable to stockholders that are participants in our dividend reinvestment plan are generally automatically reinvested in shares of our common stock. As a result, stockholders that do not participate in the dividend reinvestment plan may experience dilution over time. Stockholders who do not elect to receive distributions in shares of common stock may experience accretion to the net asset value of their shares if our shares are trading at a premium and dilution if our shares are trading at a discount. The level of accretion or discount would depend on various factors, including the proportion of our stockholders who participate in the plan, the level of premium or discount at which our shares are trading and the amount of the distribution payable to a stockholder. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities None. Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities None. ⁷⁵