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This preliminary prospectus supplement relates to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but the information in this preliminary prospectus supplement is not complete and may be changed. This preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell and are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer and sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated September 24, 2012

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(to Prospectus dated July 10, 2012)

4,000,000 Shares

New Mountain Finance Corporation

Common Stock

New Mountain Finance Corporation (NMFC) is a holding company with no direct operations of its own, and its only business and sole asset is its ownership of common membership units of New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C. (the Operating Company). The Operating Company is an externally managed business development company managed by New Mountain Finance Advisers BDC, L.L.C. and is the operating company for NMFC s business. NMFC and the Operating Company each have elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Operating Company s investment objective is to generate current income and capital appreciation through the sourcing and origination of debt securities at all levels of the capital structure, including first and second lien debt, notes, bonds and mezzanine securities. Prior to this offering, NMFC owned approximately 45.1% of the common membership units of the Operating Company and New Mountain Finance AIV Holdings Corporation owned approximately 54.9% of the common membership units of the Operating Company.

This is an offering of 4,000,000 shares of our common stock by the selling stockholder named in this prospectus supplement. See Selling Stockholder. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock by the selling stockholder, including pursuant to any exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase additional shares.

NMFC s common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NMFC . On September 21, 2012, the last reported sales price on the New York Stock Exchange for NMFC s common stock was \$15.50 per share.

An investment in NMFC s common stock is very risky and highly speculative. Shares of closed-end investment companies, including business development companies, frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. In addition, the companies in which NMFC invests, through the Operating Company, are subject to special risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 21 of the accompanying prospectus to read about factors you should consider, including the risk of leverage, before investing in NMFC s common stock.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain important information about NMFC and the Operating Company that a prospective investor should know before investing in NMFC s common stock. Please read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before investing and keep it for future reference. NMFC and the Operating Company file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (<http://www.sec.gov>), which is available free of charge by contacting NMFC by mail at 787 Seventh Avenue, 48th Floor, New York, New York 10019 or on our website at <http://www.newmountainfinance.com>. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider that information to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying

prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities, or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Share	Total(1)
Public Offering Price	\$	\$
Sales Load (Underwriting Discounts and Commissions)	\$	\$
Proceeds to Selling Stockholder (before expenses)(2)	\$	\$

- (1) To the extent that the underwriters sell more than 4,000,000 shares of NMFC's common stock, the underwriters have the option to purchase up to an additional 600,000 shares of NMFC's common stock from the selling stockholder at the public offering price, less the sales load, within 30 days of the date of this prospectus supplement. If the underwriters exercise this option in full, the total public offering price, sales load and proceeds to the selling stockholder will be \$, \$ and \$, respectively. We will not receive any proceeds from this offering. All underwriting discounts and commissions (sales load) will be borne by the selling stockholder identified in this prospectus supplement. See Underwriting.
- (2) We will not bear any expenses in connection with this offering. The selling stockholder will incur the offering expenses in connection with this offering. The underwriters expect to deliver the shares against payment in New York, New York on or about September , 2012.

Joint-Lead Bookrunners

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Wells Fargo Securities

Morgan Stanley

Prospectus Supplement dated , 2012.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized any other person to provide you with different information from that contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any shares of our common stock by any person in any jurisdiction where it is unlawful for that person to make such an offer or solicitation or to any person in any jurisdiction to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. The information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is complete and accurate only as of their respective dates, regardless of the time of their delivery or sale of our common stock. This prospectus supplement supersedes the accompanying prospectus to the extent it contains information different from or additional to the information in that prospectus.

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of this offering of common stock and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information and disclosure. To the extent the information contained in this prospectus supplement differs from the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, the information in this prospectus supplement shall control. Please carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus together with any exhibits and the additional information described under Available Information and in the Summary and Risk Factors sections before you make an investment decision.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights some of the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all of the information that you may want to consider. You should read carefully the more detailed information set forth under Risk Factors and the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

In this prospectus supplement, unless the context otherwise requires, references to:

NMFC refers to New Mountain Finance Corporation, a Delaware corporation, which was incorporated on June 29, 2010 in preparation for the initial public offering;

NMF SLF refers to New Mountain Finance SPV Funding, L.L.C.;

Operating Company refers to New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, which is the operating company for our business. References to the Operating Company include New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C.'s wholly-owned subsidiary, NMF SLF, unless the context otherwise requires. References to the Operating Company exclude NMF SLF when referencing the Operating Company's common membership units, board of directors, and credit facility or leverage;

Guardian AIV refers to New Mountain Guardian AIV, L.P.;

AIV Holdings refers to New Mountain Finance AIV Holdings Corporation, a Delaware corporation which was incorporated on March 11, 2011, of which Guardian AIV is the sole stockholder;

New Mountain Finance Entities, we, us and our refer to NMFC, the Operating Company and AIV Holdings, collectively; except for references to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and the offering of securities thereunder, in which case references to we, us and our refer to NMFC and the Operating Company only.

Investment Adviser refers to New Mountain Finance Advisers BDC, L.L.C., the Operating Company's investment adviser;

Administrator refers to the New Mountain Finance Entities' administrator, New Mountain Finance Administration, L.L.C.;

New Mountain Capital refers to New Mountain Capital Group, L.L.C. and its affiliates;

Predecessor Entities refers to New Mountain Guardian (Leveraged), L.L.C. and New Mountain Guardian Partners, L.P., together with their respective direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries prior to the initial public offering;

Holdings Credit Facility refers to the Operating Company's Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, dated May 19, 2011, as amended;

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SLF Credit Facility refers to NMF SLF's Loan and Security Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, dated October 27, 2010, as amended; and

Credit Facilities refers to the Holding Credit Facility and the SLF Credit Facility, collectively.

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Overview

The Operating Company is a Delaware limited liability company. The Operating Company is externally managed and has elected to be treated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). As such, the Operating Company is obligated to comply with certain regulatory requirements. The Operating Company intends to be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes for so long as it has at least two members.

The Operating Company is externally managed by the Investment Adviser. The Administrator provides the administrative services necessary for its operations. The Investment Adviser and Administrator are wholly-owned subsidiaries of New Mountain Capital. New Mountain Capital is a firm with a track record of investing in the middle market and with assets under management (which includes amounts committed, not all of which have been drawn down and invested to date) totaling approximately \$9.0 billion as of June 30, 2012. New Mountain Capital focuses on investing in defensive growth companies across its private equity, public equity, and credit investment vehicles. The Operating Company, formerly known as New Mountain Guardian (Leveraged), L.L.C., was originally formed as a subsidiary of Guardian AIV by New Mountain Capital in October 2008. Guardian AIV was formed through an allocation of approximately \$300.0 million of the \$5.1 billion of commitments supporting New Mountain Partners III, L.P., a private equity fund managed by New Mountain Capital. In February 2009, New Mountain Capital formed a co-investment vehicle, New Mountain Guardian Partners, L.P., comprising \$20.4 million of commitments.

NMFC is a Delaware corporation that was originally incorporated on June 29, 2010. NMFC is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. As such, NMFC is obligated to comply with certain regulatory requirements. NMFC has elected to be treated, and intends to comply with the requirements to qualify annually, as a regulated investment company (RIC) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the Code) commencing with its taxable year ending on December 31, 2011.

AIV Holdings is a Delaware corporation that was originally incorporated on March 11, 2011. Guardian AIV, a Delaware limited partnership, is AIV Holdings' sole stockholder. AIV Holdings is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. As such, AIV Holdings is obligated to comply with certain regulatory requirements. AIV Holdings has elected to be treated, and intends to comply with the requirements to qualify annually, as a RIC under the Code commencing with its taxable year ending on December 31, 2011.

On May 19, 2011, NMFC priced its initial public offering (the IPO) of 7,272,727 shares of common stock at a public offering price of \$13.75 per share. Concurrently with the closing of the IPO and at the public offering price of \$13.75 per share, NMFC sold an additional 2,172,000 shares of its common stock to certain executives and employees of, and other individuals affiliated with, New Mountain Capital in a concurrent private placement (the Concurrent Private Placement). Additionally, 1,252,964 shares were issued to the partners of New Mountain Guardian Partners, L.P. at that time for their ownership interest in the Predecessor Entities. In connection with NMFC's IPO and through a series of transactions, the Operating Company owns all of the operations of the Predecessor Entities, including all of the assets and liabilities related to such operations.

On July 10, 2012, NMFC's shelf registration statement became effective. On July 17, 2012, NMFC completed a public offering of 5,250,000 shares of its common stock at a public offering price of \$14.35 per share for total gross proceeds of approximately \$75.3 million. In connection with the offering, the underwriters purchased an additional 676,802 shares with the exercise of the over-allotment option.

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NMFC and AIV Holdings are holding companies with no direct operations of their own, and their sole asset is their ownership in the Operating Company. NMFC and AIV Holdings each entered into a joinder agreement with respect to the Limited Liability Company Agreement, as amended and restated, of the Operating Company, pursuant to which NMFC and AIV Holdings were admitted as members of the Operating Company. NMFC acquired from the Operating Company, with the gross proceeds of the IPO and the Concurrent Private Placement, common membership units (units) of the Operating Company (the number of units are equal to the number of shares of NMFC s common stock sold in the IPO and the Concurrent Private Placement). Additionally, NMFC received units of the Operating Company equal to the number of shares of common stock of NMFC issued to the partners of New Mountain Guardian Partners, L.P. Guardian AIV was the parent of the Operating Company prior to the IPO and, as a result of the transactions completed in connection with the IPO, obtained units in the Operating Company. Guardian AIV contributed its units in the Operating Company to its newly formed subsidiary, AIV Holdings, in exchange for common stock of AIV Holdings. AIV Holdings has the right to exchange all or any portion of its units in the Operating Company for shares of NMFC s common stock on a one-for-one basis at any time.

Prior to this offering, NMFC and AIV Holdings owned approximately 45.1% and 54.9%, respectively, of the units of the Operating Company.

The current structure was designed to generally prevent NMFC and its stockholders from being allocated taxable income with respect to unrecognized gains that existed at the time of the IPO in the Predecessor Entities assets, and rather such amounts would be allocated generally to AIV Holdings and its stockholders. The result is that any distributions made to NMFC s stockholders that are attributable to such gains generally will not be treated as taxable dividends but rather as return of capital.

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The diagram below depicts our current organizational structure (percentages are prior to this offering).

The Operating Company's investment objective is to generate current income and capital appreciation through the sourcing and origination of debt securities at all levels of the capital structure, including first and second lien debt, notes, bonds and mezzanine securities. In some cases, the Operating Company's investments may also include equity interests. The primary focus is in the debt of defensive growth companies, which are defined as generally exhibiting the following characteristics: (i) sustainable secular growth drivers, (ii) high barriers to competitive entry, (iii) high free cash flow after capital expenditure and working capital needs, (iv) high returns on assets and (v) niche market dominance.

As of June 30, 2012, the Operating Company's net asset value was \$427.7 million and its portfolio had a fair value of approximately \$751.1 million in 56 portfolio companies, with a weighted average Unadjusted and Adjusted Yield to Maturity of approximately 10.7% and 13.0%, respectively. Adjusted Yield to Maturity assumes that the investments in the Operating Company's portfolio are purchased at fair value on June 30, 2012 and held until their respective maturities with no prepayments or losses and exited at par at maturity. This calculation excludes the impact of existing leverage,

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except for the non-recourse debt of NMF SLF. NMF SLF is treated as a fully levered asset of the Operating Company, with NMF SLF's net asset value being included for yield calculation purposes. The actual yield to maturity may be higher or lower due to the future selection of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) contracts by the individual companies in the Operating Company's portfolio or other factors. References to Unadjusted Yield to Maturity have the same assumptions as Adjusted Yield to Maturity except that NMF SLF is not treated as a fully levered asset of the Operating Company, but rather the assets themselves are consolidated into the Operating Company.

The Investment Adviser

The Investment Adviser, a wholly-owned subsidiary of New Mountain Capital, manages the Operating Company's day-to-day operations and provides it with investment advisory and management services. In particular, the Investment Adviser is responsible for identifying attractive investment opportunities, conducting research and due diligence on prospective investments, structuring the Operating Company's investments and monitoring and servicing the Operating Company's investments. We currently do not have, and do not intend to have, any employees. As of June 30, 2012, the Investment Adviser was supported by over 90 staff members of New Mountain Capital, including 62 investment professionals.

The Investment Adviser is managed by a five member investment committee (the Investment Committee), which is responsible for approving purchases and sales of the Operating Company's investments above \$5.0 million in aggregate by issuer. The Investment Committee currently consists of Steven B. Klinsky, Robert A. Hamwee, Adam Collins, Douglas Londal and Alok Singh. The Investment Committee is responsible for approving all of the Operating Company's investment purchases above \$5.0 million. The Investment Committee also monitors investments in the Operating Company's portfolio and approves all asset dispositions above \$5.0 million. Purchases and dispositions below \$5.0 million may be approved by the Operating Company's Chief Executive Officer. These approval thresholds are subject to change over time. We expect to benefit from the extensive and varied relevant experience of the investment professionals serving on the Investment Committee, which includes expertise in private equity, primary and secondary leveraged credit, private mezzanine finance and distressed debt.

Recent Developments

Preliminary Estimate of Net Asset Value

Set forth below is a preliminary estimate of our net asset value per share as of the date of this prospectus supplement. The following estimate is not a comprehensive statement of our financial condition or results for the period from June 30, 2012 through the date of this prospectus supplement. We advise you that our actual results for the three months ended September 30, 2012 may differ materially from this estimate, which is given only as of the date of this prospectus supplement, as a result of the completion of our financial closing procedures, final adjustments and other developments, including changes in interest rates or changes in the businesses to whom we have made loans, which may arise between now and the time that our financial results for the three months ended September 30, 2012 are finalized. This information is inherently uncertain.

As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we estimate that our net asset value per share is between \$13.93 and \$14.03.

The preliminary financial estimate provided herein has been prepared by, and is the responsibility of, management. Deloitte & Touche LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, has not

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audited, reviewed, compiled, or performed any procedures with respect to the accompanying preliminary financial data. Accordingly, Deloitte & Touche LLP does not express an opinion or any form of assurance with respect thereto.

New BDC Legislation

On June 8, 2012, legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives intended to revise certain regulations applicable to business development companies, or BDCs. The legislation provides for (i) increasing the amount of funds BDCs may borrow by reducing asset to debt limitations from 2:1 to 3:2, (ii) permitting BDCs to file registration statements with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that incorporate information from already-filed reports by reference, (iii) utilizing other streamlined registration processes afforded to operating companies, and (iv) allowing BDCs to own investment adviser subsidiaries. There are no assurances as to when the legislation will be enacted by Congress, if at all, or, if enacted, what final form the legislation would take.

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Competitive Advantages

We believe that we have the following competitive advantages over other capital providers to middle market companies:

Proven and Differentiated Investment Style With Areas of Deep Industry Knowledge

In making its investment decisions, the Investment Adviser applies New Mountain Capital's long-standing, consistent investment approach that has been in place since its founding more than 10 years ago. We focus on companies in less well followed defensive growth niches of the middle market space where we believe few debt funds have built equivalent research and operational size and scale.

We benefit directly from New Mountain Capital's private equity investment strategy that seeks to identify attractive investment sectors from the top down and then works to become a well positioned investor in these sectors. New Mountain Capital focuses on companies and end markets with sustainable strengths in all economic cycles, particularly ones that are defensive in nature, that are non-cyclical and can maintain pricing power in the midst of a recessionary and/or inflationary environment. New Mountain Capital focuses on companies within sectors in which it has significant expertise (examples include federal services, software, education, niche healthcare, business services, energy and logistics) while typically avoiding investments in companies with end markets that are highly cyclical, face secular headwinds, are overly-dependent on consumer demand or are commodity-like in nature.

In making its investment decisions, the Investment Adviser has adopted the approach of New Mountain Capital, which is based on three primary investment principles:

1. A generalist approach, combined with proactive pursuit of the highest quality opportunities within carefully selected industries, identified via an intensive and structured ongoing research process;
2. Emphasis on strong downside protection and strict risk controls; and
3. Continued search for superior risk adjusted returns, combined with timely, intelligent exits and outstanding return performance.

Experienced Management Team and Established Platform

The Investment Adviser's team members have extensive experience in the leveraged lending space. Steven B. Klinsky, New Mountain Capital's Founder, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director and Chairman of the board of directors of the New Mountain Finance Entities, was a general partner of Forstmann Little & Co., a manager of debt and equity funds totaling multiple billions of dollars in the 1980s and 1990s. He was also a co-founder of Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s Leverage Buyout Group in the period from 1981 to 1984. Robert A. Hamwee, Chief Executive Officer and President of the New Mountain Finance Entities and Managing Director of New Mountain Capital, was formerly President of GSC Group, Inc. (GSC), where he was the portfolio manager of GSC's distressed debt funds and led the development of GSC's CLOs. Douglas Londal, Managing Director of New Mountain Capital, was previously co-head of Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s United States (U.S.) mezzanine debt team. Alok Singh, Managing Director of New Mountain Capital, has extensive experience structuring debt products as a long-time partner at Bankers Trust Company.

Many of the debt investments that the Operating Company has made to date have been in the same companies with which New Mountain Capital has already conducted months of intensive acquisition due

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diligence related to potential private equity investments. We believe that private equity underwriting due diligence is usually more robust than typical due diligence for loan underwriting. In its underwriting of debt investments, the Investment Adviser is able to utilize the research and hands-on operating experience that New Mountain Capital's private equity underwriting teams possess regarding the individual companies and industries. Business and industry due diligence is led by a team of investment professionals of the Investment Adviser that generally consists of three to seven individuals, typically based on their relevant company and/or industry specific knowledge. Additionally, the Investment Adviser is also able to utilize its relationships with operating management teams and other private equity sponsors. We believe this differentiates us from many of our competitors.

Significant Sourcing Capabilities and Relationships

We believe the Investment Adviser's ability to source attractive investment opportunities is greatly aided by both New Mountain Capital's historical and current reviews of private equity opportunities in the business segments we target. To date, a significant majority of the investments that the Operating Company has made are in the debt of companies and industry sectors that were first identified and reviewed in connection with New Mountain Capital's private equity efforts, and the majority of our current pipeline reflects this as well. Furthermore, the Investment Adviser's investment professionals have deep and longstanding relationships in both the private equity sponsor community and the lending/agency community which they have and will continue to utilize to generate investment opportunities.

Risk Management through Various Cycles

New Mountain Capital has emphasized tight control of risk since its inception and long before the recent global financial distress began. To date, New Mountain Capital has never experienced a bankruptcy of any of its portfolio companies in its private equity efforts or with respect to the Predecessor Entities' business. The Investment Adviser seeks to emphasize tight control of risk with our investments in several important ways, consistent with New Mountain Capital's historical approach. In particular, the Investment Adviser:

Emphasizes the origination or purchase of debt in what the Investment Adviser believes are defensive growth companies, which are less likely to be dependent on macro-economic cycles;

Targets investments in companies that are preeminent market leaders in their own industries, and when possible, investments in companies that have strong management teams whose skills are difficult for competitors to acquire or reproduce; and

Emphasizes capital structure seniority in the Investment Adviser's underwriting process.

Access to Non Mark to Market, Seasoned Leverage Facilities

The amounts available under the Credit Facilities are generally not subject to reduction as a result of mark to market fluctuations in the Operating Company's portfolio investments. For a detailed discussion of the Credit Facilities, see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources .

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Market Opportunity

We believe that the size of the market for investments that we target, coupled with the demands of middle market companies for flexible sources of capital at competitive terms and rates, create an attractive investment environment for us.

The leverage finance market has a high level of financing needs over the next several years due to significant bank debt maturities. We believe that the large dollar volume of loans that need to be refinanced will present attractive opportunities to invest capital in a manner consistent with our stated objectives.

Middle market companies continue to face difficulties in accessing the capital markets. We believe opportunities to serve the middle market will continue to exist. While many middle market companies were formerly able to raise funds by issuing high-yield bonds, we believe this approach to financing has become more difficult in recent years as institutional investors have sought to invest in larger, more liquid offerings. In addition, many private finance companies and hedge funds have reduced their middle market lending activities due to decreased availability of their own financing.

Consolidation among commercial banks has reduced the focus on middle market lending. We believe that many traditional bank lenders to middle market businesses have either exited or de-emphasized their service and product offerings in the middle market. These traditional lenders have instead focused on lending and providing other services to large corporate clients. We believe this has resulted in fewer key players and the reduced availability of debt capital to the companies we target.

Attractive pricing. Reduced access to, and availability of, debt capital typically increases the interest rates, or pricing, of loans for middle market lenders. Recent primary debt transactions in this market often include upfront fees, prepayment protections and, in some cases, warrants to purchase common stock, all of which should enhance the profitability of new loans to lenders.

Conservative deal structures. As a result of the credit crisis, many lenders are requiring larger equity contributions from financial sponsors. Larger equity contributions create an enhanced margin of safety for lenders because leverage is a lower percentage of the implied enterprise value of the company.

Large pool of uninvested private equity capital available for new buyouts. We expect that private equity firms will continue to pursue acquisitions and will seek to leverage their equity investments with mezzanine loans and/or senior loans (including traditional first and second lien, as well as unitranche loans) provided by companies such as ours.

Operating and Regulatory Structure

NMFC and the Operating Company are closed-end, non-diversified management investment companies that have elected to be treated as BDCs under the 1940 Act and are required to maintain an asset coverage ratio, as defined in the 1940 Act, of at least 200.0%. NMFC has no material long-term liabilities itself and its only business and sole asset is its ownership of units of the Operating Company. As a result, NMFC looks to the Operating Company's assets for purposes of satisfying the requirements under the 1940 Act otherwise applicable to NMFC. See Regulation . The Operating Company and NMF SLF have long term liabilities related to the Credit Facilities.

NMFC has elected to be treated, and intends to comply with the requirements to qualify annually, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, commencing with its taxable year ending on December 31,

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2011. See **Material Federal Income Tax Considerations**. As a RIC, NMFC generally will not have to pay corporate-level federal income taxes on any net ordinary income or capital gains that it timely distributes to its stockholders as dividends if it meets certain source-of-income, distribution and asset diversification requirements. The Operating Company intends to make distributions to its unit holders that will be sufficient to enable NMFC to pay quarterly distributions to its stockholders and to maintain its status as a RIC. NMFC intends to distribute to its stockholders substantially all of its annual taxable income, except that it may retain certain net capital gains for reinvestment in units of the Operating Company.

Risks

An investment in NMFC's common stock involves risk, including the risk of leverage and the risk that our operating policies and strategies may change without prior notice to NMFC stockholders or prior stockholder approval. See **Risk Factors** and the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in shares of NMFC's common stock. The value of the Operating Company's assets, as well as the market price of NMFC's shares, will fluctuate. Our investments may be risky, and you may lose all or part of your investment in NMFC. Investing in NMFC involves other risks, including the following:

We have a limited operating history;

The Operating Company may suffer credit losses;

The Operating Company does not expect to replicate the Predecessor Entities' historical performance or the historical performance of other entities managed or supported by New Mountain Capital;

There is uncertainty as to the value of the Operating Company's portfolio investments because most of its investments are, and may continue to be in private companies and recorded at fair value. In addition, because NMFC is a holding company, the fair values of the Operating Company's investments are determined by the Operating Company's board of directors in accordance with the Operating Company's valuation policy;

The Operating Company's ability to achieve its investment objective depends on key investment personnel of the Investment Adviser. If the Investment Adviser were to lose any of its key investment personnel, the Operating Company's ability to achieve its investment objective could be significantly harmed;

The Investment Adviser has limited experience managing a BDC or a RIC, which could adversely affect our business;

The Operating Company operates in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities and may not be able to compete effectively;

Our business, results of operations and financial condition depends on the Operating Company's ability to manage future growth effectively;

The Operating Company borrows money, which could magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested in us and increase the risk of investing in us;

Changes in interest rates may affect the Operating Company's cost of capital and net investment income;

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Regulations governing the operations of BDCs will affect our ability to raise additional equity capital as well as our ability to issue senior securities or borrow for investment purposes, any or all of which could have a negative effect on our investment objectives and strategies;

We may experience fluctuations in our annual and quarterly results due to the nature of our business;

The Operating Company's board of directors may change its investment objective, operating policies and strategies without prior notice or member approval, the effects of which may be adverse to your interest as a stockholder;

NMFC will be subject to corporate-level federal income tax on all of its income if it is unable to maintain RIC status under Subchapter M of the Code, which would have a material adverse effect on its financial performance;

NMFC may not be able to pay you distributions on its common stock, its distributions to you may not grow over time and a portion of their distributions to you may be a return of capital for federal income tax purposes;

The Operating Company's investments in portfolio companies may be risky, and the Operating Company could lose all or part of any of its investments;

The lack of liquidity in the Operating Company's investments may adversely affect our business;

Economic recessions or downturns could impair the Operating Company's portfolio companies and harm its operating results;

NMFC is a holding company with no direct operations of its own, and will depend on distributions from the Operating Company to meet its ongoing obligations;

Any future exchange by AIV Holdings of units of the Operating Company for shares of NMFC's common stock would significantly dilute the voting power of NMFC's current stockholders with respect to the election of NMFC directors or other matters that require the approval of NMFC stockholders only. In addition, the interests of the partners of Guardian AIV following such exchange by AIV Holdings may be adverse to the interests of NMFC's current stockholders and could limit your ability to influence the outcome of key transactions, including any change of control;

The market price of NMFC's common stock may fluctuate significantly; and

Sales of substantial amounts of NMFC's common stock in the public market may have an adverse effect on the market price of its common stock.

Company Information

Our administrative and executive offices are located at 787 Seventh Avenue, 48th Floor, New York, New York 10019, and our telephone number is (212) 720-0300. We maintain a website at <http://www.newmountainfinance.com>. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

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Presentation of Historical Financial Information and Market Data

Historical Financial Information

Unless otherwise indicated, historical references contained in the accompanying prospectus in *Selected Financial and Other Data*, *Selected Quarterly Data*, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, *Senior Securities* and *Portfolio Companies* relate to the Operating Company, which is NMFC's sole investment. The consolidated financial statements of New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C., formerly known as New Mountain Guardian (Leveraged), L.L.C., and New Mountain Guardian Partners, L.P. are the Operating Company's historical consolidated financial statements.

Market Data

Statistical and market data used in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus has been obtained from governmental and independent industry sources and publications. We have not independently verified the data obtained from these sources, and we can