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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To Prospectus dated April 27, 2006)

3,325,000 Shares Common Stock

We are offering 3,325,000 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. We will receive all of the net proceeds from the sale of our common stock.

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ALD. The last reported sale price for our common stock on March 5, 2007, was \$30.05 per share. We sold the shares of common stock for \$28.32 per share, which is an approximate 5.75% discount off the last reported sale price on March 5, 2007.

Please read this prospectus supplement, and the accompanying prospectus, before investing, and keep it for future reference. The prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain important information about us that a prospective investor should know before investing in our common stock. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information about us with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This information is available free of charge by contacting us at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20006, or by telephone at (202) 721-6100 or on our website at www.alliedcapital.com. The information on this website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The SEC also maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains such information.

Before buying any of these shares of our common stock, you should review the information, including the risk of leverage, set forth under Risk Factors on page S-21 of the accompanying prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Sha	are Total
Public offering price	\$ 2	9.25 \$ 97,256,250
Underwriting discount	\$ ().93 \$ 3,092,250
Proceeds, before expenses, to us(1)	\$ 2	8.32 \$ 94,164,000

(1) Expenses payable by us are estimated to be approximately \$380,000.

The underwriters may also purchase from us up to an additional 498,750 shares of our common stock at the public offering price less the underwriting discount, to cover over-allotments, if any, within 30 days of the date of this prospectus supplement.

The underwriters are offering the shares of our common stock as described in Underwriting. Delivery of the shares will be made on or about March 9, 2007.

Deutsche Bank Securities

The date of this prospectus supplement is March 5, 2007

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not, and the underwriter has not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriter is not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition and results of operations may have changed since those dates. This prospectus supplement supersedes the accompanying prospectus to the extent it contains information that is different from or additional to the information in that prospectus.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

In this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, unless otherwise indicated, Allied Capital, Company, we, us or our refers to Allied Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries.

Information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may contain forward-looking statements, which can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will, expect, intend, anticipate, estimate, or continue or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. The matters described in Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and certain other factors noted throughout this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus constitute cautionary statements identifying important factors with respect to any such forward-looking statements, including certain risks and uncertainties, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements.

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FEES AND EXPENSES

This table describes the various costs and expenses that an investor in our shares of common stock will bear directly or indirectly.

Shareholder Transaction Expenses	
Sales load (as a percentage of offering price) ⁽¹⁾	3.2%
Dividend reinvestment plan fees ⁽²⁾	None
Annual Expenses (as a percentage of consolidated net assets attributable to common stock) ⁽³⁾	
Operating expenses ⁽⁴⁾	5.2%
Interest payments on borrowed funds ⁽⁵⁾	3.5%
Total annual expenses ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	8.7%

- ⁽¹⁾ Represents the underwriting discounts or commissions with respect to the shares sold by us in this offering.
- (2) The expenses of our dividend reinvestment plan are included in Operating expenses. We do not have a stock purchase plan. The participants in the dividend reinvestment plan will bear a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to open market purchases or sales, if any. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan in the accompanying prospectus.
- ⁽³⁾ Consolidated net assets attributable to common stock equals net assets (i.e., total consolidated assets less total consolidated liabilities), which at December 31, 2006, was \$2.8 billion.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Operating expenses represent our operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2006, excluding interest on indebtedness. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in this prospectus supplement.
- ⁽⁵⁾ Interest payments on borrowed funds represents our interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2006. We had outstanding borrowings of \$1.9 billion at December 31, 2006. See Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement.
- (6) Total annual expenses as a percentage of consolidated net assets attributable to common stock are higher than the total annual expenses percentage would be for a company that is not leveraged. We borrow money to leverage our net assets and increase our total assets. The SEC requires that Total annual expenses percentage be calculated as a percentage of net assets, rather than the total assets, including assets that have been funded with borrowed monies. If the Total annual expenses percentage were calculated instead as a percentage of consolidated total assets, our Total annual expenses would be 5.1% of consolidated total assets.
- (7) The holders of shares of our common stock (and not the holders of our debt securities or preferred stock, if any) indirectly bear the cost associated with our annual expenses.

Example

The following example, required by the SEC, demonstrates the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses that would be incurred over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in us. In calculating the following expense amounts, we assumed we would have no additional leverage and that our operating expenses would remain at the levels set forth in the table above.

You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment,				
assuming a 5.0% annual return	\$ 117	\$ 289	\$ 460	\$ 886

Although the example assumes (as required by the SEC) a 5.0% annual return, our performance will vary and may result in a return of greater or less than 5.0%. In addition, while the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value, participants in the dividend reinvestment plan may receive shares of common stock that we issue at or above net asset value or are purchased by the administrator of the dividend reinvestment plan, at the market price in effect at the time, which may be higher than, at, or below net asset value.

The example should not be considered a representation of future expenses, and the actual expenses may be greater or less than those shown.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that our net proceeds from the sale of the 3,325,000 shares of common stock we are offering will be approximately \$93.8 million and approximately \$107.9 million, if the underwriters over-allotment option is exercised in full, and after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering to reduce borrowings under our revolving line of credit, to invest in debt or equity securities in primarily privately negotiated transactions, and for other general corporate purposes. Amounts repaid under our revolving line of credit will remain available for future borrowings. At March 5, 2007, the interest rate on our revolving line of credit was approximately 6.4% and there was approximately \$185.8 million outstanding. This revolving line of credit expires on September 30, 2008.

UNDERWRITING

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in our underwriting agreement, we are offering the shares of our common stock described in this prospectus supplement through Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., the underwriter. The underwriter has agreed to purchase and we have agreed to sell to the underwriter, all of the shares offered by this prospectus supplement.

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligation of the underwriter to purchase the shares of common stock offered hereby is subject to certain conditions precedent and that the underwriter will purchase all of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus supplement, other than those covered by the over-allotment option described below, if any of these shares are purchased.

The underwriter proposes to offer the shares of common stock to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement. If all the shares are not sold at the public offering price, the underwriter may change the offering price.

The underwriter has the option to purchase up to 498,750 additional shares of common stock from us at the same price it is paying for the 3,325,000 shares offered hereby. The underwriter may purchase additional shares only to cover over-allotments made in connection with this offering and only within 30 days after the date of this prospectus supplement. The underwriter will offer any additional shares that it purchases on the terms described in the preceding section.

The underwriting discount per share is equal to the public offering price per share of common stock less the amount paid by the underwriter to us per share of common stock. These amounts are shown assuming either no exercise or full exercise by the underwriter of the underwriter s over-allotment option:

Total Fees

	e Per hare	'ithout Exercise Over-Allotment Option	th Full Exercise of Over-Allotment Option
Underwriting Discount	\$ 0.93	\$ 3,092,250	\$ 3,556,088

We estimate that the total expenses of this offering, which will be paid by us, excluding the underwriting discount, will be approximately \$380,000.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriter against some specified types of liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and to contribute to payments the underwriter may be required to make in respect of these liabilities.

We and certain of our executive officers have agreed not to offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of, or to engage in certain hedging and derivative transactions with respect to, our common stock for a period of, in our case, 15 days and, in the case of certain of our executive officers, 30 days after the date of this prospectus supplement, without first obtaining the written consent of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., except in limited circumstances, including our additional issuance of equity securities through privately negotiated transactions that may or may not involve an underwriter, whether or not registered with the SEC, aggregating not more than \$75 million, and the additional issuance of equity securities in exchange for the cancellation of vested in-the-money stock options in connection with the option cancellation payments (see Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in this prospectus supplement). This consent may be given at any time without public notice.

The underwriter does not intend to confirm sales to any account over which they exercise discretionary authority.

In connection with this offering, the underwriter may purchase and sell shares of our common stock in the open market. These transactions may include stabilizing transactions, short sales and purchases to cover positions created by short sales and stabilizing transactions.

Short sales involve the sale by the underwriter of a greater number of shares than it is required to purchase in this offering. Covered short sales are sales made in an amount not greater than the underwriter s over-allotment option to purchase additional shares in this offering. The underwriter may close out any covered short position by either exercising its over-allotment option or purchasing shares in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered short position, the underwriter will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the over-allotment option.

Naked short sales are sales in excess of the over-allotment option. The underwriter must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriter is concerned there may be downward pressure on the price of shares in the open market prior to the completion of this offering.

Stabilizing transactions consist of various bids for or purchases of our common stock made by the underwriter in the open market prior to the completion of this offering.

Purchases to cover a short position and stabilizing transactions may have the effect of preventing or slowing a decline in the market price of our common stock. Additionally, these purchases may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price for our common stock. As a result, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. These transactions may be effected on the New York Stock Exchange, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

In the ordinary course of business, the underwriter or its affiliates have engaged and may in the future engage in various financing, commercial banking and investment banking services with, and provide financial advisory services to, us and our affiliates, for which they have received or may receive customary fees and expenses. Affiliates of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. are members of the lending syndicate for our unsecured revolving line of credit and may receive proceeds of this offering by reason of the repayment of amounts outstanding thereunder.

This offering is being conducted in compliance with Rule 2810 of the Conduct Rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

The principal business address of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. is 60 Wall Street, 44th Floor, New York, NY 10005.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters with respect to the validity of the shares of common stock we are offering will be passed upon for us by Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Washington, D.C. Certain legal matters related to the offering will be passed upon for the underwriter by Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, Washington D.C.

BUSINESS

General

We are a business development company, or BDC, in the private equity business and we are internally managed. Specifically, we provide long-term debt and equity capital to primarily private middle market companies in a variety of industries. We believe the private equity capital markets are important to the growth of small and middle market companies because such companies often have difficulty accessing the public debt and equity capital markets. We believe that we are well positioned to be a source of capital for such companies. We provide our investors the opportunity to participate in the U.S. private equity industry through an investment in our publicly traded stock.

We have participated in the private equity business since we were founded in 1958. Since then through December 31, 2006, we have invested more than \$11 billion in thousands of companies nationwide. We primarily invest in the American entrepreneurial economy, helping to build middle market businesses and support American jobs. We generally invest in established companies with adequate cash flow for debt service and well positioned for growth. We are not venture capitalists, and we generally do not provide seed, or early stage, capital. At December 31, 2006, our private finance portfolio included investments in 145 companies that generate aggregate annual revenues of over \$13 billion and employ more than 90,000 people.

Our investment objective is to achieve current income and capital gains. In order to achieve this objective, we primarily invest in debt and equity securities of private companies in a variety of industries. However, from time to time, we may invest in companies that are public but lack access to additional public capital.

Private Equity Investing

As a private equity investor, we spend significant time and effort identifying, structuring, performing due diligence, monitoring, developing, valuing, and ultimately exiting our investments. We generally target companies in less cyclical industries with, among other things, high returns on invested capital, management teams with meaningful equity ownership, well-constructed balance sheets, and the ability to generate free cash flow. Each investment is subject to an extensive due diligence process. It is not uncommon for a single investment to take from two months to a full year to complete, depending on the complexity of the transaction.

Our investment activity is primarily focused on making long-term investments in the debt and equity of primarily private middle market companies. These investments are generally long-term in nature and privately negotiated, and no readily available market exists for them. This makes our investments highly illiquid and, as a result, we cannot readily trade them. When we make an investment, we enter into a long-term arrangement where our ultimate exit from that investment may be three to ten years in the future.

We believe illiquid investments generally provide better investment returns on average over time than do more liquid investments, such as public equities and public debt instruments, because of the increased liquidity risk in holding such investments. Investors in illiquid investments cannot manage risk through investment trading techniques. In order to manage our risk, we focus on careful investment selection, thorough due diligence, portfolio monitoring and portfolio diversification. Our investment management processes have been designed to incorporate these disciplines.

We have focused on investments in the debt and equity of primarily private middle market companies because they can be structured to provide recurring cash flow to us as the investor. In addition to earning interest income, we may earn income from management, consulting, diligence, structuring or other fees. We may also enhance our total return with capital gains realized from investments in equity instruments or from equity features, such as nominal cost warrants. For the years 1998 through 2006, we have realized \$1.1 billion in cumulative net realized gains from our investment portfolio. Net realized gains for this period as a percentage of total assets are shown in the chart below.

One measure of the performance of a private equity investor is the internal rate of return generated by the investor s portfolio. Since our merger on December 31, 1997, through December 31, 2006, our combined aggregate cash flow internal rate of return, or IRR, has been approximately 22% for private finance and CMBS/CDO investments exited during this period. The IRR is calculated using the aggregate portfolio cash flow for all investments exited over this period. For investments exited during this period, we invested capital totaling \$3.9 billion. The weighted average holding period of these investments was 36 months. Investments are considered to be exited when the original investment objective has been achieved through the receipt of cash and/or non-cash consideration upon the repayment of our debt investment or sale of an equity investment, or through the determination that no further consideration was collectible and, thus, a loss may have been realized. The aggregate cash flow IRR for private finance investments was approximately 21% and for CMBS/CDO investments was approximately 24% for the same period. The weighted average holding period of the private finance and CMBS/CDO investments was 48 months and 22 months, respectively, for the same period. These IRR results represent historical results. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of future results.

We believe our business model is well suited for long-term illiquid investing. Our balance sheet is capitalized with significant equity capital and we use only a modest level of debt capital, which allows us the ability to be patient and to manage through difficult market conditions with less risk of liquidity issues. Under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act), we are restricted to a debt to equity ratio of approximately one-to-one. Thus, our capital structure, which includes a modest level of long-term leverage, is well suited for long-term illiquid investments.

In general, we compete for investments with a large number of private equity funds and mezzanine funds, other business development companies, hedge funds, investment banks, other equity and non-equity based investment funds, and other sources of financing, including specialty finance companies and traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks. However, we primarily compete with other providers of long-term debt and equity capital to middle market companies, including private equity funds and other business development companies.

We are internally managed, led by an experienced management team with our senior officers and managing directors possessing, on average, 21 years of experience. At December 31, 2006, we had 170 employees focused on transaction sourcing, origination and execution, portfolio monitoring, accounting,

valuation and other operational and administrative activities. We are headquartered in Washington, DC, with offices in New York, NY, Chicago, IL, and Los Angeles, CA and have a centralized approval process.

Private Finance Portfolio. Our private finance portfolio is primarily composed of debt and equity securities. We generally invest in private companies though, from time to time, we may invest in companies that are public but lack access to additional public capital. These investments are also generally illiquid.

Our capital is generally used to fund:

Buyouts	Recapitalizations
Acquisitions	Note purchases
Growth	Other types of financings

When assessing a prospective private finance investment, we generally look for companies in less cyclical industries in the middle market (i.e., generally \$50 million to \$500 million in revenues) with certain target characteristics, which may or may not be present in the companies in which we invest. Our target investments generally are in companies with the following characteristics:

Management team with meaningful equity ownership

Dominant or defensible market position

High return on invested capital

Stable operating margins

Ability to generate free cash flow

Well-constructed balance sheet We generally invest in companies in the following industries:

> Business Services Consumer Products Financial Services

Industrial Products Consumer Services

We intend to take a balanced approach to private equity investing that emphasizes a complementary mix of debt investments and buyout investments. The combination of these two types of investments provides current interest and related portfolio income and the potential for future capital gains. Our strategy is to manage risk in these investments through the structure and terms of our debt and equity investments. It is our preference to structure our investments with a focus on current recurring interest and other income, which may include management, consulting or other fees. We generally target debt investments of \$10 million to \$150 million and buyout investments of up to \$300 million of invested capital.

Debt investments may include senior loans, unitranche debt (a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt terms), or subordinated debt (with or without equity features). The junior debt that we invest in that is lower in repayment priority than senior debt is also known as mezzanine debt. We may make equity investments for a minority equity stake in portfolio companies or may receive equity features, such as nominal cost warrants, in conjunction with our debt investments. We generally target a minimum weighted average portfolio yield of 10% on the debt investments in our private finance portfolio.

Senior loans generally carry a floating rate of interest, usually set as a spread over LIBOR, and generally require payments of both principal and interest throughout the life of the loan. Senior loans generally have contractual maturities of three to six years and interest is generally paid to us monthly or quarterly. Unitranche debt generally

carries a fixed rate of interest and may require payments of both principal and interest throughout the life of the loan. However, unitranche instruments generally allow for principal to be repaid at a slower rate than would generally be allowed under a more traditional senior loan/ subordinated debt structure. Unitranche debt generally has contractual maturities of five to six years and interest is generally paid to us quarterly. Subordinated debt generally carries a fixed rate of interest generally with contractual maturities of five to ten years and generally has interest-only payments in the early years and payments of both principal and interest in the later years, although maturities and principal amortization schedules may vary. Interest is generally paid to us quarterly.

We may underwrite or arrange senior loans related to our portfolio investments or for other companies that are not in our portfolio. When we underwrite or arrange senior loans, we may earn a fee for such activities. Senior loans originated and underwritten by us may or may not be funded by us at closing. When these senior loans are closed, we may fund all or a portion of the underwritten commitment pending sale of the loan to other investors, which may include loan sales to Callidus Capital Corporation (Callidus), a portfolio company controlled by us, or funds managed by Callidus. After completion of the sale process, we may or may not retain a position in these senior loans. We may also invest in the bonds or preferred shares/income notes of collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) or collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), where the underlying collateral pool consists of senior loans. Certain of the CLOs and CDOs in which we invest may be managed by Callidus Capital Management, a subsidiary of Callidus.

In a buyout transaction, we generally invest in senior debt, subordinated debt and equity (preferred and/or voting or non-voting common) where our equity ownership represents a significant portion of the equity, but may or may not represent a controlling interest. If we invest in non-voting equity in a buyout investment, we generally have an option to acquire a controlling stake in the voting securities of the portfolio company at fair market value. We generally structure our buyout investments such that we seek to earn a blended current return on our total capital invested of approximately 10% through a combination of interest income on our senior loans and subordinated debt, dividends on our preferred and common equity, and management, consulting, or transaction services fees to compensate us for the managerial assistance that we may provide to the portfolio company. As a result of our significant equity investment in a buyout investment there is potential to realize larger capital gains through buyout investing as compared to debt or mezzanine investing.

The structure of each debt and equity security is specifically negotiated to enable us to protect our investment, with a focus on preservation of capital, and maximize our returns. We include many terms governing interest rate, repayment terms, prepayment penalties, financial covenants, operating covenants, ownership parameters, dilution parameters, liquidation preferences, voting rights, and put or call rights. Our senior loans and unitranche debt are generally secured, however in a liquidation scenario, the collateral, if any, may not be sufficient to support our outstanding investment. Our junior or mezzanine loans are generally unsecured. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market.

At December 31, 2006, 72.8% of the private finance portfolio at value consisted of loans and debt securities and 27.2% consisted of equity securities (equity securities included 27.6% in investment cost basis and 0.4% in net unrealized depreciation). At December 31, 2006, 86% of our private finance loans and debt securities carried a fixed rate of interest and 14% carried a floating rate of interest. The mix of fixed and variable rate loans and debt securities in the portfolio may vary depending on the level of floating rate senior loans or unitranche debt in the portfolio at a given time. The weighted average yield on our private finance loans and debt securities was 11.9% at December 31, 2006.

At December 31, 2006, 34.0% of the private finance investments at value were in companies more than 25% owned, 10.3% were in companies 5% to 25% owned, and 55.7% were in companies less than 5% owned.

Our ten largest investments at value at December 31, 2006, were as follows:

At December 31, 2006

(\$ in millions)		At December 31, 2006				
(\$ In minions) Portfolio				ealized reciation		Percentage of
Company	Company Information	Cost	(Depr	reciation)	Value	Total Assets
Mercury Air Centers, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	Owns and operates fixed base operations generally under long-term leases from local airport authorities, which consist of terminal and hangar complexes that service the needs of the general aviation community.	\$ 84.3	\$	159.9	\$244.2	5.0%
Business Loan Express, LLC ⁽¹⁾	Originates, sells, and services primarily real estate secured loans, generally for businesses with financing needs of up to \$5.0 million. Provides primarily real estate secured conventional small business loans, SBA 7(a) loans, and small investment real estate loans.	\$295.3	\$	(84.6)	\$210.7	4.3%
EarthColor, Inc.	Commercial printer focused on providing a one-stop printing solution of electronic pre-press, printing and finishing primarily for promotional products such as direct mail pieces, brochures, product information and free standing inserts.	\$ 195.0	\$		\$ 195.0	4.0%
Norwesco, Inc.	Designs, manufactures and markets a broad assortment of polyethylene tanks primarily to the agricultural and septic tank markets.	\$ 120.5	\$	45.0	\$ 165.5	3.4%
Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. ⁽²⁾	Sales and marketing agency providing outsourced sales, merchandising, and marketing services to the consumer packaged goods industry.	\$ 151.6	\$	11.0	\$ 162.6	3.3%
BenefitMall, Inc.	Insurance general agency providing brokers with products, tools, and services that make selling employee benefits to small businesses more efficient.	\$ 155.2	\$	(2.0)	\$ 153.2	3.1%
Financial Pacific Company	Specialized commercial finance company that leases business-essential equipment	\$ 96.5	\$	56.0	\$ 152.5	3.1%

	to small businesses nationwide.				
Driven Brands, Inc.	Business format franchisor in the car care sector of the automotive aftermarket industry and in the general car care services with approximately 1,100 locations worldwide operating primarily under the Meineke Car Care Centers [®] and Econo Lube N Ture brands.	\$ 149.1	\$ (9.8)	\$ 139.3	2.9%
Huddle House, Inc.	Franchisor of value-priced, full service family dining restaurants primarily in the Southeast.	\$119.8	\$	\$ 119.8	2.5%
Hot Stuff Foods, LLC ⁽³⁾	Provider of foodservice programs predominately to convenience stores. Manufactures and distributes branded food products for on-site preparation and sale through in-store Hot Stuff branded kitchens and grab and go service points.	\$ 185.6	\$ (68.4)	\$117.2	2.4%

⁽¹⁾ See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

- ⁽²⁾ On March 29, 2006, we sold our majority equity interest in Advantage. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.
- (3) In the first quarter of 2007, we exercised our option to acquire a majority of the voting securities of Hot Stuff Foods, LLC at fair market value.

We monitor the portfolio to maintain diversity within the industries in which we invest. We may or may not concentrate in any industry or group of industries in the future. The industry composition of the private finance portfolio at value at December 31, 2006 and 2005, was as follows:

	2006	2005
Industry		
Business services	39%	42%
Consumer products	20	14
Financial services	9	14
Industrial products	9	10
Consumer services	6	6
Retail	6	3
Healthcare services	3	2
Energy services	2	2
Other ⁽¹⁾	6	7
Total	100%	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes investments in senior debt CDO and CLO funds, which represented 3% of the private finance portfolio at value at both December 31, 2006 and 2005. These funds invest in senior debt representing a variety of industries.

Commercial Real Estate Finance Portfolio. Since 1998, our commercial real estate investments were generally in the non-investment grade tranches of commercial mortgage-backed securities, also known as CMBS, and in the bonds and preferred shares of collateralized debt obligations, also known as CDOs. On May 3, 2005, we completed the sale of our portfolio of CMBS and CDO investments to affiliates of Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (the Caisse). See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Simultaneous with the sale of our CMBS and CDO portfolio, we entered into a platform assets purchase agreement, under which we have agreed not to primarily invest in CMBS and real estate related CDOs and refrain from certain other real estate related investing or servicing activities for a period of three years, or through May 2008, subject to certain limitations and excluding our existing portfolio and related activities.

At December 31, 2006, our commercial real estate finance portfolio consisted of commercial mortgage loans, real estate owned and equity interests, which totaled \$118.2 million at value.

Business Processes

Business Development and New Deal Origination. Over the years, we believe we have developed and maintained a strong industry reputation and an extensive network of relationships. We have a team of business development professionals dedicated to sourcing deals through our relationships with numerous private equity investors, investment banks, business brokers, merger and acquisition advisors, financial services companies, banks, law firms and accountants through whom we source investment opportunities. Through these relationships, we believe we have been able to strengthen our position as a private equity investor. We are well known in the private equity industry, and we believe that our experience and reputation provide a competitive advantage in originating new investments.

We believe that our debt portfolio relationships and sponsor relationships are a significant source for buyout investments. We generally source our buyout transactions in ways other than going to broad auctions, which include capitalizing on existing relationships with companies and sponsors to participate in proprietary buyout opportunities. We work closely with these companies and sponsors while we are debt investors so that we may be positioned to partner with them on buyout opportunities in a subsequent transaction.

From time to time, we may receive referrals for new prospective investments from our portfolio companies as well as other participants in the capital markets. We may pay referral fees to those who refer transactions to us that we consummate.

New Deal Underwriting and Investment Execution. In a typical transaction, we review, analyze, and substantiate through due diligence, the business plan and operations of the potential portfolio company. We perform financial due diligence, perform operational due diligence, study the industry and competitive landscape, and conduct reference checks with company management or other employees, customers, suppliers, and competitors, as necessary. We may work with external consultants, including accounting firms and industry or operational consultants, in performing due diligence and in monitoring our portfolio investments.

Once we have determined that a prospective portfolio company is suitable for investment, we work with the management and the other capital providers, including senior, junior, and equity capital providers, to structure a deal. We negotiate among these parties to agree on the rights and terms of our investment relative to the other capital in the portfolio company s capital structure. The typical debt transaction requires approximately two to six months of diligence and structuring before funding occurs. The typical buyout transaction may take up to one year to complete because the due diligence and structuring process is significantly longer when investing in a substantial equity stake in the company.

Our investments are tailored to the facts and circumstances of each deal. The specific structure is designed to protect our rights and manage our risk in the transaction. We generally structure the debt instrument to require restrictive affirmative and negative covenants, default penalties, or other protective provisions. In addition, each debt investment is individually priced to achieve a return that reflects our rights and priorities in the portfolio company s capital structure, the structure of the debt instrument, and our perceived risk of the investment. Our loans and debt securities have an annual stated interest rate; however, that interest rate is only one factor in pricing the investment. The annual stated interest rate may include some component of contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity or upon prepayment. In addition to the interest earned on loans and debt securities, our debt investments may include equity features, such as nominal cost warrants or options to buy a minority interest in the portfolio company. In a buyout transaction where our equity investment represents a significant portion of the equity, our equity ownership may or may not represent a controlling interest. If we invest in non-voting equity in a buyout, we generally have an option to acquire a controlling stake in the voting securities of the portfolio company at fair market value.

We have a centralized, credit-based approval process. The key steps in our investment process are:

Initial investment screening;

Initial investment committee approval;

Due diligence, structuring and negotiation;

Internal review of diligence results, including peer review;

Final investment committee approval;

Approval by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (for all debt investments that represent a commitment equal to or greater than \$20 million and every buyout transaction); and

Funding of the investment (due diligence must be completed with final investment committee approval and Executive Committee approval, as needed, before funds are disbursed).

The investment process benefits from the significant professional experience of the members of our investment committee, which is chaired by our Chief Executive Officer and includes our Chief Operating Officer, our Chief Financial Officer, and certain of our Managing Directors.

Portfolio Monitoring and Development. Middle market companies often lack the management expertise and experience found in larger companies. As a BDC, we are required by the 1940 Act to make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. Our senior level professionals work with portfolio company management teams to assist them in building their businesses. Managerial assistance includes, but is not limited to, management and consulting services related to corporate finance, marketing, human resources, personnel and board member recruiting, business operations, corporate governance, risk management and other general business matters. Our corporate finance assistance includes supporting our portfolio companies efforts to structure and attract additional capital. We believe our extensive network of industry relationships and our internal resources help make us a collaborative partner in the development of our portfolio companies.

Our team of investment professionals regularly monitors the status and performance of each investment. This portfolio company monitoring process generally includes review of the portfolio company s financial performance against its business plan, review of current financial statements and compliance with financial covenants, evaluation of significant current developments and assessment of future exit strategies. For debt investments we may have board observation rights that allow us to attend portfolio company board meetings. For buyout investments, we generally hold a majority of the seats on the board of directors where we own a controlling interest in the portfolio company and we have board observation rights where we do not own a controlling interest in the portfolio company.

Our portfolio management committee is responsible for review and oversight of the investment portfolio, including reviewing the performance of selected portfolio companies, overseeing portfolio companies in workout status, reviewing and approving certain modifications or amendments to or certain additional investments in existing investments, reviewing and approving certain portfolio exits, reviewing and approving certain actions by portfolio companies whose voting securities are more than 50% owned by us, reviewing significant investment-related litigation matters where we are a named party, and reviewing and approving proxy votes with respect to our portfolio investments. Our portfolio management committee is chaired by our Chief Executive Officer and includes our Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Valuation Officer (non-voting member), our private finance counsel, and certain of our Managing Directors. From time to time we will identify investments that require closer monitoring or become workout assets. We develop a workout strategy for workout assets and the portfolio management committee gauges our progress against the strategy.

We seek to price our investments to provide an investment return considering the fact that certain investments in the portfolio may underperform or result in loss of investment return or investment principal. As a private equity investor, we will incur losses from our investing activities, however we have a history of working with troubled portfolio companies in order to recover as much of our investments as is practicable.

Portfolio Grading

We employ a grading system for our entire portfolio. Grade 1 is for those investments from which a capital gain is expected. Grade 2 is for investments performing in accordance with plan. Grade 3 is for investments that require closer monitoring; however, no loss of investment return or principal is expected. Grade 4 is for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of current investment return is expected, but no loss of principal is expected. Grade 5 is for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of principal is expected. At December 31, 2006, Grade 1, 2, and 3 investments totaled \$4,287.7 million, and Grade 4 and 5 investments totaled \$208.4 million. **Portfolio Valuation**

We determine the value of each investment in our portfolio on a quarterly basis, and changes in value result in unrealized appreciation or depreciation being recognized in our statement of operations. Value, as defined in Section 2(a)(41) of the 1940 Act, is (i) the market price for those securities for which a market quotation is readily available and (ii) for all other securities and assets, fair value is as determined

in good faith by the Board of Directors. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors pursuant to our valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. Because of the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. Unlike banks, we are not permitted to provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses. Instead, we are required to specifically value each individual investment on a quarterly basis. We will record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciated in value and/or our equity security has appreciated in value. Changes in fair value are recorded in the statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

As a business development company, we invest in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies and CDO and CLO bonds and preferred shares/income notes. The structure of each debt and equity security is specifically negotiated to enable us to protect our investment and maximize our returns. We include many terms governing interest rate, repayment terms, prepayment penalties, financial covenants, operating covenants, ownership parameters, dilution parameters, liquidation preferences, voting rights, and put or call rights. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. Because of the type of investments that we make and the nature of our business, our valuation process requires an analysis of various factors. Our fair value methodology includes the examination of, among other things, the underlying investment performance, financial condition, and market changing events that impact valuation.

Valuation Methodology. Our process for determining the fair value of a private finance investment begins with determining the enterprise value of the portfolio company. The fair value of our investment is based on the enterprise value at which the portfolio company could be sold in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The liquidity event whereby we exit a private finance investment is generally the sale, the recapitalization or, in some cases, the initial public offering of the portfolio company.

There is no one methodology to determine enterprise value and, in fact, for any one portfolio company, enterprise value is best expressed as a range of fair values. However, we must derive a single estimate of enterprise value. To determine the enterprise value of a portfolio company, we analyze its historical and projected financial results. This financial and other information is generally obtained from the portfolio companies, and may represent unaudited, projected or pro forma financial information. We generally require portfolio companies to provide annual audited and quarterly unaudited financial statements, as well as annual projections for the upcoming fiscal year. Typically in the private equity business, companies are bought and sold based on multiples of EBITDA, cash flow, net income, revenues or, in limited instances, book value. The private equity industry uses financial measures such as EBITDA or EBITDAM (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and, in some instances, Management fees) in order to assess a portfolio company s financial performance and to value a portfolio company. EBITDA and EBITDAM are not intended to represent cash flow from operations as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and such information should not be considered as an alternative to net income, cash flow from operations, or any other measure of performance prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. When using EBITDA to determine enterprise value, we

may adjust EBITDA for non-recurring items. Such adjustments are intended to normalize EBITDA to reflect the portfolio company s earnings power. Adjustments to EBITDA may include compensation to previous owners, acquisition, recapitalization, or restructuring related items or one-time non-recurring income or expense items.

In determining a multiple to use for valuation purposes, we generally look to private merger and acquisition statistics, the entry multiple for the transaction, discounted public trading multiples or industry practices. In estimating a reasonable multiple, we consider not only the fact that our portfolio company may be a private company relative to a peer group of public comparables, but we also consider the size and scope of our portfolio company and its specific strengths and weaknesses. In some cases, the best valuation methodology may be a discounted cash flow analysis based on future projections. If a portfolio company is distressed, a liquidation analysis may provide the best indication of enterprise value.

If there is adequate enterprise value to support the repayment of our debt, the fair value of our loan or debt security normally corresponds to cost unless the borrower s enterprise value, overall financial condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount. The value of loan and debt securities may be greater than our cost basis if the amount that would be repaid on the loan or debt security upon the sale or liquidation of the portfolio company is greater than our cost basis. The fair value of equity interests in portfolio companies is determined based on various factors, including the enterprise value remaining for equity holders after the repayment of the portfolio company s debt and other preference capital, and other pertinent factors such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company s equity securities, liquidation events, or other events. The determined equity values are generally discounted when we have a minority position, restrictions on resale, specific concerns about the receptivity of the capital markets to a specific company at a certain time, or other factors.

As a participant in the private equity business, we invest primarily in private middle market companies for which there is generally no publicly available information. Because of the private nature of these businesses, there is a need to maintain the confidentiality of the financial and other information that we have for the private companies in our portfolio. We believe that maintaining this confidence is important, as disclosure of such information could disadvantage our portfolio companies and could put us at a disadvantage in attracting new investments. Therefore, we do not intend to disclose financial or other information about our portfolio companies, unless required, because we believe doing so may put them at an economic or competitive disadvantage, regardless of our level of ownership or control. To balance the lack of publicly available information about our private portfolio companies, we will continue to work with third-party consultants to obtain assistance in determining fair value for a portion of the private finance portfolio each quarter as discussed below.

Valuation Process. The portfolio valuation process is managed by our Chief Valuation Officer (CVO). The CVO works with the investment professionals responsible for each investment. The following is an overview of the steps we take each quarter to determine the value of our portfolio.

Our valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals, led by the Managing Director or senior officer who is responsible for the portfolio company relationship (the Deal Team).

The CVO and third-party valuation consultants, as applicable (see below), review the preliminary valuation documentation as prepared by the Deal Team.

The CVO, members of the valuation team, and third-party consultants, as applicable, meet with each Managing Director or responsible senior officer to discuss the preliminary valuation determined and documented by the Deal Team for each of their respective investments.

The CEO, COO, CFO and the Managing Directors meet with the CVO to discuss the preliminary valuation results.

Valuation documentation is distributed to the members of the Board of Directors.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors meets separately from the full Board of Directors with the third-party consultants (see below) to discuss the assistance provided and results. The CVO attends this meeting.

The CVO discusses and reviews the valuations with the Board of Directors.

To the extent there are changes or if additional information is deemed necessary, a follow-up Board meeting may take place.

The Board of Directors determines the fair value of the portfolio in good faith.

In connection with our valuation process to determine the fair value of a private finance investment, we work with third-party consultants to obtain assistance and advice as additional support in the preparation of our internal valuation analysis for a portion of the portfolio each quarter. In addition, we may receive other third-party assessments of a particular private finance portfolio company s value in the ordinary course of business, most often in the context of a prospective sale transaction or in the context of a bankruptcy process. The valuation analysis prepared by management using these third-party valuation resources, when applicable, is submitted to our Board of Directors for its determination of fair value of the portfolio in good faith.

We have received third-party valuation assistance from Duff & Phelps, LLC (Duff & Phelps) and Houlihan Lokey Howard and Zukin (Houlihan Lokey). We currently intend to continue to work with third-party consultants to obtain valuation assistance for a portion of the private finance portfolio each quarter. We currently anticipate that we will generally obtain valuation assistance for all companies in the portfolio where we own more than 50% of the outstanding voting equity securities on a quarterly basis and that we will generally obtain assistance for companies where we own equal to or less than 50% of the outstanding voting equity securities at least once during the course of the calendar year. Valuation assistance may or may not be obtained for new companies that enter the portfolio after June 30 of any calendar year during that year or for investments with a cost and value less than \$250,000. For the quarter ended December 31, 2006, Duff & Phelps and Houlihan Lokey assisted us by reviewing our valuation of 81 portfolio companies, which represented 82.9% of the private finance portfolio at value. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in this prospectus supplement.

Disposition of Investments

We manage our portfolio of investments in an effort to maximize our expected returns. Our portfolio is large and we are generally repaid by our borrowers and exit our debt and equity investments as portfolio companies are sold, recapitalized or complete an initial public offering.

We may retain a position in the senior loans we originate or we may sell all or a portion of these investments. In our debt investments where we have equity features, we are generally in a minority ownership position in a portfolio company, and as a result, generally exit the investment when the majority equity stakeholder decides to sell or recapitalize the company. Where we have a control position in an investment, as we may have in buyout investments, we have more flexibility and can determine whether or not we should exit our investment. Our most common exit strategy for a buyout investment is the sale of a portfolio company to a strategic or financial buyer. If an investment has appreciated in value, we may realize a gain when we exit the investment. If an investment has depreciated in value, we may realize a loss when we exit the investment.

We are in the investment business, which includes acquiring and exiting investments. It is our policy not to comment on potential transactions in the portfolio prior to reaching a definitive agreement or, in many cases, prior to consummating a transaction. To the extent we enter into any material transactions, we would provide disclosure as required.

Dividends

We have elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code). As such, we are not subject to corporate level income taxation on income we timely distribute to our stockholders as dividends. We pay regular quarterly dividends based upon an estimate of annual taxable income available for distribution to shareholders, which includes our taxable interest, dividend, and fee income, as well as taxable net capital gains. Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. In addition, gains realized for financial reporting purposes may differ from gains included in taxable income as a result of our election to recognize gains using installment sale treatment, which generally results in the deferment of gains for tax purposes until notes or other amounts, including amounts held in escrow, received as consideration from the sale of investments are collected in cash. Taxable income includes non-cash income, such as changes in accrued and reinvested interest and dividends, which includes contractual payment-in-kind interest, and the amortization of discounts and fees. Cash collections of income resulting from contractual payment-in-kind interest or the amortization of discounts and fees generally occur upon the repayment of the loans or debt securities that include such items. Non-cash taxable income is reduced by non-cash expenses, such as realized losses and depreciation and amortization expense.

As a regulated investment company, we distribute substantially all of our annual taxable income to shareholders through the payment of cash dividends. Our Board of Directors reviews the dividend rate quarterly, and may adjust the quarterly dividend throughout the year. Dividends are declared considering our estimate of annual taxable income available for distribution to shareholders and the amount of taxable income carried over from the prior year for distribution in the current year. Our goal is to declare what we believe to be sustainable increases in our regular quarterly dividends. To the extent that we earn annual taxable income in excess of dividends paid from such taxable income for the year, we may carry over the excess taxable income into the next year and such excess income will be available for distribution in the next year as permitted under the Code. The maximum amount of excess taxable income that may be carried over for distribution in the next year under the Code is the total amount of dividends paid in the following year, subject to certain declaration and payment guidelines. Excess taxable income carried over and paid out in the next year is generally subject to a 4% excise tax (see Other Matters Regulated Investment Company Status). We believe that carrying over excess taxable income into future periods may provide increased visibility with respect to taxable earnings available to pay the regular quarterly dividend.

We began paying quarterly dividends in 1963, and our portfolio has provided sufficient ordinary taxable income and realized net capital gains to sustain or grow our dividends over time. Since inception through December 31, 2006, our average annual total return to shareholders (assuming all dividends were reinvested) was 18.1%. Over the past one, three, five and ten years, our total return to shareholders (assuming all dividends were reinvested) has been 20.6%, 14.6%, 14.4% and 19.1%, respectively, with the dividend providing a meaningful portion of this return.

The percentage of our dividend generated by ordinary taxable income versus capital gain income will vary from year to year. The percentage of ordinary taxable income versus net capital gain income supporting the dividend since 1987 is shown below.

Corporate Structure and Offices

We are a Maryland corporation and a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. We have a real estate investment trust subsidiary, Allied Capital REIT, Inc., and several subsidiaries that are single-member limited liability companies established for specific purposes, including holding real estate property. We also have a subsidiary, A.C. Corporation, that generally provides diligence and structuring services, as well as transaction, management, consulting, and other services, including underwriting and arranging senior loans, to Allied Capital and our portfolio companies.

Our executive offices are located at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006-3434 and our telephone number is (202) 721-6100. In addition, we have regional offices in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. **Employees**

At December 31, 2006, we employed 170 individuals including investment and portfolio management professionals, operations professionals and administrative staff. The majority of our employees are located in our Washington, DC office. We believe that our relations with our employees are excellent.

Properties

Our principal offices are located at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20006-3434. Our lease for approximately 59,000 square feet of office space at that location expires in December 2010. The office is equipped with an integrated network of computers for word processing, financial analysis, accounting and loan servicing. We believe our office space is suitable for our needs for the foreseeable future. We also maintain offices in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

Certain Government Regulations

We operate in a highly regulated environment. The following discussion generally summarizes certain government regulations.

Business Development Company. A business development company is defined and regulated by the 1940 Act. A business development company must be organized in the United States for the purpose of investing in or lending to primarily private companies and making managerial assistance available to them. A business development company may use capital provided by public shareholders and from other sources to invest in long-term, private investments in businesses. A business development company provides shareholders the ability to retain the liquidity of a publicly traded stock, while sharing in the possible benefits, if any, of investing in primarily privately owned companies.

As a business development company, we may not acquire any asset other than qualifying assets unless, at the time we make the acquisition, the value of our qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the value of our total assets. The principal categories of qualifying assets relevant to our business are:

Securities purchased in transactions not involving any public offering, the issuer of which is an eligible portfolio company;

Securities received in exchange for or distributed with respect to securities described in the bullet above or pursuant to the exercise of options, warrants or rights relating to such securities; and

Cash, cash items, government securities or high quality debt securities (within the meaning of the 1940 Act), maturing in one year or less from the time of investment.

An eligible portfolio company is generally a domestic company that is not an investment company (other than a small business investment company wholly owned by a business development company) and that:

does not have a class of securities with respect to which a broker may extend margin credit at the time the acquisition is made;

is controlled by the business development company and has an affiliate of a business development company on its board of directors;

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

meets such other criteria as may be established by the SEC.

Control, as defined by the 1940 Act, is presumed to exist where a business development company beneficially owns more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the portfolio company.

In October 2006, the SEC re-proposed rules providing for an additional definition of eligible portfolio company. As re-proposed, the rule would expand the definition of eligible portfolio company to include certain public companies that list their securities on a national securities exchange. The SEC is seeking comment regarding the application of this proposed rule to companies with: (1) a public float of less than \$75 million; (2) a market capitalization of less than \$150 million; or (3) a market capitalization of less than \$250 million. There is no assurance that such proposal will be adopted or what the final proposal will entail.

To include certain securities described above as qualifying assets for the purpose of the 70% test, a business development company must make available to the issuer of those securities significant managerial assistance such as providing significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations, or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company. We offer to provide significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies.

As a business development company, we are entitled to issue senior securities in the form of stock or senior securities representing indebtedness, including debt securities and preferred stock, as long as each class of senior security has an asset coverage of at least 200% immediately after each such issuance. In addition, while any senior securities remain outstanding, we must make provisions to prohibit any distribution to our shareholders unless we meet the applicable asset coverage ratio at the time of the distribution.

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, at a price below the current net asset value of the common stock, or sell warrants, options or rights to acquire such common stock, at a price below the current net asset value of the common stock if our board of directors determines that such sale is in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders, and our stockholders approve our policy and practice of making such sales. In any such case, the price at which our securities are to be issued and sold may not be less than a price which, in the determination of our board of directors, closely approximates the market value of such securities (less any distributing commission or discount).

We are also limited in the amount of stock options that may be issued and outstanding at any point in time. The 1940 Act provides that the amount of a business development company s voting securities that would result from the exercise of all outstanding warrants, options and rights at the time of issuance may not exceed 25% of the business development company s outstanding voting securities, except that if the amount of voting securities that would result from the exercise of all outstanding warrants, options, and rights issued to the business development company s directors, officers, and employees pursuant to any executive compensation plan would exceed 15% of the business development company s outstanding voting securities, then the amount of voting securities that would result from the exercise of all outstanding warrants, options, and rights at the time of issuance shall not exceed 20% of the outstanding voting securities development company s outstanding voting securities.

We may also be prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of the members of our Board of Directors who are not interested persons and, in some cases, prior approval by the SEC. We have been granted an exemptive order by the SEC permitting us to engage in certain transactions that would be permitted if we and our subsidiaries were one company and permitting certain transactions among our subsidiaries, subject to certain conditions and limitations.

We have designated a chief compliance officer and established a compliance program pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act. We are periodically examined by the SEC for compliance with the 1940 Act.

As with other companies regulated by the 1940 Act, a business development company must adhere to certain substantive regulatory requirements. A majority of our directors must be persons who are not interested persons, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act. Additionally, we are required to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company to protect us against larceny and embezzlement. Furthermore, as a business development company, we are prohibited from protecting any director or officer against any liability to us or our shareholders arising from willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such person s office.

We maintain a code of ethics that establishes procedures for personal investment and restricts certain transactions by our personnel. Our code of ethics generally does not permit investment by our employees in securities that have been or are contemplated to be purchased or held by us. Our code of ethics is posted on our website at www.alliedcapital.com and is also filed as an exhibit to our registration statement which is on file with the SEC. You may read and copy the code of ethics at the SEC s Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. You may obtain information on operations of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the code of ethics is available on the EDGAR database on the SEC Internet site at http://www.sec.gov. You may obtain copies of the code of ethics, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following email address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC s Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549.

As a business development company under the 1940 Act, we are entitled to provide and have provided loans to our officers in connection with the exercise of options. However, as a result of provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we have been prohibited from making new loans to our executive officers since July 2002.

We may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or withdraw our election as, a business development company unless authorized by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities, as defined in the 1940 Act. A majority of the outstanding voting securities of a company is defined under the 1940 Act as the lesser of: (i) 67% or more of such company s shares present at a meeting if more than 50% of the outstanding shares of such company are present and represented by proxy or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of such company.

Regulated Investment Company Status. We have elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, otherwise referred to as the Code. As long as we qualify as a regulated investment company, we are not taxed on our investment company taxable income or realized net capital gains, to the extent that such taxable income or gains are distributed, or deemed to be distributed, to shareholders on a timely basis.

Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. In addition, gains realized for financial reporting purposes may differ from gains included in taxable income as a result of our election to recognize gains using installment sale treatment, which generally results in the deferment of gains for tax purposes until notes or other amounts, including amounts held in escrow, received as consideration from the sale of investments are collected in cash.

Dividends declared and paid by us in a year generally differ from taxable income for that year as such dividends may include the distribution of current year taxable income, the distribution of prior year taxable income carried over into and distributed in the current year, or returns of capital. We are generally required to distribute 98% of our taxable income during the year the income is earned to avoid paying an excise tax. If this requirement is not met, the Code imposes a nondeductible excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of the current year s taxable income exceeds the distribution for the year. The taxable income on which an excise tax is paid is generally carried over and distributed to shareholders in the next tax year. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry over taxable income in excess of current year distributions from such taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required.

In order to maintain our status as a regulated investment company and obtain regulated investment company tax benefits, we must, in general, (1) continue to qualify as a business development company; (2) derive at least 90% of our gross income from dividends, interest, gains from the sale of securities and other specified types of income; (3) meet asset diversification requirements as defined in the Code; and (4) timely distribute to shareholders at least 90% of our annual investment company taxable income as defined in the Code. We intend to take all steps necessary to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company. However, there can be no assurance that we will continue to qualify for such treatment in future years.

Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the Sarbanes-Oxley Act) imposes a wide variety of regulatory requirements on publicly held companies and their insiders. Many of these requirements apply to us, including:

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer certify the financial statements contained in our periodic reports through the filing of Section 302 certifications;

Our periodic reports disclose our conclusions about the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures;

Our annual report on Form 10-K contains a report from our management on internal control over financial reporting, including a statement that our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as well as our management s assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, which must be audited by our independent registered public accounting firm;

Our periodic reports disclose whether there were significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect our internal control over financial reporting subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses; and

We may not make any loan to any director or executive officer and we may not materially modify any existing loans.

We have adopted procedures to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. We will continue to monitor our compliance with all future regulations that are adopted under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and will take actions necessary to ensure that we are in compliance therewith.

In addition, the New York Stock Exchange adopted corporate governance changes to its listing standards. We have adopted certain policies and procedures to comply with the New York Stock Exchange s corporate governance rules, and in 2006 we submitted the required CEO certification to the New York Stock Exchange pursuant to Section 303A.12(a) of the listed company manual.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in Allied Capital involves a number of significant risks relating to our business and investment objective. As a result, there can be no assurance that we will achieve our investment objective.

Our portfolio of investments is illiquid. We generally acquire our investments directly from the issuer in privately negotiated transactions. The majority of the investments in our portfolio are subject to certain restrictions on resale or otherwise have no established trading market. We typically exit our investments when the portfolio company has a liquidity event such as a sale, recapitalization, or initial public offering of the company. The illiquidity of our investments may adversely affect our ability to dispose of debt and equity securities at times when we may need to or when it may be otherwise advantageous for us to liquidate such investments. In addition, if we were forced to immediately liquidate some or all of the investments in the portfolio, the proceeds of such liquidation could be significantly less than the current value of such investments.

Investing in private companies involves a high degree of risk. Our portfolio primarily consists of long-term loans to and investments in middle market private companies. Investments in private businesses involve a high degree of business and financial risk, which can result in substantial losses for us in those investments and accordingly should be considered speculative. There is generally no publicly available information about the companies in which we invest, and we rely significantly on the diligence of our employees and agents to obtain information in connection with our investment decisions. If we are unable to identify all material information about these companies, among other factors, we may fail to receive the expected return on our investment or lose some or all of the money invested in these companies. In addition, these businesses may have shorter operating histories, narrower product lines, smaller market shares and less experienced management than their competition and may be more vulnerable to customer preferences, market conditions, loss of key personnel, or economic downturns, which may adversely affect the return on, or the recovery of, our investment in such businesses. As an investor, we are subject to the risk that a portfolio company may make a business decision that does not serve our interest, which could decrease the value of our investment. Deterioration in a portfolio company s financial condition and prospects may be accompanied by deterioration in any collateral for the loan.

Substantially all of our portfolio investments are recorded at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors and, as a result, there is uncertainty regarding the value of our portfolio investments. At December 31, 2006, portfolio investments recorded at fair value were 92% of our total assets. Pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act, we value substantially all of our investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, our Board of Directors determines in good faith the fair value of these investments pursuant to a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. In determining fair value in good faith, we generally obtain financial and other information from portfolio companies, which may represent unaudited, projected or proforma financial information. Unlike banks, we are not permitted to provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses; we are instead required by the 1940 Act to specifically value each individual investment on a quarterly basis and record unrealized depreciation for an investment that we believe has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or our equity security has appreciated in value. Without a readily available market value and because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material. Our net asset value could be affected if our determination of the fair value of our investments is materially different than the value that we ultimately realize.

We adjust quarterly the valuation of our portfolio to reflect the Board of Directors determination of the fair value of each investment in our portfolio. Any changes in fair value are recorded in our statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

Economic recessions or downturns could impair our portfolio companies and harm our operating results. Many of the companies in which we have made or will make investments may be susceptible to economic slowdowns or recessions. An economic slowdown may affect the ability of a company to repay our loans or engage in a liquidity event such as a sale, recapitalization, or initial public offering. Our nonperforming assets are likely to increase and the value of our portfolio is likely to decrease during these periods. Adverse economic conditions also may decrease the value of any collateral securing some of our loans. These conditions could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in our revenues, net income, and assets.

Our business of making private equity investments and positioning them for liquidity events also may be affected by current and future market conditions. The absence of an active senior lending environment or a slowdown in middle market merger and acquisition activity may slow the amount of private equity investment activity generally. As a result, the pace of our investment activity may slow. In addition, significant changes in the capital markets could have an effect on the valuations of private companies and on the potential for liquidity events involving such companies. This could affect the timing of exit events in our portfolio and could negatively affect the amount of gains or losses upon exit.

Our borrowers may default on their payments, which may have a negative effect on our financial performance. We make long-term unsecured, subordinated loans and invest in equity securities, which may involve a higher degree of repayment risk. We primarily invest in companies that may have limited financial resources, may be highly leveraged and may be unable to obtain financing from traditional sources. Numerous factors may affect a borrower s ability to repay its loan, including the failure to meet its business plan, a downturn in its industry, or negative economic conditions. A portfolio company s failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by us or other lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, termination of its loans or foreclosure on its secured assets, which could trigger cross defaults under other agreements and jeopardize our portfolio company s ability to meet its obligations under the loans or debt securities that we hold. In addition, our portfolio companies may have, or may be permitted to incur, other debt that ranks senior to or equally with our securities. This means that payments on such senior-ranking securities may have to be made before we receive any payments on our subordinated loans or debt securities. Deterioration in a borrower s financial condition and prospects may be accompanied by deterioration in any related collateral and may have a negative effect on our financial results.

Our private finance investments may not produce current returns or capital gains. Our private finance investments are typically structured as unsecured debt securities with a relatively high fixed rate of interest and with equity features such as conversion rights, warrants, or options, or as buyouts of companies where we invest in debt and equity securities. As a result, our private finance investments are generally structured to generate interest income from the time they are made and may also produce a realized gain from an accompanying equity feature. We cannot be sure that our portfolio will generate a current return or capital gains.

Our financial results could be negatively affected if a significant portfolio investment fails to perform as expected. Our total investment in companies may be significant individually or in the aggregate. As a result, if a significant investment in one or more companies fails to perform as expected, our financial results could be more negatively affected and the magnitude of the loss could be more significant than if we had made smaller investments in more companies. At December 31, 2006, our largest investments at value were in Mercury Air Centers, Inc. and Business Loan Express, LLC (BLX), which represented 5.0% and 4.3% of our total assets, respectively, and 2.2% and 4.4% of our total interest and related portfolio income, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2006. BLX is a non-bank lender that participates in the Small Business Administration (SBA) 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program and, as a result, is subject to certain risks associated with changes in government funding, ongoing audits, inspections and investigations, and changes in SBA laws or regulations. The Office of the Inspector General of the SBA and the United States Secret Service have announced an ongoing investigation of allegedly fraudulently obtained SBA-guaranteed loans issued by BLX. We understand that BLX is working cooperatively with the SBA with respect to this matter so that it may remain a preferred lender in the SBA 7(a) program and retain the ability to sell loans into the secondary market. The ultimate resolution of these matters could have a material adverse impact on BLX s financial condition and, as a result, our financial results could be negatively affected. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Private Finance, Business Loan Express, LLC in this prospectus supplement for further information and discussion on these matters.

We borrow money, which magnifies the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us. Borrowings, also known as leverage, magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and, therefore, increase the risks associated with investing in our securities. We borrow from and issue senior debt securities to banks, insurance companies, and other lenders or investors. Holders of these senior securities have fixed dollar claims on our consolidated assets that are superior to the claims of our common shareholders. If the value of our consolidated 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 consolidated assets decreases, leveraging would cause net asset value to decline more sharply than it otherwise would have had we not leveraged. Similarly, any increase in our consolidated income in excess of consolidated interest payable on the borrowed funds would cause net income to increase more than it would without the leverage, while any decrease in our consolidated income would cause net income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Such a decline could negatively affect our ability to make common stock dividend payments. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique. We and, indirectly, our stockholders will bear the cost associated with our leverage activity. Our revolving line of credit and notes payable contain financial and operating covenants that could restrict our business activities, including our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions.

At December 31, 2006, we had \$1.9 billion of outstanding indebtedness bearing a weighted average annual interest cost of 6.5% and a debt to equity ratio of 0.67 to 1.00. If our portfolio of investments fails to produce adequate returns, we may be unable to make interest or principal payments on our indebtedness when they are due. In order for us to cover annual interest payments on indebtedness, we must achieve annual returns on our assets of at least 2.5% as of December 31, 2006.

We may not borrow money unless we maintain asset coverage for indebtedness of at least 200%, which may affect returns to shareholders. We must maintain asset coverage for total borrowings of at least 200%. Our ability to achieve our investment objective may depend in part on our continued ability to

maintain a leveraged capital structure by borrowing from banks, insurance companies or other lenders or investors on favorable terms. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain such leverage. If asset coverage declines to less than 200%, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments when it is disadvantageous to do so. As of December 31, 2006, our asset coverage for senior indebtedness was 250%.

Changes in interest rates may affect our cost of capital and net investment income. Because we borrow money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest these funds. As a result, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which would reduce our net investment income. We use a combination of long-term and short-term borrowings and equity capital to finance our investing activities. We utilize our revolving line of credit as a means to bridge to long-term financing. Our long-term fixed-rate investments are financed primarily with long-term fixed-rate debt and equity. 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 rates hedging activities to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act. We have analyzed the potential impact of changes in interest rates on interest income net of interest expense.

Assuming that the balance sheet as of December 31, 2006, were to remain constant and no actions were taken to alter the existing interest rate sensitivity, a hypothetical immediate 1% change in interest rates would have affected net income by approximately 1% over a one year horizon. Although management believes that this measure is indicative of our sensitivity to interest rate changes, it does not adjust for potential changes in credit quality, size and composition of the assets on the balance sheet and other business developments that could affect net increase in net assets resulting from operations, or net income. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that actual results would not differ materially from the potential outcome simulated by this estimate.

We will continue to need additional capital to grow because we must distribute our income. We will continue to need capital to fund growth in our investments. Historically, we have borrowed from financial institutions and have issued equity securities to grow our portfolio. A reduction in the availability of new debt or equity capital could limit our ability to grow. We must distribute at least 90% of our taxable ordinary income, which excludes realized net long-term capital gains, to our shareholders to maintain our eligibility for the tax benefits available to regulated investment companies. As a result, such earnings will not be available to fund investment originations. In addition, as a business development company, we are generally required to maintain a ratio of at least 200% of total assets to total borrowings, which may restrict our ability to borrow in certain circumstances. We intend to continue to borrow from financial institutions or other investors 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 could have a material adverse effect on the value of our common stock.

Loss of regulated investment company tax treatment would substantially reduce net assets and income available for debt service and dividends. We have operated so as to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. If we meet source of income, asset diversification, and distribution requirements, we will not be subject to corporate-level income taxation on income we timely distribute to our stockholders as dividends. We would cease to qualify for such tax treatment if we were unable to comply with these requirements. In addition, we may have difficulty meeting the requirement to make distributions to our stockholders because in certain cases we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income. If we fail to qualify as a regulated investment company, we will have to pay corporate-level taxes on all of our income whether or not we distribute it, which would substantially reduce the amount of income available for debt service and distributions to our stockholders. Even if we qualify as a regulated investment company, we generally will be subject to a corporate-level income tax on the income we do not distribute. If we do not distribute at least 98% of our annual taxable income in the year earned, we generally will be required to pay an excise tax on amounts

carried over and distributed to shareholders in the next year equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of our annual taxable income exceeds the distributions from such income for the current year.

There is a risk that our common stockholders may not receive dividends or distributions. We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders. 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 be limited in our ability to make distributions. Also, certain of our credit facilities limit our ability to declare dividends 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and tax regulations, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest added to the loan balance that becomes due at the end of the loan term, or the accrual of original issue discount. The increases in loan balances as a result of contractual payment-in-kind arrangements are included in income in advance of receiving cash payment and are separately included in the change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends in our consolidated statement of cash flows. 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.

We operate in a competitive market for investment opportunities. We compete for investments with a large number of private equity funds and mezzanine funds, other business development companies, investment banks, other equity and non-equity based investment funds, and other sources of financing, including specialty finance companies and traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks. Some of our competitors may have greater resources than we do. Increased competition would make it more difficult for us to purchase or originate investments at attractive prices. As a result of this competition, sometimes we may be precluded from making otherwise attractive investments.

Our business depends on our key personnel. We depend on the continued services of our executive officers and other key management personnel. If we were to lose any of these officers or other management personnel, such a loss could result in inefficiencies in our operations and lost business opportunities, which could have a negative effect on our business.

Changes in the law or regulations that govern us could have a material impact on us or our operations. We are regulated by the SEC. In addition, changes in the laws or regulations that govern business development companies, regulated investment companies, and real estate investment trusts may significantly affect our business. Any change in the law or regulations that govern our business could have a material impact on us or our operations. Laws and regulations may be changed from time to time, and the interpretations of the relevant laws and regulations also are subject to change, which may have a material effect on our operations.

Failure to invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets could preclude us from investing in accordance with our current business strategy. As a business development company, we may not acquire any assets other than qualifying assets unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such acquisition, at least 70% of our total assets are qualifying assets. See Certain Government Regulations. Therefore, we may be precluded from investing in what we believe are attractive investments if such investments are not qualifying assets for purposes of the 1940 Act. If we do not invest a sufficient portion of our assets in qualifying assets, we could lose our status as a business development company, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Similarly, these rules could prevent us from making additional investments in existing portfolio companies, which could result in the dilution of our position, or could require us to dispose of investments at inopportune times in order to comply with the 1940 Act. If we were forced to sell nonqualifying investments in the portfolio for compliance purposes, the proceeds from such sale could be significantly less than the current value of such investments.

Results may fluctuate and may not be indicative of future performance. Our operating results may fluctuate and, therefore, you should not rely on current or historical period results to be indicative of our performance in future reporting periods. Factors that could cause operating results to fluctuate include, but are not limited to, variations in the investment origination volume and fee income earned, changes in the accrual status of our loans and debt securities, variations in timing of prepayments, variations in and the timing of the recognition of net realized gains or losses and changes in unrealized appreciation or depreciation, the level of our expenses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets, and general economic conditions.

Our common stock price may be volatile. The trading price of our common stock may fluctuate substantially. The price of the common stock may be higher or lower than the price paid by stockholders, 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;

significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of business development companies or other financial services companies;

volatility resulting from trading in derivative securities related to our common stock including puts, calls, long-term equity anticipation securities, or LEAPs, or short trading positions;

changes in laws or regulatory policies or tax guidelines with respect to business development companies or regulated investment companies;

actual or anticipated changes in our earnings or fluctuations in our operating results or changes in the expectations of securities analysts;

general economic conditions and trends;

loss of a major funding source; or

departures of key personnel.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On June 23, 2004, we were notified by the SEC that they are conducting an informal investigation of us. On December 22, 2004, we received letters from the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia requesting the preservation and production of information regarding us and Business Loan Express, LLC in connection with a criminal investigation. Based on the information available to us at this time, the inquiries appear to primarily pertain to matters related to portfolio valuation and our portfolio company, Business Loan Express, LLC. To date, we have produced materials in response to requests from both the SEC and the U.S. Attorney s office, and a director and certain current and former employees have provided testimony and have been interviewed by the staff of the SEC and, in some cases, the U.S. Attorney s Office. We are voluntarily cooperating with these investigations.

In late December 2006, we received a subpoena from the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia requesting, among other things, the production of records regarding the use of private investigators by us or our agents. The Board established a committee, which was advised by its own counsel, to review this matter. In the course of gathering documents responsive to the subpoena, we became aware that an agent of Allied Capital obtained what were represented to be telephone records of David Einhorn and which purport to be records of calls from Greenlight Capital during a period of time in 2005. Also, while we were gathering documents responsive to the subpoena, allegations were made that our management had authorized the acquisition of these records and that management was subsequently advised that these records had been obtained. Our management has stated that these allegations are not true. We are cooperating fully with the inquiry by the United States Attorney s office.

On February 13, 2007, Rena Nadoff filed a shareholder derivative action in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, captioned Rena Nadoff v. Walton, et al., CA 001060-07, seeking unspecified compensatory and other damages, as well as equitable relief on behalf of Allied Capital Corporation. Ms. Nadoff s complaint names as defendants the members of Allied Capital s Board of Directors; Allied

Capital is a nominal defendant for purposes of the derivative action. The complaint alleges breach of fiduciary duty by the Board of Directors arising from internal controls failures and mismanagement of Business Loan Express, LLC, an Allied Capital portfolio company. We believe the lawsuit is without merit, and we intend to defend the lawsuit vigorously.

On February 26, 2007, Dana Ross filed a class action complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in which she alleges that Allied Capital Corporation and certain members of management violated Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder. The complaint is captioned Dana Ross v. Walton, et al., CV 00402. Dana Ross claims that, between March 1, 2006, and January 10, 2007, Allied Capital either failed to disclose or misrepresented information concerning the loan origination practices of Business Loan Express, LLC, an Allied Capital portfolio company. Dana Ross seeks unspecified compensatory and other damages, as well as other relief. We believe the lawsuit is without merit, and we intend to defend the lawsuit vigorously. There may be other similar class action lawsuits filed.

In addition to the above matters, we are party to certain lawsuits in the normal course of business.

While the outcome of any of the legal proceedings described above cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, we do not expect these matters will materially affect our financial condition or results of operations; however, there can be no assurances whether any pending legal proceedings will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations in any future reporting period.

MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes thereto. In addition, this prospectus supplement contains certain forward-looking statements. These statements include the plans and objectives of management for future operations and financial objectives and can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will, expect, intend, anticipate, estimate, or continue or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements are subject to the inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions. Certain factors that could cause actual results and conditions to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements are set forth in Risk Factors above. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include:

changes in the economy;

risks associated with possible disruption in our operations due to terrorism;

future changes in laws or regulations and conditions in our operating areas; and

other risks and uncertainties as may be detailed from time to time in our public announcements and SEC filings. Financial or other information presented for private finance portfolio companies has been obtained from the portfolio companies, and this financial information presented may represent unaudited, projected or pro forma financial information, and therefore may not be indicative of actual results. In addition, the private equity industry uses financial measures such as EBITDA or EBITDAM (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and, in some instances, Management fees) in order to assess a portfolio company s financial performance and to value a portfolio company. EBITDA and EBITDAM are not intended to represent cash flow from operations as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and such information should not be considered as an alternative to net income, cash flow from operations or any other measure of performance prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

OVERVIEW

As a business development company, we are in the private equity business. Specifically, we provide long-term debt and equity investment capital to companies in a variety of industries. Our private finance activity principally involves providing financing to middle market U.S. companies through privately negotiated long-term debt and equity investment capital. Our financing is generally used to fund buyouts, acquisitions, growth, recapitalizations, note purchases, and other types of financings. We generally invest in private companies though, from time to time, we may invest in companies that are public but lack access to additional public capital. Our investment objective is to achieve current income and capital gains.

Our portfolio composition at December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
Private finance	97%	96%	76%
Commercial real estate finance ⁽¹⁾	3%	4%	24%

⁽¹⁾ On May 3, 2005, we completed the sale of our portfolio of non-investment grade commercial mortgage-backed securities and real estate related collateralized debt obligation bonds and preferred shares investments. Upon the completion of this transaction, our lending and investment activity has been focused primarily on private finance investments.

Our earnings depend primarily on the level of interest and dividend income, fee and other income, and net realized and unrealized gains or losses on our investment portfolio after deducting interest expense on borrowed capital, operating expenses and income taxes, including excise tax. Interest income results from the stated interest rate earned on a loan or debt security and the amortization of loan origination fees and discounts. The level of interest income is directly related to the balance of the interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the year multiplied by the weighted average yield. Our ability to generate interest income is dependent on economic, regulatory, and competitive factors that influence new investment activity, interest rates on the types of loans we make, the level of repayments in the portfolio, the amount of loans and debt securities for which interest is not accruing and our ability to secure debt and equity capital for our investment activities.

Because we are a regulated investment company for tax purposes, we intend to distribute substantially all of our annual taxable income available for distribution to shareholders as dividends to our shareholders. See Other Matters below.

PORTFOLIO AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

The total portfolio at value, investment activity, and the yield on interest-bearing investments at and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

At and for the Years Ended December 31,

(\$ in millions)	2006	2005	2004
Portfolio at value	\$4,496.1	\$3,606.4	\$3,013.4
Investments funded ⁽¹⁾	\$2,437.8	\$ 1,675.8	\$1,524.5
Change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends ⁽²⁾	\$ 11.3	\$ 6.6	\$ 52.2
Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales	\$1,055.3	\$1,503.4	\$ 909.2
Yield on interest-bearing investments ⁽³⁾	11.8%	12.8%	14.0%

- (1) Investments funded included investments acquired through the issuance of our common stock as consideration totaling \$7.2 million and \$3.2 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. See also Private Finance below.
- ⁽²⁾ Includes changes in accrued or reinvested interest of \$3.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, related to our investments in money market securities.
- (3) The weighted average yield on interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing loans and debt securities plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities less the annual amortization of loan origination costs, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date.

Private Finance

The private finance portfolio at value, investment activity, and the yield on loans and debt securities at and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

At and for the

	Years Ended December 31,											
	200	06	20	05	2004							
	Value	Yield ⁽²⁾	Value	Yield ⁽²⁾	Value	Yield ⁽²⁾						
(\$ in millions)												
Portfolio at value:												
Loans and debt securities:												
Senior loans	\$ 405.2	8.4%	\$ 239.8	9.5%	\$ 234.6	8.5%						
Unitranche debt	799.2	11.2%	294.2	11.4%	43.9	14.8%						
Subordinated debt	1,980.8	12.9%	1,560.9	13.8%	1,324.4	14.9%						
Total loans and debt securities	3,185.2	11.9%	2,094.9	13.0%	1,602.9	13.9%						
Equity securities	1,192.7		1,384.4		699.2							
Total portfolio	\$4,377.9		\$ 3,479.3		\$ 2,302.1							
Investments funded ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,423.4		\$1,462.3		\$1,140.8							
Change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends	\$ 7.2		\$ 24.6		\$ 45.6							
Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales ⁽³⁾	\$ 1,015.4		\$ 703.9		\$ 551.9							

- ⁽¹⁾ Investments funded for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2004, included debt investments in certain portfolio companies received in conjunction with the sale of such companies. See Private Finance, Investments Funded below.
- (2) The weighted average yield on loans and debt securities is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing loans and debt securities plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities less the annual amortization of loan origination costs, divided by (b) total loans and debt securities at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date.
- ⁽³⁾ Includes collections from the sale or repayment of senior loans totaling \$322.7 million, \$301.8 million, and \$35.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

Our investment activity is focused on making long-term investments in the debt and equity of primarily private middle market companies. Debt investments may include senior loans, unitranche debt (a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt terms), or subordinated debt (with or without equity features). The junior debt that we invest in that is lower in repayment priority than senior debt is also known as mezzanine debt. Equity investments may include a minority equity stake in connection with a debt investment or a substantial equity stake in connection with a buyout transaction. In a buyout transaction, we generally invest in senior and/or subordinated debt and equity (preferred and/or voting or non-voting common) where our equity ownership represents a significant

portion of the equity, but may or may not represent a controlling interest.

We intend to take a balanced approach to private equity investing that emphasizes a complementary mix of debt investments and buyout investments. The combination of these two types of investments provides current interest and related portfolio income and the potential for future capital gains. To address the current market, our strategy is to focus on buyout and recapitalization transactions where we can manage risk through the structure and terms of our debt and equity investments and where we can potentially realize more attractive total returns from both current interest and fee income and future capital gains. We are also focusing our debt investing on smaller middle market companies where we can provide both senior and subordinated debt or unitranche debt, where our combined current yield may be lower than traditional subordinated debt only. We believe that providing both senior and subordinated debt or unitranche debt provides us with greater protection in the capital structures of our portfolio companies. The yield on loans and debt securities will vary from period to period depending on the level of lower-yielding senior debt in the portfolio.

The level of investment activity for investments funded and principal repayments for private finance investments can vary substantially from period to period depending on the number and size of investments that we make or that we exit and many other factors, including the amount of debt and equity capital available to middle market companies, the level of merger and acquisition activity for such companies, the general economic environment, and the competitive environment for the types of investments we make. We believe that merger and acquisition activity in the middle market is strong, which has resulted in an increase in private finance investment opportunities, as well as increased repayments.

It has been and we believe it will continue to be a highly competitive market for winning new investments. As a result, we have continued to build our business development team to increase the number of potential investments that we see. We also believe that it is important to be disciplined in our investing activities, carefully considering investment risk and return. For 2006, we reviewed over \$65 billion in prospective investments and we closed on approximately 3% of the potential new investments that we reviewed. This compares to over \$45 billion reviewed and approximately 3% closed for 2005. We continue to have an active pipeline of new investments under consideration and we believe that merger and acquisition activity for middle market companies will remain strong in 2007.

Investments Funded. Investments funded and the weighted average yield on loans and debt securities funded for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, consisted of the following:

2006 Investments Funded

	Debt Investments		Buyout In	vestments	Total			
(\$ in millions)	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾		
Loans and debt securities:								
Senior loans	\$ 245.4	9.4%	\$ 239.8	8.9%	\$ 485.2	9.2%		
Unitranche debt ⁽²⁾	471.7	10.7%	146.5	12.9%	618.2	11.3%		
Subordinated debt ⁽³⁾	510.7	13.0%	423.8	14.4%	934.5	13.6%		
Total loans and debt securities	1,227.8	11.4%	810.1	12.5%	2,037.9	11.9%		
Equity	91.4(5)		294.1		385.5			
Total	\$1,319.2		\$1,104.2		\$2,423.4			

2005 Investments Funded

	Debt Inv	vestments Buyout Investments			То	otal
	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾
(\$ in millions)						
Loans and debt securities:						
Senior loans	\$ 76.8	10.0%	\$250.2	6.4%	\$ 327.0	7.2%
Unitranche debt ⁽²⁾	259.5	10.5%			259.5	10.5%
Subordinated debt	296.9(4)	12.3%	330.9	12.5%	627.8	12.4%
Total loans and debt securities	633.2	11.3%	581.1	9.9%	1,214.3	10.6%
Equity	82.5(5)		165.5		248.0	
Total	\$715.7		\$746.6		\$1,462.3	

2004 Investments Funded

Debt Investments

Buyout Investments

Total

(\$ in millions)	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾
Loans and debt securities:						
Senior loans	\$ 25.1	9.1%	\$ 140.8	7.2%	\$ 165.9	7.5%
Unitranche debt ⁽²⁾	18.9	13.0%			18.9	13.0%
Subordinated debt ⁽³⁾	396.4	13.4%	320.1	15.5%	716.5	14.4%
Total loans and debt securities	440.4	13.2%	460.9	13.0%	901.3	13.1%
Equity	72.3(5)		167.2		239.5	
Total	\$512.7		\$628.1		\$1,140.8	

- ⁽¹⁾ The weighted average yield on interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing interest-bearing investments, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments funded.
- ⁽²⁾ Unitranche debt is a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt terms. The yield on a unitranche investment reflects the blended yield of senior and subordinated debt combined.
- (3) Debt investments funded for the year ended December 31, 2006, included a \$150 million subordinated debt investment in Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. received in conjunction with the sale of Advantage and a \$30 million subordinated debt investment in STS Operating, Inc. received in conjunction with the sale of STS. Debt investments funded for the year ended December 31, 2004, included a \$47.5 million subordinated debt investment in The Hillman Companies, Inc. received in conjunction with the sale of Hillman.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Subordinated debt investments for the year ended December 31, 2005, included \$45.5 million in investments in the bonds of collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) and collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) that are managed by Callidus Capital Corporation (Callidus), a portfolio company controlled by us. These CLOs and CDOs primarily invest in senior debt.
- (5) Equity investments for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, included \$26.1 million, \$47.9 million, and \$23.6 million, respectively, in investments in the preferred shares/income notes of CLOs and CDOs that are managed by Callidus. These CDOs and CLOs primarily invest in senior debt.

We generally fund new investments using cash. In addition, we may acquire securities in exchange for our common equity. Also, we may acquire new securities through the reinvestment of previously accrued interest and dividends in debt or equity securities, or the current reinvestment of interest and dividend income through the receipt of a debt or equity security (payment-in-kind income). From time to time we may opt to reinvest accrued interest receivable in a new debt or equity security in lieu of receiving such interest in cash.

We may originate, underwrite and arrange senior loans related to our portfolio investments or for other companies that are not in our portfolio. Senior loans originated by us may or may not be funded by us at closing. When these senior loans are closed, we may fund all or a portion of the underwritten commitment pending sale of the loan to other investors, which may include loan sales to Callidus Capital Corporation (Callidus) or funds managed by Callidus, a portfolio company controlled by us. After completion of the sale process, we may or may not retain a position in these senior loans. We generally earn a fee on the senior loans originated and underwritten whether or not we fund the underwritten commitment. In addition, we may fund most or all of the debt and equity capital upon the closing of certain buyout transactions, which may include investments in lower-yielding senior debt. Subsequent to the closing, the portfolio company may refinance all or a portion of the lower-yielding senior debt, which would reduce our investment. Repayments include repayments of senior debt funded by us that was subsequently sold by us or refinanced or repaid by the portfolio companies.

Yield. The weighted average yield on the private finance loans and debt securities was 11.9% at December 31, 2006, as compared to 13.0% and 13.9% at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The weighted average yield on the private finance loans and debt securities may fluctuate from year to year depending on the yield on new loans and debt securities funded, the yield on loans and debt securities repaid, the amount of loans and debt securities for which interest is not accruing (see Portfolio Asset Quality Loans and Debt Securities on Non-Accrual Status below) and the amount of lower-yielding senior or unitranche debt in the portfolio at the end of the year. Yields on senior and subordinated debt investments are generally lower in the current market as a result of the supply of capital available to middle market companies. We believe that debt yields will remain on the lower end of a historical range as long as merger and acquisition activity remains robust and the supply of capital remains strong.

The yield on the private finance portfolio has declined over the past two years partly due to our strategy to pursue investments where our position in the portfolio company capital structure is more senior, such as senior debt and unitranche investments that typically have lower yields than subordinated debt investments. Our weighted average yield at December 31, 2006, was also reduced by 0.5% as a result of the guaranteed dividend yield on our investment in BLX s 25% Class A equity interests being placed on non-accrual status in the fourth quarter of 2006. The Class A equity interests are included in our loans and debt securities. See Business Loan Express, LLC below.

Outstanding Investment Commitments. At December 31, 2006, we had outstanding private finance investment commitments as follows:

	More	e Than Dwned ⁽¹⁾ Companies 5% to 25% Owned		r	mpanies Less Than 5% Dwned	Total	
(\$ in millions)							
Senior loans	\$	30.4	\$	13.6	\$	157.4	\$ 201.4(2)
Subordinated debt		36.5		1.1		54.7	92.3
Total loans and debt securities		66.9		14.7		212.1	293.7
Equity securities		69.6		16.1		46.6	132.3(3)
Total	\$	136.5	\$	30.8	\$	258.7	\$ 426.0

(1) Includes various commitments to Callidus Capital Corporation (Callidus), a portfolio company controlled by us, which owns 80% (subject to dilution) of Callidus Capital Management, LLC, an asset management company that structures and manages collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), and other related investments, as follows:

(\$ in millions)	nmitted nount	Amount Drawn	Ava	ount ilable Drawn
Revolving line of credit for working capital	\$ 4.0	\$	\$	4.0
Subordinated debt to support warehouse facilities & warehousing				
activities ^(*)	36.0			36.0
Purchase of preferred equity in future CLO transactions	60.0			60.0
Total	\$ 100.0	\$	\$	100.0

- (*) Callidus has a secured warehouse credit facility with a third party for up to \$240 million. The facility is used primarily to finance the acquisition of loans pending securitization through a CDO or CLO. In conjunction with this warehouse credit facility, we have agreed to designate our subordinated debt commitment for Callidus to draw upon to provide first loss capital as needed to support the warehouse facility.
- ⁽²⁾ Includes \$158.4 million in the form of revolving senior debt facilities to 33 companies.
- ⁽³⁾ Includes \$62.6 million to 17 private equity and venture capital funds, including \$4.3 million in co-investment commitments to one private equity fund.

In addition to these outstanding investment commitments at December 31, 2006, we may be required to fund additional amounts under earn-out arrangements primarily related to buyout transactions in the future if those

companies meet agreed-upon performance targets. We also had commitments to private finance portfolio companies in the form of standby letters of credit and guarantees totaling \$236.2 million. See Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources.

Mercury Air Centers, Inc. At December 31, 2006, our investment in Mercury Air Centers, Inc. (Mercury) totaled \$84.3 million at cost and \$244.2 million at value, or 5.0% of our total assets, which included unrealized appreciation of \$159.9 million. At December 31, 2005, our investment in Mercury totaled \$113.3 million at cost and \$167.1 million at value, which included unrealized appreciation of \$53.8 million. We completed the purchase of a majority ownership in Mercury in April 2004.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from our investment in Mercury for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Interest income	\$ 9.3	\$ 8.8	\$ 5.5
Fees and other income	0.6	0.7	1.9
Total interest and related portfolio income	\$ 9.9	\$ 9.5	\$ 7.4

Interest income from Mercury for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, included interest income of \$2.0 million, \$1.6 million, and \$1.0 million, respectively, which was paid in kind. The interest paid in kind was paid to us through the issuance of additional debt.

Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net increase in unrealized appreciation on our investment in Mercury of \$106.1 million, \$53.8 million, and zero for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

Mercury owns and operates fixed base operations generally under long-term leases from local airport authorities, which consist of terminal and hangar complexes that service the needs of the general aviation community. Mercury is headquartered in Richmond Heights, OH.

Business Loan Express, LLC. BLX originates, sells, and services primarily real estate secured loans, including real estate secured conventional small business loans, SBA 7(a) loans, and small investment real estate loans. BLX has offices across the United States and is headquartered in New York, NY. We acquired BLX in 2000.

At December 31, 2006, our investment in BLX totaled \$295.3 million at cost and \$210.7 million at value, or 4.3% of our total assets, which included unrealized depreciation of \$84.6 million. At December 31, 2005, our investment in BLX totaled \$299.4 million at cost and \$357.1 million at value, which included unrealized appreciation of \$57.7 million. Subsequent to December 31, 2006, in the first quarter of 2007 we increased our investment in BLX by

\$12 million by acquiring additional Class A equity interests.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from our investment in BLX for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Interest income	\$ 11.9	\$ 14.3	\$ 23.2
Dividend income		14.0	14.8
Fees and other income	7.8	9.2	12.0
Total interest and related portfolio income	\$ 19.7	\$ 37.5	\$ 50.0

Interest and dividend income from BLX for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, included interest and dividend income of \$5.7 million, \$8.9 million, and \$25.4 million, respectively, which was paid in kind. The interest and dividends paid in kind were paid to us through the issuance of additional debt or equity interests. In the fourth quarter of 2006, we placed our \$66.6 million investment in BLX s 25% Class A equity interests on non-accrual status, which resulted in lower interest income from our investment in BLX for 2006 as compared to 2005.

As a limited liability company, BLX s taxable income flows through directly to its members. BLX s annual taxable income generally differs from its book income for the fiscal year due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses. We hold all of BLX s Class A and Class B equity interests, and 94.9% of the Class C equity interests. BLX s taxable income is first allocated to the Class A equity interests to the extent that guaranteed dividends are paid in cash or in kind on such interests, with the remainder being allocated to the Class B and C equity interests. BLX may declare dividends on its Class B equity interests. If declared, BLX would determine the amount of such dividends considering its estimated annual taxable income allocable to such interests. There were no dividends declared or paid in 2006.

Accrued interest and dividends receivable and other assets at December 31, 2006, included accrued interest and fees due from BLX totaling \$1.7 million, which was paid in cash in the first quarter of 2007.

Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net decrease on our investment in BLX of \$142.3 million and \$32.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2004, and, a net increase of \$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. See Results of Operations, Valuation of Business Loan Express, LLC below.

BLX is a national, non-bank lender that participates in the SBA s 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program and is licensed by the SBA as a Small Business Lending Company (SBLC). The Office of the Inspector General of the SBA and the United States Secret Service have announced an ongoing investigation of allegedly fraudulently obtained SBA-guaranteed loans issued by BLX. Specifically, on or about January 9,

2007, BLX became aware of an indictment captioned as the United States v. Harrington, No. 2:06-CR-20662 pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The indictment alleges that a former BLX employee in the Detroit office engaged in the fraudulent origination of loans guaranteed, in substantial part, by the SBA. We understand that BLX is working cooperatively with the U.S. Attorney s Office and the investigating agencies with respect to this matter. We understand that BLX is also working cooperatively with the SBA so that it may remain a preferred lender in the SBA 7(a) program and retain the ability to sell loans into the secondary market. The ultimate resolution of these matters could have a material adverse impact on BLX s financial condition, and, as a result, our financial results could be negatively affected. We are monitoring the situation and have retained a third party to work with BLX to conduct a review of BLX s current internal control systems, with a focus on preventing fraud and further strengthening the company s operations.

Further, on or about January 16, 2007, BLX and Business Loan Center LLC (BLC) became aware of a lawsuit titled, United States, ex rel James R. Brickman and Greenlight Capital, Inc. v. Business Loan Express LLC f/k/a Business Loan Express, Inc.; Business Loan Center LLC f/k/a Business Loan Center, Inc.; Robert Tannenhauser; Matthew McGee; and George Harrigan, 05-CV-3147 (JEC), that is pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. The complaint includes allegations arising under the False Claims Act and relating to alleged fraud in connection with SBA guarantees on shrimp vessel loans made by BLX and BLC. We understand that BLX and BLC plan to vigorously contest the lawsuit. We are monitoring the litigation.

As an SBA lender, BLX is also subject to other SBA and OIG audits, investigations, and reviews. Investigations, changes in the laws or regulations that govern SBLCs or the SBA 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program, or changes in government funding for this program could have a material adverse impact on BLX and, as a result, could negatively affect our financial results. We have considered these matters in performing the valuation of BLX at December 31, 2006. See Results of Operations, Valuation of Business Loan Express, LLC below.

At December 31, 2006, BLX had a three-year \$500.0 million revolving credit facility provided by third party lenders that matures in March 2009. The revolving credit facility may be expanded through new or additional commitments up to \$600.0 million at BLX s option. This facility provides for a sub-facility for the issuance of letters of credit for up to an amount equal to 25% of the committed facility. We have provided an unconditional guaranty to these revolving credit facility lenders in an amount equal to 50% of the total obligations (consisting of principal, letters of credit issued under the facility, accrued interest, and other fees) of BLX under this facility. At December 31, 2006, the principal amount outstanding on the revolving credit facility was \$321.9 million and letters of credit issued under the facility were \$55.9 million. The total obligation guaranteed by us at December 31, 2006, was \$189.7 million.

This guaranty can be called by the lenders in the event of a default under the BLX credit facility, which includes certain defaults under our revolving credit facility. Among other requirements, the BLX facility requires that BLX maintain compliance with certain financial covenants such as interest coverage, maximum debt to net worth, asset coverage, and maintenance of certain asset quality metrics. In addition, BLX would have an event of default if BLX failed to maintain its lending status with the SBA and such failure could reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse effect on BLX, or if BLX failed to maintain certain financing programs for the sale or long-term funding of BLX s loans. At December 31, 2006, BLX would not have met the required maximum debt to net worth covenant requirement had we not made the additional \$12 million investment in the company in the first quarter of 2007 discussed above. Under the terms of the facility, the \$12 million investment in the company caused BLX to satisfy the leverage covenant requirement and BLX has determined that it was in compliance with the terms of this facility at December 31, 2006, we had also provided four standby letters of credit totaling \$25.0 million in connection with four term securitization transactions completed by BLX.

In consideration for providing the revolving credit facility guaranty and the standby letters of credit, we earned fees of \$6.1 million, \$6.3 million, and \$6.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively, which were included in fees and other income above. The remaining fees and

other income relate to management fees from BLX. We did not charge a management fee to BLX in the fourth quarter of 2006.

The current market conditions for small business loans remain very competitive, and as a result, BLX continues to experience significant loan prepayments in its securitized loan portfolio. This competitive environment has also had an effect on BLX s ability to grow its SBA loan origination volume. As a result, BLX has been introducing non-SBA real estate loan products in order to diversify its lending products and develop new market niches. We are discussing various funding alternatives with BLX to more effectively accommodate their non-SBA real estate lending activities. We believe that the changes in BLX s operations and the effect of the company s current regulatory issues and ongoing investigations will require a restructure or recapitalization of BLX given the current set of covenants under its revolving credit facility. We intend to work with BLX management to implement its business plan and funding alternatives. In addition, should BLX require additional capital from us, we plan to fund it, if we believe such funding is reasonable and prudent.

Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. At December 31, 2005, our investment in Advantage totaled \$257.7 million at cost and \$660.4 million at value, or 16.4% of our total assets, which included unrealized appreciation of \$402.7 million. We completed the purchase of a majority ownership in Advantage in June 2004.

On March 29, 2006, we sold our majority equity interest in Advantage. We were repaid our \$184 million in subordinated debt outstanding and realized a gain at closing on our equity investment sold of \$433.1 million, subject to post-closing adjustments. Subsequent to closing on this sale, we realized additional gains resulting from post-closing adjustments totaling \$1.3 million in 2006. In addition, there is potential for us to receive additional consideration through an earn-out payment that would be based on Advantage s 2006 audited results. Our realized gain of \$434.4 million as of December 31, 2006, subject to post-closing adjustments, excludes any earn-out amounts.

As consideration for the common stock sold in the transaction, we received a \$150 million subordinated note, with the balance of the consideration paid in cash. In addition, a portion of our cash proceeds from the sale of the common stock were placed in escrow, subject to certain holdback provisions. At December 31, 2006, the amount of the escrow included in other assets on our consolidated balance sheet was approximately \$24 million. For tax purposes, the receipt of the \$150 million subordinated note as part of our consideration for the common stock sold and the hold back of certain proceeds in escrow will generally allow us, through installment treatment, to defer the recognition of taxable income for a portion of our realized gain until the note or other amounts are collected.

In connection with the sale transaction, we retained an equity investment in the business valued at \$15 million at closing as a minority shareholder. During the fourth quarter of 2006, Advantage made a distribution on this minority equity investment, which resulted in a realized gain of \$4.8 million.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from our investment in Advantage while we held a majority equity interest was \$14.1 million (which included a prepayment premium of \$5.0 million), \$37.4 million, and \$21.3 million, for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. In addition, we earned structuring fees of \$2.3 million on our new \$150 million subordinated debt investment in Advantage upon the closing of the sale transaction in 2006.

Our investment in Advantage at December 31, 2006, which was composed of subordinated debt and a minority equity interest, totaled \$151.6 million at cost and \$162.6 million at value, which included unrealized appreciation of \$11.0 million. Subsequent to the completion of the sale transaction, our interest income from our subordinated debt investment in Advantage for the year ended December 31, 2006, was \$14.1 million.

Advantage is a sales and marketing agency providing outsourced sales, merchandising, and marketing services to the consumer packaged goods industry. Advantage has offices across the United States and is headquartered in Irvine, CA.

Commercial Real Estate Finance

The commercial real estate finance portfolio at value, investment activity, and the yield on interest-bearing investments at and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

At and for the Years Ended December 31,

	2006		2005		2004		
	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾	
(\$ in millions)							
Portfolio at value:							
CMBS bonds	\$		\$		\$373.8	14.6%	
CDO bonds and preferred shares					212.6	16.8%	
Commercial mortgage loans	71.9	7.5%	102.6	7.6%	95.0	6.8%	
Real estate owned	19.6		13.9		16.9		
Equity interests	26.7		10.6		13.0		
Total portfolio	\$118.2		\$127.1		\$711.3		
Investments funded	\$ 14.4		\$213.5		\$383.7		
Change in accrued or reinvested interest	\$ 1.0		\$ (18.0)		\$ 6.6		
Principal collections related to investment							
repayments or sales ⁽²⁾	\$ 39.9		\$ 799.5		\$357.3		

(1) The weighted average yield on the interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing loans plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing interest-bearing investments less the annual amortization of origination costs, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date. Interest-bearing investments for the commercial real estate finance portfolio include all investments except for real estate owned and equity interests.

(2) Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales for the year ended December 31, 2005, included \$718.1 million related to the sale of our CMBS and CDO portfolio in May 2005.

Our commercial real estate investments funded for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	Face nount	Di	scount	 mount unded
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006				
Commercial mortgage loans	\$ 8.0	\$		\$ 8.0
Equity interests	6.4			6.4
Total	\$ 14.4	\$		\$ 14.4
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005				
CMBS bonds ⁽¹⁾	\$ 211.5	\$	(90.5)	\$ 121.0
Commercial mortgage loans	88.5		(0.8)	87.7

Equity interests	4.8		4.8
Total	\$ 304.8	\$ (91.3)	\$ 213.5
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004			
CMBS bonds	\$ 419.1	\$ (183.7)	\$ 235.4
CDO bonds and preferred shares	40.5	(0.1)	40.4
Commercial mortgage loans	112.1	(8.2)	103.9
Equity interests	4.0		4.0
Total	\$ 575.7	\$ (192.0)	\$ 383.7

⁽¹⁾ The CMBS bonds invested in during 2005, were sold on May 3, 2005.

At December 31, 2006, we had outstanding funding commitments related to commercial mortgage loans and equity interests of \$9.0 million, and commitments in the form of standby letters of credit and guarantees related to equity interests of \$6.9 million.

During the fourth quarter of 2006, we sold commercial mortgage loans with a total outstanding principal balance of \$21.1 million and realized a gain of \$0.7 million. As these loans were purchased at prices that were based in part on comparable Treasury rates, we had a related hedge in place to protect against movements in Treasury rates. Upon the loan sale, we settled the related hedge, which resulted in a realized gain of \$0.5 million, which was included in the realized gain on the sale of \$0.7 million. At December 31, 2006, we did not have any similar hedges in place.

Sale of CMBS Bonds and Collateralized Debt Obligation Bonds and Preferred Shares. On May 3, 2005, we completed the sale of our portfolio of commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) and real estate related collateralized debt obligation (CDO) bonds and preferred shares to affiliates of Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (the Caisse) for cash proceeds of \$976.0 million and a net realized gain of \$227.7 million, after transaction and other costs of \$7.8 million. Transaction costs included investment banking fees, legal and other professional fees, and other transaction costs. The CMBS and CDO assets sold had a cost basis at closing of \$739.8 million, including accrued interest of \$21.7 million. Upon the closing of the sale, we settled all the hedge positions relating to these assets, which resulted in a net realized loss of \$0.7 million, which was included in the net realized gain on the sale.

Simultaneous with the sale of our CMBS and CDO portfolio, we entered into a platform assets purchase agreement with CWCapital Investments LLC, an affiliate of the Caisse (CWCapital), pursuant to which we agreed to sell certain commercial real estate related assets, including servicer advances, intellectual property, software and other platform assets, subject to certain adjustments. Under this agreement, we agreed not to primarily invest in CMBS and real estate-related CDOs and refrain from certain other real estate-related investing or servicing activities for a period of three years, or through May 2008, subject to certain limitations and excluding our existing portfolio and related activities.

The real estate securities purchase agreement, under which we sold the CMBS and CDO portfolio, and the platform asset purchase agreement contain customary representations and warranties, and require us to indemnify the affiliates of the Caisse that are parties to the agreements for certain liabilities arising under the agreements, subject to certain limitations and conditions.

PORTFOLIO ASSET QUALITY

Portfolio by Grade. We employ a grading system for our entire portfolio. Grade 1 is used for those investments from which a capital gain is expected. Grade 2 is used for investments performing in accordance with plan. Grade 3 is used for investments that require closer monitoring; however, no loss of investment return or principal is expected. Grade 4 is used for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of current investment return is expected, but no loss of principal is expected. Grade 5 is used for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of principal is expected.

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, our portfolio was graded as follows:

		2006	2005			
Grade	Portfolio at Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio	Portfolio at Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio		
(\$ in millions)						
1	\$ 1,307.3	29.1%	\$ 1,643.0	45.6%		
2	2,672.3	59.4	1,730.8	48.0		
3	308.1	6.9	149.1	4.1		
4	84.2	1.9	26.5	0.7		
5	124.2	2.7	57.0	1.6		
	\$ 4,496.1	100.0%	\$ 3,606.4	100.0%		

The amount of the portfolio in each grading category may vary substantially from year to year resulting primarily from changes in the composition of the portfolio as a result of new investment, repayment, and exit activity, changes in the grade of investments to reflect our expectation of performance, and changes in investment values.

Total Grade 4 and 5 portfolio assets were \$208.4 million and \$83.5 million, respectively, or were 4.6% and 2.3%, respectively, of the total portfolio value at December 31, 2006 and 2005. Grade 4 and 5 assets include loans, debt securities, and equity securities. We expect that a number of investments will be in the Grades 4 or 5 categories from time to time. Part of the private equity business is working with troubled portfolio companies to improve their businesses and protect our investment. The number and amount of investments included in Grade 4 and 5 may fluctuate from year to year. We continue to follow our historical practice of working with portfolio companies in order to recover the maximum amount of our investment.

At December 31, 2006, \$135.9 million of our investment in BLX at value was classified as Grade 3, which included our Class A equity interests and certain of our Class B equity interests that were not depreciated, and \$74.8 million of our investment in BLX at value was classified as Grade 5, which included certain of our Class B equity interests and our Class C equity interests that were depreciated. At December 31, 2005, our investment in BLX of \$357.1 million at value was classified as Grade 1. See Private Finance, Business Loan Express, LLC above.

Loans and Debt Securities on Non-Accrual Status. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, loans and debt securities at value not accruing interest for the total investment portfolio were as follows:

	2006	2005	
(\$ in millions)			
Loans and debt securities in workout status (classified as Grade 4 or 5) ⁽¹⁾			
Private finance			
Companies more than 25% owned	\$ 51.1	\$ 15.6	
Companies 5% to 25% owned	4.0		
Companies less than 5% owned	31.6	11.4	
Commercial real estate finance	12.2	12.9	
Loans and debt securities not in workout status			
Private finance			
Companies more than 25% owned	87.1	58.0	
Companies 5% to 25% owned	7.2	0.5	
Companies less than 5% owned	38.9	49.5	
Commercial real estate finance	6.7	7.9	
Total	\$ 238.8	\$ 155.8	
Percentage of total portfolio	5.3%	4.3%	

⁽¹⁾ Workout loans and debt securities exclude equity securities that are included in the total Grade 4 and 5 assets above.

Total loans and debt securities on non-accrual status increased to \$238.8 million at December 31, 2006, from \$155.8 million at December 31, 2005. The increase in non-accruals primarily relates to placing our \$66.6 million investment in BLX s 25% Class A equity interests on non-accrual status during the fourth quarter of 2006. See Finance, Business Loan Express, LLC above.

Loans and Debt Securities Over 90 Days Delinquent. Loans and debt securities greater than 90 days delinquent at value at December 31, 2006 and 2005, were as follows:

	2006	2005
(\$ in millions)		
Private finance	\$ 46.5	\$ 74.6

Commercial mortgage loans	1.9	6.1
Total	\$ 48.4	\$ 80.7
Percentage of total portfolio	1.1%	2.2%

In general, interest is not accrued on loans and debt securities if we have doubt about interest collection or where the enterprise value of the portfolio company may not support further accrual. In addition, interest may not accrue on loans to portfolio companies that are more than 50% owned by us depending on such company s capital requirements. To the extent interest payments are received on a loan

that is not accruing interest, we may use such payments to reduce our cost basis in the investment in lieu of recognizing interest income.

As a result of these and other factors, the amount of the portfolio that is on non-accrual status or greater than 90 days delinquent may vary from year to year. Loans and debt securities on non-accrual status and over 90 days delinquent should not be added together as they are two separate measures of portfolio asset quality. Loans and debt securities that are in both categories (i.e., on non-accrual status <u>and</u> over 90 days delinquent) totaled \$44.3 million and \$60.7 million at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

OTHER ASSETS AND OTHER LIABILITIES

Other assets is composed primarily of fixed assets, assets held in deferred compensation trusts, deferred financing and offering costs, and accounts receivable, which includes amounts received in connection with the sale of portfolio companies, including amounts held in escrow, and other receivables from portfolio companies. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, other assets totaled \$123.0 million and \$87.9 million, respectively. The increase since December 31, 2005, was primarily the result of amounts received in connection with the sale of Advantage and certain other portfolio companies that are being held in escrow. See Private Finance above.

Accounts payable and other liabilities is primarily composed of the liabilities related to the deferred compensation trust and accrued interest, bonus and taxes, including excise tax. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, accounts payable and other liabilities totaled \$147.1 million and \$102.9 million, respectively. The increase since December 31, 2005, was primarily the result of an increase in the liability related to the deferred compensation trust of \$13.6 million, accrued bonus of \$11.3 million, accrued interest payable of \$10.3 million, and accrued excise tax of \$9.2 million. Accrued interest fluctuates from period to period depending on the amount of debt outstanding and the contractual payment dates of the interest on such debt.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Comparison of the Years Ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004

The following table summarizes our operating results for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004.

(in thousands, except per share	2006	2005	Change	Percent Change	2005	2004	Change	Percent Change
amounts)								
Interest and Related Portfolio Income								
Interest and								
dividends	\$ 386,427	\$317,153	\$ 69,274	22%	\$317,153	\$319,642	\$ (2,489)	(1)%
Fees and other	. ,	. ,			. ,	. ,		
income	66,131	56,999	9,132	16%	56,999	47,448	9,551	20%
Total interest and related portfolio income	452,558	374,152	78,406	21%	374,152	367,090	7,062	2%
Expenses								
Interest	100,600	77,352	23,248	30%	77,352	75,650	1,702	2%
Employee	92,902	78,300	14,602	19%	78,300	53,739	24,561	46%
Employee stock								
options	15,599		15,599					
Administrative	39,005	69,713	(30,708)) (44)%	69,713	34,686	35,027	10 1%
Total operating expenses	248,106	225,365	22,741	10%	225,365	164,075	61,290	37%
Net investment income before income taxes Income tax	204,452	148,787	55,665	37%	148,787	203,015	(54,228)	(27)%
expense (benefit), including excise tax	15,221	11,561	3,660	32%	11,561	2,057	9,504	462%
Net investment income	189,231	137,226	52,005	38%	137,226	200,958	(63,732)	(32)%
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses)								
Net realized gains	533,301	273,496	259,805	95%	273,496	117,240	156,256	133%
Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation	(477,409)	462,092	(939,501) *	462,092	(68,712)	530,804	*
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Total net gains (losses)	55,892	73	5,588	((679,696)	*	,	735,588	2	48,528	68	87,060	*
Net income	\$ 245,123	\$ 87	2,814	\$ (0	627,691)	(72)%	\$ 8	872,814	\$24	49,486	\$ 62	23,328	250%
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.68	\$	6.36	\$	(4.68)	(74)%	\$	6.36	\$	1.88	\$	4.48	238%
Weighted average common shares outstanding diluted	145,599	13	7,274		8,325	6%		137,274	13	32,458		4,816	4%

* Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation and net gains (losses) can fluctuate significantly from year to year.

Total Interest and Related Portfolio Income. Total interest and related portfolio income includes interest and dividend income and fees and other income.

Interest and Dividends. Interest and dividend income for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was composed of the following:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Interest			
Private finance loans and debt securities	\$ 359.9	\$ 251.0	\$195.2
CMBS and CDO portfolio		29.4	93.3
Commercial mortgage loans	8.3	7.6	9.4
Cash, U.S. Treasury bills, money market and other securities	14.0	9.4	3.1
Total interest	382.2	297.4	301.0
Dividends	4.2	19.8	18.6
Total interest and dividends	\$ 386.4	\$ 317.2	\$319.6

The level of interest income, which includes interest paid in cash and in kind, is directly related to the balance of the interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the period multiplied by the weighted average yield. The interest-bearing investments in the portfolio at value and the yield on the interest-bearing investments in the portfolio at December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

	2006		20	005	2004	
(\$ in millions)	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾
Private finance loans and debt						
securities	\$3,185.2	11.9%	\$ 2,094.9	13.0%	\$1,602.9	13.9%
CMBS and CDO					586.4	15.4%
Commercial mortgage loans	71.9	7.5%	102.6	7.6%	95.0	6.8%
Total	\$3,257.1	11.8%	\$ 2,197.5	12.8%	\$2,284.3	14.0%

The weighted average yield on loans and debt securities is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing loans and debt securities plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities less the annual amortization of loan origination costs, divided by (b) total loans and debt securities at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date.

Our interest income from our private finance loans and debt securities has increased year over year primarily as a result of the growth in this portfolio, net of the reduction in yield. The private finance portfolio yield at December 31, 2006, of 11.9% as compared to the private finance portfolio yield of 13.0% and 13.9% at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, reflects the mix of debt investments in the private finance portfolio. The weighted average yield varies from year to year based on the current stated interest on loans and debt securities and the amount of loans and debt securities for which interest is not accruing. See the discussion of the private finance portfolio yield above under the caption Portfolio and Investment Activity Private Finance.

There was no interest income from the CMBS and real estate-related CDO portfolio in 2006 as we sold this portfolio on May 3, 2005. The CMBS and CDO portfolio sold had a cost basis of \$718.1 million and a weighted average yield on the cost basis of the portfolio of approximately 13.8%. We generally reinvested the principal proceeds from the CMBS and CDO portfolio into our private finance portfolio.

Our interest income from cash, U.S. Treasury bills, money market and other securities has increased primarily as a result of the fluctuations in our level of investments in U.S. Treasury bills, money market and other securities and the weighted average yield on these securities. During the fourth quarter of 2005, we established a liquidity portfolio that is composed primarily of money market and other securities and U.S. Treasury bills. See Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources below. The value and

weighted average yield of the liquidity portfolio was \$201.8 million and 5.3%, respectively, at December 31, 2006, and \$200.3 million and 4.2%, respectively, at December 31, 2005.

Dividend income results from the dividend yield on preferred equity interests, if any, or the declaration of dividends by a portfolio company on preferred or common equity interests. Dividend income will vary from year to year depending upon the timing and amount of dividends that are declared or paid by a portfolio company on preferred or common equity interests. Dividend income for the year ended December 31, 2006, did not include any dividends from BLX. See Private Finance, Business Loan Express, LLC above. Dividend income for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, included dividends from BLX on the Class B equity interests held by us of \$14.0 million and \$14.8 million, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2005, \$12.0 million of these dividends were paid in cash and \$2.0 million of these dividends were paid through the issuance of additional Class B equity interests. For the year ended December 31, 2004, the dividends were paid through the issuance of additional Class B equity interests.

Fees and Other Income. Fees and other income primarily include fees related to financial structuring, diligence, transaction services, management and consulting services to portfolio companies, commitments, guarantees, and other services and loan prepayment premiums. As a business development company, we are required to make significant managerial assistance available to the companies in our investment portfolio. Managerial assistance includes, but is not limited to, management and consulting services related to corporate finance, marketing, human resources, personnel and board member recruiting, business operations, corporate governance, risk management and other general business matters.

Fees and other income for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, included fees relating to the following:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Structuring and diligence	\$ 37.3	\$ 24.6	\$ 18.4
Management, consulting and other services provided to portfolio companies ⁽¹⁾	11.1	14.4	11.4
Commitment, guaranty and other fees from portfolio companies ⁽²⁾	8.8	9.3	9.4
Loan prepayment premiums	8.8	6.3	5.5
Other income	0.1	2.4	2.7
Total fees and other income ⁽³⁾	\$ 66.1	\$ 57.0	\$ 47.4

⁽¹⁾ 2006 includes \$1.8 million in management fees from Advantage prior to its sale on March 29, 2006. See Portfolio and Investment Activity above for further discussion. 2005 and 2004 include \$6.5 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, in management fees from Advantage.

(2) Includes guaranty and other fees from BLX of \$6.1 million, \$6.3 million, and \$6.0 million for 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. See Private Finance, Business Loan Express, LLC above.

(3) Fees and other income related to the CMBS and CDO portfolio were \$4.1 million and \$6.2 million for 2005 and 2004, respectively. As noted above, we sold our CMBS and CDO portfolio on May 3, 2005.

Fees and other income are generally related to specific transactions or services and therefore may vary substantially from year to year depending on the level of investment activity and types of services provided. Loan origination fees that represent yield enhancement on a loan are capitalized and amortized into interest income over the life of the loan.

Structuring and diligence fees primarily relate to the level of new investment originations. Private finance investments funded were \$2.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2006, as compared to \$1.5 billion and

\$1.1 billion for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Structuring and diligence fees for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, included structuring fees from companies more than 25% owned totaling \$8.3 million, \$9.1 million, and \$11.4 million, respectively.

Loan prepayment premiums for the year ended December 31, 2006, included \$5.0 million related to the repayment of our subordinated debt in connection with the sale of our majority equity interest in

Advantage on March 29, 2006. See Portfolio and Investment Activity above for further discussion. While the scheduled maturities of private finance and commercial real estate loans generally range from five to ten years, it is not unusual for our borrowers to refinance or pay off their debts to us ahead of schedule. Therefore, we generally structure our loans to require a prepayment premium for the first three to five years of the loan. Accordingly, the amount of prepayment premiums will vary depending on the level of repayments and the age of the loans at the time of repayment.

Mercury, BLX and Advantage. Mercury and BLX were our largest investments at value at December 31, 2006, and together represented 9.3% of our total assets. Advantage and BLX were our largest investments at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004, and together represented 25.3% and 19.0% of our total assets, respectively.

Total interest and related portfolio income from these investments for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Mercury	\$ 9.9	\$ 9.5	\$ 7.4
BLX	\$ 19.7	\$ 37.5	\$ 50.0
Advantage ⁽¹⁾	\$ 14.1	\$ 37.4	\$ 21.3

⁽¹⁾ Includes income from the period we had a majority interest only. See Portfolio and Investment Activity above for further discussion.

See Portfolio and Investment Activity above for further detail on Mercury, BLX and Advantage.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses include interest, employee, employee stock options, and administrative expenses.

Interest Expense. The fluctuations in interest expense during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were primarily attributable to changes in the level of our borrowings under various notes payable and our revolving line of credit. Our borrowing activity and weighted average cost of debt, including fees and debt financing costs, at and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Total outstanding debt	\$ 1,899.1	\$ 1,284.8	\$ 1,176.6
Average outstanding debt	\$ 1,491.0	\$ 1,087.1	\$ 985.6
Weighted average cost ⁽¹⁾	6.5%	6.5%	6.6%

(1) The weighted average annual interest cost is computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate on the debt plus the annual amortization of commitment fees, other facility fees and debt financing costs that are recognized into interest expense over the contractual life of the respective borrowings, divided by (b) debt outstanding on the balance sheet date.

In addition, interest expense included interest paid to the Internal Revenue Service related to installment sale gains totaling \$0.9 million and \$0.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. See Dividends and Distributions below.

Interest expense also included interest on our obligations to replenish borrowed Treasury securities related to our hedging activities of \$0.7 million, \$1.4 million, and \$5.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

Employee Expense. Employee expenses for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 73.8	\$ 57.3	\$ 40.7
Individual performance award (IPA)	8.1	7.0	13.4
IPA mark to market expense (benefit)	2.9	2.0	(0.4)
Individual performance bonus (IPB)	8.1	6.9	
Transition compensation, net ⁽¹⁾		5.1	
Total employee expense	\$ 92.9	\$78.3	\$ 53.7
Number of employees at end of period	170	131	162

(1) Transition compensation for the year ended December 31, 2005, included \$3.1 million of costs under retention agreements and \$3.1 million of transition services bonuses awarded to certain employees in the commercial real estate group as a result of the sale of the CMBS and CDO portfolio. Transition compensation costs were reduced by \$1.1 million for salary reimbursements from CWCapital under a transition services agreement.

The change in salaries and employee benefits reflects the effect of an increase in number of employees, compensation increases, and the change in mix of employees given their area of responsibility and relevant experience level. The overall increase in employee expense during 2006 also reflects the competitive environment for attracting and retaining talent in the private equity industry. Salaries and employee benefits include an accrual for employee bonuses, which are generally paid annually after the completion of the fiscal year. Salaries and employee benefits included bonus expense of \$38.2 million, \$26.9 million, and \$12.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the total accrued bonus was \$38.2 million and \$26.9 million, respectively, and was included in Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities on the accompanying Balance Sheet.

The Individual Performance Award (IPA) is a long-term incentive compensation program for certain officers. The IPA, which is generally determined annually at the beginning of each year, is deposited into a deferred compensation trust generally in four equal installments, on a quarterly basis, in the form of cash. The trustee is required to use the cash to purchase shares of our common stock in the open market. The accounts of the trust are consolidated with our accounts. We are required to mark to market the liability of the trust and this adjustment is recorded to the IPA compensation expense. Because the IPA is deferred compensation, the cost of this award is not a current expense for purposes of computing our taxable income. The expense is deferred for tax purposes until distributions are made from the trust.

As a result of changes in regulation by the Jobs Creation Act of 2004 associated with deferred compensation arrangements, as well as an increase in the competitive market for recruiting talent in the private equity industry, in 2005 the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors determined that a portion of the IPA should be replaced with an individual performance bonus (IPB). The IPB is distributed in cash to award recipients equally throughout the year (beginning in February of each respective year) as long as the recipient remains employed by us.

The Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors have determined the IPA and the IPB for 2007 and they are currently estimated to be approximately \$9.9 million and \$9.7 million, respectively; however, the Compensation Committee may adjust the IPA or IPB as needed, or make new awards as new officers are hired. If a recipient terminates employment during the year, any further cash contribution for the IPA or remaining cash payments under the IPB would be forfeited.

In connection with our 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the stockholders approved the issuance of up to 2.5 million shares of our common stock in exchange for the cancellation of vested in-the-money stock options granted

to certain officers and directors under our Amended Stock Option Plan. Under the initiative, which has been reviewed and approved by our Board of Directors, all optionees who hold vested

stock options with exercise prices below the market value of the stock (or in-the-money options), would be offered the opportunity to receive an Option Cancellation Payment (OCP) equal to the in-the-money value of the stock options cancelled, which would be paid one-half in cash and one-half in shares of our common stock, in exchange for their voluntary cancellation of their vested stock options. As part of this initiative, the Board of Directors has adopted a target ownership program that establishes minimum ownership levels for our senior officers and continues to further align the interests of our officers with those of our stockholders. We have not yet implemented the OCP as of February 28, 2007, but intend to do so in the future.

Based on the 13 million vested options outstanding and the market price of \$30.50 of our stock on March 10, 2006, the date used for disclosure in our 2006 proxy, the OCP would be approximately \$106 million if all option holders choose to cancel all vested in-the-money options in exchange for the OCP. As of December 31, 2006, there were 17 million vested options outstanding, which were all in-the-money. Using the market price of \$32.68 of our stock on December 31, 2006, the OCP would be approximately \$150 million if all option holders choose to cancel all vested in-the-money options in exchange for the OCP. As the consideration paid by us for the OCP will not exceed the fair value of the options to be canceled, no expense will be recorded for the transaction in accordance with the guidance in FASB Statement No. 123 (Revised 2004). However, the cash portion of the OCP, or approximately one-half of the payment, will reduce our paid in capital and will therefore reduce our net asset value. For income tax purposes, our tax expense resulting from the OCP would be similar to the tax expense that would result from an exercise of stock options in the market. Any tax deduction for us resulting from the OCP or an exercise of stock options in the market. Mol tax deduction for us resulting from the OCP or an exercise of stock options in the market.

Stock Options Expense. In December 2004, the FASB issued Statement No. 123 (Revised 2004), Share-Based Payment (the Statement), which requires companies to recognize the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees in the income statement. The Statement was effective January 1, 2006, and it applies to our stock option plan. Our employee stock options are typically granted with ratable vesting provisions, and we amortize the compensation cost over the related service period. The Statement was adopted using the modified prospective method of application, which required us to recognize compensation costs on a prospective basis beginning January 1, 2006. Accordingly, the prior year financial statements have not been restated. Under this method, the unamortized cost of previously awarded options that were unvested as of January 1, 2006, is recognized over the remaining service period in the statement No. 123. With respect to options granted on or after January 1, 2006, compensation cost based on estimated grant date fair value is recognized in the statement of operations over the statement of operations over the statement of operations over the statement of application for the year ended December 31, 2006, was as follows:

	2006
(\$ in millions)	
Employee Stock Option Expense:	
Previously awarded, unvested options as of January 1, 2006	\$ 13.2
Options granted on or after January 1, 2006	2.4
Total employee stock option expense	\$ 15.6

In addition to the employee stock option expense, for the year ended December 31, 2006, administrative expense included \$0.2 million of expense related to options granted to directors during the year. Options granted to non-officer directors vest on the grant date and therefore, the full expense is recorded on the grant date.

We estimate that the employee-related stock option expense under the Statement that will be recorded in our statement of operations will be approximately \$11.3 million, \$3.7 million, and \$0.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008, and 2009, respectively, which includes approximately \$1.9 million, \$1.0 million, and \$0.1 million, respectively, related to options granted during the year ended

December 31, 2006. This estimate may change if our assumptions related to future option forfeitures change. This estimate does not include any expense related to future stock option grants as the fair value of those stock options will be determined at the time of grant.

Administrative Expense. Administrative expenses include legal and accounting fees, valuation assistance fees, insurance premiums, the cost of leases for our headquarters in Washington, DC, and our regional offices, portfolio origination and development expenses, travel costs, stock record expenses, directors fees and stock option expense, and various other expenses. Administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Administrative expenses	\$ 34.0	\$ 33.3	\$30.1
Investigation related costs	5.0	36.4	4.6
Total administrative expenses	\$ 39.0	\$ 69.7	\$34.7

The increase in administrative expenses, excluding investigation related costs, for the year ended December 31, 2005, over the year ended December 31, 2004, was primarily due to increased expenses related to evaluating potential new investments of \$2.0 million, accounting fees of \$0.8 million, recruiting and employee training costs of \$0.6 million, and valuation assistance fees of \$0.5 million, offset by a decrease in expenses related to a decline in portfolio workout expenses of \$0.6 million.

Investigation related costs include costs associated with requests for information in connection with government investigations and other legal matters. We expect that we will continue to incur legal and other costs associated with these matters. These expenses remain difficult to predict. See Legal Proceedings in this prospectus supplement.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit), Including Excise Tax. Income tax expense (benefit) for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$ 0.1	\$ 5.4	\$ 1.1
Excise tax expense ⁽¹⁾	15.1	6.2	1.0
Income tax expense (benefit), including excise tax	\$ 15.2	\$ 11.6	\$ 2.1

⁽¹⁾ 2006 includes an accrual for estimated excise tax of \$15.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, net of the reversal of over accrued estimated excise taxes related to 2005 of \$0.3 million.

Our wholly owned subsidiary, A.C. Corporation, is a corporation subject to federal and state income taxes and records a benefit or expense for income taxes as appropriate based on its operating results in a given period. In addition, our estimated annual taxable income for 2006 exceeded our dividend distributions to shareholders for 2006 from such taxable income, and such estimated excess taxable income will be distributed in 2007. Therefore, we will be required to pay a 4% excise tax on the excess of 98% of our taxable income for 2006 over the amount of actual distributions for 2006. Accordingly, we accrued an estimated excise tax of \$15.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, based upon our current estimate of annual taxable income for 2006. See Dividends and Distributions.

While excise tax expense is presented in the Consolidated Statement of Operations as a reduction to net investment income, excise tax relates to both net investment income and net realized gains. At December 31, 2006 and

2005, excise tax payable was \$15.4 million and \$6.2 million, respectively, which was included in Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities on the accompanying Balance Sheet.

In June 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise s financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. This interpretation is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. We do not expect the

adoption of this interpretation to have a significant effect on our consolidated financial position or our results of operations.

Realized Gains and Losses. Net realized gains primarily result from the sale of equity securities associated with certain private finance investments, the sale of CMBS bonds and CDO bonds and preferred shares, and the realization of unamortized discount resulting from the sale and early repayment of private finance loans and commercial mortgage loans, offset by losses on investments. Net realized gains for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Realized gains	\$ 557.5	\$ 343.1	\$ 267.7
Realized losses	(24.2)	(69.6)	(150.5)
Net realized gains	\$ 533.3	\$ 273.5	\$ 117.2

When we exit an investment and realize a gain or loss, we make an accounting entry to reverse any unrealized appreciation or depreciation, respectively, we had previously recorded to reflect the appreciated or depreciated value of the investment. For the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, we reversed previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses were realized as follows:

	2006	2005 ⁽¹⁾	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Reversal of previously recorded net unrealized appreciation associated			
with realized gains	\$ (501.5)	\$ (108.0)	\$ (210.5)
Reversal of previously recorded net unrealized depreciation associated			
with realized losses	22.5	68.0	151.8
Total reversal	\$ (479.0)	\$ (40.0)	\$ (58.7)
Total reversal	\$ (479.0)	\$ (40.0)	\$ (58.7)

(1) Includes the reversal of net unrealized appreciation of \$6.5 million on the CMBS and CDO assets sold and the related hedges. The net unrealized appreciation recorded on these assets prior to their sale was determined on an individual security-by-security basis. The net gain realized upon the sale of \$227.7 million reflects the total value received for the portfolio as a whole.

Realized gains for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows: (\$ in millions)

2006

Portfolio Company

Private Finance:		
	^	10.1.1
Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	\$	434.4
STS Operating, Inc.		94.8
Oriental Trading Company, Inc.		8.9
Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. ⁽²⁾		4.8
United Site Services, Inc.		3.3
Component Hardware Group, Inc.		2.8
Opinion Research Corporation		1.9
Nobel Learning Communities, Inc.		1.5
MHF Logistical Solutions, Inc.		1.2
The Debt Exchange, Inc.		1.1
Other		1.5
Total private finance		556.2
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Commercial Real Estate:		
Other		1.3
Total commercial real estate		1.3
		1.0
Total realized gains	\$	557.5
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2005

Portfolio Company

Amount

Private Finance:	
Housecall Medical Resources, Inc.	\$ 53.7
Fairchild Industrial Products Company	16.2
Apogen Technologies Inc.	9.0
Polaris Pool Systems, Inc.	7.4
MasterPlan, Inc.	3.7
U.S. Security Holdings, Inc.	3.3
Ginsey Industries, Inc.	2.8
E-Talk Corporation	1.6
Professional Paint, Inc.	1.6
Oriental Trading Company, Inc.	1.0
Woodstream Corporation	0.9
Impact Innovations Group, LLC	0.8
DCS Business Services, Inc.	0.7

Other	3.4
Total private finance	106.1
Commercial Real Estate:	
CMBS/CDO assets, net ⁽³⁾	227.7
Other	9.3
Total commercial real estate	237.0
Total realized gains	\$ 343.1

2004

Portfolio Company

Private Finance:	
The Hillman Companies, Inc.	\$ 150.3
CorrFlex Graphics, LLC	25.7
Professional Paint, Inc.	13.7
Impact Innovations Group, LLC	11.1
The Hartz Mountain Corporation	8.3
Housecall Medical Resources, Inc.	7.2
International Fiber Corporation	5.2
CBA-Mezzanine Capital Finance, LLC	4.1
United Pet Group, Inc.	3.8
Oahu Waste Services, Inc.	2.8
Grant Broadcasting Systems II	2.7
Matrics, Inc.	2.1
SmartMail, LLC	2.1
Other	7.6
Total private finance	246.7
Commercial Real Estate:	
CMBS/CDO assets, net ⁽³⁾	17.4
Other	3.6
Total commercial real estate	21.0
Total realized gains	\$ 267.7

⁽¹⁾ Represents the realized gain on our majority equity investment only. See Private Finance above.

⁽²⁾ Represents a realized gain on our minority equity investment only. See Private Finance above.

(3) Net of net realized losses from related hedges of \$0.7 million and \$3.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Realized losses for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows: (\$ in millions)

2006

Portfolio Company Private Finance: Staffing Partners Holding Company, Inc. \$ 10.6 Acme Paging, L.P. 4.7 Cooper Natural Resources, Inc. 2.2 Aspen Pet Products, Inc. 1.6 Nobel Learning Communities, Inc. 1.4 Other 1.6 Total private finance 22.1 **Commercial Real Estate:** Other 2.1 2.1 Total commercial real estate Total realized losses \$ 24.2

2005

Portfolio Company		Amount	
Private Finance:			
Norstan Apparel Shops, Inc.	\$	18.5	
Acme Paging, L.P.		13.8	
E-Talk Corporation		9.0	
Garden Ridge Corporation		7.1	
HealthASPex, Inc.		3.5	
MortgageRamp, Inc.		3.5	
Maui Body Works, Inc.		2.7	
Packaging Advantage Corporation		2.2	
Other		3.7	
Total private finance		64.0	
Commercial Real Estate:			
Other		5.6	
Total commercial real estate		5.6	
Total realized losses	\$	69.6	

2004

Portfolio Company

Private Finance:	
American Healthcare Services, Inc.	\$ 32.9
The Color Factory, Inc.	24.5
Executive Greetings, Inc.	19.3
Sydran Food Services II, L.P.	18.2
Ace Products, Inc.	17.6
Prosperco Finanz Holding AG	7.5
Logic Bay Corporation	5.0
Sun States Refrigerated Services, Inc.	4.7
Chickasaw Sales & Marketing, Inc.	3.8
Sure-Tel, Inc.	2.3
Liberty-Pittsburgh Systems, Inc.	2.0
EDM Consulting, LLC	1.9
Pico Products, Inc.	1.7
Impact Innovations Group, LLC	1.7
Interline Brands, Inc.	1.3
Startec Global Communications Corporation	1.1
Other	2.7
Total private finance	148.2
Commercial Real Estate:	
Other	2.3
Total commercial real estate	2.3
Total realized losses	\$ 150.5

Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation. We determine the value of each investment in our portfolio on a quarterly basis, and changes in value result in unrealized appreciation or depreciation being recognized in our statement of operations. Value, as defined in Section 2(a)(41) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, is (i) the market price for those securities for which a market quotation is readily available and (ii) for all other securities and assets, fair value is as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors pursuant to our valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. At December 31, 2006, portfolio investments recorded at fair value were approximately 92% of our total assets. Because of the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. Unlike banks, we are not permitted to

provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses. Instead, we are required to specifically value each individual investment on a quarterly basis. We will

record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or our equity security has appreciated in value. Changes in fair value are recorded in the statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

As a business development company, we have invested in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies and CDO and CLO bonds and preferred shares/income notes. The structure of each debt and equity security is specifically negotiated to enable us to protect our investment and maximize our returns. We include many terms governing interest rate, repayment terms, prepayment penalties, financial covenants, operating covenants, ownership parameters, dilution parameters, liquidation preferences, voting rights, and put or call rights. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. Because of the type of investments that we make and the nature of our business, our valuation process requires an analysis of various factors. Our fair value methodology includes the examination of, among other things, the underlying investment performance, financial condition, and market changing events that impact valuation.

Valuation Methodology Private Finance. Our process for determining the fair value of a private finance investment begins with determining the enterprise value of the portfolio company. The fair value of our investment is based on the enterprise value at which the portfolio company could be sold in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The liquidity event whereby we exit a private finance investment is generally the sale, the recapitalization or, in some cases, the initial public offering of the portfolio company.

There is no one methodology to determine enterprise value and, in fact, for any one portfolio company, enterprise value is best expressed as a range of fair values. However, we must derive a single estimate of enterprise value. To determine the enterprise value of a portfolio company, we analyze its historical and projected financial results. This financial and other information is generally obtained from the portfolio companies, and may represent unaudited, projected or pro forma financial information. We generally require portfolio companies to provide annual audited and quarterly unaudited financial statements, as well as annual projections for the upcoming fiscal year. Typically in the private equity business, companies are bought and sold based on multiples of EBITDA, cash flow, net income, revenues or, in limited instances, book value. The private equity industry uses financial measures such as EBITDA or EBITDAM (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and, in some instances, Management fees) in order to assess a portfolio company s financial performance and to value a portfolio company. EBITDA and EBITDAM are not intended to represent cash flow from operations as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and such information should not be considered as an alternative to net income, cash flow from operations, or any other measure of performance prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. When using EBITDA to determine enterprise value, we may adjust EBITDA for non-recurring items. Such adjustments are intended to normalize EBITDA to reflect the portfolio company s earnings power. Adjustments to EBITDA may include compensation to previous owners, acquisition, recapitalization, or restructuring related items or one-time non-recurring income or expense items.

In determining a multiple to use for valuation purposes, we generally look to private merger and acquisition statistics, the entry multiple for the transaction, discounted public trading multiples or industry practices. In estimating a reasonable multiple, we consider not only the fact that our portfolio company may be a private company relative to a peer group of public comparables, but we also consider the size and scope of our portfolio company and its specific strengths and weaknesses. In some cases, the best valuation methodology may be a discounted cash flow analysis based on future projections. If a portfolio company is distressed, a liquidation analysis may provide the best indication of enterprise value.

If there is adequate enterprise value to support the repayment of our debt, the fair value of our loan or debt security normally corresponds to cost unless the borrower s condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount. The fair value of equity interests in portfolio companies is determined based on various factors, including the enterprise value remaining for equity holders after the repayment of the portfolio company s debt and other preference capital, and other pertinent factors such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company s equity securities, liquidation events, or other events. The determined equity values are generally discounted when we have a minority position, restrictions on resale, specific concerns about the receptivity of the capital markets to a specific company at a certain time, or other factors.

As a participant in the private equity business, we invest primarily in private middle market companies for which there is generally no publicly available information. Because of the private nature of these businesses, there is a need to maintain the confidentiality of the financial and other information that we have for the private companies in our portfolio. We believe that maintaining this confidence is important, as disclosure of such information could disadvantage our portfolio companies and could put us at a disadvantage in attracting new investments. Therefore, we do not intend to disclose financial or other information about our portfolio companies, unless required, because we believe doing so may put them at an economic or competitive disadvantage, regardless of our level of ownership or control.

We currently intend to continue to work with third-party consultants to obtain assistance in determining fair value for a portion of the private finance portfolio each quarter. We work with these consultants to obtain assistance as additional support in the preparation of our internal valuation analysis. In addition, we may receive third-party assessments of a particular private finance portfolio company s value in the ordinary course of business, most often in the context of a prospective sale transaction or in the context of a bankruptcy process. The valuation analysis prepared by management using these third-party valuation resources, when applicable, is submitted to our Board of Directors for its determination of fair value of the portfolio in good faith.

We receive third-party valuation assistance from Duff & Phelps, LLC (formerly S&P Corporate Value Consulting (S&P CVC)) and Houlihan Lokey Howard and Zukin for our private finance portfolio. For the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, we received third-party valuation assistance as follows:

	2006			2005				
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Number of private finance portfolio companies reviewed Percentage of private finance	81	105	78	78	80	89	72	36
portfolio reviewed at value	82.9%	86.5%	89.6%	87.0%	92.4%	89.3%	83.0%	74.5%

Professional fees for third-party valuation assistance for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were \$1.5 million, \$1.4 million, and \$0.9 million, respectively.

Valuation Methodology CDO and CLO Bonds and Preferred Shares/Income Notes (CDO/CLO Assets). CDO/CLO Assets are carried at fair value, which is based on a discounted cash flow model that utilizes prepayment, re-investment and loss assumptions based on historical experience and projected performance, economic factors, the characteristics of the underlying cash flow and comparable yields for similar bonds and preferred shares/income notes, when available. We recognize unrealized appreciation or depreciation on our CDO/CLO Assets as comparable yields in the market change and/ or based on changes in estimated cash flows resulting from changes in prepayment, re-investment or loss assumptions in the underlying collateral pool. We determine the fair value of our CDO/CLO Assets on an individual security-by-security basis. If we were to sell a group of these CDO/CLO Assets in a pool in one or more transactions, the total value received for that pool may be different than the sum of the fair values of the individual assets. *Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation.* Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, consisted of the following:

	2006 ⁽¹⁾		2005 ⁽¹⁾		2	004 ⁽¹⁾
(\$ in millions)						
Net unrealized appreciation or depreciation	\$	1.6	\$	502.1	\$	(10.0)
Reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation associated						
with realized gains		(501.5)		(108.0)		(210.5)
Reversal of previously recorded unrealized depreciation associated						
with realized losses		22.5		68.0		151.8
Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation	\$	(477.4)	\$	462.1	\$	(68.7)

⁽¹⁾ The net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation can fluctuate significantly from year to year. As a result, annual comparisons may not be meaningful.

Valuation of Business Loan Express, LLC. Our investment in BLX totaled \$295.3 million at cost and \$210.7 million at value at December 31, 2006, and \$299.4 million at cost and \$357.1 million at value at December 31, 2005. To determine the value of our investment in BLX at December 31, 2006, we performed numerous valuation analyses to determine a range of values including: (1) analysis of comparable public company trading multiples; (2) analysis of BLX s value assuming an initial public offering; (3) analysis of merger and acquisition transactions for financial services companies; (4) a discounted dividend analysis; and (5) adding BLX s net asset value (adjusted for certain discounts) to the value of BLX s business operations, which was determined by using a discounted cash flow model. In performing the valuation analyses at December 31, 2006, we considered the impact of various changes in BLX s business model due to the competitive environment for small business loans and BLX s newer non-SBA real estate lending products. We also considered BLX s current regulatory issues and ongoing investigations. (See Private Finance, Business Loan Express, LLC above.) The competitive SBA lending environment, our estimates of future profitability, and the impact of BLX s legal and regulatory matters resulted in a decrease in the value of our investment in BLX at December 31, 2006. We received valuation assistance from Duff & Phelps (formerly S&P CVC) for our investment in BLX at December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004.

With respect to the analysis of comparable public company trading multiples and the analysis of BLX s value assuming an initial public offering, we compute a median trailing and forward price earnings multiple to apply to BLX s pro-forma net income adjusted for certain capital structure changes that we believe would likely occur should the company be sold. Each quarter we evaluate which public commercial finance companies should be included in the comparable group. The comparable group at December 31, 2006, was made up of CIT Group, Inc., Financial Federal Corporation, GATX Corporation, and Marlin Business Services Corporation, which is consistent with the comparable group at December 31, 2005.

Our investment in BLX at December 31, 2006, was valued at \$210.7 million. This fair value was within the range of values determined by our valuation analyses discussed above. Unrealized depreciation on our investment was \$84.6 million at December 31, 2006. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net decrease of \$142.3 million and \$32.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2004, respectively, and a net increase of \$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Per Share Amounts. All per share amounts included in the Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section have been computed using the weighted average common shares used to compute diluted earnings per share, which were 145.6 million, 137.3 million, and 132.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. **OTHER MATTERS**

Regulated Investment Company Status. We have elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. As long as we qualify as a regulated investment company, we are not taxed on our investment company taxable income or realized net capital

gains, to the extent that such taxable income or gains are distributed, or deemed to be distributed, to shareholders on a timely basis.

Dividends are paid to shareholders from taxable income. Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. In addition, gains realized for financial reporting purposes may differ from gains included in taxable income as a result of our election to recognize gains using installment sale treatment, which results in the deferment of gains for tax purposes until notes or other amounts, including amounts held in escrow, received as consideration from the sale of investments are collected in cash. See Dividends and Distributions below.

Dividends declared and paid by us in a year generally differ from taxable income for that year as such dividends may include the distribution of current year taxable income, the distribution of prior year taxable income carried over into and distributed in the current year, or returns of capital. We are generally required to distribute 98% of our taxable income during the year the income is earned to avoid paying an excise tax. If this requirement is not met, the Code imposes a nondeductible excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of the current year s taxable income exceeds the distribution for the year. The taxable income on which an excise tax is paid is generally carried over and distributed to shareholders in the next tax year. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry over taxable income in excess of current year distributions from such taxable income into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. See Dividends and Distributions below.

In order to maintain our status as a regulated investment company and obtain regulated investment company tax benefits, we must, in general, (1) continue to qualify as a business development company; (2) derive at least 90% of our gross income from dividends, interest, gains from the sale of securities and other specified types of income; (3) meet asset diversification requirements as defined in the Code; and (4) timely distribute to shareholders at least 90% of our annual investment company taxable income as defined in the Code. We intend to take all steps necessary to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company. However, there can be no assurance that we will continue to qualify for such treatment in future years.

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Total regular quarterly dividends to common shareholders were \$2.42, \$2.30, and \$2.28 per common share for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. An extra cash dividend of \$0.05, \$0.03 and \$0.02 per common share was declared during 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively, and was paid to shareholders on January 19, 2007, January 27, 2006, and January 28, 2005, respectively. The Board of Directors has declared a dividend of \$0.63 per common share for the first quarter of 2007.

Our Board of Directors reviews the dividend rate quarterly, and may adjust the quarterly dividend throughout the year. Dividends are declared considering our estimate of annual taxable income available for distribution to shareholders and the amount of taxable income carried over from the prior year for distribution in the current year. Our goal is to declare what we believe to be sustainable increases in our regular quarterly dividends. To the extent that we earn annual taxable income in excess of dividends paid from such taxable income for the year, we may carry over the excess taxable income into the next year and such excess income will be available for distribution in the next year as permitted under the Code (see discussion below). We believe that carrying over excess taxable income into future periods may provide increased visibility with respect to taxable earnings available to pay the regular quarterly dividend.

Taxable income includes our taxable interest, dividend and fee income, as well as taxable net capital gains. Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. In addition, gains realized for financial reporting purposes may differ from gains included in taxable income as a result of our election to recognize gains using installment sale treatment, which generally results in the deferment of gains for tax purposes until notes or other amounts, including amounts held in escrow, received as consideration form the sale of investments are collected in cash. Taxable income includes non-cash income, such as changes in accrued and reinvested interest and dividends, which includes contractual payment-in-kind interest, and the amortization of discounts and fees. Cash collections of income resulting from contractual payment-in-kind interest or the amortization of discounts and fees generally occur upon the repayment of the loans or debt securities that include such items. Non-cash taxable income is reduced by non-cash expenses, such as realized losses and depreciation and amortization expense.

The summary of our taxable income and distributions of such taxable income for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, is as follows:

	,	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)	(ESTI	MATED) ⁽¹⁾		
Taxable income ⁽²⁾	\$	595.5	\$ 445.0	\$323.2
Taxable income earned in current year and carried forward for				
distribution in next year		(397.1)	(156.5)	(26.0)
Taxable income earned in prior year and carried forward and				
distributed in current year		156.5	26.0	2.1
Total dividends to common shareholders	\$	354.9	\$ 314.5	\$ 299.3

- ⁽¹⁾ Our taxable income for 2006 is an estimate and will not be finally determined until we file our 2006 tax return in September 2007. Therefore, the final taxable income and the taxable income earned in 2006 and carried forward for distribution in 2007 may be different than the estimate above. See Risk Factors, Dividends and Distributions and Taxes of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the consolidated financial statements.
- ⁽²⁾ See Note 10, Dividends and Distributions and Taxes of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the consolidated financial statements for further information on the differences between net income for book purposes and taxable income.

Our estimated annual taxable income for 2006 exceeded our dividend distributions to shareholders for 2006 from such taxable income, and, therefore, we will carry over excess taxable income, which is currently estimated to be \$397.1 million, for distribution to shareholders in 2007. The maximum amount of excess taxable income that may be carried over for distribution in the next year under the Code is the total amount of dividends paid in the following year, subject to certain declaration and payment guidelines. Excess taxable income carried over and paid out in the next year is generally subject to a 4% excise tax. Accordingly, for the year ended December 31, 2006, we have accrued an estimated excise tax of \$15.4 million. See Other Matters Regulated Investment Company Status above.

In addition to excess taxable income available to be carried over from 2006 for distribution in 2007, we currently estimate that we have cumulative deferred taxable income related to installment sale gains of approximately \$220.7 million as of December 31, 2006, which is composed of cumulative deferred taxable income of \$39.6 million as of December 31, 2005, and approximately \$181.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. These gains have been recognized for financial reporting purposes in the respective years they were realized, but generally will be deferred for tax purposes until the notes or other amounts received from the sale of the related investments are collected in cash. The installment sale gains for 2006 are estimates and will not be finally determined until we file our 2006 tax return in September 2007. See Other Matters Regulated Investment Company Status above.

To the extent that installment sale gains are deferred for recognition in taxable income, we pay interest to the Internal Revenue Service. Installment-related interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 was

\$0.9 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. This interest is included in interest expense in our Consolidated Statement of Operations. We currently estimate that installment-related interest expense resulting from cumulative installment sale gains not yet recognized for tax purposes at December 31, 2006, will be approximately \$5.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2007.

FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, our liquidity portfolio (see below), cash and investments in money market and other securities, total assets, total debt outstanding, total shareholders equity, debt to equity ratio and asset coverage for senior indebtedness were as follows:

(\$ in millions)		2006		2005
Liquidity portfolio (including money market and other securities: 2006-\$201.8;	¢	201.8	\$	200.3
2005-\$100.0) Cash and investments in money market securities (including money market and other	\$		¢	
securities: 2006-\$0.4; 2005-\$22.0) Total assets	\$ \$	2.1 4,887.5	\$ \$	53.3 4,025.9
Total debt outstanding	\$	1,899.1		1,284.8
Total shareholders equity	\$	2,841.2	\$	2,620.5
Debt to equity ratio ⁽¹⁾		0.67		0.49
Asset coverage ratio ⁽²⁾		250%		309%

- ⁽¹⁾ The debt to equity ratio adjusted for the liquidity portfolio was 0.60 and 0.41 at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, which is calculated as (a) total debt less the value of the liquidity portfolio divided by (b) total shareholders equity.
- ⁽²⁾ As a business development company, we are generally required to maintain a minimum ratio of 200% of total assets to total borrowings.

Cash generated from the portfolio includes cash flow from net investment income and net realized gains and principal collections related to investment repayments or sales. Cash flow provided by our operating activities before new investment activity for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (597.5)	\$ 116.0	\$ (179.3)
Add: portfolio investments funded	2,257.8	1,668.1	1,472.4
Total cash provided by operating activities before new investments	\$ 1,660.3	\$1,784.1	\$ 1,293.1

In addition to the net cash flow provided by our operating activities before funding investments, we have sources of liquidity through our liquidity portfolio and revolving line of credit as discussed below.

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the value and yield of the securities in the liquidity portfolio were as follows:

	200	2006)5
	Value	Yield	Value	Yield
(\$ in millions)				
U.S. Treasury bills	\$		\$100.3	4.3%
Money market securities	161.2	5.3%	100.0	4.1%
Certificate of Deposit ⁽¹⁾	40.6	5.6%		

Total

⁽¹⁾ The certificate of deposit matures in March 2007.

The liquidity portfolio was established to provide a pool of liquid assets within our balance sheet. Our investment portfolio is primarily composed of private, illiquid assets for which there is no readily available market. Our portfolio s liquidity was reduced when we sold our portfolio of CMBS assets in May 2005, particularly BB rated bonds, which were generally more liquid than assets in our private finance portfolio. We assess the amount held in and the composition of the liquidity portfolio throughout the year.

We invest otherwise uninvested cash in U.S. government- or agency-issued or guaranteed securities that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, or in high quality, short-term securities. We place our cash with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in checking accounts in financial institutions may be in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

We employ an asset-liability management approach that focuses on matching the estimated maturities of our investment portfolio to the estimated maturities of our borrowings. We use our revolving line of credit facility as a means to bridge to long-term financing in the form of debt or equity capital, which may or may not result in temporary differences in the matching of estimated maturities. Availability on the revolving line of credit, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit issued under the line of credit facility, was \$673.8 million on December 31, 2006. We evaluate our interest rate exposure on an ongoing basis. Generally, we seek to fund our primarily fixed-rate investment portfolio with fixed-rate debt or equity capital. To the extent deemed necessary, we may hedge variable and short-term interest rate exposure through interest rate swaps or other techniques.

During the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2004, we sold new equity of \$295.8 million and \$70.3 million, respectively, in public offerings. We did not sell new equity in a public offering during the year ended December 31, 2005. During the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, we issued \$7.2 million and \$3.2 million, respectively, of our common stock as consideration for investments. In addition, shareholders equity increased by \$27.7 million, \$77.5 million, and \$51.3 million through the exercise of stock options, the collection of notes receivable from the sale of common stock, and the issuance of shares through our dividend reinvestment plan for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

We currently target a debt to equity ratio ranging between 0.50:1.00 to 0.70:1.00 because we believe that it is prudent to operate with a larger equity capital base and less leverage.

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At December 31, 2006 and 2005, we had outstanding debt as follows:

		2006		2005			
(\$ in millions)	Facility Amount	Amount tstanding	Annual Interest Cost ⁽¹⁾	Facility Amount		Amount tstanding	Annual Interest Cost ⁽¹⁾
Notes payable and							
debentures:							
Privately issued unsecured							
notes payable	\$1,041.4	\$ 1,041.4	6.1%	\$1,164.5	\$	1,164.5	6.2%
Publicly issued unsecured							
notes payable	650.0	650.0	6.6%				
SBA debentures ⁽²⁾			%	28.5		28.5	7.5%
Total notes payable and							
debentures	1,691.4	1,691.4	6.3%	1,193.0		1,193.0	6.3%
Revolving line of credit ⁽⁵⁾	922.5	207.7	6.4% ⁽³⁾	772.5		91.8	5.6% ⁽³⁾
Total debt	\$ 2,613.9	\$ 1,899.1	6.5%(4)	\$ 1,965.5	\$	1,284.8	6.5% (4)

(1) The weighted average annual interest cost is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on the debt plus the annual amortization of commitment fees, other facility fees and the amortization of debt financing costs that are recognized into interest expense over the contractual life of the respective borrowings, divided by (b) debt outstanding on the balance sheet date.

⁽²⁾ The SBA debentures were repaid in full during 2006.

- (3) The annual interest cost reflects the interest rate payable for borrowings under the revolving line of credit. In addition to the current interest rate payable, there were annual costs of commitment fees, other facility fees and amortization of debt financing costs of \$3.9 million and \$3.3 million at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.
- ⁽⁴⁾ The annual interest cost for total debt includes the annual cost of commitment fees and the amortization of debt financing costs on the revolving line of credit and other facility fees regardless of the amount outstanding on the facility as of the balance sheet date.
- ⁽⁵⁾ At December 31, 2006, \$673.8 million remained unused and available on the revolving line of credit, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit of \$41.0 million issued under the credit facility.

Privately Issued Unsecured Notes Payable. We have privately issued unsecured long-term notes to institutional investors, primarily insurance companies. The notes have five- or seven-year maturities, with maturity dates beginning in 2008 and have fixed rates of interest. The notes generally require payment of interest only semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity. The notes may be prepaid in whole or in part, together with an interest premium, as stipulated in the note agreements.

We have issued five-year unsecured long-term notes denominated in Euros and Sterling for a total U.S. dollar equivalent of \$15.2 million. The notes have fixed interest rates and have substantially the same terms as our other unsecured notes. The Euro notes require annual interest payments and the Sterling notes require semi-annual interest payments until maturity. Simultaneous with issuing the notes, we entered into a cross currency swap with a financial institution which fixed our interest and principal payments in U.S. dollars for the life of the debt.

On October 16, 2006, we repaid \$150.0 million of unsecured long-term debt that matured. This debt had a fixed interest rate of 7.2%. We used cash generated from operations and borrowings on our revolving line of credit to repay this debt.

On May 1, 2006, we issued \$50.0 million of unsecured long-term debt with a fixed interest rate of 6.8%. This debt matures in May 2013. The proceeds of this issuance were used to repay \$25 million of 7.5% unsecured long-term debt that matured on May 1, 2006, and the remainder was used to fund new portfolio investments and for general corporate purposes.

On October 13, 2005, we issued \$261.0 million of five-year and \$89.0 million of seven-year unsecured long-term notes, primarily to insurance companies. The five-and seven-year notes have fixed interest rates of 6.2% and 6.3%, respectively, and have substantially the same terms as our existing unsecured long-term notes. We used a portion of the proceeds from the new long-term note issuance to repay \$125.0 million of our existing unsecured long-term notes that matured on October 15, 2005, and had an annual weighted average interest cost of 8.3%. During the second quarter of 2005, we repaid \$40.0 million of the unsecured notes payable.

Publicly Issued Unsecured Notes Payable. During 2006, we completed public issuances of unsecured notes as follows:

	Amount	Coupon	Maturity Date
(\$ in millions)			
July 25, 2006	\$ 400.0	6.625%	July 15, 2011
December 8, 2006	250.0	6.000%	April 1, 2012
Total	\$ 650.0		

The notes require payment of interest only semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity. We have the option to redeem these notes in whole or in part, together with a redemption premium, as stipulated in the notes.

Small Business Administration Debentures. Through our small business investment company subsidiary, we had debentures payable to the Small Business Administration (SBA) with contractual maturities of ten years. The notes required payment of interest only semi-annually, and all principal was due upon maturity. For the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, we repaid \$28.5 million and \$49.0 million, respectively, of this outstanding debt. At December 31, 2006, we had no outstanding borrowings from the SBA. Allied Investments L.P., our Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) subsidiary, surrendered its SBIC license and on October 1, 2006, Allied Investments L.P. was merged into its parent, Allied Capital Corporation. Therefore, the SBA is no longer a source of debt capital for us.

Revolving Line of Credit. At December 31, 2006, we had an unsecured revolving line of credit with a committed amount of \$922.5 million that expires on September 30, 2008. The revolving line of credit generally bears interest at a rate equal to (i) LIBOR (for the period we select) plus 1.05% or (ii) the higher of the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50% or the Bank of America N.A. prime rate. The revolving line of credit requires the payment of an annual commitment fee equal to 0.20% of the committed amount (whether used or unused). The revolving line of credit generally requires payments of interest at the end of each LIBOR interest period, but no less frequently than quarterly, on LIBOR based loans and monthly payments of interest on other loans. All principal is due upon maturity.

At December 31, 2006, there was \$207.7 million outstanding on our unsecured revolving line of credit. The amount available under the line at December 31, 2006, was \$673.8 million, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit of \$41.0 million. Net borrowings under the revolving lines of credit for the year ended December 31, 2006, were \$116.0 million.

We have various financial and operating covenants required by the revolving line of credit and the privately issued unsecured notes payable outstanding at December 31, 2006. These covenants require us to maintain certain financial ratios, including debt to equity and interest coverage, and a minimum net worth. These credit facilities provide for customary events of default, including, but not limited to, payment defaults, breach of representations or covenants, cross-defaults, bankruptcy events, failure to pay judgments, attachment of our assets, change of control and the issuance of an order of dissolution. Certain of these events of default are subject to notice and cure periods or materiality thresholds. Our credit facilities limit our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions. As of December 31, 2006 and 2005, we were in compliance with these covenants.

We have certain financial and operating covenants that are required by the publicly issued unsecured notes payable, including that we will maintain a minimum ratio of 200% of total assets to total borrowings, as required by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, while these notes are outstanding. At December 31, 2006, we were in compliance with these covenants.

The following table shows our significant contractual obligations for the repayment of debt and payment of other contractual obligations as of December 31, 2006.

Payments Due By Year

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(\$ in millions)	Total	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	After 2011
Unsecured notes payable	\$1,691.4	\$	\$153.0	\$268.9	\$408.0	\$472.5	\$ 389.0
Revolving line of credit ⁽¹⁾	207.7		207.7				
Operating leases	24.6	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.5	1.8	4.9
Total contractual obligations	\$ 1,923.7	\$ 4.4	\$ 365.1	\$273.5	\$412.5	\$474.3	\$ 393.9

⁽¹⁾ At December 31, 2006, \$673.8 million remained unused and available on the revolving line of credit, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit of \$41.0 million issued under the credit facility.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In the ordinary course of business, we have issued guarantees and have extended standby letters of credit through financial intermediaries on behalf of certain portfolio companies. We have generally issued guarantees of debt, rental and lease obligations. Under these arrangements, we would be required to make payments to third-party beneficiaries if the portfolio companies were to default on their related payment

obligations. The following table shows our guarantees and standby letters of credit that may have the effect of creating, increasing, or accelerating our liabilities as of December 31, 2006.

(\$ in millions)	Total	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	After 2011
Guarantees	\$202.1	\$ 0.6	\$ 3.0	\$192.2	\$	\$ 4.4	\$ 1.9
Standby letters of credit ⁽¹⁾	41.0	4.0	37.0				
Total commitments ⁽²⁾	\$243.1	\$ 4.6	\$40.0	\$192.2	\$	\$ 4.4	\$ 1.9

Amount of Commitment Expiration Per Year

(1) Standby letters of credit are issued under our revolving line of credit that expires in September 2008. Therefore, unless a standby letter of credit is set to expire at an earlier date, we have assumed that the standby letters of credit will expire contemporaneously with the expiration of our line of credit in September 2008.

⁽²⁾ Our most significant commitments relate to our investment in Business Loan Express, LLC (BLX), which commitments totaled \$214.7 million at December 31, 2006. At December 31, 2006, we guaranteed 50% of the outstanding total obligations on BLX s revolving line of credit for a total guaranteed amount of \$189.7 million and we had also provided four standby letters of credit totaling \$25.0 million in connection with four term securitizations completed by BLX. See Private Finance, Business Loan Express, LLC above for further discussion. In addition, we had outstanding commitments to fund investments totaling \$435.0 million at December 31, 2006.
See Portfolio and Investment Activity Outstanding Commitments above. We intend to fund these commitments and prospective investment opportunities with existing cash, through cash flow from operations before new investments, through borrowings under our line of credit or other long-term debt agreements, or through the sale or issuance of new equity capital.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements are based on the selection and application of critical accounting policies, which require management to make significant estimates and assumptions. Critical accounting policies are those that are both important to the presentation of our financial condition and results of operations and require management s most difficult, complex, or subjective judgments. Our critical accounting policies are those applicable to the valuation of investments, certain revenue recognition matters and certain tax matters as discussed below.

Valuation of Portfolio Investments. As a business development company, we invest in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies and CDO and CLO bonds and preferred shares/income notes. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. We value substantially all of our investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors in accordance with our valuation policy. We determine fair value to be the amount for which an investment could be exchanged in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. Our valuation policy considers the fact that no ready market exists for substantially all of the securities in which we invest. Our valuation policy is intended to provide a consistent basis for determining the fair value of the portfolio. We will record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investments. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we

believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/ or our equity security has also appreciated in value. The value of investments in publicly traded securities is determined using quoted market prices discounted for restrictions on resale, if any.

See Results of Operations Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation above for more discussion on portfolio valuation.

Loans and Debt Securities. For loans and debt securities, fair value generally approximates cost unless the borrower s enterprise value, overall financial condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount. The value of loan and debt securities may be greater than our cost basis if the amount that would be repaid on the loan or debt security upon the sale of the portfolio company is greater than our cost basis.

When we receive nominal cost warrants or free equity securities (nominal cost equity), we allocate our cost basis in our investment between debt securities and nominal cost equity at the time of origination. At that time, the original issue discount basis of the nominal cost equity is recorded by increasing the cost basis in the equity and decreasing the cost basis in the related debt securities.

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. For loans and debt securities with contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity, we will not accrue payment-in-kind interest if the portfolio company valuation indicates that the payment-in-kind interest is not collectible. In general, interest is not accrued on loans and debt securities if we have doubt about interest collection or where the enterprise value of the portfolio company may not support further accrual. Loans in workout status do not accrue interest. In addition, interest may not accrue on loans or debt securities to portfolio companies that are more than 50% owned by us depending on such company s capital requirements. Loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount are capitalized and then amortized into interest income using a method that approximates the effective interest method. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any unamortized loan origination fees are recorded as interest income and any unamortized original issue discount or market discount is recorded as a realized gain. Prepayment premiums are recorded on loans and debt securities when received.

Equity Securities. Our equity securities in portfolio companies for which there is no liquid public market are valued at fair value based on the enterprise value of the portfolio company, which is determined using various factors, including cash flow from operations of the portfolio company, multiples at which private companies are bought and sold, and other pertinent factors, such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company is equity securities, liquidation events, or other events. The determined equity values are generally discounted when we have a minority ownership position, restrictions on resale, specific concerns about the receptivity of the capital markets to a specific company at a certain time, or other factors.

The value of our equity securities in public companies for which market quotations are readily available is based on the closing public market price on the balance sheet date. Securities that carry certain restrictions on sale are typically valued at a discount from the public market value of the security.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected and to the extent that we have the option to receive the dividend in cash. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded companies.

Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO) and Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLO). CDO and CLO bonds and preferred shares/ income notes (CDO/ CLO Assets) are carried at fair value, which is based on a discounted cash flow model that utilizes prepayment, re-investment and loss assumptions based on historical experience and projected performance, economic factors, the characteristics of the underlying cash flow, and comparable yields for similar bonds and preferred shares/ income notes, when available. We recognize unrealized appreciation or depreciation on our CDO/ CLO Assets as comparable yields in the market change and/ or based on changes in estimated cash flows resulting from changes in prepayment, re-investment or loss assumptions in the underlying collateral pool. We determine the fair value of our CDO/ CLO Assets on an individual security-by-security basis.

We recognize interest income on the preferred shares/income notes using the effective interest method, based on the anticipated yield and the estimated cash flows over the projected life of the investment. Yields are revised when there are changes in actual or estimated cash flows due to changes in prepayments and/or re-investments, credit losses or asset pricing. Changes in estimated yield are recognized as an adjustment to the estimated yield over the remaining life of the preferred shares/income notes from the date the estimated yield was changed. CDO and CLO bonds have stated interest rates.

Net Realized Gains or Losses and Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation. Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the year, net of recoveries. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses are realized. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation also reflects the change in the value of U.S. Treasury bills and deposits of proceeds from sales of borrowed Treasury securities, and depreciation on accrued interest and dividends receivable and other assets where collection is doubtful.

Fee Income. Fee income includes fees for loan prepayment premiums, guarantees, commitments, and services rendered by us to portfolio companies and other third parties such as diligence, structuring, transaction services, management and consulting services, and other services. Loan prepayment premiums are recognized at the time of prepayment. Guaranty and commitment fees are generally recognized as income over the related period of the guaranty or commitment, respectively. Diligence, structuring, and transaction services fees are generally recognized as income when services are rendered or when the related transactions are completed. Management, consulting and other services fees are generally recognized as income as the services are rendered.

Federal and State Income Taxes and Excise Tax. We intend to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) that are applicable to regulated investment companies (RIC) and real estate investment trusts (REIT). We and any of our subsidiaries that qualify as a RIC or a REIT intend to distribute or retain through a deemed distribution all of our annual taxable income to shareholders; therefore, we have made no provision for income taxes for these entities.

If we do not distribute at least 98% of our annual taxable income in the year earned, we will generally be required to pay an excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of our annual taxable income exceeds the distributions from such taxable income for the year. To the extent that we determine that our estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions from such taxable income, we accrue excise taxes, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as taxable income is earned using an annual effective excise tax rate. The annual effective excise tax rate is determined by dividing the estimated annual excise tax by the estimated annual taxable income.

Income taxes for AC Corp are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases as well as operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

Our business activities contain elements of risk. We consider the principal types of market risk to be fluctuations in interest rates. We consider the management of risk essential to conducting our businesses. Accordingly, our risk management systems and procedures are designed to identify and analyze our risks, to set appropriate policies and limits and to continually monitor these risks and limits by means of reliable administrative and information systems and other policies and programs.

Because we borrow money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest these funds. As a result, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which would reduce our net investment income. We use a combination of long-term and short-term borrowings and equity capital to finance our investing activities. We utilize our revolving line of credit as a means to bridge to long-term financing. Our long-term fixed-rate investments are financed primarily with long-term fixed-rate debt and equity. 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. We have analyzed the potential impact of changes in interest rates on interest income net of interest expense.

Assuming that the balance sheet as of December 31, 2006, were to remain constant and no actions were taken to alter the existing interest rate sensitivity, a hypothetical immediate 1% change in interest rates would have affected net income by approximately 1% over a one year horizon. Although management believes that this measure is indicative of our sensitivity to interest rate changes, it does not adjust for potential changes in credit quality, size and composition of the assets on the balance sheet and other business developments that could affect net increase in net assets resulting from operations, or net income. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that actual results would not differ materially from the potential outcome simulated by this estimate.

In addition, we may have risk regarding portfolio valuation. See Business Portfolio Valuation in this prospectus supplement.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved 2006 cash bonuses and 2007 individual performance awards (IPAs) and 2007 individual performance bonuses (IPBs) for certain of our officers. The Board of Directors ratified the approval of the Compensation Committee.

The Compensation Committee utilized a third-party compensation advisory firm to assess the competitiveness of the current and proposed compensation levels of the named executive officers of the Corporation. As part of this process, the Compensation Committee analyzed the compensation of the named executive officers in light of information regarding the compensation practices of similar publicly traded companies and private equity firms and published survey data, among other factors.

In total, 2006 cash bonuses have been determined to be approximately \$38 million, of which \$27.6 million had been accrued for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. This compares to 2005 total cash bonuses of \$27 million. The 2006 bonus payments for William L. Walton, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Joan M. Sweeney, Chief Operating Officer, Penni F. Roll, Chief Financial Officer, John D. Shulman and Michael J. Grisius, Managing Directors, are \$2,750,000, \$1,500,000, \$850,000, \$3,000,000, and \$1,500,000, respectively.

The total of 2007 IPAs and IPBs are estimated to be \$19.6 million. The 2007 IPAs for Mr. Walton, Ms. Sweeney, Ms. Roll, Mr. Shulman and Mr. Grisius are \$1,475,000, \$750,000, \$350,000, \$500,000, and \$400,000, respectively. The 2007 IPBs for Mr. Walton, Ms. Sweeney, Ms. Roll, Mr. Shulman and Mr. Grisius are \$1,475,000, \$750,000, \$350,000, \$500,000, and \$400,000, respectively.

The IPAs are not paid to employees on a current basis. Instead, IPAs are deposited in a trust in approximately equal cash installments, on a quarterly basis, and the cash is used to purchase shares of the Corporation s common stock in the market on the New York Stock Exchange. In conjunction with the IPAs, we established a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, The 2005 Allied Capital Corporation Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan II (DCP II), which is administered through a trust by a third-party trustee. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in this prospectus supplement for a more detailed discussion of the IPAs and IPBs.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders Allied Capital Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Allied Capital Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, including the consolidated statements of investments as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows, and the financial highlights (included in Note 14), for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2006. These consolidated financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Company s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included physical counts of securities owned as of December 31, 2006 and 2005. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Allied Capital Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the results of their operations, their cash flows, changes in their net assets, and financial highlights for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2006, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004), *Share Based Payment. Washington, D.C. February* 28, 2007

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

December	31,
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		2006		2005
(in thousands, except per share amounts) ASSETS				
Portfolio at value:				
Private finance				
Companies more than 25% owned (cost: 2006-\$1,578,822;				
2005-\$1,489,782)	\$	1,490,180	\$	1,887,651
Companies 5% to 25% owned (cost: 2006-\$438,560; 2005-\$168,373)	Ŷ	449,813	Ŷ	158,806
Companies less than 5% owned (cost: 2006-\$2,479,981;		- ,		,
2005-\$1,448,268)		2,437,908		1,432,833
Total private finance (cost: 2006-\$4,497,363; 2005-\$3,106,423)		4,377,901		3,479,290
Commercial real estate finance (cost: 2006-\$103,546; 2005-\$131,695)		118,183		127,065
Total portfolio at value (cost: 2006-\$4,600,909; 2005-\$3,238,118)		4,496,084		3,606,355
U.S. Treasury bills (cost: 2006-\$; 2005-\$100,000)				100,305
Investments in money market and other securities		202,210		121,967
Deposits of proceeds from sales of borrowed Treasury securities				17,666
Accrued interest and dividends receivable		64,566		60,366
Other assets		122,958		87,858
Cash		1,687		31,363
Total assets	\$	4,887,505	\$	4,025,880
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQ	QUITY	ľ		
Liabilities:				
Notes payable and debentures (maturing within one year: 2006-\$;				
2005-\$175,000)	\$	1,691,394	\$	1,193,040
	\$	1,691,394 207,750	\$	1,193,040 91,750
2005-\$175,000)	\$		\$	
2005-\$175,000) Revolving line of credit	\$		\$	91,750
2005-\$175,000) Revolving line of credit Obligations to replenish borrowed Treasury securities	\$	207,750	\$	91,750 17,666
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Total shareholders equity	2,841,244	2,620,546
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	4,887,505	\$ 4,025,880
Net asset value per common share	\$ 19.12	\$ 19.17

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	For the Yea	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2006	2005	2004			
(in thousands, except per share amounts)						
Interest and Related Portfolio Income:						
Interest and dividends	¢ 100 (2)	¢ 100 450	¢ 01 710			
Companies more than 25% owned	\$ 102,636	\$ 122,450	\$ 91,710 25,702			
Companies 5% to 25% owned	39,754	21,924 172,779	25,702 202,230			
Companies less than 5% owned	244,037	172,779	202,230			
Total interest and dividends	386,427	317,153	319,642			
Fees and other income	, -		, -			
Companies more than 25% owned	29,606	27,365	29,774			
Companies 5% to 25% owned	4,447	124	2,383			
Companies less than 5% owned	32,078	29,510	15,291			
Total fees and other income	66,131	56,999	47,448			
Total lees and other income	00,151	50,999	47,440			
Total interest and related portfolio income	452,558	374,152	367,090			
Expenses:						
Interest	100,600	77,352	75,650			
Employee	92,902	78,300	53,739			
Employee stock options	15,599					
Administrative	39,005	69,713	34,686			
Total operating expenses	248,106	225,365	164,075			
Net investment income before income taxes	204,452	148,787	203,015			
Income tax expense, including excise tax	15,221	11,561	2,057			
Net investment income	189,231	137,226	200,958			
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Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses):						
Net realized gains (losses)						
Companies more than 25% owned	513,314	33,237	86,812			
Companies 5% to 25% owned	4,467	5,285	43,818			
Companies less than 5% owned	15,520	234,974	(13,390)			
Total net realized gains	533,301	273,496	117,240			
Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation	(477,409)	462,092	(68,712)			
Total net gains	55,892	735,588	48,528			
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 245,123	\$872,814	\$249,486			

Basic earnings per common share		\$	1.72	\$	6.48	\$	1.92
Diluted earnings per common share		\$	1.68	\$	6.36	\$	1.88
Weighted average common shares outstanding	basic	14	42,405	13	34,700	12	29,828
Weighted average common shares outstanding	diluted	14	45,599	13	37,274	13	32,458

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

		For the Years Ended December 31,				
(in thousands, execution shows amounts)		2006		2005		2004
(in thousands, except per share amounts) Operations:						
Net investment income	\$	189,231	\$	137,226	\$	200,958
Net realized gains	ψ	533,301	φ	273,496	φ	117,240
Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation		(477,409)		462,092		(68,712)
Net change in uncanzed approclation of depreciation		(177,107)		102,092		(00,712)
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations		245,123		872,814		249,486
Shareholder distributions:						
Common stock dividends		(354,892)		(314,509)		(299,326)
Preferred stock dividends		(10)		(10)		(62)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from shareholder						
distributions		(354,902)		(314,519)		(299,388)
Capital share transactions:						
Sale of common stock		295,769				70,251
Issuance of common stock for portfolio investments		295,709		7,200		3,227
Issuance of common stock in lieu of cash distributions		14,996		9,257		5,836
Issuance of common stock upon the exercise of stock options		11,734		66,688		32,274
Stock option expense		15,835		00,000		52,274
Net decrease in notes receivable from sale of common stock		1,018		1,602		13,162
Purchase of common stock held in deferred compensation trust		(9,855)		(7,968)		(13,687)
Distribution of common stock held in deferred compensation trust		980		2,011		184
Other		200		3,683		3,856
Net increase in net assets resulting from capital share		220 477		02 472		115 100
transactions		330,477		82,473		115,103
Total net increase in net assets		220,698		640,768		65,201
Net assets at beginning of year	4	2,620,546		1,979,778		1,914,577
Net assets at end of year	\$2	2,841,244	\$	2,620,546	\$	1,979,778
Net asset value per common share	\$	19.12	\$	19.17	\$	14.87
Common shares outstanding at end of year		148,575		136,697		133,099

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ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

2006 2005 2004 (in thousands) Cash flows from operating activities: Net increase in net assets resulting from operations \$ 245.123 872.814 \$ 249,486 \$ Adjustments: Portfolio investments (2,257,828)(1,668,113)(1,472,396)Principal collections related to investment repayments or 1,055,347 1,503,388 909,189 sales Change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends (11, 296)(6,594)(52, 193)Net collection (amortization) of discounts and fees 1.713 (1,564)(5,235) Redemption of (investments in) U.S. Treasury bills 100.000 (100,000)Redemption of (investments in) money market securities (77, 106)(121, 967)Stock option expense 15,835 Changes in other assets and liabilities 18.716 36,418 33.023 Depreciation and amortization 1,800 1,820 1,433 Realized gains from the receipt of notes and other consideration from sale of investments, net of collections (209.049)(4,293)(47, 497)**Realized** losses 69,565 150,462 24,169 Net change in unrealized (appreciation) or depreciation 68,712 477,409 (462,092)Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (597, 465)115.987 (179, 323)Cash flows from financing activities: Sale of common stock 295.769 70.251 11,734 Sale of common stock upon the exercise of stock options 66,688 32,274 Collections of notes receivable from sale of common stock 1.602 13.162 1.018 Borrowings under notes payable 700,000 350,000 340,212 Repayments on notes payable and debentures (203, 500)(219,700)(231,000)Net borrowings under (repayments on) revolving line of credit 116,000 (20, 250)112,000 Redemption of preferred stock (7,000)Purchase of common stock held in deferred compensation trust (9,855)(7.968)(13,687)Other financing activities (6,795)(8.333)(3.004)Common stock dividends and distributions paid (336,572) (303,813) (290, 830)Preferred stock dividends paid (10)(10)(62)Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities 567.789 (141,784)22.316 Net decrease in cash (29,676)(25,797)(157,007)Cash at beginning of year 31,363 57,160 214,167 \$ 1.687 \$ \$ Cash at end of year 31.363 57.160

For the Years Ended December 31,

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Defende Einen er		December 51, 200		
Private Finance Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Companies More Than 25% Owned				
Alaris Consulting, LLC (Business Services)	Senior Loan (16.5%, Due 12/05 12/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Equity Interests Guaranty (\$1,100)	\$ 27,055	\$ 26,987 5,305	\$
Avborne, Inc. ⁽⁷⁾ (Business Services)	Preferred Stock (12,500 shares) Common Stock (27,500 shares)		610	918
Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc. ⁽⁷⁾ (Business Services)	Preferred Stock (1,568 shares) Common Stock (2,750 shares) Guaranty (\$2,401)		2,401	
Border Foods, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Preferred Stock (100,000 shares) Common Stock (148,838 shares)		12,721 3,848	
Business Loan Express, LLC (Financial Services)	Class A Equity Interests(25.0%) ⁽⁶⁾ Class B Equity Interests Class C Equity Interests Guaranty (\$189,706 See Note 3) Standby Letters of Credit (\$25,000 See Note 3)	66,622	66,622 119,436 109,301	66,622 79,139 64,976
Calder Capital Partners, LLC ⁽⁵⁾ (Financial Services)	Senior Loan (8.0%, Due 5/09) ⁽⁶⁾ Equity Interests	975	975 2,076	975 2,076
Callidus Capital Corporation (Financial Services)	Subordinated Debt (18.0%, Due 10/08) Common Stock (100 shares)	5,762	5,762 2,058	5,762 22,550
Coverall North America, Inc. (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (12.0%, Due 7/11) Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 7/11) Common Stock (884,880 shares)	36,500 6,000	36,333 5,972 16,649	36,333 5,972 19,619
CR Brands, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (16.6%, Due 2/13) Common Stock (37,200,551 shares)	39,573	39,401 33,321	39,401 25,738

Financial Pacific Company (Financial Services)	Subordinated Debt (17.4%, Due 2/12 8/12) Preferred Stock (10,964 shares) Common Stock (14,735 shares)	71,589	71,362 10,276 14,819	71,362 15,942 65,186
ForeSite Towers, LLC (Tower Leasing)	Equity Interests		7,620	12,290
Global Communications, LLC (Business Services)	Senior Loan (10.7%, Due 9/02 11/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (17.0%, Due 12/03 9/05 ⁹⁾ Preferred Equity Interest Options	15,957 11,339	15,957 11,336 14,067 1,639	15,957 11,237
Gordian Group, Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loan (10.0%, Due 6/06 12/08) ⁽⁶⁾ Common Stock (1,000 shares)	11,792	11,803 6,762	

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- ⁽⁷⁾ Avborne, Inc. and Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc. are affiliated companies.

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Private Finance Portfolio Company		De	cember 51, 2	2000
(in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Healthy Pet Corp. (Consumer Services)	Senior Loan (9.9%, Due 8/10) Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 8/10) Common Stock (30,142 shares)	\$ 27,038 43,720	\$27,038 43,579 30,142	\$ 27,038 43,579 28,921
HMT, Inc. (Energy Services)	Preferred Stock (554,052 shares) Common Stock (300,000 shares) Warrants		2,637 3,000 1,155	2,637 8,664 3,336
Huddle House, Inc. (Retail)	Senior Loan (8.9%, Due 12/11) Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 12/12) Common Stock (415,328 shares)	19,950 58,484	19,950 58,196 41,662	19,950 58,196 41,662
Impact Innovations Group, LLC (Business Services)	Equity Interests in Affiliate			873
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (16.1%, Due 9/12) Preferred Stock (25,000 shares) Common Stock (620,000 shares)	60,049	59,850 25,000 6,325	59,850 7,845
Jakel, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (15.5%, Due 3/08) ⁽⁶⁾ Preferred Stock (6,460 shares) Common Stock (158,061 shares)	15,192	15,192 6,460 9,347	6,655
Legacy Partners Group, LLC (Financial Services)	Senior Loan (14.0%, Due 5/09) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (18.0%, Due 5/09) ⁽⁶⁾ Equity Interests	7,646 2,952	7,646 2,952 4,248	4,843
Litterer Beteiligungs-GmbH ⁽⁴⁾ (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (8.0%, Due 3/07) Equity Interest	692	692 1,809	692 1,199
Mercury Air Centers, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 4/09 11/12) Common Stock (57,970 shares) Standby Letters of Credit (\$1,581)	49,358	49,217 35,053	49,217 195,019

MVL Group, Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loan (12.0%, Due 6/09 7/09) Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 6/09) Common Stock (648,661 shares)	27,299 35,846	27,245 35,478 643	27,245 35,478
Penn Detroit Diesel Allison, LLC (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (15.5%, Due 8/13) Equity Interests	38,173	37,994 21,128	37,994 25,949
Powell Plant Farms, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Senior Loan (15.0%, Due 12/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (20.0%, Due 6/03) ⁽⁶⁾ Preferred Stock (1,483 shares) Warrants	35,040 19,291	26,192 19,223	26,192 962
Service Champ, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (15.5%, Due 4/12) Common Stock (63,888 shares)	27,733	27,619 13,662	27,619 16,786

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Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Staffing Partners Holding Company, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (13.5%, Due 1/07) ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 540	\$ 540	\$ 486
Startec Global Communications Corporation (Telecommunications)	Senior Loan (10.0%, Due 5/07 5/09) Common Stock (19,180,000 shares)	15,965	15,965 37,256	15,965 11,232
Sweet Traditions, LLC (Retail)	Senior Loan (9.0%, Due 8/11) Equity Interests Standby Letter of Credit (\$120)	39,022	35,172 450	35,172 450
Triview Investments, Inc. ⁽⁸⁾ (Broadcasting & Cable/Business Services/Consumer Products)	Senior Loan (9.6%, Due 6/07 12/07) Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 9/11 7/12) Subordinated Debt (7.9%, Due 11/07 7/089) Common Stock (202 shares) Guaranty (\$800) Standby Letter of Credit (\$200)	14,758 56,288 4,327	14,747 56,008 4,327 98,604	14,747 56,008 4,342 31,322
Total companies more than 2	25% owned		\$1,578,822	\$ 1,490,180
Companies 5% to 25% Owned				
Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 3/14) Equity Interests	\$ 152,320	\$ 151,648	\$ 151,648 11,000
Air Medical Group Holdings LLC (Healthcare Services)	Senior Loan (9.9%, Due 3/11) Subordinated Debt (14.0%, Due 11/12) Equity Interests	1,828 35,180	1,763 35,128 3,470	1,763 35,128 5,950
Alpine ESP Holdings, Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock (622 shares) Common Stock (13,513 shares)		622 14	602

Amerex Group, LLC	Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 1/13)	8,400	8,400	8,400
(Consumer Products)	Equity Interests		3,546	13,823
BB&T Capital Partners/Windsor Mezzanine Fund, LLC ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Equity Interests		5,873	5,554
Becker Underwood, Inc.	Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 8/12)	24,244	24,163	24,163
(Industrial Products)	Common Stock (5,073 shares)		5,813	3,700
BI Incorporated	Subordinated Debt (13.5%, Due 2/14)	30,269	30,135	30,135
(Business Services)	Common Stock (40,000 shares)		4,000	4,100

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- (8) Triview Investments, Inc. holds investments in Longview Cable & Data, LLC (Broadcasting & Cable) with a cost of \$67.3 million and a value of \$7.5 million, Triax Holdings, LLC (Consumer Products) with a cost of \$98.9 million and a value of \$91.5 million, and Crescent Hotels & Resorts, LLC and affiliates (Business Services) with a cost of \$7.5 million and a value of \$7.3 million.

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Private Finance		December 51, 2000		000
Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
CitiPostal, Inc. and Affiliates (Business Services)	Senior Loan (11.1%, Due 8/13-11/14) Equity Interests	\$ 20,670	\$ 20,569 4,447	\$ 20,569 4,700
Creative Group, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 9/13) Warrant	15,000	13,656 1,387	13,656 1,387
Drew Foam Companies, Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock (722 shares) Common Stock (7,287 shares)		722 7	722 7
MedBridge Healthcare, LLC (Healthcare Services)	Senior Loan (6.0%, Due 8/09) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (10.0%, Due	7,164	7,164	7,164
	8/14) ⁽⁶⁾ Convertible Subordinated Debt (2.0%,	5,184	5,184	1,813
	Due 8/14) ⁽⁶⁾ Equity Interests	2,970	984 1,306	
Multi-Ad Services, Inc. (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (11.3%, Due 11/11) Equity Interests	20,000	19,879 2,000	19,879 2,000
Nexcel Synthetics, LLC (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 6/09) Equity Interests	10,998	10,978 1,755	10,978 1,486
PresAir LLC (Industrial Products)	Senior Loan (7.5%, Due 12/10) ⁽⁶⁾ Equity Interests	5,810	5,492 1,336	2,206
Progressive International Corporation (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 12/09) Preferred Stock (500 shares) Common Stock (197 shares) Warrants	7,553	7,533 500 13	7,533 1,024 2,300
Regency Healthcare Group, LLC (Healthcare Services)	Senior Loan (11.1%, Due 6/12) Unitranche Debt (11.1%, Due 6/12) Equity Interests	1,250 20,000	1,232 19,908 1,500	1,232 19,908 1,616

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SGT India Private Limited ⁽⁴⁾ (Business Services)	Common Stock (109,524 shares)		3,944	3,346
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC (Healthcare Services)	Subordinated Debt (11.6%, Due 11/10) Equity Interests	18,500	17,569 2,163	17,569 2,541
Universal Environmental Services, LLC (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (14.5%, Due 2/09) Equity Interests	10,989	10,962 1,795	10,211
Total companies 5% to 25% o	wned		\$438,560	\$449,813
Companies Less Than 5% Owned				
3SI Security Systems, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 8/13)	\$ 26,857	\$ 26,740	\$ 26,740
AgData, L.P. (Consumer Services)	Unitranche Debt (10.3%, Due 7/12)	11,330	11,269	11,269
Anthony, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (13.3%, Due 8/11 9/12)	14,818	14,768	14,768
Axium Healthcare Pharmacy, Inc. (Healthcare Services)	Senior Loan (12.0%, Due 12/12) Unitranche Debt (12.0%, Due 12/12) Common Stock (26,500 shares)	200 9,000	161 8,956 2,650	161 8,956 2,650
Baird Capital Partners IV Limited Partnership ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		876	876

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Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Bantek West, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (11.6%, Due $1/11$) ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 21,463
Benchmark Medical, Inc. (Healthcare Services)	Warrants		18	
BenefitMall, Inc. (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (13.3%, Due 8/12) Common Stock (45,528,000 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ Warrants ⁽¹¹⁾ Standby Letters of Credit (\$9,981)	110,030	109,648 45,528	109,648 43,578
Breeze-Eastern Corporation ⁽³⁾ (Industrial Products)	Senior Loan (10.1%, Due 5/11)	10,000	10,000	10,000
Broadcast Electronics, Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loan (9.1%, Due 7/12)	4,963	4,930	4,930
C&K Market, Inc. (Retail)	Subordinated Debt (14.0%, Due 12/08)	27,819	27,738	27,738
Callidus Debt Partners CDO Fund I, Ltd. ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁹⁾ (Senior Debt Fund)	Class C Notes (12.9%, Due 12/13) Class D Notes (17.0%, Due 12/13)	18,800 9,400	18,951 9,476	18,951 9,476
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund III, Ltd. ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁹⁾ (Senior Debt Fund)	Preferred Shares (23,600,000 shares, 12.7%) ⁽¹²⁾		23,285	23,010
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund IV, Ltd. ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁹⁾ (Senior Debt Fund)	Income Notes (13.8%) ⁽¹²⁾		12,986	12,986
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund V, Ltd. ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁹⁾ (Senior Debt Fund)	Income Notes (15.8%) ⁽¹²⁾		13,769	13,769
	Class E Notes (10.9%, Due 12/17)	17,000	17,000	17,155

Callidus MAPS CLO Fund I LLC ⁽⁹⁾			50.070	17 101
(Senior Debt Fund)	Income Notes $(15.9\%)^{(12)}$		50,960	47,421
Camden Partners Strategic Fund II,				
L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		2,141	2,873
Carlisle Wide Plank Floors, Inc.	Unitranche Debt (10.5%, Due 6/11)	14,000	13,900	13,900
(Consumer Products)	Preferred Stock (400,000 Shares)	,	400	400
Catterton Partners V, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		3,306	3,412
Catterton Partners VI, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		531	531
Centre Capital Investors IV, LP ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		1,991	1,889

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- ⁽⁹⁾ The fund is managed by Callidus Capital, a portfolio company of Allied Capital.
- ⁽¹¹⁾ Common stock is non-voting. In addition to non-voting stock ownership, the Company has an option to acquire a majority of the voting securities of the portfolio company at fair market value.
- ⁽¹²⁾ Represents the effective yield earned on these preferred equity investments. The yield is included in interest income from companies less than 5% owned in the consolidated statement of operations.

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Private Finance		December 31, 2006		
Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Commercial Credit Group, Inc. (Financial Services)	Subordinated Debt (14.8%, Due 2/11) Preferred Stock (32,500 shares) Warrants	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,959 3,900	\$ 4,959 3,900
Community Education Centers, Inc. (Education Services)	Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 12/10)	34,158	34,067	34,067
Compass Group Diversified Holdings LLC ⁽³⁾ (Financial Services)	Senior Loan (8.4%, Due 11/11)	8,500	8,375	8,375
Component Hardware Group, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (13.5%, Due 1/13)	18,158	18,075	18,075
Cook Inlet Alternative Risk, LLC (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (10.0%, Due 4/12) Equity Interests	67,500	67,146 2,000	67,146 2,300
Cortec Group Fund IV, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity)	Limited Partnership Interest		1,137	1,137
CSAV, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (11.9%, Due 6/13)	37,500	37,500	37,500
DCWV Acquisition Corporation (Consumer Products)	Senior Loan (8.9%, Due 7/12) Unitranche Debt (11.0%, Due 7/12)	2,074 16,788	2,060 16,694	2,060 16,694
Deluxe Entertainment Services Group, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (13.6%, Due 7/11)	30,000	30,000	30,000
Distant Lands Trading Co. (Consumer Products)	Senior Loan (10.6%, Due 11/11) Unitranche Debt (11.0%, Due 11/11) Common Stock (4,000 shares)	2,700 54,375	2,656 54,130 4,000	2,656 54,130 2,975
Drilltec Patents & Technologies Company, Inc.	Subordinated Debt (18.0%, Due 8/06)	4,119	4,119	4,119

(Energy Services)	Subordinated Debt (16.5%, Due 8/06) ⁽⁶⁾	10,994	10,918	9,121
Driven Brands, Inc. d/b/a Meineke and Econo	Senior Loan (8.9%, Due 6/11) Subordinated Debt (12.1%, Due 6/12	37,070	36,918	36,918
Lube (Consumer Services)	6/13) Common Stock (11,675,331 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾	83,000	82,684 29,455	82,684 19,702
	Warrants ⁽¹¹⁾			
Digital VideoStream, LLC (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (11.0%, Due 2/12) Convertible Subordinated Debt	19,127	19,021	19,021
	(10.0%, Due 2/16)	3,730	3,714	3,714
Dynamic India Fund IV ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Equity Interests		3,850	3,850
EarthColor, Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loan (7.4%, Due 11/11) Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 11/13) Common Stock (53,540 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ Warrants ⁽¹¹⁾	35,000 107,000	35,000 106,478 53,540	35,000 106,478 53,540
eCentury Capital Partners, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		6,274	2,090

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Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value	
Elexis Beta GmbH ⁽⁴⁾ (Industrial Products)	Options		\$ 426	\$ 50	
Farley s & Sathers Candy Company, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (11.4%, Due 3/11)	\$ 20,000	19,931	19,931	
Frozen Specialties, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Warrants		435	320	
Garden Ridge Corporation (Retail)	Subordinated Debt (7.0%, Due 5/12) ⁽⁶⁾	22,500	22,500	22,500	
Geotrace Technologies, Inc. (Energy Services)	Subordinated Debt (10.0%, Due 6/09) Warrants	23,945	22,481 2,350	22,481 1,900	
Ginsey Industries, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (12.5%, Due 3/07)	2,743	2,743	2,743	
Grant Broadcasting Systems II (Broadcasting & Cable)	Subordinated Debt (5.0%, Due 6/11)	3,005	3,005	3,005	
Grotech Partners, VI, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		8,223	6,088	
Havco Wood Products LLC (Industrial Products)	Unitranche Debt (11.1%, Due 8/11) Equity Interests	19,654	18,615 1,049	18,615 3,000	
Haven Eldercare of New England, LLC ⁽¹⁰⁾ (Healthcare Services)	Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 8/09)	2,827	2,827	2,827	
Haven Healthcare Management, LLC ⁽¹⁰⁾ (Healthcare Services)	Subordinated Debt (18.0%, Due 4/07)	140	140	140	
HealthASPex Services Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loan (4.0%, Due 7/08)	500	500	500	
The Hillman Companies, Inc. ⁽³⁾	Subordinated Debt (10.0%, Due 9/11)	44,580	44,427	44,427	

(Consumer Products)				
The Homax Group, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Senior Loan (9.2%, Due 10/12) Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 4/14) Preferred Stock (89 shares) Common Stock (28 shares) Warrants	12,485 14,000	12,485 13,171 89 6 1,106	12,485 13,171 89 6 1,106
Hot Stuff Foods, LLC (Consumer Products)	Senior Loan (8.9%, Due 2/11-2/12) Subordinated Debt (13.7%, Due 8/12 2/13) Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 2/13) ⁽⁶⁾ Common Stock (1,122,452 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ Warrants ⁽¹¹⁾	48,580 60,606 20,841	48,351 60,353 20,749 56,186	48,351 60,353 8,460
Ideal Snacks Corporation (Consumer Products)	Senior Loan (9.0%, Due 6/10)	5,850	5,815	5,815
Integrity Interactive Corporation (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (10.5%, Due 2/12)	29,500	29,314	29,314
International Fiber Corporation (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (14.0%, Due 6/12) Preferred Stock (25,000 shares)	21,986	21,914 2,500	21,914 2,200

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⁽¹⁰⁾ Haven Eldercare of New England, LLC and Haven Healthcare Management, LLC are affiliated companies.

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Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Kodiak Fund LP ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Equity Interests		\$ 4,700	\$ 4,656
Line-X, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Senior Loan (9.1%, Due 8/11) Unitranche Debt (10.0% Due 8/11) Standby Letter of Credit (\$1,500)	\$ 2,000 48,509	1,981 48,306	1,981 48,306
MedAssets, Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock (227,865 shares) Common Stock (50,000 shares)		2,049	3,623 250
MHF Logistical Solutions, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (11.5%, Due 6/12) Subordinated Debt (18.0%, Due 6/13) ⁽⁶⁾ Common Stock (20,934 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ Warrants ⁽¹¹⁾	33,600 11,211	33,448 11,155 20,942	33,448 8,719
Mid-Atlantic Venture Fund IV, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		6,974	3,221
Mogas Energy, LLC (Energy Services)	Subordinated Debt (9.5%, Due 3/12 4/12) Warrants	16,336	15,100 1,774	16,318 6,250
Network Hardware Resale, Inc. (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (10.5%, Due 12/11) Convertible Subordinated Debt (9.8%, Due 12/15)	37,154 12,000	37,357 12,068	37,357 12,559
Norwesco, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (12.6%, Due 1/12 7/12) Common Stock (559,603 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ Warrants ⁽¹¹⁾	82,486	82,172 38,313	82,172 83,329
Novak Biddle Venture Partners III, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		1,834	1,947
Oahu Waste Services, Inc. (Business Services)	Stock Appreciation Rights		239	800

Odyssey Investment Partners Fund III, LP ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		1,883	1,744
Palm Coast Data, LLC (Business Services)	Senior Loan (8.9%, Due 8/10) Subordinated Debt (15.5%, Due 8/12 8/15) Common Stock (21,743 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ Warrants ⁽¹¹⁾	15,306 30,396	15,243 30,277 21,743	15,243 30,277 41,707
Passport Health Communications, Inc. (Healthcare Services)	Subordinated Debt (14.0%, Due 4/12) Preferred Stock (651,381 shares)	10,145	10,101 2,000	10,101 2,189
Performant Financial Corporation (Business Services)	Common Stock (478,816 shares)		734	

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Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Postle Aluminum Company, LLC (Industrial Products)	Unitranche Debt (11.0%, Due 10/12) Equity Interests	\$ 57,500	\$ 57,189 2,500	\$ 57,189 2,500
Pro Mach, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (12.5%, Due 6/12) Equity Interests	14,471	14,402 1,500	14,402 2,200
Promo Works, LLC (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (10.3%, Due 12/11) Guaranty (\$1,200)	31,000	30,727	30,727
S.B. Restaurant Company (Retail)	Unitranche Debt (9.8%, Due 4/11) Preferred Stock (54,125 shares) Warrants Standby Letters of Credit (\$2,611)	41,501	41,094 135 619	41,094 135 1,200
SBBUT, LLC (Consumer Products)	Equity Interests			
Service Center Metals, LLC (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (15.5%, Due 9/11) Equity Interests	5,000	4,976 312	4,976 318
Soff-Cut Holdings, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Preferred Stock (300 shares) Common Stock (2,000 shares)		300 200	300 180
SPP Mezzanine Funding, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		2,551	2,825
SPP Mezzanine Funding II, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		326	326
Stag-Parkway, Inc. (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (10.8%, Due 7/12)	63,000	62,711	62,711
STS Operating, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 1/13)	30,156	30,021	30,021
The Step2 Company, LLC (Consumer Products)	Unitranche Debt (10.5%, Due 4/12) Equity Interests	67,898	67,457 2,000	67,457 1,763

Tradesmen International, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 12/09) Warrants	15,000	14,468 710	14,468 3,300
TransAmerican Auto Parts, LLC (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (14.0%, Due 11/12) Equity Interests	12,947	12,892 1,190	12,892 747
Universal Air Filter Company (Industrial Products)	Unitranche Debt (11.0%, Due 11/11)	19,117	19,026	19,026
Updata Venture Partners II, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		5,477	5,158
Venturehouse-Cibernet Investors, LLC (Business Services)	Equity Interest		42	42
Venturehouse Group, LLC ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Equity Interest		598	365
VICORP Restaurants, Inc. (Retail)	Warrants		33	

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Private Finance Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Walker Investment Fund II, LLLP ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		\$ 1,329	\$ 458
Wear Me Apparel Corporation (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 12/10) Warrants	\$ 40,000	39,407 1,219	39,407 5,120
Wilton Industries, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 6/08)	2,400	2,400	2,400
Woodstream Corporation (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (13.5%, Due 11/12 5/13) Common Stock (180 shares) Warrants	53,114	52,989 673	52,989 3,885 2,815
York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 1/14) Common Stock (15,000 shares)	44,249	44,045 1,500	44,045 1,500
Other companies	Other debt investments ⁽⁶⁾ Other equity investments	223	223 8	218
Total companies less than 59	% owned		\$ 2,479,981	\$ 2,437,908
Total private finance (145 pc	ortfolio companies)		\$ 4,497,363	\$4,377,901

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Commercial Real Estate Finance (in thousands, except number of loans)

				Decembe	2006	
	Interest	Number of				
	Rate Ranges	Loans		Cost		Value
Commercial Mortgage Loans						
	Up to 6.99%	3	\$	20,470	\$	19,692
	7.00% 8.99%	9		24,092		24,073
	9.00% 10.99%	4		24,117		24,117
	15.00% and					
	above	2		3,970		3,970
Total commercial mortgage loans ⁽¹³⁾		18	\$	72,649	\$	71,852
Real Estate Owned			\$	15,708	\$	19,660
Equity Interests ⁽²⁾ Companies more than 25% own (Guarantees \$6,871)	ed		\$	15,189	\$	26,671
Total commercial real estate finance			\$	103,546	\$	118,183
Total portfolio			\$4	4,600,909	\$4	,496,084

	Yield	Cost	Value
Liquidity Portfolio			
American Beacon Money Market Select FD Fund ⁽¹⁴⁾	5.3%	\$ 85,672	\$ 85,672
Certificate of Deposit (Due March 2007) ⁽¹⁴⁾	5.6%	40,565	40,565
American Beacon Money Market Fund ⁽¹⁴⁾	5.2%	40,384	40,384
SEI Daily Income Tr Prime Obligation Fund ⁽¹⁴⁾	5.2%	34,671	34,671
Blackrock Liquidity Funds ⁽¹⁴⁾	5.2%	476	476
Total liquidity portfolio		\$201,768	\$201,768
Other Investments in Money Market Securities ⁽¹⁴⁾			
Columbia Treasury Reserves Money Market Fund	5.2%	\$ 441	\$ 441
Columbia Money Market Reserves	5.2%	\$ 1	\$ 1

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⁽¹³⁾ Commercial mortgage loans totaling \$18.9 million at value were on non-accrual status and therefore were considered non-income producing.

⁽¹⁴⁾ Included in investments in money market and other securities on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet.

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Private Finance		December 31, 2005		
Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Companies More Than 25% Owned				
Acme Paging, L.P. ⁽⁴⁾ (Telecommunications)	Senior Loan (6.0%, Due $12/07$) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (10.0%, Due $1/08$) ⁽⁶⁾ Common Stock (23,513 shares)	\$ 3,750 881	\$ 3,750 881 27	\$
Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (10.5%, Due 9/09) Subordinated Debt (18.5%, Due 12/09) Common Stock (18,924,976 shares)	60,000 124,000	59,787 124,000 73,932	59,787 124,000 476,578
Alaris Consulting, LLC (Business Services)	Senior Loan (15.8%, Due 12/05 12/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Equity Interests Guaranty (\$1,100)	27,055	27,050 5,305	
American Healthcare Services, Inc. and Affiliates (Healthcare Services)	Senior Loan (0.7%, Due 12/04 12/05) ⁽⁶⁾	4,999	4,600	4,097
Avborne, Inc. ⁽⁷⁾ (Business Services)	Preferred Stock (12,500 shares) Common Stock (27,500 shares)		658	892
Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc. ⁽⁷⁾ (Business Services)	Preferred Stock (1,568 shares) Common Stock (2,750 shares) Guaranty (\$2,401)		2,401	
Business Loan Express, LLC (Financial Services)	Subordinated Debt (6.9%, Due 4/06) Class A Equity Interests Class B Equity Interests Class C Equity Interests Guaranty (\$135,437 See Note 3) Standby Letters of Credit (\$34,050 See Note 3)	10,000 60,693	10,000 60,693 119,436 109,301	10,000 60,693 146,910 139,521

Callidus Capital Corporation (Financial Services)	Senior Loan (12.0%, Due 12/06) Subordinated Debt (18.0%, Due	600	600	600
	10/08)	4,832	4,832	4,832
	Common Stock (10 shares)		2,049	7,968
Diversified Group Administrators,	Preferred Stock (1,000,000 shares)			
Inc.	()		700	728
(Business Services)	Preferred Stock (1,451,380 shares)		841	841
	Common Stock (1,451,380 shares)			502
Financial Pacific Company	Subordinated Debt (17.4%, Due			
(Financial Services)	2/12 8/12)	70,175	69,904	69,904
	Preferred Stock (10,964 shares)		10,276	13,116
	Common Stock (14,735 shares)		14,819	44,180
ForeSite Towers, LLC (Tower Leasing)	Equity Interests		7,620	9,750

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- ⁽⁷⁾ Avborne, Inc. and Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc. are affiliated companies.

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Private Finance		December 31, 2005		105	
Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value	
Global Communications, LLC (Business Services)	Senior Loan (10.7%, Due 9/02 11/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (17.0%, Due 12/03 9/05%) Preferred Equity Interest Options	\$ 15,957 11,201	\$ 15,957 11,198 14,067 1,639	\$ 15,957 11,198 4,303	
Gordian Group, Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loan (10.0%, Due 6/06 12/08) ⁽⁶⁾ Common Stock (1,000 shares)	11,392	11,421 6,542	4,161	
Healthy Pet Corp. (Consumer Services)	Senior Loan (10.1%, Due 8/10) Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 8/10) Common Stock (25,766 shares)	4,086 38,716	4,086 38,535 25,766	4,086 38,535 25,766	
HMT, Inc. (Energy Services)	Preferred Stock (554,052 shares) Common Stock (300,000 shares) Warrants		2,637 3,000 1,155	2,637 5,343 2,057	
Impact Innovations Group, LLC (Business Services)	Equity Interests in Affiliate			742	
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (16.1%, Due 9/12) Preferred Stock (25,000 shares) Common Stock (6,200 shares)	58,534	58,298 25,000 6,325	58,298 26,791 236	
Jakel, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (15.5%, Due 3/08) ⁽⁶⁾ Preferred Stock (6,460 shares) Common Stock (158,061 shares)	13,742	13,742 6,460 9,347		
Legacy Partners Group, LLC (Financial Services)	Senior Loan (14.0%, Due 5/09) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (18.0%, Due 5/09) ⁽⁶⁾ Equity Interests	7,646 2,952	7,646 2,952 4,229	5,029	
Litterer Beteiligungs-GmbH ⁽⁴⁾ (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (8.0%, Due 3/07) Equity Interest	621	621 1,810	621 2,226	

Mercury Air Centers, Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loan (10.0%, Due 4/09) Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 4/09) Common Stock (57,970 shares) Standby Letters of Credit (\$1,397)	31,720 46,703	31,720 46,519 35,053	31,720 46,519 88,898
MVL Group, Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loan (12.1%, Due 7/09) Subordinated Debt (14.4%, Due	27,519	27,218	27,218
(2 0011000 201 (1000))	7/09)	32,905	32,417	32,417
	Common Stock (648,661 shares)	-)	643	3,211
Pennsylvania Avenue Investors, L.P. (5) (Private Equity Fund)	Equity Interests		2,576	1,864
Powell Plant Farms, Inc.	Senior Loan (15.0%, Due 12/05 - 12/06)	32,640	23,792	23,792
(Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (20.0%, Due 6/03) ⁽⁶⁾ Preferred Stock (1,483 shares) Warrants	19,291	19,224	7,364

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Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Redox Brands, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Preferred Stock (2,726,444 shares) Warrants		\$ 7,903 584	\$ 12,097 500
Service Champ, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (15.5%, Due 4/12) Common Stock (63,888 shares)	\$ 27,041	26,906 13,662	26,906 13,319
Staffing Partners Holding Company, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (13.5%, Due 1/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Preferred Stock (439,600 shares) Common Stock (69,773 shares) Warrants	6,343	6,343 4,968 50 10	6,343 1,812
Startec Global Communications Corporation (Telecommunications)	Senior Loan (10.0%, Due 5/07 5/09) Common Stock (19,180,000 shares)	25,226	25,226 37,255	21,685
STS Operating, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (15.3%, Due 3/12) Common Stock (3,000,000 shares) Options	6,593	6,593 3,522	6,593 64,963 560
Triview Investments, Inc. ⁽⁸⁾ (Broadcasting & Cable/ Consumer Products)	Senior Loan (8.6%, Due 12/06) Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 7/12) Subordinated Debt (16.8%, Due	7,449 31,000	7,449 30,845	7,449 30,845
	7/08 7/12) ⁽⁶⁾ Common Stock (202 shares) Guaranty (\$800) Standby Letter of Credit (\$200)	19,600	19,520 93,889	19,520 29,171
Total companies more than 2	25% owned		\$ 1,489,782	\$ 1,887,651
Companies 5% to 25% Owned				
Air Evac Lifeteam	Subordinated Debt (13.8%, Due 7/10)	\$42,414	\$ 42,267	\$ 42,267

(Healthcare Services)	Equity Interests		3,941	4,025
Aspen Pet Products, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (19.0%, Due 6/08) Preferred Stock (2,935 shares) Common Stock (1,400 shares) Warrants	20,051	19,959 2,154 140	19,959 1,638 17
Becker Underwood, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 8/12) Common Stock (5,073 shares)	23,639	23,543 5,813	23,543 2,200
The Debt Exchange Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock (921,875 shares)		1,250	3,219

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(8) Triview Investments, Inc. (formerly GAC Investments, Inc.) holds investments in Longview Cable & Data, LLC (Broadcasting & Cable) with a cost of \$66.5 million and value of \$16.0 million and Triax Holdings, LLC (Consumer Products) with a cost of \$85.2 million and a value of \$71.0 million. The guaranty and standby letter of credit relate to Longview Cable & Data, LLC.

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Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
MedBridge Healthcare, LLC	Senior Loan (4.0%, Due 8/09)	\$ 7,093	\$ 7,093	\$ 7,093
(Healthcare Services)	Subordinated Debt (10.0%, Due 8/14) ⁽⁶⁾ Convertible Subordinated Debt (2.0%,	4,809	4,809	534
	Due 8/14) ⁽⁶⁾ Equity Interests	2,970	984 800	
Nexcel Synthetics, LLC (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 6/09) Equity Interests	10,617	10,588 1,708	10,588 1,367
Pres Air Trol LLC (Industrial Products)	Unitranche Debt (12.0%, Due 4/10) Equity Interests	6,138	5,820 1,356	5,820 318
Progressive International Corporation (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 12/09) Preferred Stock (500 shares) Common Stock (197 shares) Warrants	7,401	7,376 500 13	7,376 884 13
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC (Healthcare Services)	Subordinated Debt (11.8%, Due 11/10) Equity Interests	14,500	13,447 2,153	13,447 2,308
Universal Environmental Services, LLC (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (15.5%, Due 2/09) Equity Interests	10,900	10,862 1,797	10,862 1,328
Total companies 5% to 25% or	wned		\$ 168,373	\$ 158,806
Companies Less Than 5% Owned				
Advanced Circuits, Inc.	Senior Loans (10.1%, Due 9/11 3/12)	\$18,732	\$ 18,642	\$ 18,642
(Industrial Products)	Common Stock (40,000 shares)		1,000	1,000

Anthony, Inc.	Subordinated Debt (12.9%, Due			
(Industrial Products)	9/11 9/12)	14,670	14,610	14,610

Benchmark Medical, Inc. (Healthcare Services)	Warrants		18	190
BI Incorporated (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (14.0%, Due 2/12)	16,203	16,133	16,133
Border Foods, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (13.0%, Due 12/10) ⁽⁶⁾ Preferred Stock (140,214 shares) Common Stock (1,810 shares) Warrants	13,428	12,721 2,893 45 910	

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Private Finance		December 31, 2005		005
Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
C&K Market, Inc. (Retail)	Subordinated Debt (13.0%, Due 12/08)	\$ 14,694	\$ 14,638	\$ 14,638
Callidus Debt Partners CDO Fund I, Ltd. ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁹⁾ (Senior Debt Fund)	Class C Notes (12.9%, Due 12/13) Class D Notes (17.0%, Due 12/13)	18,800 9,400	18,973 9,487	18,973 9,487
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund III, Ltd. ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁹⁾ (Senior Debt Fund)	Preferred Shares (23,600,000 shares)		24,233	24,233
Callidus MAPS CLO Fund I LLC ⁽⁹⁾ (Senior Debt Fund)	Class E Notes (9.7%, Due 12/17) Income Notes	17,000	17,000 48,108	17,000 48,108
Camden Partners Strategic Fund II, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		2,142	2,726
Catterton Partners V, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		2,650	2,691
CBS Personnel Holdings, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 12/09)	20,617	20,541	20,541
Community Education Centers, Inc. (Education Services)	Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 12/10)	32,852	32,738	32,738
Component Hardware Group, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Preferred Stock (18,000 shares) Common Stock (2,000 shares)		2,605 200	2,783 700
Cooper Natural Resources, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (0%, Due 11/07) Preferred Stock (6,316 shares) Warrants	840	840 1,424 830	840 20
Coverall North America, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (14.6%, Due 2/11) Preferred Stock (6,500 shares)	27,309	27,261 6,500	27,261 6,866

Warrants	2,950	3,100

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- ⁽⁹⁾ The fund is managed by Callidus Capital, a portfolio company of Allied Capital.

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Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Drilltec Patents & Technologies Company, Inc. (Energy Services)	Subordinated Debt (17.0%, Due $8/06$) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (10.0%, Due $8/06$) ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
eCentury Capital Partners, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest	10,994	10,918 5,649	9,792 83
Elexis Beta GmbH ⁽⁴⁾ (Industrial Products)	Options		426	50
Event Rentals, Inc. (Consumer Services)	Senior Loans (9.9%, Due 11/11)	18,341	18,244	18,244
Frozen Specialties, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Warrants		435	470
Garden Ridge Corporation (Retail)	Subordinated Debt (7.0%, Due $5/12)^{(6)}$	22,500	22,500	22,500
Geotrace Technologies, Inc. (Energy Services)	Subordinated Debt (10.0%, Due 6/09) Warrants	25,618	23,875 2,350	23,875 2,500
Ginsey Industries, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (12.5%, Due 3/07)	3,680	3,680	3,680
Grant Broadcasting Systems II (Broadcasting & Cable)	Subordinated Debt (5.0%, Due 6/09)	2,756	2,756	2,756
Grotech Partners, VI, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		6,914	4,161
Havco Wood Products LLC (Industrial Products)	Unitranche Debt (10.4%, Due 8/11) Equity Interests	33,000	31,794 1,048	31,794 1,048
Haven Eldercare of New England, LLC ⁽¹⁰⁾ (Healthcare Services)	Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 8/09) ⁽⁶⁾	4,320	4,320	4,320

Haven Healthcare Management, LLC ⁽¹⁰⁾ (Healthcare Services)	Subordinated Debt (18.0% Due 4/07) ⁽⁶⁾	1,319	1,319	485
(Iteattleate Services)				
HealthASPex Services Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loans (4.0%, Due 7/08)	500	500	500
The Hillman Companies, Inc. ⁽³⁾ (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (13.5%, Due 9/11)	44,000	43,815	43,815
(Consumer Products)				
Homax Holdings, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 8/11) Preferred Stock (89 shares) Common Stock (28 shares) Warrants	14,000	13,039 89 6 1,106	13,039 92 6 1,492
Icon International, Inc. (Business Services)	Common Stock (25,707 shares)		76	16
International Fiber Corporation (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (14.0%, Due 6/12) Preferred Stock (25,000 shares)	21,546	21,460 2,500	21,460 1,900
Line-X, Inc.	Senior Loan (8.1%, Due 8/11)	4,134	4,111	4,111
(Consumer Products)	Unitranche Debt (10.0% Due 8/11) Standby Letter of Credit (\$1,500)	4,134 51,475	4,111 51,229	51,229

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December 31, 2005

Private Finance		Dec	cember 31, 2	005
Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
MedAssets, Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock (227,865 shares) Warrants		\$ 2,049 136	\$ 2,893 180
Meineke Car Care Centers, Inc. (Consumer Services)	Senior Loan (8.0%, Due 6/11) Subordinated Debt (11.9%, Due 6/12	\$ 28,000	27,865	27,865
	6/13) Common Stock (10,696,308	72,000	71,675	71,675
	shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ Warrants		26,985	26,629
MHF Logistical Solutions, Inc. (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (10.0%, Due 5/11) Preferred Stock (431 shares)	22,281	22,177 431	22,177 455
()	Common Stock (1,438 shares)		144	211
Mid-Atlantic Venture Fund IV, L.P.	Limited Partnership Interest		6,600	3,339
(Private Equity Fund)			,	,
Mogas Energy, LLC	Subordinated Debt (9.5%, Due 3/12 4/12)	16,855	15,472	15,472
(Energy Services)	Warrants		1,774	3,550
Network Hardware Resale, Inc. (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (10.5%, Due 12/11) Convertible Subordinated Debt	38,500	38,743 12,076	38,743 12,076
	(9.8%, Due 12/15) 12,000			
N.E.W. Customer Service Companies, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (11.0%, Due 7/12)	40,000	40,016	40,016
Nobel Learning Communities, Inc. ⁽³⁾ (Education)	Preferred Stock (1,214,356 shares) Warrants		2,764 575	2,343 1,296
Norwesco, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (12.6%, Due 1/12 7/12) Common Stock (559,603 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ Warrants	82,061	81,683 38,313	81,683 38,313
	Limited Partnership Interest		1,669	1,809

Novak Biddle Venture Partners III, L.P.⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)

Oahu Waste Services, Inc. (Business Services)	Stock Appreciation Rights		239	1,000
Opinion Research Corporation ⁽³⁾ (Business Services)	Warrants		996	45
Oriental Trading Company, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Common Stock (13,820 shares)			5,200
Palm Coast Data, LLC (Business Services)	Senior Loan (7.6%, Due 8/10) Subordinated Debt (15.5%, Due 8/12 8/15) Common Stock (21,743 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ Warrants	16,100 29,600	16,024 29,461 21,743	16,024 29,461 21,743
Performant Financial Corporation (Business Services)	Common Stock (478,816 shares)		734	2,500
Pro Mach, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt (13.8%, Due 6/12) Equity Interests	19,275	19,193 1,500	19,193 1,200

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December 31, 2005

Private Finance		December 31, 2005			
Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value	
Promo Works, LLC (Business Services)	Senior Loan (8.5%, Due 12/11) Unitranche Debt (10.3%, Due 12/11) Guaranty (\$1,650)	\$ 900 31,000	\$851 30,728	\$ 851 30,728	
RadioVisa Corporation (Broadcasting & Cable)	Unitranche Debt (15.5%, Due 12/08)	27,093	26,993	26,993	
Red Hawk Industries, LLC (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt (11.0%, Due 4/11)	tranche Debt (11.0%, Due 4/11) 56,343			
S.B. Restaurant Company (Retail)	Subordinated Debt (14.6%, Due 11/08 12/09) Preferred Stock (54,125 shares) Warrants	29,085	28,615 135 619	28,615 135 700	
SBBUT, LLC (Consumer Products)	Equity Interests				
Soff-Cut Holdings, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Preferred Stock (300 shares) Common Stock (2,000 shares)		300 200	300 37	
SPP Mezzanine Fund, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest		3,007	2,969	
Tradesmen International, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 12/09) Warrants	15,000	14,323 710	14,323 1,700	
TransAmerican Auto Parts, LLC (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (14.0%, Due 11/12) Equity Interests	10,000	9,951 889	9,951 889	
United Site Services, Inc. (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt (12.4%, Due 8/11) Common Stock (160,588 shares)	49,712	49,503 1,000	49,503 1,200	
Universal Air Filter Company (Industrial Products)	Senior Loans (7.9%, Due 11/11) Unitranche Debt (11.0%, Due 11/11)	400 19,867	390 19,768	390 19,768	
Universal Tax Systems, Inc.		19,068	18,995	18,995	

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Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 7/11)

(Business Services)

Updata Venture Partners II, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest	4,977	4,686
Venturehouse-Cibernet Investors, LLC (Business Services)	Equity Interest	42	42
Venturehouse Group, LLC ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Equity Interest	598	397
VICORP Restaurants, Inc. ⁽³⁾ (Retail)	Warrants	33	691
Walker Investment Fund II, LLLP ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund)	Limited Partnership Interest	1,330	676

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December 31, 2005

Private Finance Portfolio Company (in thousands, except number of shares)	Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Principal	Cost	Value
Wear Me Apparel Corporation (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 12/10) Warrants	\$40,000	\$ 38,992 1,219	\$ 38,992 2,000
Wilshire Restaurant Group, Inc. (Retail)	Subordinated Debt (20.0%, Due 6/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Warrants	22,471	21,930 735	21,930 538
Wilton Industries, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (19.3%, Due 6/08)	4,800	4,800	4,800
Woodstream Corporation (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt (13.2%, Due 11/12 5/13) Common Stock (180 shares) Warrants	52,397	52,251 673	52,251 3,336 2,365
Other companies	Other debt investments Other debt investments ⁽⁶⁾ Other equity investments Guaranty (\$135)	382 470	382 470 8	382 348
Total companies less than 59	% owned		\$ 1,448,268	\$ 1,432,833
Total private finance (118 pc	ortfolio companies)		\$3,106,423	\$ 3,479,290

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Commercial Real Estate Finance (in thousands, except number of loans)

	Interest		Decembe	er 31, 2005		
	Rate Ranges	e Ranges Loans		Cost		Value
Commercial Mortgage Loans						
	Up to 6.99%	5	\$	23,121	\$	21,844
	7.00% 8.99%	24		48,156		48,156
	9.00% 10.99%	5		25,999		25,967
	11.00% 12.99%	1		338		338
	13.00% 14.99%	1		2,294		2,294
	15.00% and					
	above	2		3,970		3,970
Total commercial mortgage loans ⁽¹²⁾		38	\$	103,878	\$	102,569
Real Estate Owned			\$	14,240	\$	13,932
Equity Interests ⁽²⁾ Companies more than 25% owr (Guarantees \$7,054)	ned		\$	13,577	\$	10,564
Total commercial real estate finance			\$	131,695	\$	127,065
Total portfolio			\$3	3,238,118	\$3	8,606,355

	Yield	Cost	Value
Liquidity Portfolio			
U.S. Treasury bills (Due June 2006)	4.25%	\$100,000	\$100,305
SEI Daily Income Tr Prime Obligation Fund ⁽¹³⁾	4.11%	100,000	100,000
Total liquidity portfolio		\$ 200,000	\$ 200,305
Other Investments in Money Market Securities ⁽¹³⁾			
PNC Bank Corporate Money Market Deposit Account	4.15%	\$ 21,967	\$ 21,967

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a single issuer. The maturity dates represent the earliest and the latest maturity dates.

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⁽¹²⁾ Commercial mortgage loans totaling \$20.8 million at value were on non-accrual status and therefore were considered non-income producing.

⁽¹³⁾ Included in investments in money market securities on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet.

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Note 1. Organization

Allied Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation, is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act). Allied Capital Corporation (ACC) has a real estate investment trust subsidiary, Allied Capital REIT, Inc. (Allied REIT), and several subsidiaries that are single member limited liability companies established for specific purposes including holding real estate properties. ACC also has a subsidiary, A.C. Corporation (AC Corp), that generally provides diligence and structuring services, as well as transaction, management, consulting, and other services, including underwriting and arranging senior loans, to the Company and its portfolio companies.

In addition, ACC had a subsidiary, Allied Investments L.P. (Allied Investments), which was licensed under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 as a Small Business Investment Company (SBIC). As of September 30, 2006, Allied Investments surrendered its SBIC license and on October 1, 2006, Allied Investments was merged into ACC.

ACC and its subsidiaries, collectively, are referred to as the Company. The Company consolidates the results of its subsidiaries for financial reporting purposes.

Pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation S-X, the financial results of the Company s portfolio investments are not consolidated in the Company s financial statements. Portfolio investments are held for purposes of deriving investment income and future capital gains.

The investment objective of the Company is to achieve current income and capital gains. In order to achieve this objective, the Company has primarily invested in debt and equity securities of private companies in a variety of industries.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2005 and 2004 balances to conform with the 2006 financial statement presentation.

The private finance portfolio and the interest and related portfolio income and net realized gains (losses) on the private finance portfolio are presented in three categories: companies more than 25% owned, which represent portfolio companies where the Company directly or indirectly owns more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company and, therefore, are deemed controlled by the Company under the 1940 Act; companies owned 5% to 25%, which represent portfolio companies where the Company directly or indirectly or indirectly or indirectly owns 5% to 25% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company or where the Company holds one or more seats on the portfolio company s board of directors and, therefore, are deemed to be an affiliated person under the 1940 Act; and companies less than 5% owned which represent portfolio companies where the Company directly or indirectly owns less than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company and where the Company has no other affiliations with such portfolio company. The interest and related portfolio income and net realized gains (losses) from the commercial real estate finance portfolio and other sources are included in the companies less than 5% owned category on the consolidated statement of operations.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company enters into transactions with portfolio companies that may be considered related party transactions.

Valuation Of Portfolio Investments

The Company, as a BDC, has invested in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies and CDO and CLO bonds and preferred shares/income notes. The Company s investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. The Company values substantially all of its investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Company s valuation policy. The Company determines fair value to be the amount for which an investment could be exchanged in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The Company s valuation policy considers the fact that no ready market exists for substantially all of the securities in which it invests. The Company s valuation policy is intended to provide a consistent basis for determining the fair value of the portfolio. The Company will record unrealized depreciation on investments when it believes that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of the Company s debt or equity investments. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. The Company will record unrealized appreciation if it believes that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or the Company s equity security has also appreciated in value. The value of investments in publicly traded securities is determined using quoted market prices discounted for restrictions on resale, if any.

Loans and Debt Securities

For loans and debt securities, fair value generally approximates cost unless the borrower s enterprise value, overall financial condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount. The value of loan and debt securities may be greater than the Company s cost basis if the amount that would be repaid on the loan or debt security upon the sale of the portfolio company is greater than the Company s cost basis.

When the Company receives nominal cost warrants or free equity securities (nominal cost equity), the Company allocates its cost basis in its investment between its debt securities and its nominal cost equity at the time of origination. At that time, the original issue discount basis of the nominal cost equity is recorded by increasing the cost basis in the equity and decreasing the cost basis in the related debt securities.

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. For loans and debt securities with contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity, the Company will not accrue payment-in-kind interest if the portfolio company valuation indicates that the payment-in-kind interest is not collectible. In general, interest is not accrued on loans and debt securities if the Company has doubt about interest collection or where the enterprise value of the portfolio company may not support further accrual. Loans in workout status do not accrue interest. In addition, interest may not accrue on loans or debt securities to portfolio companies that are more than 50% owned by the Company depending on such company s capital requirements. Loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount are capitalized and then amortized into interest income using a method that approximates the effective interest method. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any unamortized loan origination fees are recorded as interest income and any unamortized original issue discount or market discount is recorded as a realized gain. Prepayment premiums are recorded on loans and debt securities when received.

The weighted average yield on loans and debt securities is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing loans and debt securities plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities less the annual amortization of loan origination costs, divided by (b) total loans and debt securities at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date.

Equity Securities

The Company s equity securities in portfolio companies for which there is no liquid public market are valued at fair value based on the enterprise value of the portfolio company, which is determined using various factors, including cash flow from operations of the portfolio company, multiples at which private companies are bought and sold, and other pertinent factors, such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company s equity securities, liquidation events, or other events. The determined equity values are generally discounted when the company has a minority ownership position, restrictions on resale, specific concerns about the receptivity of the capital markets to a specific company at a certain time, or other factors.

The value of the Company s equity securities in public companies for which market quotations are readily available is based on the closing public market price on the balance sheet date. Securities that carry certain restrictions on sale are typically valued at a discount from the public market value of the security.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected and to the extent that the Company has the option to receive the dividend in cash. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded companies.

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities (CMBS), Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO) and Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLO)

CDO and CLO bonds and preferred shares/ income notes (CDO/ CLO Assets) are carried at fair value, which is based on a discounted cash flow model that utilizes prepayment, re-investment and loss assumptions based on historical experience and projected performance, economic factors, the characteristics of the underlying cash flow, and comparable yields for similar bonds and preferred shares/income notes, when available. The Company recognizes unrealized appreciation or depreciation on its CDO/ CLO Assets as comparable yields in the market change and/or based on changes in estimated cash flows resulting from changes in prepayment, re-investment or loss assumptions in the underlying collateral pool. The Company determines the fair value of its CDO/CLO Assets on an individual security-by-security basis.

The Company recognizes interest income on the preferred shares/income notes using the effective interest method, based on the anticipated yield and the estimated cash flows over the projected life of the investment. Yields are revised when there are changes in actual or estimated cash flows due to changes in prepayments and/or re-investments, credit losses or asset pricing. Changes in estimated yield are recognized as an adjustment to the estimated yield over the remaining life of the preferred share/income note from the date the estimated yield was changed. CDO and CLO bonds have stated interest rates.

Net Realized Gains or Losses and Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation

Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the year, net of recoveries. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation primarily reflects the change in portfolio investment values during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses are realized. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation also reflects the change in the value of U.S. Treasury bills and deposits of proceeds from sales of borrowed Treasury securities, and depreciation on accrued interest and dividends receivable and other assets where collection is doubtful.

Fee Income

Fee income includes fees for loan prepayment premiums, guarantees, commitments, and services rendered by the Company to portfolio companies and other third parties such as diligence, structuring, transaction services, management and consulting services, and other services. Loan prepayment premiums are recognized at the time of prepayment. Guaranty and commitment fees are generally recognized as income over the related period of the guaranty or commitment, respectively. Diligence, structuring, and transaction services fees are generally recognized as income when services are rendered or when the related transactions are completed. Management, consulting and other services fees are generally recognized as income as the services are rendered.

Guarantees

Guarantees meeting the characteristics described in FASB Interpretation No. 45, *Guarantor s Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others* (the Interpretation) and issued or modified after December 31, 2002, are recognized at fair value at inception. However, certain guarantees are excluded from the initial recognition provisions of the Interpretation. See Note 5.

Financing Costs

Debt financing costs are based on actual costs incurred in obtaining debt financing and are deferred and amortized as part of interest expense over the term of the related debt instrument using a method that approximates the effective interest method. Costs associated with the issuance of common stock, such as underwriting, accounting and legal fees, and printing costs are recorded as a reduction to the proceeds from the sale of common stock.

Dividends to Shareholders

Dividends to shareholders are recorded on the record date.

Stock Compensation Plans

The Company has a stock-based employee compensation plan. See Note 9. Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the provisions of FASB Statement No. 123 (Revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* (the Statement). The Statement was adopted using the modified prospective method of application, which required the Company to recognize compensation costs on a prospective basis beginning January 1, 2006. Accordingly, the prior year financial statements have not been restated. Under this method, the



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unamortized cost of previously awarded options that were unvested as of January 1, 2006, is recognized over the remaining service period in the statement of operations beginning in 2006, using the fair value amounts determined for pro forma disclosure under Statement No. 123. With respect to options granted on or after January 1, 2006, compensation cost based on estimated grant date fair value is recognized over the related service period in the statement of operations. The effect of this adoption for the year ended December 31, 2006, was as follows:

	2	2006
(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)		
Employee Stock Option Expense:		
Previously awarded, unvested options as of January 1, 2006	\$	13.2
Options granted on or after January 1, 2006		2.4
Total employee stock option expense	\$	15.6
Per basic share	\$	0.11
Per diluted share	\$	0.11

In addition to the employee stock option expense, for the year ended December 31, 2006, administrative expense included \$0.2 million of expense related to options granted to directors during the year. Options granted to non-officer directors vest on the grant date and therefore, the full expense is recorded on the grant date.

Prior to January 1, 2006, the Company accounted for this plan under the recognition and measurement principles of APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations. Prior to January 1, 2006, no stock-based compensation cost was reflected in net increase in net assets resulting from operations, as all options granted under this plan had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. The following table illustrates the effect on net increase in net assets resulting from operations and earnings per share if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of FASB Statement No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, to stock-based compensation for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.

	2005		2004	
(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)				
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations as reported	\$	872.8	\$	249.5
Less total stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method				
for all awards, net of related tax effects		(12.7)		(16.9)
Pro forma net increase in net assets resulting from operations		860.1		232.6
Less preferred stock dividends				(0.1)
Pro forma net income available to common shareholders	\$	860.1	\$	232.5
Basic earnings per common share:				
As reported	\$	6.48	\$	1.92
Pro forma	\$	6.39	\$	1.79
Diluted earnings per common share:				
As reported	\$	6.36	\$	1.88
Pro forma	\$	6.27	\$	1.76

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The stock option expense for 2006 and the pro forma expenses for 2005 and 2004 shown in the tables above were based on the underlying value of the options granted by the Company. The fair value of each option grant was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and

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expensed over the vesting period. The following weighted average assumptions were used to calculate the fair value of options granted during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004:

	2006	2005	2004
Expected term (in years)	5.0	5.0	5.0
Risk-free interest rate	4.8%	4.1%	2.9%
Expected volatility	29.1%	35.1%	37.0%
Dividend yield	9.0%	9.0%	8.8%
Weighted average fair value per option	\$ 3.47	\$ 3.94	\$ 4.17

The expected term of the options granted represents the period of time that such options are expected to be outstanding. To determine the expected term of the options, the Company used historical data to estimate option exercise time frames, including considering employee terminations. The risk free rate was based on the U.S. Treasury bond yield curve at the date of grant. Expected volatilities were determined based on the historical volatility of the Company s common stock over a historical time period consistent with the expected term. The dividend yield was determined based on the Company s historical dividend yield over a historical time period consistent with the expected term.

To determine the stock options expense, the calculated fair value of the options granted is applied to the options granted, net of assumed future option forfeitures. The Company estimates that the employee-related stock option expense under the Statement that will be recorded in the Company s statement of operations will be approximately \$11.3 million, \$3.7 million, and \$0.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008, and 2009, respectively, which includes approximately \$1.9 million, \$1.0 million, and \$0.1 million, respectively, related to options granted during the year ended December 31, 2006. This estimate may change if the Company s assumptions related to future option forfeitures change. This estimate does not include any expense related to future stock option grants as the fair value of those stock options will be determined at the time of grant. The aggregate total stock option expense remaining as of December 31, 2006, is expected to be recognized over an estimated weighted-average period of 1.08 years.

Federal and State Income Taxes and Excise Tax

The Company intends to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) that are applicable to regulated investment companies (RIC) and real estate investment trusts (REIT). ACC and any subsidiaries that qualify as a RIC or a REIT intend to distribute or retain through a deemed distribution all of their annual taxable income to shareholders; therefore, the Company has made no provision for income taxes for these entities.

If the Company does not distribute at least 98% of its annual taxable income in the year earned, the Company will generally be required to pay an excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of the Company s annual taxable income exceeds the distributions from such taxable income for the year. To the extent that the Company determines that its estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions, from such taxable income, the Company accrues excise taxes, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as taxable income is earned using an annual effective excise tax rate. The annual effective excise tax rate is determined by dividing the estimated annual excise tax by the estimated annual taxable income.

Income taxes for AC Corp are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases as well as operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

Per Share Information

Basic earnings per common share is calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the year presented. Diluted earnings per common share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if options to issue common stock were exercised into common stock. Earnings per share is computed after subtracting dividends on preferred shares, if any.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

The consolidated financial statements include portfolio investments at value of \$4.5 billion and \$3.6 billion at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, 92% and 90%, respectively, of the Company s total assets represented portfolio investments whose fair values have been determined by the Board of Directors in good faith in the absence of readily available market values. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the Board of Directors determined values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise s financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. This interpretation is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company does not expect the adoption of this interpretation to have a significant effect on the Company s consolidated financial position or its results of operations.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. This statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company does not expect the adoption of this statement to have a significant effect on the Company s consolidated financial position or its results of operations.

In September 2006, the SEC released SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements, which addresses how uncorrected errors in previous years should be considered when quantifying errors in current year financial statements and requires registrants to consider the effect of all

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carry over and reversing effects of prior year misstatements when quantifying errors in current year financial statements. The SAB allows registrants to record the effects of adopting the guidance as a cumulative effect adjustment which must be reported as of the beginning of the first fiscal year ending after November 15, 2006. The adoption of the SAB had no effect on the Company s consolidated financial position or its results of operations. **Note 3. Portfolio**

Private Finance

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the private finance portfolio consisted of the following:

		2006		2005		
	Cost	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Cost	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾
(\$ in millions)						
Loans and debt securities:						
Senior loans	\$ 450.0	\$ 405.2	8.4%	\$ 284.7	\$ 239.8	9.5%
Unitranche debt ⁽²⁾	800.0	799.2	11.2%	294.2	294.2	11.4%
Subordinated debt	2,038.3	1,980.8	12.9%	1,610.2	1,560.9	13.8%
Total loans and debt						
securities ⁽³⁾	3,288.3	3,185.2	11.9%	2,189.1	2,094.9	13.0%
Equity securities	1,209.1	1,192.7		917.3	1,384.4	
Total	\$4,497.4	\$4,377.9		\$3,106.4	\$3,479.3	

- (1) The weighted average yield on loans and debt securities is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing loans and debt securities plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities less the annual amortization of loan origination costs, divided by (b) total loans and debt securities at value. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the cost and value of subordinated debt included the Class A equity interests in BLX and the guaranteed dividend yield on these equity interests was included in interest income. During the fourth quarter of 2006, the Class A equity interests were placed on non-accrual status. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date.
- ⁽²⁾ Unitranche debt is a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt terms.
- (3) The total principal balance outstanding on loans and debt securities was \$3,322.3 million and \$2,216.3 million at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The difference between principal and cost is represented by unamortized loan origination fees and costs, original issue discounts, and market discounts totaling \$34.0 million and \$27.2 million at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

The Company s private finance investment activity principally involves providing financing through privately negotiated long-term debt and equity investments. The Company s private finance debt and equity investments are generally issued by private companies and are generally illiquid and may be subject to certain restrictions on resale.

The Company s private finance debt investments are generally structured as loans and debt securities that carry a relatively high fixed rate of interest, which may be combined with equity features, such as conversion privileges, or warrants or options to purchase a portion of the portfolio company s equity at a pre-determined strike price, which is

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generally a nominal price for warrants or options in a private company. The annual stated interest rate is only one factor in pricing the investment relative to the Company s rights and priority in the portfolio company s capital structure, and will vary depending on many factors, including if the Company has received nominal cost equity or other components of investment return, such as loan origination fees or market discount. The stated interest rate may include some component of contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity.

Note 3. Portfolio, continued

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, 86% and 87%, respectively, of the private finance loans and debt securities had a fixed rate of interest and 14% and 13%, respectively, had a floating rate of interest. Senior loans generally carry a floating rate of interest, usually set as a spread over LIBOR, and generally require payments of both principal and interest throughout the life of the loan. Senior loans generally have contractual maturities of three to six years and interest is generally paid to the Company monthly or quarterly. Unitranche debt generally carries a fixed rate of interest and may require payments of both principal and interest throughout the life of principal to be repaid at a slower rate than would generally be allowed under a more traditional senior loan/subordinated debt structure. Unitranche debt generally has contractual maturities of five to six years and interest is generally paid to the Company quarterly. Subordinated debt generally carries a fixed rate of interest generally with contractual maturities of five to ten years and generally has interest-only payments in the early years and payments of both principal and interest in the later years, although maturities and principal amortization schedules may vary. Interest is generally paid to the Company quarterly.

Equity securities consist primarily of securities issued by private companies and may be subject to certain restrictions on their resale and are generally illiquid. The Company may make equity investments for minority stakes in portfolio companies or may receive equity features, such as nominal cost warrants, in conjunction with its debt investments. The Company may also invest in the equity (preferred and/or voting or non-voting common) of a portfolio company where the Company s equity ownership may represent a significant portion of the equity, but may or may not represent a controlling interest. If the Company invests in non-voting equity in a buyout investment, the Company generally has the option to acquire a controlling stake in the voting securities of the portfolio company at fair market value. The Company may incur costs associated with making buyout investments that will be included in the cost basis of the Company s equity investment. These include costs such as legal, accounting and other professional fees associated with diligence, referral and investment banking fees, and other costs. Equity securities generally do not produce a current return, but are held with the potential for investment appreciation and ultimate gain on sale.

Mercury Air Centers, Inc. At December 31, 2006, the Company s investment in Mercury Air Centers, Inc. (Mercury) totaled \$84.3 million at cost and \$244.2 million at value, which included unrealized appreciation of \$159.9 million. At December 31, 2005, the Company s investment in Mercury totaled \$113.3 million at cost and \$167.1 million at value, which included unrealized appreciation of \$53.8 million. The Company completed the purchase of a majority ownership in Mercury in April 2004.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from the Company s investment in Mercury for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Interest income	\$ 9.3	\$ 8.8	\$ 5.5
Fees and other income	0.6	0.7	1.9
Total interest and related portfolio income	\$ 9.9	\$ 9.5	\$ 7.4

Interest income from Mercury for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, included interest income of \$2.0 million, \$1.6 million, and \$1.0 million, respectively, which was paid in kind. The interest paid in kind was paid to the Company through the issuance of additional debt.

Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net increase in unrealized appreciation on the Company s investment in Mercury of \$106.1 million, \$53.8 million, and zero for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

Note 3. Portfolio, continued

Mercury owns and operates fixed base operations generally under long-term leases from local airport authorities, which consist of terminal and hangar complexes that service the needs of the general aviation community. Mercury is headquartered in Richmond Heights, OH.

Business Loan Express, LLC. BLX originates, sells, and services primarily real estate secured loans, including real estate secured conventional small business loans, Small Business Administration s 7(a) loans and small investment real estate loans. BLX is headquartered in New York, NY.

The Company s investment in BLX totaled \$295.3 million at cost and \$210.7 million at value, which included unrealized depreciation of \$84.6 million, at December 31, 2006, and \$299.4 million at cost and \$357.1 million at value, which included unrealized appreciation of \$57.7 million, at December 31, 2005. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company owned 94.9% of the voting Class C equity interests. BLX has an equity appreciation rights plan for management that will dilute the value available to the Class C equity interest holders. Subsequent to December 31, 2006, in the first quarter of 2007 the Company increased its investment in BLX by \$12 million by acquiring additional Class A equity interests.

At December 31, 2005, the Company had a commitment to BLX of \$30.0 million in the form of a subordinated revolving credit facility to provide working capital to BLX. There was \$10.0 million outstanding under this facility at December 31, 2005. Outstanding borrowings under this facility were repaid in full and this facility matured on April 30, 2006.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from the Company s investment in BLX for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
Interest income on subordinated debt and Class A equity interests	\$ 11.9	\$ 14.3	\$23.2
Dividend income on Class B equity interests		14.0	14.8
Fees and other income	7.8	9.2	12.0
Total interest and related portfolio income	\$ 19.7	\$ 37.5	\$ 50.0

Interest and dividend income from BLX for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, included interest and dividend income of \$5.7 million, \$8.9 million, and \$25.4 million, respectively, which was paid in kind. The interest and dividends paid in kind were paid to the Company through the issuance of additional debt or equity interests. In the fourth quarter of 2006, the Company placed its \$66.6 million investment in BLX s 25% Class A equity interests on non-accrual status, which resulted in lower interest income from its investment in BLX for 2006 as compared to 2005.

As a limited liability company, BLX s taxable income flows through directly to its members. BLX s annual taxable income generally differs from its book income for the fiscal year due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses. The Company holds all of BLX s Class A and Class B equity interests, and 94.9% of the Class C equity interests. BLX s taxable income is first allocated to the Class A equity interests to the extent that guaranteed dividends are paid in cash or in kind on such interests, with the remainder being allocated to the Class B and C equity interests. BLX may declare dividends on its Class B equity interests. If declared, BLX would determine the amount of such dividends considering its estimated annual taxable income allocable to such interests. There were no dividends declared or paid in 2006.

Note 3. Portfolio, continued

Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net decrease on the Company s investment in BLX of \$142.3 million and \$32.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2004, respectively, and a net increase of \$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005.

BLX is a national, non-bank lender that participates in the SBA s 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program and is licensed by the SBA as a Small Business Lending Company (SBLC). The Office of the Inspector General of the SBA and the United States Secret Service have announced an ongoing investigation of allegedly fraudulently obtained SBA-guaranteed loans issued by BLX. Specifically, on or about January 9, 2007, BLX became aware of an indictment captioned as the United States v. Harrington, No. 2:06-CR-20662 pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The indictment alleges that a former BLX employee in the Detroit office engaged in the fraudulent origination of loans guaranteed, in substantial part, by the SBA. The Company understands that BLX is working cooperatively with the U.S. Attorney s Office and the investigating agencies with respect to this matter. The Company understands that BLX is also working cooperatively with the SBA so that it may remain a preferred lender in the SBA 7(a) program and retain the ability to sell loans into the secondary market. The ultimate resolution of these matters could have a material adverse impact on BLX s financial condition, and, as a result, the Company s financial results could be negatively affected. The Company is monitoring the situation and has retained a third party to work with BLX to conduct a review of BLX s current internal control systems, with a focus on preventing fraud and further strengthening the company s operations.

Further, on or about January 16, 2007, BLX and Business Loan Center LLC (BLC) became aware of a lawsuit titled, United States, ex rel James R. Brickman and Greenlight Capital, Inc. v. Business Loan Express LLC f/k/a Business Loan Express, Inc.; Business Loan Center LLC f/k/a Business Loan Center, Inc.; Robert Tannenhauser; Matthew McGee; and George Harrigan, 05-CV-3147 (JEC), that is pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. The complaint includes allegations arising under the False Claims Act and relating to alleged fraud in connection with SBA guarantees on shrimp vessel loans made by BLX and BLC. The Company understands that BLX and BLC plan to vigorously contest the lawsuit. The Company is monitoring the litigation.

As an SBA lender, BLX is also subject to other SBA and OIG audits, investigations, and reviews. The Company has considered these matters in performing the valuation of BLX at December 31, 2006.

At the time of the corporate reorganization of BLX, Inc. from a C corporation to a limited liability company in 2003, for tax purposes BLX had a built-in gain representing the aggregate fair market value of its assets in excess of the tax basis of its assets. As a RIC, the Company will be subject to special built-in gain rules on the assets of BLX. Under these rules, taxes will be payable by the Company at the time and to the extent that the built-in gains on BLX s assets at the date of reorganization are recognized in a taxable disposition of such assets in the 10-year period following the date of the reorganization. At such time, the built-in gains realized upon the disposition of these assets will be included in the Company s taxable income, net of the corporate level taxes paid by the Company on the built-in gains. At the date of BLX s reorganization, the Company estimated that its future tax liability resulting from the built-in gains may total up to a maximum of \$40 million. However, if these assets are disposed of after the 10-year period, there will be no corporate level taxes on these built-in gains. While the Company has no obligation to pay the built-in gains tax until these assets or its interests in BLX are disposed of in the future, it may be necessary to record a liability for these taxes in the future should the Company intend to sell the assets of or its interests in BLX within the 10-year period. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company considered the increase in fair value of its investment in BLX due to BLX s tax attributes as an LLC and

Note 3. Portfolio, continued

has also considered the reduction in fair value of its investment due to these estimated built-in gain taxes in determining the fair value of its investment in BLX.

At December 31, 2006, BLX had a three-year \$500.0 million revolving credit facility provided by third party lenders that matures in March 2009. The revolving credit facility may be expanded through new or additional commitments up to \$600.0 million at BLX s option. This facility provides for a sub-facility for the issuance of letters of credit for up to an amount equal to 25% of the committed facility. The Company has provided an unconditional guaranty to these revolving credit facility lenders in an amount equal to 50% of the total obligations (consisting of principal, letters of credit issued under the facility, accrued interest, and other fees) of BLX under this facility. The total obligation guaranteed by the Company at December 31, 2006, was \$189.7 million.

This guaranty can be called by the lenders in the event of a default under the BLX credit facility, which includes certain defaults under the Company s revolving credit facility. Among other requirements, the BLX facility requires that BLX maintain compliance with certain financial covenants such as interest coverage, maximum debt to net worth, asset coverage, and maintenance of certain asset quality metrics. In addition, BLX would have an event of default if BLX failed to maintain its lending status with the SBA and such failure could reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse effect on BLX, or if BLX failed to maintain certain financing programs for the sale or long-term funding of BLX s loans. At December 31, 2006, BLX would not have met the required maximum debt to net worth covenant requirement had the Company not made the additional \$12 million investment in BLX in the first quarter of 2007 discussed above. Under the terms of the facility, the \$12 million investment in BLX caused BLX to satisfy the leverage covenant requirement and BLX has determined that it was in compliance with the terms of this facility at December 31, 2006.

At December 31, 2005, BLX had a \$275 million revolving credit facility, which was replaced by the current facility discussed above. The Company had provided a similar unconditional guaranty to this facility s lenders in an amount equal to 50% of BLX s total obligations under the facility. The total obligation guaranteed by the Company at December 31, 2005, was \$135.4 million.

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company had also provided four standby letters of credit totaling \$25.0 million and \$34.1 million, respectively, in connection with four term securitization transactions completed by BLX. In consideration for providing the revolving credit facility guaranty and the standby letters of credit, the Company earned fees of \$6.1 million, \$6.3 million, and \$6.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively, which were included in fees and other income above. The remaining fees and other income relate to management fees from BLX. The Company did not charge a management fee to BLX in the fourth quarter of 2006.

Advantage Sales and Marketing, Inc. In June 2004, the Company completed the purchase of a majority voting ownership in Advantage, which was subject to dilution by a management option pool. Advantage is a sales and marketing agency providing outsourced sales, merchandising, and marketing services to the consumer packaged goods industry. Advantage has offices across the United States and is headquartered in Irvine, CA.

At December 31, 2005, the Company s investment in Advantage totaled \$257.7 million at cost and \$660.4 million at value, which included unrealized appreciation of \$402.7 million.

On March 29, 2006, the Company sold its majority equity interest in Advantage. The Company was repaid its \$184 million in subordinated debt outstanding and realized a gain at closing on its equity investment sold of \$433.1 million, subject to post-closing adjustments. Subsequent to closing on this sale, the Company realized additional gains resulting from post-closing adjustments totaling \$1.3 million in

Note 3. Portfolio, continued

2006. In addition, there is potential for the Company to receive additional consideration through an earn-out payment that would be based on Advantage s 2006 audited results. The Company s realized gain of \$434.4 million as of December 31, 2006, subject to post-closing adjustments, excludes any earn-out amounts.

As consideration for the common stock sold in the transaction, the Company received a \$150 million subordinated note, with the balance of the consideration paid in cash. In addition, a portion of the Company s cash proceeds from the sale of the common stock were placed in escrow, subject to certain holdback provisions. At December 31, 2006, the amount of the escrow included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet was approximately \$24 million.

In connection with the sale transaction, the Company retained an equity investment in the business valued at \$15 million at closing as a minority shareholder. During the fourth quarter of 2006, Advantage made a distribution on this minority equity investment, which resulted in a realized gain of \$4.8 million.

The Company s investment in Advantage at December 31, 2006, which was composed of subordinated debt and a minority equity interest, totaled \$151.6 million at cost and \$162.6 million at value. This investment was included in companies 5% to 25% owned in the consolidated financial statements as the Company continues to hold a seat on Advantage s board of directors.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from the Company s investment in Advantage while the Company held a majority equity interest for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was \$14.1 million, \$37.4 million, and \$21.3 million, respectively.

Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation for the year ended December 31, 2006, included the reversal of \$389.7 million of previously recorded unrealized appreciation associated with the realization of a gain on the sale of the Company s majority equity interest in Advantage and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, included an increase in unrealized appreciation of \$378.4 million and \$24.3 million, respectively, related to the Company s majority equity interest investment in Advantage.

The Hillman Companies, Inc. On March 31, 2004, the Company sold its control investment in Hillman, which was one of the Company s largest investments, for a total transaction value of \$510 million, including the repayment of outstanding debt and adding the value of Hillman s outstanding trust preferred shares. The Company was repaid its existing \$44.6 million in outstanding debt. Total consideration to the Company from the sale at closing, including the repayment of debt, was \$244.3 million, which included net cash proceeds of \$196.8 million and the receipt of a new subordinated debt instrument of \$47.5 million. During the second quarter of 2004, the Company sold a \$5.0 million participation in its subordinated debt in Hillman to a third party, which reduced the Company s investment, and no gain or loss resulted from the transaction. For the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company realized a gain of \$150.3 million on the transaction including a gain of \$1.3 million realized after closing, resulting from post-closing adjustments, which provided additional cash consideration to the Company in the same amount.

Note 3. Portfolio, continued

Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLOs) and Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs). At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company owned bonds and preferred shares/income notes in collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) and a collateralized debt obligation (CDO) as follows:

	2006		2005	
	Cost	Value	Cost	Value
(\$ in millions)				
Callidus Debt Partners CDO Fund I, Ltd.	\$ 28.4	\$ 28.4	\$ 28.5	\$ 28.5
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund III, Ltd.	23.3	23.0	24.2	24.2
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund IV, Ltd.	13.0	13.0		
Callidus MAPS CLO Fund I LLC	68.0	64.6	65.1	65.1
Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund V, Ltd.	13.8	13.8		
Total	\$ 146.5	\$ 142.8	\$ 117.8	\$117.8

These CLO and CDO investments are managed by Callidus Capital, a portfolio company controlled by the Company.

The bonds, preferred shares and income notes of the CLOs and CDO in which the Company has invested are junior in priority for payment of interest and principal to the more senior notes issued by the CLOs and CDO. Cash flow from the underlying collateral assets in the CLOs and CDO is generally allocated first to the senior bonds in order of priority, then any remaining cash flow is generally distributed to the preferred shareholders and income note holders. To the extent there are defaults and unrecoverable losses on the underlying collateral assets that result in reduced cash flows, the preferred shares/income notes will bear this loss first and then the subordinated bonds would bear any loss after the preferred shares/income notes.

At both December 31, 2006 and 2005, the face value of the CLO and CDO bonds held by the Company were subordinate to approximately 82% to 85% of the face value of the securities issued in these CLOs and CDO. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the face value of the CLO preferred shares/income notes held by the Company were subordinate to approximately 86% to 92% and 86% to 91%, respectively, of the face value of the securities issued in these CLOs.

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the underlying collateral assets of these CLO and CDO investments, consisting primarily of senior debt, were issued by 465 issuers and 336 issuers, respectively, and had balances as follows:

	2006	2005
(\$ in millions)		
Bonds	\$ 245.4	\$ 230.7
Syndicated loans	1,769.9	704.0
Cash ⁽¹⁾	59.5	238.4
Total underlying collateral assets	\$ 2,074.8	\$ 1,173.1

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At December 31, 2006, there was one defaulted obligor in the underlying collateral assets of Callidus MAPS CLO Fund I, LLC. There were no other delinquencies in the underlying collateral assets in the other CLO and CDO issuances owned by the Company. At December 31, 2006, the total face value of defaulted obligations was \$9.6 million, or approximately 0.5% of the total underlying collateral assets. At December 31, 2005, there were no delinquencies in the underlying collateral assets.

Note 3. Portfolio, continued

The initial yields on the CLO and CDO bonds, preferred shares and income notes are based on the estimated future cash flows from the underlying collateral assets expected to be paid to these CLO and CDO classes. As each CLO and CDO bond, preferred share or income note ages, the estimated future cash flows are updated based on the estimated performance of the underlying collateral assets, and the respective yield is adjusted as necessary. As future cash flows are subject to uncertainties and contingencies that are difficult to predict and are subject to future events that may alter current assumptions, no assurance can be given that the anticipated yields to maturity will be achieved.

Loans and Debt Securities on Non-Accrual Status. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, private finance loans and debt securities at value not accruing interest were as follows:

	2006	2005
(\$ in millions)		
Loans and debt securities in workout status		
Companies more than 25% owned	\$ 51.1	\$ 15.6
Companies 5% to 25% owned	4.0	
Companies less than 5% owned	31.6	11.4
Loans and debt securities not in workout status		
Companies more than 25% owned	87.1	58.0
Companies 5% to 25% owned	7.2	0.5
Companies less than 5% owned	38.9	49.5
Total	\$ 219.9	\$ 135.0

Industry and Geographic Compositions. The industry and geographic compositions of the private finance portfolio at value at December 31, 2006 and 2005, were as follows:

	2006	2005
Industry		
Business services	39%	42%
Consumer products	20	14
Financial services	9	14
Industrial products	9	10
Consumer services	6	6
Retail	6	3
Healthcare services	3	2
Energy services	2	2
Other ⁽¹⁾	6	7
Total	100%	100%
Geographic Region ⁽²⁾		
Mid-Atlantic	31%	29%
Midwest	30	21
Southeast	18	12
West	17	34

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Northeast	4	4
Total	100%	100%

- (1) Includes investments in senior debt CDO and CLO funds which represented 3% of the private finance portfolio at both December 31, 2006 and 2005. These funds invest in senior debt representing a variety of industries.
- (2) The geographic region for the private finance portfolio depicts the location of the headquarters for the Company s portfolio companies. The portfolio companies may have a number of other locations in other geographic regions.

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) Note 3. Portfolio, continued

Commercial Real Estate Finance

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the commercial real estate finance portfolio consisted of the following:

	2006			2005		
	Cost	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Cost	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾
(\$ in millions)						
Commercial mortgage loans	\$ 72.6	\$ 71.9	7.5%	\$103.9	\$102.6	7.6%
Real estate owned	15.7	19.6		14.2	13.9	
Equity interests	15.2	26.7		13.6	10.6	
Total	\$103.5	\$118.2		\$131.7	\$127.1	

(1) The weighted average yield on the commercial mortgage loans is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing loans plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans less the annual amortization of origination costs, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date.

Commercial Mortgage Loans and Equity Interests. The commercial mortgage loan portfolio contains loans that were originated by the Company or were purchased from third-party sellers. At December 31, 2006, approximately 96% and 4% of the Company s commercial mortgage loan portfolio was composed of fixed and adjustable interest rate loans, respectively. At December 31, 2005, approximately 97% and 3% of the Company s commercial mortgage loan portfolio was composed of fixed and adjustable interest rate loans, respectively. At December 31, 2005, approximately 97% and 3% of the Company s commercial mortgage loan portfolio was composed of fixed and adjustable interest rate loans, respectively. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, loans with a value of \$18.9 million and \$20.8 million, respectively, were not accruing interest. Loans greater than 120 days delinquent generally do not accrue interest.

Equity interests consist primarily of equity securities issued by privately owned companies that invest in single real estate properties. These equity interests may be subject to certain restrictions on their resale and are generally illiquid. Equity interests generally do not produce a current return, but are generally held in anticipation of investment appreciation and ultimate realized gain on sale.

The property types and the geographic composition securing the commercial mortgage loans and equity interests at value at December 31, 2006 and 2005, were as follows:

	2006	2005
Property Type		
Hospitality	45%	37%
Office	20	11
Retail	19	16
Housing	13	30
Other	3	6
Total	100%	100%

Geographic Region

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Southeast	36%	25%
Mid-Atlantic	35	31
Midwest	21	21
Northeast	8	5
West		18
Total	100%	100%

Note 3. Portfolio, continued

CMBS Bonds and Collateralized Debt Obligation Bonds and Preferred Shares (CDOs). On May 3, 2005, the Company completed the sale of its portfolio of CMBS bonds and CDO bonds and preferred shares to affiliates of Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (the Caisse) for cash proceeds of \$976.0 million and realized a net gain of \$227.7 million, after transaction and other costs of \$7.8 million. Transaction costs included investment banking fees, legal and other professional fees, and other transaction costs. Upon the closing of the sale, the Company settled all the hedge positions relating to these assets, which resulted in a net realized loss of \$0.7 million, which has been included in the net realized gain on the sale. The value of these assets prior to their sale was determined on an individual security-by-security basis. The net gain realized upon the sale of \$227.7 million reflects the total value received for the portfolio as a whole. Simultaneous with the sale of the Company s CMBS and CDO portfolio, the Company entered into certain agreements with affiliates of the Caisse, including a platform assets purchase agreement, pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell certain additional commercial real estate-related assets to the Caisse, subject to certain adjustments and closing conditions.

The platform assets purchase agreement was completed on July 13, 2005, and the Company received total cash proceeds from the sale of the platform assets of approximately \$5.3 million. No gain or loss resulted from the transaction. Under this agreement, the Company agreed not to primarily invest in CMBS and real estate-related CDOs and refrain from certain other real estate-related investing or servicing activities for a period of three years, or through May 2008, subject to certain limitations and excluding the Company s existing portfolio and related activities. **Note 4. Debt**

2006

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company had the following debt:

		2006			2005	
(\$ in millions)	Facility Amount	Amount Drawn	Annual Interest Cost ⁽¹⁾	Facility Amount	Amount Drawn	Annual Interest Cost ⁽¹⁾
Notes payable and debentures:						
Privately issued unsecured notes payable Publicly issued unsecured notes payable SBA debentures ⁽²⁾	\$1,041.4 650.0	\$1,041.4 650.0	6.1% 6.6% %	\$1,164.5 28.5	\$1,164.5	6.2% 7.5%
SBA debentures.			70	28.3	20.3	1.5%
Total notes payable and debentures Revolving line of credit ⁽⁵⁾	1,691.4 922.5	1,691.4 207.7	6.3% $6.4\%^{(3)}$	1,193.0 772.5	1,193.0 91.8	6.3% $5.6\%^{(3)}$
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Total debt	\$2,613.9	\$1,899.1	$6.5\%^{(4)}$	\$ 1,965.5	\$ 1,284.8	$6.5\%^{(4)}$

⁽¹⁾ The weighted average annual interest cost is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on the debt plus the annual amortization of commitment fees, other facility fees and amortization of debt financing costs that are recognized into interest expense over the contractual life of the respective borrowings, divided by (b) debt outstanding on the balance sheet date.

2005

- ⁽²⁾ The SBA debentures were repaid in full during 2006.
- (3) The annual interest cost reflects the interest rate payable for borrowings under the revolving line of credit. In addition to the current interest payable, there were annual costs of commitment fees, other facility fees and amortization of debt financing costs of \$3.9 million and \$3.3 million at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.
- ⁽⁴⁾ The annual interest cost for total debt includes the annual cost of commitment fees, other facility fees and amortization of debt financing costs on the revolving line of credit regardless of the amount outstanding on the facility as of the balance sheet date.
- (5) At December 31, 2006, \$673.8 million remained unused and available on the revolving line of credit, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit of \$41.0 million issued under the credit facility.
 Notes Payable and Debentures

Notes Payable and Debentures

Privately Issued Unsecured Notes Payable. The Company has privately issued unsecured long-term notes to institutional investors. The notes have five- or seven-year maturities and have fixed rates of

Note 4. Debt, continued

interest. The notes generally require payment of interest only semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity. At December 31, 2006, the notes had maturities from May 2008 to May 2013. The notes may be prepaid in whole or in part, together with an interest premium, as stipulated in the note agreements.

The Company has also privately issued five-year unsecured long-term notes denominated in Euros and Sterling for a total U.S. dollar equivalent of \$15.2 million. The notes have fixed interest rates and have substantially the same terms as the Company s other unsecured notes. The Euro notes require annual interest payments and the Sterling notes require semi-annual interest payments until maturity. Simultaneous with issuing the notes, the Company entered into a cross currency swap with a financial institution which fixed the Company s interest and principal payments in U.S. dollars for the life of the debt.

On October 16, 2006, the Company repaid \$150.0 million of unsecured long-term debt that matured. This debt had a fixed interest rate of 7.2%.

On May 1, 2006, the Company issued \$50.0 million of seven-year, unsecured notes with a fixed interest rate of 6.8%. This debt matures in May 2013. The proceeds from the issuance of the notes were used in part to repay \$25 million of 7.5% unsecured long-term notes that matured on May 1, 2006.

On October 13, 2005, the Company issued \$261.0 million of five-year and \$89.0 million of seven-year unsecured long-term notes, primarily to insurance companies. The five- and seven-year notes have fixed interest rates of 6.2% and 6.3%, respectively, and have substantially the same terms as the Company s existing unsecured long-term notes. The Company used a portion of the proceeds from the new long-term note issuance to repay \$125.0 million of existing unsecured long-term notes that matured on October 15, 2005, and had an annual weighted average interest cost of 8.3%.

Publicly Issued Unsecured Notes Payable. During 2006, the Company completed public issuances of unsecured notes as follows:

	Amount	Coupon	Maturity Date
(\$ in millions)			
July 25, 2006	\$ 400.0	6.625%	July 15, 2011
December 8, 2006	250.0	6.000%	April 1, 2012
Total	\$ 650.0		

The notes require payment of interest only semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity. The Company has the option to redeem these notes in whole or in part, together with a redemption premium, as stipulated in the notes.

SBA Debentures. At December 31, 2005, the Company had debentures payable to the SBA with original terms of ten years and at fixed interest rates ranging from 5.9% to 6.4%. The debentures required semi-annual interest-only payments with all principal due upon maturity. During the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company repaid \$28.5 million and \$49.0 million, respectively, of the SBA debentures. At December 31, 2006, the Company had no debentures payable to the SBA.

Note 4. Debt, continued

Scheduled Maturities. Scheduled future maturities of notes payable at December 31, 2006, were as follows:

Year Amount Maturing

	(\$ in millions)
2007	\$
2008	153.0
2009	268.9
2010	408.0
2011	472.5
Thereafter	389.0
Total	\$ 1.691.4

Revolving Line of Credit

At December 31, 2006, the Company had an unsecured revolving line of credit with a committed amount of \$922.5 million that expires on September 30, 2008. At December 31, 2005, the commitments under the facility were \$772.5 million. At the Company s option, borrowings under the revolving line of credit generally bear interest at a rate equal to (i) LIBOR (for the period the Company selects) plus 1.05% or (ii) the higher of the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50% or the Bank of America, N.A. prime rate. The revolving line of credit requires the payment of an annual commitment fee equal to 0.20% of the committed amount (whether used or unused). The revolving line of credit generally requires payments of interest at the end of each LIBOR interest period, but no less frequently than quarterly, on LIBOR based loans and monthly payments of interest on other loans. All principal is due upon maturity.

The annual cost of commitment fees, other facility fees and amortization of debt financing costs was \$3.9 million and \$3.3 million at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

The revolving credit facility provides for a sub-facility for the issuance of letters of credit for up to an amount equal to 16.66% of the committed facility or \$153.7 million. The letter of credit fee is 1.05% per annum on letters of credit issued, which is payable quarterly.

The average debt outstanding on the revolving line of credit was \$142.1 million and \$33.3 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. The maximum amount borrowed under this facility and the weighted average stated interest rate for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, were \$540.3 million and 6.3%, respectively, and \$263.3 million and 4.4%, respectively. At December 31, 2006, the amount available under the revolving line of credit was \$673.8 million, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit of \$41.0 million issued under the credit facility.

Fair Value of Debt

The Company records debt at cost. The fair value of the Company s outstanding debt was approximately \$1.9 billion and \$1.3 billion at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The fair value of the Company s debt was determined using market interest rates as of the balance sheet date for similar instruments.

Covenant Compliance

The Company has various financial and operating covenants required by the privately issued unsecured notes payable and the revolving line of credit outstanding at December 31, 2006. These

Note 4. Debt, continued

covenants require the Company to maintain certain financial ratios, including debt to equity and interest coverage, and a minimum net worth. These credit facilities provide for customary events of default, including, but not limited to, payment defaults, breach of representations or covenants, cross-defaults, bankruptcy events, failure to pay judgments, attachment of the Company s assets, change of control and the issuance of an order of dissolution. Certain of these events of default are subject to notice and cure periods or materiality thresholds. The Company s credit facilities limit its ability to declare dividends if the Company defaults under certain provisions. As of December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company was in compliance with these covenants.

The Company has certain financial and operating covenants that are required by the publicly issued unsecured notes payable, including that the Company will maintain a minimum ratio of 200% of total assets to total borrowings, as required by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, while these notes are outstanding. As of December 31, 2006, the Company was in compliance with these covenants.

Note 5. Guarantees and Commitments

In the ordinary course of business, the Company has issued guarantees and has extended standby letters of credit through financial intermediaries on behalf of certain portfolio companies. All standby letters of credit have been issued through Bank of America, N.A. As of December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company had issued guarantees of debt, rental obligations, and lease obligations aggregating \$202.1 million and \$148.6 million, respectively, and had extended standby letters of credit aggregating \$41.0 million and \$37.1 million, respectively. Under these arrangements, the Company would be required to make payments to third-party beneficiaries if the portfolio companies were to default on their related payment obligations. The maximum amount of potential future payments was \$243.1 million and \$185.7 million at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, \$2.4 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, had been recorded as a liability for the Company s guarantees and no amounts had been recorded as a liability for the Company s standby letters of credit.

As of December 31, 2006, the guarantees and standby letters of credit expired as follows:

(in millions)	Total	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	After 2011	
(III IIIIIIOIIS)								
Guarantees	\$ 202.1	\$ 0.6	\$ 3.0	\$ 192.2	\$	\$ 4.4	\$	1.9
Standby letters of credit ⁽¹⁾	41.0	4.0	37.0					
Total ⁽²⁾	\$243.1	\$ 4.6	\$40.0	\$192.2	\$	\$ 4.4	\$	1.9

- (1) Standby letters of credit are issued under the Company s revolving line of credit that expires in September 2008. Therefore, unless a standby letter of credit is set to expire at an earlier date, it is assumed that the standby letters of credit will expire contemporaneously with the expiration of the Company s line of credit in September 2008.
- (2) The Company s most significant commitments relate to its investment in Business Loan Express, LLC (BLX), which commitments totaled \$214.7 million at December 31, 2006. At December 31, 2006, the Company guaranteed 50% of the outstanding total obligations on BLX s revolving line of credit for a total guaranteed amount of \$189.7 million and had also provided four standby letters of credit totaling \$25.0 million in connection with four term securitizations completed by BLX. See Note 3.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company enters into agreements with service providers and other parties that may contain provisions for the Company to indemnify such parties under certain circumstances.

At December 31, 2006, the Company had outstanding commitments to fund investments totaling \$435.0 million, including \$426.0 million related to private finance investments and \$9.0 related to

Note 5. Guarantees and Commitments, continued

commercial real estate finance investments. In addition, during the fourth quarter of 2004 and the first quarter of 2005, the Company sold certain commercial mortgage loans that the Company may be required to repurchase under certain circumstances. These recourse provisions expire by April 2007. The aggregate outstanding principal balance of these sold loans was \$4.2 million at December 31, 2006.

Note 6. Shareholders Equity

Sales of common stock for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

	2006	2005 ⁽¹⁾	2004
(in millions)			
Number of common shares	10.9		3.0
Gross proceeds	\$310.2	\$	\$ 75.0
Less costs, including underwriting fees	(14.4)		(4.7)
Net proceeds	\$ 295.8	\$	\$ 70.3

⁽¹⁾ The Company did not sell any common stock during the year ended December 31, 2005.

The Company issued 0.3 million shares of common stock with a value of \$7.2 million as consideration for an additional investment in Mercury Air Centers, Inc. during the year ended December 31, 2005, and 0.1 million shares of common stock with a value of \$3.2 million as consideration for an investment in Legacy Partners Group, LLC during the year ended December 31, 2004.

The Company issued 0.5 million shares, 3.0 million shares, and 1.6 million shares of common stock upon the exercise of stock options during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

The Company has a dividend reinvestment plan, whereby the Company may buy shares of its common stock in the open market or issue new shares in order to satisfy dividend reinvestment requests. If the Company issues new shares, the issue price is equal to the average of the closing sale prices reported for the Company s common stock for the five consecutive trading days immediately prior to the dividend payment date. For the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, the Company issued new shares in order to satisfy dividend reinvestment requests. Dividend reinvestment plan activity for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(in millions, except per share amounts)			
Shares issued	0.5	0.3	0.2
Average price per share	\$ 30.58	\$ 28.00	\$26.34
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Note 7. Earnings Per Common Share

Earnings per common share for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(in millions, except per share amounts)			
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$245.1	\$ 872.8	\$249.5
Less preferred stock dividends			(0.1)
Income available to common shareholders	\$ 245.1	\$ 872.8	\$249.4
Weighted average common shares outstanding basic	142.4	134.7	129.8
Dilutive options outstanding	3.2	2.6	2.7
Weighted average common shares outstanding diluted	145.6	137.3	132.5
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.72	\$ 6.48	\$ 1.92
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.68	\$ 6.36	\$ 1.88

Note 8. Employee Compensation Plans

The Company s 401(k) retirement investment plan is open to all of its full-time employees who are at least 21 years of age. The employees may elect voluntary pre-tax wage deferrals ranging from 0% to 100% of eligible compensation for the year up to \$15 thousand annually for the 2006 plan year. Plan participants who were age 50 or older during the 2006 plan year were eligible to defer an additional \$5 thousand during the year. The Company makes contributions to the 401(k) plan of up to 5% of each participant s eligible compensation for the year up to a maximum compensation permitted by the IRS, which fully vests at the time of contribution. For the year ended December 31, 2006, the maximum compensation was \$0.2 million. Employer contributions that exceed the IRS limitation are directed to the participant s deferred compensation plan account as discussed below. Total 401(k) contribution expense for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was \$1.2 million, \$1.0 million, and \$0.9 million, respectively.

The Company also has a deferred compensation plan. Eligible participants in the deferred compensation plan may elect to defer some of their compensation and have such compensation credited to a participant account. In addition, the Company makes contributions to the deferred compensation plan on compensation deemed ineligible for a 401(k) contribution. Contribution expense for the deferred compensation plan for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was \$1.5 million, \$0.7 million, and \$0.7 million, respectively. All amounts credited to a participant s account are credited solely for purposes of accounting and computation and remain assets of the Company and subject to the claims of the Company s general creditors. Amounts credited to participants under the deferred compensation plan are at all times 100% vested and non-forfeitable. A participant s account shall become distributable upon his or her separation from service, retirement, disability, death, or at a future determined date. All deferred compensation plan accounts will be distributed in the event of a change of control of the Company or in the event of the Company s insolvency. Amounts deferred by participants under the deferred compensation plan are funded to a trust, which is administered by trustees. The accounts of the deferred compensation trust are consolidated with the Company s accounts. The assets of the trust are classified as other assets and the liability to the plan participants is included in other liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. The deferred compensation plan accounts at December 31, 2006, and 2005, totaled \$18.6 million, and \$16.6 million, respectively.

The Company has an Individual Performance Award ($\,$ IPA $\,$), which was established as a long-term incentive compensation program for certain officers. In conjunction with the program, the Board of

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) Note 8. Employee Compensation Plans, continued

Directors has approved a non-qualified deferred compensation plan (DCP II), which is administered through a trust by a third-party trustee. The administrator of the DCP II is the Compensation Committee of the Company s Board of Directors (DCP II Administrator).

The IPA is deposited in the trust in four equal installments, generally on a quarterly basis, in the form of cash. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors designed the DCP II to require the trustee to use the cash to purchase shares of the Company s common stock in the open market. During the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, 0.3 million shares, 0.3 million shares, and 0.5 million shares, respectively, were purchased in the DCP II.

All amounts deposited and then credited to a participant s account in the trust, based on the amount of the IPA received by such participant, are credited solely for purposes of accounting and computation and remain assets of the Company and subject to the claims of the Company s general creditors. Amounts credited to participants under the DCP II are immediately vested and generally non-forfeitable once deposited by the Company into the trust. A participant s account shall generally become distributable only after his or her termination of employment, or in the event of a change of control of the Company. Upon the participant s termination of employment, one-third of the participant s account will be immediately distributed in accordance with the plan, one-half of the then current remaining balance will be distributed on the first anniversary of his or her employment termination date and the remainder of the account balance will be distributed on the second anniversary of the employment termination date. Distributions are subject to the participant s adherence to certain non-solicitation requirements. All DCP II accounts will be distributed in a single lump sum in the event of a change of control of the Company. To the extent that a participant has an employment agreement, such participant s DCP II account will be fully distributed in the event that such participant s employment is terminated for good reason as defined under that participant s employment agreement. Sixty days following a distributable event, the Company and each participant may, at the discretion of the Company, and subject to the Company s trading window during that time, redirect the participant s account to other investment options.

During any period of time in which a participant has an account in the DCP II, any dividends declared and paid on shares of the Company s common stock allocated to the participant s account shall be reinvested by the trustee as soon as practicable in shares of the Company s common stock.

The IPA amounts are contributed into the DCP II trust and invested in the Company s common stock. The accounts of the DCP II are consolidated with the Company s accounts. The common stock is classified as common stock held in deferred compensation trust in the accompanying financial statements and the deferred compensation obligation, which represents the amount owed to the employees, is included in other liabilities. Changes in the value of the Company s common stock held in the deferred compensation trust are not recognized. However, the liability is marked to market with a corresponding charge or credit to employee compensation expense. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, common stock held in DCP II was \$28.3 million and \$19.5 million, respectively, and the IPA liability was \$33.9 million and \$22.3 million, respectively. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the DCP II held 1.0 million shares and 0.7 million shares, respectively, of the Company s common stock.

The IPA expense for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, were as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)			
IPA contributions	\$ 8.1	\$ 7.0	\$13.4
IPA mark to market expense (benefit)	2.9	2.0	(0.4)
Total IPA expense	\$ 11.0	\$ 9.0	\$13.0

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) Note 8. Employee Compensation Plans, continued

The Company also has an individual performance bonus (IPB) which was established in 2005. The IPB is distributed in cash to award recipients equally throughout the year as long as the recipient remains employed by the Company. If a recipient terminated employment during the year, any remaining cash payments under the IPB were forfeited. For the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, the IPB expense was \$8.1 million and \$6.9 million, respectively. The IPA and IPB expenses are included in employee expenses.

Note 9. Stock Option Plan

The purpose of the stock option plan (Option Plan) is to provide officers and non-officer directors of the Company with additional incentives. Options are exercisable at a price equal to the fair market value of the shares on the day the option is granted. Each option states the period or periods of time within which the option may be exercised by the optionee, which may not exceed ten years from the date the option is granted. The options granted to officers generally vest ratably over a three year period. Options granted to non-officer directors vest on the grant date.

All rights to exercise options terminate 60 days after an optionee ceases to be (i) a non-officer director, (ii) both an officer and a director, if such optionee serves in both capacities, or (iii) an officer (if such officer is not also a director) of the Company for any cause other than death or total and permanent disability. In the event of a change of control of the Company, all outstanding options will become fully vested and exercisable as of the change of control.

At both December 31, 2006 and 2005, there were 32.2 million shares authorized under the Option Plan. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the number of shares available to be granted under the Option Plan was 1.6 million and 3.0 million, respectively.

Note 9. Stock Option Plan, continued

Information with respect to options granted, exercised and forfeited under the Option Plan for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was as follows:

	Shares	A Ez Pr	eighted verage xercise ice Per Share	Weighted Average Contractual Remaining Term (Years)	Aggregate Value December 3	eat
(in millions, except per share amounts)						
Options outstanding at January 1, 2004	14.9	\$	20.68			
Granted	8.2	\$	28.34			
Exercised	(1.6)	\$	19.73			
Forfeited	(1.1)	\$	26.07			
Options outstanding at December 31, 2004	20.4	\$	23.55			
Granted	6.8	\$	27.37			
Exercised	(3.0)	\$	22.32			
Forfeited	(1.9)	\$	27.83			
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Options outstanding at December 31, 2005	22.3	\$	24.52			
Granted	1.8	\$	29.88			
Exercised	(0.5)	\$	22.99			
Forfeited	(0.4)	\$	27.67			
Options outstanding at December 31, 2006	23.2	\$	24.92	6.27	\$	180.1
Exercisable at December 31, 2006	16.7	\$	23.70	5.60	\$	150.2
Exercisable and expected to be exercisable at December 31, $2006^{(2)}$	22.7	\$	24.85	6.24	\$	178.0

- ⁽¹⁾ Represents the difference between the market value of the options at December 31, 2006, and the cost for the option holders to exercise the options.
- ⁽²⁾ The amount of options expected to be exercisable at December 31, 2006, is calculated based on an estimate of expected forfeitures.

The fair value of the shares vested during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was \$16.1 million, \$16.2 million, and \$18.7 million, respectively. The total intrinsic value of the options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, was \$3.6 million, \$18.4 million, and \$12.2 million, respectively.

Note 9. Stock Option Plan, continued

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2006:

			Outstanding Weighted		Exerci	sable
Range o	£	Total Number	Average Remaining Contractual	Weighted Average Exercise	Total Number	Weighted Average Exercise
Exercise		Outstanding	Life (Years)	Price	Exercisable	Price
(in milli	ons, except per share amounts	and years)				
\$16.81	\$17.88	2.4	3.28	\$ 16.97	2.4	\$ 16.97
\$19.00	\$21.38	1.8	1.04	\$ 21.30	1.8	\$ 21.30
\$21.52		3.3	5.95	\$ 21.52	3.3	\$ 21.52
\$21.59	\$24.98	2.6	5.49	\$ 22.43	2.4	\$ 22.23
\$25.50	\$27.38	1.8	7.35	\$ 26.49	1.4	\$ 26.47
\$27.51		5.2	8.59	\$ 27.51	1.7	\$ 27.51
\$28.98		4.3	7.19	\$ 28.98	3.2	\$ 28.98
\$29.23	\$30.52	1.8	7.18	\$ 29.88	0.5	\$ 29.77
		23.2	6.27	\$ 24.92	16.7	\$ 23.70

Notes Receivable from the Sale of Common Stock

As a business development company under the 1940 Act, the Company is entitled to provide and has provided loans to the Company s officers in connection with the exercise of options. However, as a result of provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Company is prohibited from making new loans to its executive officers. The outstanding loans are full recourse, have varying terms not exceeding ten years, bear interest at the applicable federal interest rate in effect at the date of issue and have been recorded as a reduction to shareholders equity. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company had outstanding loans to officers of \$2.9 million and \$3.9 million, respectively. Officers with outstanding loans repaid principal of \$1.0 million, \$1.6 million, and \$13.2 million, for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. The Company recognized interest income from these loans of \$0.2 million, \$0.2 million, and \$0.5 million, respectively, during these same periods. This interest income is included in interest and dividends for companies less than 5% owned.

Note 10. Dividends and Distributions and Taxes

For the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, the Company s Board of Directors declared the following distributions:

	2006			2005			2004				
	Total Amount		tal Per hare	. –	otal 10unt		al Per hare	. –	'otal nount		al Per 1are
(in millions, except per share amounts)											
First quarter	\$ 82.5	\$	0.59	\$	76.1	\$	0.57	\$	73.3	\$	0.57
Second quarter	84.1		0.60		76.2		0.57		73.5		0.57
Third quarter	88.8		0.61		78.8		0.58		74.0		0.57
Fourth quarter	92.0		0.62		79.3		0.58		75.8		0.57
Extra dividend	7.5		0.05		4.1		0.03		2.7		0.02
Total distributions to common shareholders	\$ 354.9	\$	2.47	\$3	314.5	\$	2.33	\$2	299.3	\$	2.30

For income tax purposes, distributions for 2006, 2005, and 2004, were composed of the following:

	2006			20	005		2004		
	Total Amount		tal Per hare	Total Amount		tal Per hare	Total Amount		tal Per hare
(in millions, except per share amounts)									
Ordinary income	\$177.4	\$	1.23	\$157.3	\$	1.17	\$145.3	\$	1.12
Long-term capital gains	177.5		1.24	157.2		1.16	154.0		1.18
Total distributions to common shareholders ⁽¹⁾	\$ 354.9	\$	2.47	\$314.5	\$	2.33	\$ 299.3	\$	2.30

⁽¹⁾ For the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, ordinary income included dividend income of approximately \$0.04 per share, \$0.03 per share, and \$0.04 per share, respectively, that qualified to be taxed at the 15% maximum capital gains rate.

⁽²⁾ For certain eligible corporate shareholders, the dividend received deduction for 2006, 2005, and 2004, was \$0.042 per share, \$0.034 per share, and \$0.038 per share, respectively.

The Company s Board of Directors also declared a dividend of \$0.63 per common share for the first quarter of 2007.

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) dends and Distributions and Taxes continued

Note 10. Dividends and Distributions and Taxes, continued

The following table summarizes the differences between financial statement net increase in net assets resulting from operations and taxable income available for distribution to shareholders for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004:

		2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)	(ESTI	MATED) ⁽¹⁾		
Financial statement net increase in net assets resulting from				
operations	\$	245.1	\$ 872.8	\$ 249.5
Adjustments:				
Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation		477.4	(462.1)	68.7
Amortization of discounts and fees		(0.3)	4.7	(5.4)
Interest- and dividend-related items		7.3	5.5	6.3
Employee compensation-related items		18.1	3.0	7.7
Nondeductible excise tax		15.1	6.2	1.0
Realized gains recognized (deferred) through installment				
treatment ⁽²⁾		(181.1)	(5.9)	(33.7)
Other realized gain or loss related items		11.5	18.6	5.5
Net income (loss) from partnerships and limited liability				
companies ⁽³⁾		(1.9)	18.0	8.6
Net loss from consolidated SBIC subsidiary			(8.4)	15.2
Net (income) loss from consolidated taxable subsidiary, net of				
tax		3.9	(5.0)	(1.0)
Other		0.4	(2.4)	0.8
Taxable income	\$	595.5	\$ 445.0	\$ 323.2

- ⁽¹⁾ The Company s taxable income for 2006 is an estimate and will not be finally determined until the Company files its 2006 tax return in September 2007. Therefore, the final taxable income may be different than this estimate.
- ⁽²⁾ 2006 includes the deferral of long-term capital gains through installment treatment related to the Company s sale of its control equity investment in Advantage and certain other portfolio companies.
- (3) Includes taxable income passed through to the Company from BLX in excess of interest and related portfolio income from BLX included in the financial statements totaling \$3.7 million, \$15.4 million, and \$10.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. See Note 3 for additional related disclosure. Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized.

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) Note 10. Dividends and Distributions and Taxes, continued

The Company must distribute at least 90% of its investment company taxable income to qualify for pass-through tax treatment and maintain its RIC status. The Company has distributed and currently intends to distribute or retain through a deemed distribution sufficient dividends to eliminate taxable income. Dividends declared and paid by the Company in a year generally differ from taxable income for that year as such dividends may include the distribution of current year taxable income, less amounts carried over into the following year, and the distribution of prior year taxable income carried over into and distributed in the current year. For income tax purposes, distributions for 2006, 2005, and 2004, were made from taxable income as follows:

	2	2006	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)	(ESTI	MATED) ⁽¹⁾		
Taxable income	\$	595.5	\$ 445.0	\$ 323.2
Taxable income earned in current year and carried forward for				
distribution in next year ⁽²⁾		(397.1)	(156.5)	(26.0)
Taxable income earned in prior year and carried forward and				
distributed in current year		156.5	26.0	2.1
Total distributions to common shareholders	\$	354.9	\$ 314.5	\$ 299.3

- (1) The Company s taxable income for 2006 is an estimate and will not be finally determined until the Company files its 2006 tax return in September 2007. Therefore, the final taxable income and the taxable income earned in 2006 and carried forward for distribution in 2007 may be different than this estimate.
- (2) Estimated taxable income for 2006 includes undistributed income of \$397.1 million that is being carried over for distribution in 2007, which represents approximately \$120.6 million of ordinary income and approximately \$276.5 million of net long-term capital gains.

The Company will generally be required to pay an excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of the Company s annual taxable income exceeds the distributions for the year. The Company s 2006 (estimated), 2005, and 2004, annual taxable income were in excess of its dividend distributions from such taxable income in 2006, 2005, and 2004, and accordingly, the Company accrued an excise tax of \$15.4 million, \$6.2 million, and \$1.0 million, respectively, on the excess taxable income carried forward. In 2006, the Company reversed \$0.3 million of excise tax which was over accrued in 2005, resulting in excise tax expense of \$15.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

In addition to excess taxable income carried forward, the Company currently estimates that it has cumulative deferred taxable income related to installment sale gains of approximately \$220.7 million as of December 31, 2006, which is composed of cumulative deferred taxable income of \$39.6 million as of December 31, 2005, and approximately \$181.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. These gains have been recognized for financial reporting purposes in the respective years they were realized, but are generally deferred for tax purposes until the notes or other amounts received from the sale of the related investments are collected in cash. The realized gains deferred through installment treatment for 2006 are estimates and will not be finally determined until the Company files its 2006 tax return in September 2007.

The Company s undistributed book earnings of \$502.2 million as of December 31, 2006, resulted from undistributed ordinary income and long-term capital gains. The difference between undistributed book earnings at the

end of the year and taxable income carried over from the current year into the next year relates to a variety of timing and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses for book and tax purposes as discussed above.

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation of the Company s investments above cost for federal income tax purposes was \$613.1 million (estimated) and \$789.1 million,

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) Note 10. Dividends and Distributions and Taxes, continued

respectively. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation of the Company s investments below cost for federal income tax purposes was \$418.8 million (estimated) and \$308.8 million, respectively. The aggregate net unrealized appreciation of the Company s investments over cost for federal income tax purposes was \$194.3 million (estimated) and \$480.3 million at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, the aggregate cost of securities, for federal income tax purposes was \$4.3 billion (estimated) and \$3.1 billion, respectively.

The Company s consolidated subsidiary, AC Corp, is subject to federal and state income taxes. For the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, AC Corp s income tax expense (benefit) was \$(0.1) million, \$5.3 million, and \$1.0 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2005, and 2004, paid in capital was increased for the tax benefit of amounts deducted for tax purposes but not for financial reporting purposes primarily related to stock-based compensation by \$3.7 million and \$3.8 million, respectively.

The net deferred tax asset at December 31, 2006, was \$6.9 million, consisting of deferred tax assets of \$13.7 million and deferred tax liabilities of \$6.8 million. The net deferred tax asset at December 31, 2005, was \$4.1 million, consisting of deferred tax assets of \$8.9 million and deferred tax liabilities of \$4.8 million. At December 31, 2006, the deferred tax assets primarily related to compensation-related items and the deferred tax asset is more likely than not based on expectations as to future taxable income and scheduled reversals of temporary differences. Accordingly, the Company did not record a valuation allowance at December 31, 2006, 2005, or 2004. **Note 11. Cash**

The Company places its cash with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in checking accounts in financial institutions may be in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

At December 31, 2006 and 2005, cash consisted of the following:

	2	006	2	2005
(\$ in millions)				
Cash	\$	2.3	\$	33.4
Less escrows held		(0.6)		(2.0)
Total cash	\$	1.7	\$	31.4

Note 12. Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information

The Company paid interest of \$90.6 million, \$75.2 million, and \$74.6 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004.

Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales include the collection of discounts previously amortized into interest income and added to the cost basis of a loan or debt security totaling \$0.2 million, \$8.4 million, and \$11.4 million, for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

Non-cash operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2006, included the following:

a note received as consideration from the sale of the Company s equity investment in Advantage of \$150.0 million;

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) Note 12. Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information, continued

a note received as consideration from the sale of the Company s equity investment in STS Operating, Inc. of \$30.0 million;

the exchange of existing debt securities and accrued interest of S.B. Restaurant Company with a cost basis of \$29.2 million for new debt securities;

the exchange of existing debt securities, preferred stock and common stock of Border Foods, Inc. with a cost basis of \$16.6 million for new preferred and common equity securities; and

the exchange of existing preferred stock and common stock of Redox Brands, Inc. with a cost basis of \$10.2 million for common stock in CR Brands, Inc.

Non-cash operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2005, included the following: the exchange of existing subordinated debt securities and accrued interest of BLX with a cost basis of \$44.8 million for additional Class B equity interests (see Note 3);

the exchange of debt securities and accrued interest of Coverall North America, Inc. with a cost basis of \$24.2 million for new debt securities and warrants with a total cost basis of \$26.8 million;

the exchange of debt securities of Garden Ridge Corporation with a cost basis of \$25.0 million for a new loan with a cost basis of \$22.5 million; and

the contribution to capital of existing debt securities of GAC Investments, Inc. (GAC) with a cost basis of \$11.0 million, resulting in a decrease in the Company s debt cost basis and an increase in the Company s common stock cost basis in GAC. During the third quarter of 2005, GAC changed its name to Triview Investments, Inc. Non-cash operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2004, included the following:

notes or other securities received as consideration from the sale of investments of \$56.6 million. Notes received included a note received for \$47.5 million in conjunction with the sale of the Company s investment in Hillman. During the second quarter of 2004, the Company sold a \$5.0 million participation in its subordinated debt in Hillman to a third party, which reduced its investment, and no gain or loss resulted from the transaction;

an exchange of \$93.7 million of subordinated debt in certain predecessor companies of Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. for new subordinated debt in Advantage;

an exchange of existing debt securities with a cost basis of \$46.4 million for new debt and common stock in Startec Global Communications Corporation;

an exchange of existing debt securities with a cost basis of \$13.1 million for new debt of \$11.3 million with the remaining cost basis attributed to equity in Fairchild Industrial Products Company;

an exchange of existing loans with a cost basis of \$11.1 million for a new loan and equity in Gordian Group, Inc.;

the repayment in kind of \$12.7 million of existing debt in American Healthcare Services, Inc. with \$10.0 million of debt in MedBridge Healthcare, LLC and \$2.7 million of debt and equity from other companies;

an exchange of existing subordinated debt with a cost basis of \$7.3 million for equity interests in an affiliate of Impact Innovations Group, LLC;

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) Note 12. Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information, continued

GAC acquired certain assets of Galaxy out of bankruptcy during the third quarter of 2004. The Company exchanged its \$50.7 million outstanding debt in Galaxy for debt and equity in GAC to facilitate the asset acquisition; and

\$25.5 million of CMBS bonds and LLC interests received from the securitization of commercial mortgage loans. Non-cash financing activities included the issuance of common stock in lieu of cash distributions totaling
\$15.0 million, \$9.3 million, and \$5.8 million, for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively. In addition, the non-cash financing activities included the issuance of \$7.2 million of the Company s common stock as consideration for an additional investment in Mercury Air Centers, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2005, and the issuance of \$3.2 million of the Company s common stock as consideration for an investment in Legacy Partners Group, LLC for the year ended December 31, 2004.

Note 13. Hedging Activities

At December 31, 2005, the Company had invested in commercial mortgage loans that were purchased at prices that were based in part on comparable Treasury rates and the Company had entered into transactions with one or more financial institutions to hedge against movement in Treasury rates on certain of these commercial mortgage loans. These transactions, referred to as short sales, involved the Company receiving the proceeds from the short sales of borrowed Treasury securities, with the obligation to replenish the borrowed Treasury securities at a later date based on the then current market price. Borrowed Treasury securities and the related obligations to replenish the borrowed Treasury securities at value, including accrued interest payable on the obligations, as of December 31, 2005, consisted of the following:

(\$ in millions) Description of Issue

5-year Treasury securities, due April 2010

During the fourth quarter of 2006, the Company sold commercial mortgage loans with a total outstanding principal balance of \$21.1 million and realized a gain of \$0.7 million. As these loans were purchased at prices that were based in part on comparable Treasury rates, the Company had a related hedge in place to protect against movements in Treasury rates. Upon the loan sale, the Company settled the related hedge, which resulted in a realized gain of \$0.5 million, which was included in the realized gain on the sale of \$0.7 million. At December 31, 2006, the Company did not have any similar hedges in place.

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ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) Note 14. Financial Highlights

	At and for the Years Ended December 31,					
		2006		2005		2004
Per Common Share Data						
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$	19.17	\$	14.87	\$	14.94
Net investment income ⁽¹⁾		1.30		1.00		1.52
Net realized gains ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		3.66		1.99		0.88
Net investment income plus net realized gains ⁽¹⁾		4.96		2.99		2.40
Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		(3.28)		3.37		(0.52)
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations ⁽¹⁾		1.68		6.36		1.88
Net decrease in net assets from shareholder distributions		(2.47)		(2.33)		(2.30)
Net increase in net assets from capital share transactions ⁽¹⁾		0.74		0.27		0.35
Net asset value, end of year	\$	19.12	\$	19.17	\$	14.87
Market value, end of year	\$	32.68	\$	29.37	\$	25.84
Total return ⁽³⁾		20.6%		23.5%		1.1%
Ratios and Supplemental Data						
(\$ and shares in millions, except per share amounts)						
Ending net assets	\$	2,841.2	\$	2,620.5	\$	1,979.8
Common shares outstanding at end of year		148.6		136.7		133.1
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding		145.6		137.3		132.5
Employee, employee stock option and administrative						
expenses/average net assets		5.38%		6.56%		4.65%
Total operating expenses/average net assets		9.05%		9.99%		8.53%
Net investment income/average net assets		6.90%		6.08%		10.45%
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations/ average net		0.0407		20 (00		12 070
assets		8.94%		38.68%		12.97%
Portfolio turnover rate	¢	27.05%	¢	47.72%	¢	32.97%
Average debt outstanding	\$	1,491.0	\$	1,087.1	\$	985.6
Average debt per share ⁽¹⁾	\$	10.24	\$	7.92	\$	7.44

⁽¹⁾ Based on diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the year.

⁽²⁾ Net realized gains and net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation can fluctuate significantly from year to year.

⁽³⁾ Total return assumes the reinvestment of all dividends paid for the periods presented. **Note 15. Selected Quarterly Data (Unaudited)**

		2006					
(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	C)tr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4		
Total interest and related portfolio income	\$	111.0	\$ 110.5	\$ 113.4	\$ 117.7		
Net investment income	\$	41.3	\$ 50.2	\$ 48.7	\$ 49.1		
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$	99.6	\$ 33.7	\$ 77.9	\$ 33.9		
Basic earnings per common share	\$	0.72	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.23		
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	0.70	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.23		
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ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) Note 15. Selected Quarterly Data (Unaudited), continued

	2005						
	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4			
Total interest and related portfolio income	\$ 94.9	\$ 86.2	\$ 94.9	\$ 98.2			
Net investment income	\$ 38.8	\$ 15.3	\$ 46.1	\$ 37.1			
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 119.6	\$ 311.9	\$ 113.2	\$ 328.1			
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 0.90	\$ 2.33	\$ 0.84	\$ 2.40			
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.88	\$ 2.29	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.36			

Note 16. Litigation

On June 23, 2004, the Company was notified by the SEC that the SEC is conducting an informal investigation of the Company. On December 22, 2004, the Company received letters from the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia requesting the preservation and production of information regarding the Company and Business Loan Express, LLC in connection with a criminal investigation. Based on the information available to the Company at this time, the inquiries appear to primarily pertain to matters related to portfolio valuation and the Company s portfolio company, Business Loan Express, LLC. To date, the Company has produced materials in response to requests from both the SEC and the U.S. Attorney s office, and a director and certain current and former employees have provided testimony and have been interviewed by the staff of the SEC and, in some cases, the U.S. Attorney s Office. The Company is voluntarily cooperating with these investigations.

In late December 2006, the Company received a subpoena from the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia requesting, among other things, the production of records regarding the use of private investigators by the Company or its agents. The Board established a committee, which was advised by its own counsel, to review this matter. In the course of gathering documents responsive to the subpoena, the Company became aware that an agent of the Company obtained what were represented to be telephone records of David Einhorn and which purport to be records of calls from Greenlight Capital during a period of time in 2005. Also, while the Company was gathering documents responsive to the subpoena, allegations were made that the Company s management had authorized the acquisition of these records and that management was subsequently advised that these records had been obtained. The Company s management has stated that these allegations are not true. The Company is cooperating fully with the inquiry by the United States Attorney s office.

On February 13, 2007, Rena Nadoff filed a shareholder derivative action in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, captioned Rena Nadoff v. Walton, et al., CA 001060-07, seeking unspecified compensatory and other damages, as well as equitable relief on behalf of Allied Capital Corporation. Ms. Nadoff s complaint names as defendants the members of Allied Capital s Board of Directors; Allied Capital is a nominal defendant for purposes of the derivative action. The complaint alleges breach of fiduciary duty by the Board of Directors arising from internal controls failures and mismanagement of Business Loan Express, LLC, an Allied Capital portfolio company. The Company believes the lawsuit is without merit, and intends to defend the lawsuit vigorously.

On February 26, 2007, Dana Ross filed a class action complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in which she alleges that Allied Capital Corporation and certain members of management violated Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder. The complaint is captioned Dana Ross v. Walton, et al., CV 00402. Dana Ross claims that, between March 1, 2006, and January 10, 2007, Allied Capital either failed to disclose or misrepresented information concerning the loan origination practices of Business Loan Express, LLC, an Allied Capital

Note 16. Litigation, continued

portfolio company. Dana Ross seeks unspecified compensatory and other damages, as well as other relief. The Company believes the lawsuit is without merit, and intends to defend the lawsuit vigorously.

In addition, the Company is party to certain lawsuits in the normal course of business.

While the outcome of any of the legal proceedings described above cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, the Company does not expect these matters will materially affect its financial condition or results of operations.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders

Allied Capital Corporation:

Under date of February 28, 2007, we reported on the consolidated balance sheet of Allied Capital Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, including the consolidated statements of investments as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows, and the financial highlights (included in Note 14), for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2006, which are included in the prospectus supplement to the registration statement (No. 333-132515). In connection with our audits of the aforementioned consolidated financial statements, we also audited the related financial statement schedule as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006. This financial statement schedule is the responsibility of the Company s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement schedule based on our audit.

In our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects the information set forth therein. Washington, D.C.

February 28, 2007

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS IN AND ADVANCES TO AFFILIATES

PRIVATE FINANCE		Amount of Interest or Dividends				
Portfolio Company		Credited	December 31, 2005	Gross	Gross	December 31, 2006
(in thousands)	Investment(1)	to Income(6) ^{Other(2}	-	Additions(3	Reductions(4	
Companies More Than	25% Owned					
Acme Paging, L.P. (Telecommunications)	Senior Loan(5) Subordinated Debt(5) Common Stock	\$ (176) (3)	\$	\$ 3,750 881 27	\$ (3,750) (881) (27)	\$
Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc.(7)	Subordinated Debt Subordinated	1,712	59,787	213	(60,000)	
(Business Services)	Debt Common Stock	5,555	124,000 476,578	374	(124,374) (476,578)	
Alaris Consulting, LLC (Business Services)	Senior Loan(5) Equity Interests	(63)				
American Healthcare Services, Inc. and Affiliates (Healthcare Services)	Senior Loan(5)	\$ 1	4,097	502	(4,599)	
Avborne, Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock Common Stock		892	73	(47)	918
Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock Common Stock					
Border Foods, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Preferred Stock Common Stock					
Business Loan Express, LLC (Financial Services)	Subordinated Debt Class A Equity	38	10,000	15,000	(25,000)	
	Interests(5)	11,889	60,693	5,929		66,622

	Class B Equity Interests Class C Equity Interests		146,910 139,521		(67,771) (74,545)	79,139 64,976
Calder Capital Partners, LLC (Financial Services)	Senior Loan(5) Equity Interests			975 2,076		975 2,076
Callidus Capital Corporation (Financial Services)	Senior Loan Subordinated Debt Common Stock	441 972	600 4,832 7,968	8,705 930 14,582	(9,305)	5,762 22,550
Coverall North America, Inc. (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt Subordinated Debt Common Stock Warrants	1,926 395		36,333 5,972 19,729	(110)	36,333 5,972 19,619
CR Brands, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Senior Loan Subordinated Debt Common Stock	1,109 5,700		37,219 39,401 33,321	(37,219) (7,583)	39,401 25,738
Diversified Group Administrators, Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock Preferred Stock Common Stock	87 68	728 841 502		(728) (841) (502)	
Financial Pacific Company (Financial Services)	Subordinated Debt Preferred Stock Common Stock	12,415	69,904 13,116 44,180	1,458 2,826 21,006		71,362 15,942 65,186
ForeSite Towers, LLC (Tower Leasing)	Equity Interests	329	9,750	2,540		12,290
Global Communications, LLC (Business Services)	Senior Loan(5) Subordinated Debt(5) Preferred Equity Interest Options		15,957 11,198 4,303	138	(99) (4,303)	15,957 11,237
Gordian Group, Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loan(5) Common Stock	(18)	4,161	392 220	(4,553) (220)	
Healthy Pet Corp.	Senior Loan	1,746	4,086	24,252	(1,300)	27,038

(Consumer Services)	Subordinated Debt Common Stock	6,549	38,535 25,766	5,230 4,500	(186) (1,345)	43,579 28,921
HMT, Inc. (Energy Services)	Preferred Stock Common Stock Warrants		2,637 5,343 2,057	3,321 1,279		2,637 8,664 3,336
See related footnotes at t	he end of this schedule.					

Amount of Interest or Dividends

PRIVATE FINANCE							
Portfolio Company		Credited	December 31, 2005	Gross	Gross	De	cember 31, 2006
(in thousands)	Investment(1)	to Income(6) Other(2)) Value	Additions(3	Reductions(4	I)	Value
Huddle House, Inc. (Retail)	Senior Loan Subordinated Debt Common	\$ 59 296	\$	\$ 19,950 58,196	\$	\$	19,950 58,196
	Stock			41,662			41,662
Impact Innovations Group, LLC (Business Services)	Equity Interests in Affiliate		742	131			873
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	Subordinated Debt Preferred	9,724	58,298	1,552			59,850
Corporation	Stock		26,791		(18,946)		7,845
(Consumer Products)	Common Stock		236		(236)		
Jakel, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt(5) Preferred Stock Common Stock			6,655			6,655
Legacy Partners Group, LLC (Financial Services)	Senior Loan (5) Subordinated Debt(5) Equity Interests		5,029	18	(186)		4,843
Litterer Beteiligungs-GmbH (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt Equity Interest	43	621 2,226	71	(1,027)		692 1,199
Mercury Air Centers, Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loan Subordinated	1,231	31,720	4,000	(35,720)		
	Debt	8,076	46,519	5,698	(3,000)		49,217

	Common Stock			88,898	106,121		195,019
MVL Group, Inc.	Senior Loan Subordinated	3,605		27,218	1,000	(973)	27,245
(Business Services)	Debt Common	5,052		32,417	3,061		35,478
	Stock			3,211		(3,211)	
Penn Detroit Diesel Allison, LLC	Subordinated Debt	2,473			37,994		37,994
(Business Services)	Equity Interests				25,949		25,949
Pennsylvania Avenue Investors, L.P. (Private Equity Fund)	Equity Interests			1,864	1,193	(3,057)	
Powell Plant Farms,	Senior	2 204		22 702	10.625	(8 225)	26 102
Inc. (Consumer Products)	Loan(5) Subordinated	2,394		23,792 7,364	10,625	(8,225) (6,402)	26,192 962
	Debt(5) Preferred Stock Warrants			7,304		(0,402)	902
Redox Brands, Inc.	Preferred						
(Consumer Products)	Stock Warrants	363		12,097 500	1,708 84	(13,805) (584)	
Service Champ, Inc.	Subordinated Debt	4,339		26,906	713		27,619
(Business Services)	Common Stock	1,007		13,319	3,467		16,786
Staffing Partners	Subordinated			,			,
Holding Company, Inc.	Debt(5) Preferred		\$355	6,343		(5,857)	486
(Business Services)	Stock Common			1,812	3,156	(4,968)	
	Stock Warrants				60	(60)	
Startec Global Communications							
Corporation (Telecommunications)	Senior Loan Common	2,165		21,685	3,540	(9,260)	15,965
(Telecommunications)	Stock				11,232		11,232
STS Operating, Inc.		328		6,593	123	(6,716)	

(Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt Common Stock Options		64,963 560		(64,963) (560)	
Sweet Traditions, LLC (Consumer Products)	Senior Loan Equity Interests	1,755		36,150 450	(978)	35,172 450
Triview Investments, Inc. (Broadcasting & Cable/ Consumer Products/ Business Services)	Senior Loan Subordinated Debt Subordinated Debt(5) Common Stock	1,302 8,692 68	7,449 30,845 19,520 29,171	7,298 25,163 742 11,516	(15,920) (9,365)	14,747 56,008 4,342 31,322
Total companies more owned Companies 5% to 25%		\$102,636	\$1,887,651			\$1,490,180
Owned						
Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc.(7) (Business Services)	Subordinated Debt Equity Interests	\$ 14,050	\$	\$151,648 15,272	\$ (4,272)	\$ 151,648 11,000
Air Medical Group Holdings LLC (Healthcare Services)	Senior Loan Subordinated Debt Equity Interests	3,298 2,145 1,694	42,267 4,025	8,097 35,488 3,393	(6,334) (42,627) (1,468)	1,763 35,128 5,950
	interests		,			

See related footnotes at the end of this schedule.

Amount of Interest or Dividends

		Dividends				
PRIVATE FINANCE Portfolio Company		Credited	December 31, 2005	Gross	Gross	December 31, 2006
(in thousands)	Investment(1)	to Income(6) Other(2)	Value	Additions(3)	Reductions(4)	Value
Amerex Group, LLC (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt Equity Interests	\$ 669	\$	\$ 8,400 13,860	\$ (37)	\$ 8,400 13,823
Aspen Pet Products, Inc. (Consumer	Subordinated Debt Preferred	1,130	19,959	399	(20,358)	
Products)	Stock Common Stock Warrants	29	1,638 17	516 123	(2,154) (140)	
BB&T Capital Partners/Windsor Mezzanine Fund, LLC (Private Equity Fund)	Equity Interests			5,867	(313)	5,554
Becker Underwood, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Subordinated Debt Common Stock	3,545	23,543 2,200	620 1,500		24,163 3,700
BI Incorporated (Business Services)	Senior Loan Subordinated Debt	125 3,484		15,000 30,135	(15,000)	30,135
	Common Stock	- , -		4,100		4,100
CitiPostal, Inc. and Affiliates (Business Services)	Senior Loan Common Stock	1,061		20,689 4,700	(120)	20,569 4,700
Creative Group, Inc.	Subordinated Debt	583		13,656		13,656

(Business Services)	Warrants				1,387		1,387
Drew Foam Companies, Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock Common Stock				722 7		722 7
The Debt Exchange Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock			3,219		(3,219)	
MedBridge Healthcare, LLC (Healthcare Services)	Senior Loan(5) Subordinated Debt(5) Convertible Subordinated Debt(5) Equity Interests			7,093 534	71 1,279 501	(501)	7,164 1,813
Multi-Ad Services, Inc. (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt Equity Interests	348			19,879 2,000		19,879 2,000
Nexcel Synthetics, LLC (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt Equity Interests	1,604		10,588 1,367	390 119		10,978 1,486
PresAir LLC (Industrial Products)	Senior Loan(5) Unitranche Debt(5) Equity Interests		\$261	5,820 318	5,492 328 5	(3,286) (6,148) (323)	2,206
Progressive International Corporation (Consumer Products)	Subordinated Debt Preferred Stock Common Stock Warrants	1,223		7,376 884 13	157 140 2,287		7,533 1,024 2,300
	Senior Loan	72			1,232		1,232

Regency Healthcare Group, LLC (Healthcare Services)	Unitranche Debt Equity Interests	1,152		19,908 1,616		19,908 1,616
SGT India Private Limited (Business Services)	Common Stock			3,944	(598)	3,346
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC (Healthcare Services)	Subordinated Debt Equity Interests	2,013	13,447 2,308	4,122 233		17,569 2,541
Universal Environmental Services, LLC (Business Services)	Unitranche Debt Equity Interests	1,529	10,862 1,328	101 13	(752) (1,341)	10,211
Total companies 5 owned	% to 25%	\$39,754	\$158,806			\$449,813

This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Company s consolidated financial statements, including the consolidated statement of investments and Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements. Note 3 includes additional information regarding activities in the private finance portfolio.

- (1) Common stock, preferred stock, warrants, options, and equity interests are generally non-income producing and restricted. The principal amount for loans and debt securities and the number of shares of common stock and preferred stock is shown in the consolidated statement of investments as of December 31, 2006 and 2005.
- (2) Other includes interest, dividend, or other income which was applied to the principal of the investment and therefore reduced the total investment. These reductions are also included in the Gross Reductions for the investment, as applicable.

- (3) Gross additions include increased in the cost basis of investments resulting from new portfolio investments, paid-in-kind interest or dividends, the amortization of discounts and closing fees, the exchange of one or more existing securities for one or more new securities and the movement of an existing portfolio company into this category from a different category. Gross additions also include net increases in unrealized appreciation or net decreases in unrealized depreciation.
- (4) Gross reductions include decreases in the cost basis of investments resulting from principal collections related to investment repayments or sales, the exchange of one or more existing securities for one or more new securities and the movement of an existing portfolio company out of this category into a different category. Gross reductions also include net increases in unrealized depreciation or net decreases in unrealized appreciation.
- (5) Loan or debt security is on non-accrual status at December 31, 2006, and is therefore considered non-income producing. Loans or debt securities on non-accrual status at the end of the period may or may not have been on non-accrual status for the full period.
- (6) Represents the total amount of interest or dividends credited to income for the portion of the year an investment was included in the companies more than 25% owned or companies 5% to 25% owned categories, respectively.
- (7) Included in the companies more than 25% owned category while the Company held a majority equity interest. On March 29, 2006, the Company sold its majority equity interest in Advantage. The Company s investment in Advantage after the sale transaction is included in the companies 5% to 25% owned category. See Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements for further information.

40,000,000 Shares

Common Stock

We may offer, from time to time, up to 40,000,000 shares of our common stock in one or more offerings.

The shares of common stock may be offered at prices and on terms to be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The offering price per share of our common stock less any underwriting commissions or discounts will not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time we make the offering.

We are an internally managed closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Our investment objective is to achieve current income and capital gains. We seek to achieve our investment objective by investing in primarily private middle market companies in a variety of industries. No assurances can be given that we will continue to achieve our objective.

Please read this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement, if any, before investing, and keep it for future reference. The prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement contain important information about us that a prospective investor should know before investing in our common stock. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This information is available free of charge by contacting us at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20006 or by telephone at (202) 721-6100 or on our website at www.alliedcapital.com. The SEC also maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains such information.

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ALD. As of April 26, 2006, the last reported sale price on the New York Stock Exchange for the common stock was \$30.62.

You should review the information, including the risk of leverage, set forth under Risk Factors on page 10 of this prospectus before investing in our common stock.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of shares of common stock unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

April 27, 2006

We have not authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, if any, to this prospectus. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained in this prospectus or any such supplements as if we had authorized it. This prospectus and any such supplements do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of any offer to buy any security other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do they constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information contained in this prospectus and any such supplements is accurate as of the dates on their covers.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission using the shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may offer, from time to time, up to 40,000,000 shares of our common stock on the terms to be determined at the time of the offering. Shares of our common stock may be offered at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the shares of our common stock that we may offer. Each time we use this prospectus to offer shares of our common stock, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. A prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Please carefully read this prospectus and any such supplements together with the additional information described under Where You Can Find Additional Information in the Prospectus Summary and Risk Factors sections before you make an investment decision.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary contains basic information about this offering. It may not contain all the information that is important to an investor. For a more complete understanding of this offering, we encourage you to read this entire prospectus and the documents that are referred to in this prospectus, together with any accompanying supplements.

In this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement, unless otherwise indicated, Allied Capital, we, us or our refer to Allied Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries.

BUSINESS (Page 58)

We are a business development company and we are in the private equity business. We provide long-term debt and equity capital to primarily private middle market companies in a variety of industries. We have participated in the private equity business since we were founded in 1958 and have financed thousands of companies nationwide. Our investment objective is to achieve current income and capital gains.

We believe the private equity capital markets are important to the growth of small and middle market companies because such companies often have difficulty accessing the public debt and equity capital markets. We use the term middle market to include companies with annual revenues typically between \$50 million and \$500 million. We believe that we are well positioned to be a source of capital for such companies.

We primarily invest in the American entrepreneurial economy. Our private finance portfolio includes investments in over 100 companies with aggregate annual revenue of over \$10 billion and employ more than 85,000 people.

We generally target companies in less cyclical industries in the middle market with, among other things, high return on invested capital, management teams with meaningful equity ownership, well-constructed balance sheets, and the ability to generate free cash flow. As a private equity investor, we spend significant time and effort identifying, structuring, performing due diligence, monitoring, developing, valuing and ultimately exiting our investments.

Our investment activity is primarily focused on making long-term investments in the debt and equity of primarily private middle market companies. Debt investments may include senior loans, unitranche debt (a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt), or subordinated debt (with or without equity features). Equity investments may include a minority equity stake in connection with a debt investment or a substantial equity stake in connection with a buyout transaction. In a buyout transaction, we generally invest in senior debt, subordinated debt and equity (preferred and/or voting or non-voting common) where our equity ownership represents a significant portion of the equity, but may or may not represent a controlling interest.

Our investments in the debt and equity of primarily private middle market companies are generally long-term in nature and are privately negotiated, and no readily available market exists for them. This makes our investments highly illiquid and, as result, we cannot readily trade them. When we make an investment, we enter into a long-term arrangement where our ultimate exit from that investment may be three to ten years in the future.

The capital we provide is used by portfolio companies to fund buyouts, acquisitions, growth, recapitalizations, note purchases, or other types of financings.

Our investments are typically structured to provide recurring cash flow in the form of interest income to us as the investor. In addition to earning interest income, we may structure our investments to generate income from management, consulting, diligence, structuring, or other fees. We may also enhance our total return from capital gains through equity features, such as nominal cost warrants, or by investing in equity investments.

We provide managerial assistance to our portfolio companies, including management and consulting services related to corporate finance, marketing, human resources, personnel and board member recruiting, business operations, corporate governance, risk management and other general business matters.

We have elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code. Our status as a regulated investment company generally eliminates a corporate-level income tax on taxable income we timely distribute to our stockholders as dividends, if certain requirements are met. See Tax Status. We determine our regular quarterly dividends considering our estimate of annual taxable income available for distribution. Since 1963, our portfolio has generally provided sufficient ordinary taxable income and net capital gains to sustain or grow our dividends over time.

We are a Maryland corporation and a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which we refer to as the 1940 Act.

As a business development company, we are required to meet certain regulatory tests, the most significant relating to our investments and borrowings. A business development company is required to invest at least 70% of its assets in eligible portfolio companies. A business development company must also maintain a coverage ratio of assets to senior securities of at least 200%. See Certain Government Regulations and Risk Factors.

Our executive offices are located at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20006 and our telephone number is (202) 721-6100. In addition, we have regional offices in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Our Internet website address is *www.alliedcapital.com*. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this prospectus.

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ALD.

DETERMINATION OF

NET ASSET VALUE (Page 82)

Our portfolio investments are generally recorded at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors in the absence of readily available public market values.

Pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, our Board of Directors determines in good faith the fair value

of these portfolio investments pursuant to our valuation policy and consistently applied valuation process.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. Unlike banks, we are not permitted to provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses. Instead we are required to specifically value each individual investment and record unrealized depreciation for an investment that we believe has become impaired including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful or when the enterprise value of the company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer including the sum of the values of all debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. Conversely, we will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or our equity security has appreciated in value. Without a readily available market value and because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material.

We adjust the valuation of our portfolio quarterly to reflect the change in the value of each investment in our portfolio. Any changes in value are recorded in our statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION (Page 127)

We may offer, from time to time, up to 40,000,000 shares of our common stock, on terms to be determined at the time of the offering.

Shares of our common stock may be offered at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The offering price per share of our common stock less any underwriting commission or discount will not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time we make the offering.

Our shares of common stock may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The supplement to this prospectus relating to the offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our shares of common stock, and will set forth any applicable purchase price, fee and commission or discount arrangement or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated.

We may not sell shares of common stock pursuant to this prospectus without delivering a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such shares.

USE OF PROCEEDS (Page 18)

We intend to use the net proceeds from selling shares of common stock for general corporate purposes, which includes investing in debt or equity securities in primarily privately negotiated transactions, repayment of indebtedness, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes. The supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of the proceeds from such offering.

PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DISTRIBUTIONS (Page 19)

We intend to pay quarterly dividends to holders of our common stock. The amount of our quarterly dividends is determined by our Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN (Page 120)

We maintain an opt in dividend reinvestment plan for our common shareholders. As a result, if our Board of Directors declares a dividend, then our shareholders that have not opted in to our dividend reinvestment plan will receive cash dividends. New shareholders must notify our transfer agent in writing if they wish to enroll in the dividend reinvestment plan.

RISK FACTORS (Page 10)

Investment in shares of our common stock involves a number of significant risks relating to our business and our investment objective that you should consider before purchasing shares of our common stock.

Our portfolio of investments is generally illiquid. Our portfolio includes securities primarily issued by private companies. These investments may involve a high degree of business and financial risk; they are illiquid, and may not produce current returns or capital gains. If we were forced to immediately liquidate some or all of the investments in the portfolio, the proceeds of such liquidation could be significantly less than the current value of such investments. We may be required to liquidate some or all of our portfolio investments to meet our debt service obligations or in the event we are required to fulfill our obligations under agreements pursuant to which we guarantee the repayment of indebtedness by third parties.

An economic slowdown may affect the ability of a portfolio company to engage in a liquidity event, which is a transaction that involves the sale or recapitalization of all or part of a portfolio company. These conditions could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in our revenues, net income and assets. Numerous other factors may affect a borrower s ability to repay its loan, including the failure to meet its business plan, a downturn in its industry or negative economic conditions.

Our total investment in companies may be significant individually or in the aggregate. As a result, if a significant investment in one or more companies fails to perform as expected, our financial results could be more negatively affected and the magnitude of the loss could be more significant than if we had made smaller investments in more companies.

We may not borrow money unless we maintain asset coverage for indebtedness of at least 200%, which may affect returns to shareholders. We borrow funds to make investments. As a result, we are exposed to the risks of leverage, which may be considered a speculative investment technique. Borrowings, also known as leverage, magnify the potential for gain and loss on amounts invested and therefore increase the risks associated with investing in our securities.

A large number of entities and individuals compete for the same kind of investment opportunities as we do. Increased competition would make it more difficult for us to purchase or originate investments at attractive prices. As a result of this competition, sometimes we may be precluded from making otherwise attractive investments.

Our business of making private equity investments and positioning them for liquidity events also may be affected by current and future market conditions.

To maintain our status as a business development company, we must not acquire any assets other than qualifying assets unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such acquisition, at least 70% of our total assets are qualifying assets.

We may not be able to pay dividends and failure to qualify as a regulated investment company for tax purposes could have a material adverse effect on the income available for debt service or distributions to our shareholders, which may have a material adverse effect on our total return to common shareholders, if any.

Also, we are subject to certain risks associated with valuing our portfolio, changing interest rates, accessing additional capital, fluctuating financial results, and operating in a regulated environment.

Our common stock price may be volatile due to market factors that may be beyond our control.

CERTAIN ANTI-TAKEOVER

PROVISIONS (Page 123)

Our charter and bylaws, as well as certain statutory and regulatory requirements, contain certain provisions that may have the effect of discouraging a third party from making an acquisition proposal for Allied Capital. These anti-takeover provisions may inhibit a change in control in circumstances that could give the holders of our common stock the opportunity to realize a premium over the market price for our common stock.

FEES AND EXPENSES

This table describes the various costs and expenses that an investor in our shares of common stock will bear directly or indirectly.

Shareholder Transaction Expenses	
Sales load (as a percentage of offering price) ⁽¹⁾	%
Dividend reinvestment plan fees ⁽²⁾	None
Annual Expenses (as a percentage of consolidated net assets	
attributable to common stock)(3)	
Operating expenses ⁽⁴⁾	5.7%
Interest payments on borrowed funds ⁽⁵⁾	2.9%
Total annual expenses ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	8.6%
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- (1) In the event that the shares of common stock to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, a corresponding prospectus supplement will disclose the applicable sales load.
- (2) The expenses of our dividend reinvestment plan are included in Operating expenses. We do not have a stock purchase plan. The participants in the dividend reinvestment plan will bear a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to open market purchases or sales, if any. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Consolidated net assets attributable to common stock equals net assets (*i.e.*, total consolidated assets less total consolidated liabilities), which at December 31, 2005, was \$2,620.5 million.
- (4) Operating expenses represent our operating expenses for the year ending December 31, 2005, excluding interest on indebtedness. See Management and Compensation of Executive Officers and Directors.
- (5) The Interest payments on borrowed funds represents our interest expense for the year ending December 31, 2005. We had outstanding borrowings of \$1,284.8 million at December 31, 2005. See Risk Factors.
- (6) Total annual expenses as a percentage of consolidated net assets attributable to common stock are higher than the total annual expenses percentage would be for a company that is not leveraged. We borrow money to leverage our net assets and increase our total assets. The SEC requires that Total annual expenses percentage be calculated as a percentage of *net* assets, rather than the total assets, including assets that have been funded with borrowed monies. If the Total annual expenses percentage were calculated instead as a percentage of consolidated total assets, our Total annual expenses would be 5.6% of consolidated total assets.
- (7) The holders of shares of our common stock (and not the holders of our debt securities or preferred stock, if any) indirectly bear the cost associated with our annual expenses.

Example

The following example, required by the SEC, demonstrates the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses that would be incurred over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in us. In calculating the following expense amounts, we assumed we would have no additional leverage and that our operating expenses would remain at the levels set forth in the table above. In the event that shares to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, a corresponding prospectus supplement will restate this example to reflect the applicable sales load.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a 5.0% annual return	\$133	\$297	\$460	\$858

Although the example assumes (as required by the SEC) a 5.0% annual return, our performance will vary and may result in a return of greater or less than 5.0%. In addition, while the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value, participants in the dividend reinvestment plan may receive shares of common stock that we issue at or above net asset value or are purchased by the administrator of the dividend reinvestment plan, at the market price in effect at the time, which may be higher than, at, or below net asset value.

The example should not be considered a representation of future expenses, and the actual expenses

may be greater or less than those shown.

SELECTED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

You should read the condensed consolidated financial information below with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included herein. Financial information at and for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, 2003, and 2002, has been derived from our financial statements that were audited by KPMG LLP. Financial information at and for the year ended December 31, 2001, has been derived from our financial statements that were audited by Arthur Andersen LLP. For important information about Arthur Andersen LLP, see the section entitled Notice Regarding Arthur Andersen LLP. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations below for more information.

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	At December 31,						
(in thousands,	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001		
except per share data)							
Balance Sheet Data:							
Portfolio at value	\$3,606,355	\$3,013,411	\$2,584,599	\$2,488,167	\$2,329,590		
Total assets	4,025,880	3,260,998	3,019,870	2,794,319	2,460,713		
Total debt outstanding ⁽²⁾	1,284,790	1,176,568	954,200	998,450	1,020,806		
Preferred stock issued to Small Business							
Administration ⁽²⁾			6,000	7,000	7,000		
Shareholders equity	2,620,546	1,979,778	1,914,577	1,546,071	1,352,123		
Shareholders equity per common share (net							
asset value) ⁽³⁾	\$ 19.17	\$ 14.87	\$ 14.94	\$ 14.22	\$ 13.57		
Common shares outstanding at end of year	136,697	133,099	128,118	108,698	99,607		
Asset coverage ratio ⁽⁴⁾	309%	280%	322%	270%	245%		
Debt to equity ratio	0.49	0.59	0.50	0.65	0.75		

	Year Ended December 31,						
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001		
Other Data:							
Investments funded	\$1,675,773	\$1,524,523	\$931,450	\$506,376	\$680,329		
Principal collections related to investment							
repayments or sales	1,503,388	909,189	788,328	356,641	204,441		
Realized gains	343,061	267,702	94,305	95,562	10,107		
Realized losses	(69,565)	(150,462)	(18,958)	(50,625)	(9,446)		

	2005			2004				
(in thousands,	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	Qtr 2	Qtr 1	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	Qtr 2	Qtr 1
except per share data)								
Quarterly Data (unaudited):								
Total interest and related portfolio								
income	\$ 98,169	\$ 94,857	\$ 86,207	\$ 94,919	\$100,962	\$96,863	\$87,500	\$81,765
Net investment income	37,073	46,134	15,267	38,752	54,678	52,745	48,990	44,545
Net increase in net assets resulting								
from operations	328,140	113,168	311,885	119,621	47,837	85,999	95,342	20,308
Diluted earnings per								
common share	\$ 2.36	\$ 0.82	\$ 2.29	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.15
Dividends declared per common								
share ⁽⁵⁾	0.61	0.58	0.57	0.57	0.59	0.57	0.57	0.57
Net asset value per common								
share ⁽³⁾	19.17	17.37	17.01	15.22	14.87	14.90	14.77	14.60

(1) Dividends are based on taxable income, which differs from income for financial reporting purposes.

(2) See Senior Securities for more information regarding our level of indebtedness.

(3) We determine net asset value per common share as of the last day of the period presented. The net asset values shown are based on outstanding shares at the end of each period presented.

(4) As a business development company, we are generally required to maintain a minimum ratio of 200% of total assets to total borrowings.

(5) Dividends declared per common share for the fourth quarter of 2004 included the regular quarterly dividend of \$0.57 per common share and an extra dividend of \$0.02 per common share. Dividends declared per common share for the fourth quarter of 2005 included the regular quarterly dividend of \$0.58 per common share and an extra dividend of \$0.03 per common share.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form N-2 together with all amendments and related exhibits under the Securities Act of 1933. The registration statement contains additional information about us and the securities being offered by this prospectus.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. You can inspect any materials we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, without charge, at the Securities and Exchange Commission s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. The Securities and Exchange Commission maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding registrants, including us, that file such information electronically with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The address of the Securities and Exchange Commission s web site is *www.sec.gov.* Information contained on the Securities and Exchange Commission s web site about us is not incorporated into this prospectus and you should not consider information contained on the Securities and Exchange Commission s web site to be part of this prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in Allied Capital involves a number of significant risks relating to our business and investment objective. As a result, there can be no assurance that we will achieve our investment objective.

Our portfolio of investments is illiquid. We generally acquire our investments directly from the issuer in privately negotiated transactions. The majority of the investments in our portfolio are subject to certain restrictions on resale or otherwise have no established trading market. We typically exit our investments when the portfolio company has a liquidity event such as a sale, recapitalization, or initial public offering of the company. The illiquidity of our investments may adversely affect our ability to dispose of debt and equity securities at times when we may need to or when it may be otherwise advantageous for us to liquidate such investments. In addition, if we were forced to immediately liquidate some or all of the investments in the portfolio, the proceeds of such liquidation could be significantly less than the current value of such investments.

Investing in private companies involves a high degree of risk. Our portfolio primarily consists of long-term loans to and investments in middle market private companies. Investments in private businesses involve a high degree of business and financial risk, which can result in substantial losses for us in those investments and accordingly should be considered speculative. There is generally no publicly available information about the companies in which we invest, and we rely significantly on the diligence of our employees and agents to obtain information in connection with our investment decisions. If we are unable to identify all material information about these companies, among other factors, we may fail to receive the expected return on our investment or lose some or all of the money invested in these companies. In addition, these businesses may have shorter operating histories, narrower product lines, smaller market shares and less experienced management than their competition and may be more vulnerable to customer preferences, market conditions, loss of key personnel, or economic downturns, which may adversely affect the return on, or the recovery of, our investment in such businesses. As an investor, we are subject to the risk that a portfolio company may make a business decision that does not serve our interest, which could decrease the value of our investment. Deterioration in a portfolio company s financial condition and prospects may be accompanied by deterioration in any collateral for the loan.

Substantially all of our portfolio investments are recorded at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors and, as a result, there is uncertainty regarding the value of our portfolio investments. At December 31, 2005, portfolio investments recorded at fair value were approximately 90% of our total assets. Pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act, we value substantially all of our investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, our Board of Directors determines in good faith the fair value of these investments pursuant to a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. Unlike banks, we are not permitted to provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses; we are instead required by the 1940 Act to specifically value each individual investment on a quarterly basis and record

unrealized depreciation for an investment that we believe has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or our equity security has appreciated in value. Without a readily available market value and because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material. Our net asset value could be affected if our determination of the fair value of our investments is materially different than the value that we ultimately realize.

We adjust quarterly the valuation of our portfolio to reflect the Board of Directors determination of the fair value of each investment in our portfolio. Any changes in fair value are recorded in our statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

Economic recessions or downturns could impair our portfolio companies and harm our operating results. Many of the companies in which we have made or will make investments may be susceptible to economic slowdowns or recessions. An economic slowdown may affect the ability of a company to repay our loans or engage in a liquidity event such as a sale, recapitalization, or initial public offering. Our nonperforming assets are likely to increase and the value of our portfolio is likely to decrease during these periods. Adverse economic conditions also may decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans. These conditions could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in our revenues, net income, and assets.

Our business of making private equity investments and positioning them for liquidity events also may be affected by current and future market conditions. The absence of an active senior lending environment or a slowdown in middle market merger and acquisition activity may slow the amount of private equity investment activity generally. As a result, the pace of our investment activity may slow. In addition, significant changes in the capital markets could have an effect on the valuations of private companies and on the potential for liquidity events involving such companies. This could affect the timing of exit events in our portfolio and could negatively affect the amount of gains or losses upon exit.

Our borrowers may default on their payments, which may have a negative effect on our financial performance. We primarily make long-term unsecured, subordinated loans and invest in equity securities, which may involve a higher degree of repayment risk. We primarily invest in companies that may have limited financial resources, may be highly leveraged and may be unable to obtain financing from traditional sources. Numerous factors may affect a borrower s ability to repay its loan, including the failure to meet its business plan, a downturn in its industry, or negative economic conditions. A portfolio company s failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by us or other lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, termination of its loans or foreclosure on its secured assets, which could trigger cross defaults under other agreements and jeopardize our portfolio company s ability to meet its obligations under the loans or debt securities that we hold. In addition, our portfolio companies may have, or may be permitted to incur, other debt that ranks senior to or equally with our securities. This means that payments on such senior-ranking securities may have to be made before we receive any payments on

our loans or debt securities. Deterioration in a borrower s financial condition and prospects may be accompanied by deterioration in any related collateral and may have a negative effect on our financial results.

Our private finance investments may not produce current returns or capital gains. Our private finance investments are typically structured as unsecured debt securities with a relatively high fixed rate of interest and with equity features such as conversion rights, warrants, or options, or as buyouts of companies where we invest in debt and equity securities. As a result, our private finance investments are generally structured to generate interest income from the time they are made and may also produce a realized gain from an accompanying equity feature. We cannot be sure that our portfolio will generate a current return or capital gains.

Our financial results could be negatively affected if a significant portfolio investment fails to perform as expected. Our total investment in companies may be significant individually or in the aggregate. As a result, if a significant investment in one or more companies fails to perform as expected, our financial results could be more negatively affected and the magnitude of the loss could be more significant than if we had made smaller investments in more companies. At December 31, 2005, our largest investments at value were in Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. and Business Loan Express, LLC (BLX) and represented 16.4% and 8.9% of our total assets, respectively, and each individually represented 10.0% of our total interest and related portfolio income for the year ended December 31, 2005. BLX is a lender under the Small Business Administration 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program. Our financial results could be negatively affected if government funding for, or regulations related to, this program change.

We borrow money, which magnifies the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us. Borrowings, also known as leverage, magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and, therefore, increase the risks associated with investing in our securities. We borrow from and issue senior debt securities to banks, insurance companies, and other lenders or investors. Holders of these senior securities have fixed dollar claims on our consolidated assets that are superior to the claims of our common shareholders. If the value of our consolidated 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 consolidated assets decreases, leveraging would cause net asset value to decline more sharply than it otherwise would have had we not leveraged. Similarly, any increase in our consolidated income in excess of consolidated interest payable on the borrowed funds would cause our net income to increase more than it would without the leverage, while any decrease in our consolidated income would cause net income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Such a decline could negatively affect our ability to make common stock dividend payments. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique. We and, indirectly, our stockholders will bear the cost associated with our leverage activity. Our revolving line of credit, notes payable and debentures contain financial and operating covenants that could restrict our business activities, including our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions.

At December 31, 2005, we had \$1.3 billion of outstanding indebtedness bearing a weighted average annual interest cost of 6.5%. If our portfolio of investments fails to produce adequate returns, we may be unable to make interest or principal payments on our indebtedness when they are due. In order for us to cover annual interest payments on

indebtedness, we must achieve annual returns on our assets of at least 2.1% as of December 31, 2005.

Illustration. The following table illustrates the effect of leverage on returns from an investment in our common stock assuming various annual returns, net of expenses. The calculations in the table below are hypothetical and actual returns may be higher or lower than those appearing below. The calculation assumes (i) \$4,025.9 million in total assets, (ii) an average cost of funds of 6.5%, (iii) \$1,284.8 million in debt outstanding and (iv) \$2,620.5 million of shareholders equity.

Assumed Return on Our Portfolio

(net of expenses)								
	-20%	-10%	-5%	0%	5%	10%	20%	
Corresponding return to shareholder	-33.66%	-18.29%	-10.61%	-2.93%	4.75%	12.43%	27.79%	

We may not borrow money unless we maintain asset coverage for indebtedness of at least 200%, which may affect returns to shareholders. We must maintain asset coverage for total borrowings of at least 200%. Our ability to achieve our investment objective may

shareholders. We must maintain asset coverage for total borrowings of at least 200%. Our ability to achieve our investment objective may depend in part on our continued ability to maintain a leveraged capital structure by borrowing from banks, insurance companies or other lenders or investors on favorable terms. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain such leverage. If asset coverage declines to less than 200%, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments when it is disadvantageous to do so. As of December 31, 2005, our asset coverage for senior indebtedness was 309%.

Changes in interest rates may affect our cost of capital and net investment income. Because we borrow money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest these funds. As a result, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which would reduce our net investment income. We use a combination of long-term and short-term borrowings and equity capital to finance our investing activities. We utilize our revolving line of credit as a means to bridge to long-term financing. Our long-term fixed-rate investments are financed primarily with long-term fixed-rate debt and equity. 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. We have analyzed the potential impact of changes in interest rates on interest rates on interest expense.

Assuming that the balance sheet as of December 31, 2005, were to remain constant and no actions were taken to alter the existing interest rate sensitivity, a hypothetical immediate 1% change in interest rates would have affected net income by less than 1% over a one year horizon. Although management believes that this measure is indicative of our sensitivity to interest rate changes, it does not adjust for potential changes in credit quality, size and composition of the assets on the balance sheet and other business developments that could affect net increase in net assets resulting from operations, or net income. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that actual results would not differ materially from the potential outcome simulated by this estimate.

We will continue to need additional capital to grow because we must distribute our income. We will continue to need capital to fund growth in our investments. Historically, we have borrowed from financial institutions and have issued equity securities to grow our portfolio. A reduction in the availability of new debt or equity capital could limit our ability to grow. We must distribute at least 90% of our taxable ordinary income, which excludes realized net long-term capital gains, to our shareholders to maintain our eligibility for the tax benefits available to regulated investment companies. As a result, such earnings will not be available to fund investment originations. In addition, as a business development company, we are generally required to maintain a ratio of at least 200% of total assets to total borrowings, which may restrict our ability to borrow in certain circumstances. We expect to continue to borrow from financial institutions or other investors 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 could have a material adverse effect on the value of our common stock.

Loss of regulated investment company tax treatment would substantially reduce net assets and income available for debt service and dividends. We have operated so as to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. If we meet source of income, asset diversification, and distribution requirements, we will not be subject to corporate-level income taxation on income we timely distribute to our stockholders as dividends. We would cease to qualify for such tax treatment if we were unable to comply with these requirements. In addition, we may have difficulty meeting the requirement to make distributions to our shareholders because in certain cases we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income. If we fail to qualify as a regulated investment company, we will have to pay corporate-level taxes on all of our income whether or not we distribute it, which would substantially reduce the amount of income available for debt service and distributions to our stockholders. Even if we qualify as a regulated investment company, we generally will be subject to a corporate-level income tax on the income we do not distribute. If we do not distribute at least 98% of our annual taxable income in the year earned, we generally will be required to pay an excise tax on amounts carried over and distributed to shareholders in the next year equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of our annual taxable income exceeds the distributions for the current year.

There is a risk that our common stockholders may not receive dividends or distributions. We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders. 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 be limited in our ability to make distributions. Also, certain of our credit facilities limit our ability to declare dividends 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and tax regulations, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest added to the loan balance that becomes due at the end of the loan term, or the accrual of original issue discount. The increases in loan balances as a result of contractual payment-in-kind arrangements are included in income in advance of receiving cash payment and are separately included in the change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends in our consolidated statement of cash flows. 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.

We operate in a competitive market for investment opportunities. We compete for investments with a large number of private equity funds and mezzanine funds, other business development companies, investment banks, other equity and non-equity based investment funds, and other sources of financing, including specialty finance companies and traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks. Some of our competitors may have greater resources than we do. Increased competition would make it more difficult for us to purchase or originate investments at attractive prices. As a result of this competition, sometimes we may be precluded from making otherwise attractive investments.

Our business depends on our key personnel. We depend on the continued services of our executive officers and other key management personnel. If we were to lose any of these officers or other management personnel, such a loss could result in inefficiencies in our operations and lost business opportunities, which could have a negative effect on our business.

Changes in the law or regulations that govern us could have a material impact on us or our operations. We are regulated by the SEC and the Small Business Administration. In addition, changes in the laws or regulations that govern business development companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, and small business investment companies may significantly affect our business. Any change in the law or regulations that govern our business could have a material impact on us or our operations. Laws and regulations may be changed from time to time, and the interpretations of the relevant laws and regulations also are subject to change, which may have a material effect on our operations.

Our ability to invest in private companies may be limited in certain circumstances. If we are to maintain our status as a business development company, we must not acquire any assets other than qualifying assets unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such acquisition, at least 70% of our total assets are qualifying assets. If we acquire debt or equity securities from an issuer that has outstanding marginable securities at the time we make an investment, these acquired assets cannot be treated as qualifying assets. This result is dictated by the definition of eligible portfolio company under the 1940 Act, which in part looks to whether a company has outstanding marginable securities.

Amendments promulgated in 1998 by the Federal Reserve expanded the definition of a marginable security under the Federal Reserve s margin rules to include any non-equity security. Thus, any debt securities issued by any entity are marginable securities under the Federal Reserve s current margin rules. As a result, the staff of the SEC has raised the question as to whether a private company that has outstanding debt securities would qualify as an eligible portfolio company under the 1940 Act.

Until the question raised by the staff of the SEC pertaining to the Federal Reserve s 1998 change to its margin rules has been addressed by legislative, administrative or judicial action, we intend to treat as qualifying assets only those debt and equity securities that are issued by a private company that has no marginable securities outstanding at the time we purchase such securities or those that otherwise qualify as an eligible portfolio company under the 1940 Act.

In November 2004, the SEC issued proposed rules to correct the unintended consequence of the Federal Reserve s 1998 margin rule amendments of apparently limiting the investment opportunities of business development companies. In general, the SEC s proposed rules would define an eligible portfolio company as any company that does not have securities listed on a national securities exchange or association. We currently do not believe that these proposed rules will have a material adverse effect on our operations.

Results may fluctuate and may not be indicative of future performance. Our operating results may fluctuate and, therefore, you should not rely on current or historical period results to be indicative of our performance in future reporting periods. Factors that could cause operating results to fluctuate include, but are not limited to, variations in the investment origination volume and fee income earned, variation in timing of prepayments, variations in and the timing of the recognition of net realized gains or losses and changes in unrealized appreciation or depreciation, the level of our expenses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets, and general economic conditions.

Our common stock price may be volatile. The trading price of our common stock may fluctuate substantially. The price of the common stock may be higher or lower than the price paid by stockholders, 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;

significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of business development companies or other financial services companies;

volatility resulting from trading in derivative securities related to our common stock including puts, calls, long-term equity anticipation securities, or LEAPs, or short trading positions;

changes in laws or regulatory policies or tax guidelines with respect to business development companies or regulated investment companies;

actual or anticipated changes in our earnings or fluctuations in our operating results or changes in the expectations of securities analysts;

general economic conditions and trends;

loss of a major funding source; or

departures of key personnel.

Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus contains forward-looking statements. These statements include the plans and objectives of management for future operations and financial objectives and can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will, expect, intend, anticipate, estimate or con the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements are subject to the inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions. Certain factors that could cause actual results and conditions to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements are set forth above in the Risk Factors section. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include:

changes in the economy and general economic conditions;

risks associated with possible disruption in our operations due to terrorism;

future changes in laws or regulations and conditions in our operating areas; and

other risks and uncertainties as may be detailed from time to time in our public announcements and SEC filings.

The matters described in Risk Factors and certain other factors noted throughout this prospectus, and any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus and in any exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, constitute cautionary statements identifying important factors with respect to any such forward-looking statements, including certain risks and uncertainties, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements.

Although we believe that the assumptions on which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate, and as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those assumptions also could be incorrect. Important assumptions include our ability to originate new investments, maintain certain margins and levels of profitability, access the capital markets for debt and equity capital, the ability to meet regulatory requirements and the ability to maintain certain debt to asset ratios. In light of these and other uncertainties, the inclusion of a projection or forward-looking statement in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus should not be regarded as a representation by us that our plans and objectives will be achieved. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this prospectus and the date on the cover of any such supplements.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from selling shares of our common stock for general corporate purposes, which may include investing in debt or equity securities in primarily privately negotiated transactions, repayment of indebtedness, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes. Because our primary business is to provide long-term debt and equity capital to primarily middle-market companies, we are continuously identifying, reviewing and, to the extent consistent with our investment objective, funding new investments. As a result, we typically raise equity capital as we deem appropriate to fund such new investments. The supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of the proceeds from such offering.

We anticipate that substantially all of the net proceeds of any offering of shares of our common stock will be used, as described above or in any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, within six months, but in no event longer than two years. Pending investment, we intend to invest the net proceeds of any offering of shares of our common stock in time deposits, income-producing securities with maturities of three months or less that are issued or guaranteed by the federal government or an agency of the federal government, high quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment or other qualifying investments. Our ability to achieve our investment objective may be limited to the extent that the net proceeds of any offering, pending full investment, are held in lower-yielding time deposits and other short-term instruments.

PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ALD. The following table lists the high and low closing sales prices for our common stock, the closing sales price as a percentage of net asset value (NAV) and quarterly dividends per share. On April 26, 2006, the last reported closing sale price of our common stock was \$30.62 per share.

			g Sales ice	Premium of High	Premium of Low	
	NAV ⁽¹⁾	High	Low	Sales Price to NAV ⁽²⁾	Sales Price to NAV ⁽²⁾	Declared Dividends
Year ending December 31, 2004						
First Quarter	\$14.60	\$30.85	\$27.15	211%	186%	\$0.57
Second Quarter	\$14.77	\$30.25	\$23.06	205%	156%	\$0.57
Third Quarter	\$14.90	\$25.80	\$22.22	173%	149%	\$0.57
Fourth Quarter	\$14.87	\$28.47	\$24.46	191%	164%	\$0.57
Extra Dividend						\$0.02
Year ended December 31, 2005						
First Quarter	\$15.22	\$27.84	\$24.89	183%	164%	\$0.57
Second Quarter	\$17.01	\$29.29	\$25.83	172%	152%	\$0.57
Third Quarter	\$17.37	\$29.17	\$26.92	168%	155%	\$0.58
Fourth Quarter	\$19.17	\$30.80	\$26.11	161%	136%	\$0.58
Extra Dividend						\$0.03
Year ended December 31, 2006						
First Quarter	*	\$30.68	\$28.51	*	*	\$0.59
Second Quarter (through April 26,						
2006)	*	\$31.09	\$30.13	*	*	\$0.60

(1) Net asset value per share is determined as of the last day in the relevant quarter and therefore may not reflect the net asset value 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 the respective high or low closing sales price divided by NAV.

* Not determinable at the time of filing.

Our common stock continues to trade in excess of net asset value. There can be no assurance, however, that our shares will continue to trade at a premium to our net asset value.

We intend to pay quarterly dividends to shareholders of our common stock. The amount of our quarterly dividends is determined by our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors has established a dividend policy to review the dividend rate quarterly, and may adjust the quarterly dividend rate throughout the year. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Debt and Equity Capital and Tax Status. There can be no assurance that we will achieve investment results or maintain a tax status that will permit any particular level of dividend payment. Certain of our credit facilities limit our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions.

We maintain an opt in dividend reinvestment plan for our common shareholders. As a result, if our Board of Directors declares a dividend, then our shareholders will receive cash dividends, unless they specifically opt in to the dividend reinvestment plan to reinvest their dividends and receive additional shares of common stock. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes thereto. In addition, this prospectus contains certain forward-looking statements. These statements include the plans and objectives of management for future operations and financial objectives and can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will, expect, intend, anticipate, estimate, or continue or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements are subject to the inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions. Certain factors that could cause actual results and conditions to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements are set forth above in the Factors section. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include:

changes in the economy;

risks associated with possible disruption in our operations due to terrorism;

future changes in laws or regulations and conditions in our operating areas; and

other risks and uncertainties as may be detailed from time to time in our public announcements and SEC filings.

Financial or other information presented for private finance portfolio companies has been obtained from the portfolio companies, and this financial information presented may represent unaudited, projected or pro forma financial information, and therefore may not be indicative of actual results. In addition, the private equity industry uses financial measures such as EBITDA or EBITDAM (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and, in some instances, Management fees) in order to assess a portfolio company s financial performance and to value a portfolio company. EBITDA and EBITDAM are not intended to represent cash flow from operations as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and such information should not be considered as an alternative to net income, cash flow from operations or any other measure of performance prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

OVERVIEW

As a business development company, we are in the private equity business. Specifically, we provide long-term debt and equity investment capital to companies in a variety of industries. Our lending and investment activity has generally been focused on private finance and commercial real estate finance, which included primarily the investment in non-investment grade commercial mortgage-backed securities, which we refer to as CMBS, and collateralized debt obligation bonds and preferred shares, which we refer to as CDOs.

On May 3, 2005, we completed the sale of our portfolio of CMBS and real estate related CDO investments. Upon the completion of this transaction, our lending and investment activity has been focused primarily on private finance investments. Our private finance activity principally involves providing financing to middle market U.S. companies through privately negotiated long-term debt and equity investment capital. Our financing is generally used to fund growth, acquisitions, buyouts, recapitalizations, note purchases, bridge financings, and other types of financings. We generally invest in private companies though, from time to time, we may invest in companies that are public but lack access to additional public capital. Our investment objective is to achieve current income and capital gains.

Our portfolio composition at December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
Private finance	96%	76%	74%
Commercial real estate finance	4%	24%	26%

Our earnings depend primarily on the level of interest and dividend income, fee and other income, and net realized and unrealized gains or losses on our investment portfolio after deducting interest expense on borrowed capital, operating expenses and income taxes, including excise tax. Interest income results from the stated interest rate earned on a loan or debt security and the amortization of loan origination fees and discounts. The level of interest income is directly related to the balance of the interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the year multiplied by the weighted average yield. Our ability to generate interest income is dependent on economic, regulatory, and competitive factors that influence new investment activity, interest rates on the types of loans we make, the level of repayments in the portfolio, the amount of loans and debt securities for which interest is not accruing and our ability to secure debt and equity capital for our investment activities.

Because we are a regulated investment company for tax purposes, we intend to distribute substantially all of our annual taxable income as dividends to our shareholders. See Other Matters below.

PORTFOLIO AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

The total portfolio at value, investment activity, and the yield on interest-bearing investments at and for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

	At and for the Years Ended December 31,				
	2005	2004	2003		
(\$ in millions)					
Portfolio at value	\$3,606.4	\$3,013.4	\$2,584.6		
Investments funded	\$1,675.8	\$1,524.5	\$ 931.5		
Change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends	\$ 6.6	\$ 52.2	\$ 45.0		
Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales	\$1,503.4	\$ 909.2	\$ 788.3		
Yield on interest-bearing investments ⁽¹⁾	12.8%	14.0%	14.7%		

(1) The weighted average yield on interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing interest-bearing investments less the annual amortization of loan origination costs, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date.

Private Finance

The private finance portfolio at value, investment activity, and the yield on loans and debt securities at and for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

	At and for the Years Ended December 31,			
	2005	2004	2003	
(\$ in millions)				
Portfolio at value:				
Loans and debt securities	\$2,094.9	\$1,602.9	\$1,214.9	
Equity securities	1,384.4	699.2	687.8	
Total portfolio	\$3,479.3	\$2,302.1	\$1,902.7	
Investments funded ⁽¹⁾	\$1,462.3	\$1,140.8	\$ 498.0	
Change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends	\$ 24.6	\$ 45.6	\$ 41.8	
Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales	\$ 703.9	\$ 551.9	\$ 318.6	
Yield on interest-bearing investments ⁽²⁾	13.0%	13.9%	15.0%	

 Investments funded for the year ended December 31, 2004, included a \$47.5 million subordinated debt investment in The Hillman Companies, Inc. received in conjunction with the sale of Hillman as discussed below.

(2) The weighted average yield on loans and debt securities is computed as the (a) annual stated interest plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities less the annual amortization of loan origination costs, divided by (b) total loans and debt securities at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date. Our investment activity is focused on making long-term investments in the debt and equity of primarily private middle market companies.

Debt investments may include senior loans, unitranche debt (a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt), or subordinated debt (with or without equity features). The junior debt that we invest in that is lower in repayment priority than senior debt is also known as mezzanine

debt. Equity investments may include a minority equity stake in connection with a debt investment or a substantial equity stake in connection with a buyout transaction. In a buyout transaction, we generally invest in senior and/or subordinated debt and equity (preferred and/or voting or non-voting common) where our equity ownership represents a significant portion of the equity, but may or may not represent a controlling interest. In addition, we may fund most or all of the debt and equity capital upon the closing of certain buyout transactions, which may include investments in lower-yielding senior debt. Subsequent to the closing, the portfolio company may refinance all or a portion of the lower-yielding senior debt, which would reduce our investment. Repayments include repayments of senior debt funded by us that was subsequently refinanced or repaid by the portfolio companies.

We intend to take a balanced approach to private equity investing that emphasizes a complementary mix of debt investments and buyout investments. The combination of these two types of investments provides current interest and related portfolio income and the potential for future capital gains. Recently, we have seen junior debt financing opportunities in the market that we believe are unattractive from a risk/return perspective. We believe many of these transactions employ too much leverage and are priced too low relative to the risks inherent in junior debt instruments. To address the currently active merger and acquisition market for private companies, our strategy is to focus on buyout and recapitalization transactions where we can manage risk through the structure and terms of our debt and equity investments and where we can potentially realize more attractive total returns from both current interest and fee income and future capital gains. We are also focusing our debt investing on smaller middle market companies where we can provide both senior and subordinated debt or unitranche debt, where our current yield may be lower than traditional subordinated debt. We believe that providing both senior and subordinated debt or unitranche debt provides greater protection in the capital structures of our portfolio companies.

Investments Funded. Investments funded and the weighted average yield on investments funded for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, consisted of the following:

		2005 Investments Funded						
	Debt Investments		Buyout I	Buyout Investments		otal		
(¢ in millions)	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾		
(\$ in millions)								
Loans and debt securities:	• • •	10.00	¢ 250 2	6.19	¢ 005 0	5.0%		
Senior loans ⁽³⁾	\$ 76.8	10.0%	\$250.2	6.4%	\$ 327.0	7.2%		
Unitranche debt ⁽²⁾	259.5	10.5%			259.5	10.5%		
Subordinated debt	296.9	12.3%	330.9	12.5%	627.8	12.4%		
Total loans and debt securities	633.2	11.3%	581.1	9.9%	1,214.3	10.6%		
Equity	82.5		165.5		248.0			
Total	\$715.7		\$746.6		\$1,462.3			

(1) The weighted average yield on interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing interest-bearing investments, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments funded.

(2) Unitranche debt is a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt. The yield on a unitranche investment reflects the blended yield of senior and subordinated debt combined.

(3) Buyout senior loans funded include \$174.9 million which was repaid during the year.

	2004 Investments Funded					
	Debt Investments		Buyout Investments		Total	
	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾
(\$ in millions)						
Loans and debt securities:						
Senior loans	\$ 25.1	9.1%	\$140.8	7.2%	\$ 165.9	7.5%
Unitranche debt ⁽²⁾	18.9	13.0%			18.9	13.0%
Subordinated debt	396.4	13.4%	320.1	15.5%	716.5	14.4%
Total loans and debt securities	440.4	13.2%	460.9	13.0%	901.3	13.1%
Equity	72.3		167.2		239.5	
Total	\$512.7		\$628.1		\$1,140.8	

	2003 Investments Funded					
	Debt Investments		Buyout Investments		Total	
	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾	Amount	Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾
(\$ in millions)						
Loans and debt securities:						
Senior loans	\$ 44.6	9.4%	\$28.6	2.6%	\$ 73.2	6.7%
Unitranche debt ⁽²⁾	25.0	15.5%			25.0	15.5%
Subordinated debt	354.8	14.6%	1.2	25.0%	356.0	14.6%
Total loans and debt securities	424.4	14.1%	29.8	3.5%	454.2	13.4%
Equity	15.6		28.2		43.8	
Total	\$440.0		\$58.0		\$498.0	

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(1) The weighted average yield on interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing interest-bearing investments, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments funded.

(2) Unitranche debt is a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt. The yield on a unitranche investment reflects the blended yield of senior and subordinated debt combined.

In January and February 2006, we funded private finance investments totaling \$525.4 million.

We generally fund new investments using cash. In addition, we may acquire securities in exchange for our common equity. Also, we may acquire new securities through the reinvestment of previously accrued interest and dividends in debt or equity securities, or the current reinvestment of interest and dividend income through the receipt of a debt or equity security (payment-in-kind income). From time to time we may opt to reinvest accrued interest receivable in a new debt or equity security in lieu of receiving such interest in cash.

The level of investment activity for investments funded and principal repayments for private finance investments can vary substantially from period to period depending on the number and size of investments that we make or that we exit and many other factors, including the

amount of debt and equity capital available to middle market companies, the level of merger and acquisition activity for such companies, the general economic environment, and the competitive environment for the types of investments we make. We believe that merger and acquisition activity in the middle market was strong in 2004 and continued into 2005, which has resulted in an increase in private finance investment opportunities, as well as increased repayments. We currently have an active pipeline of new investments under consideration. We believe that merger and acquisition activity for middle market companies will continue to be strong into 2006.

Portfolio Yield. The yield on the private finance loans and debt securities was 13.0% at December 31, 2005, as compared to 13.9% and 15.0% at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The weighted average yield on the private finance loans and debt securities may fluctuate from year to year depending on the yield on new loans and debt securities funded, the yield on loans and debt securities repaid, the amount of loans and debt securities for which interest is not accruing and the amount of lower-yielding senior or unitranche debt in the portfolio at the end of the year. The yield on the private finance portfolio has declined partly due to our strategy to pursue more buyout and recapitalization transactions, which may include investing in senior debt, as well as pursue unitranche investments.

Outstanding Investment Commitments. At December 31, 2005, we had outstanding private finance investment commitments totaling \$221.6 million, including the following:

\$33.3 million in the form of debt to Promo Works, LLC.

\$20.0 million in the form of debt to Business Loan Express, LLC.

\$14.0 million in the form of debt to S.B. Restaurant Company.

\$12.5 million in the form of equity to eight private venture capital funds.

\$12.0 million in the form of debt and equity to Amerex Group, LLC.

\$7.8 million in the form of debt to Mercury Air Centers, Inc.

\$7.5 million in the form of equity to Pennsylvania Avenue Investors, L.P., a limited partnership controlled by us that invests in private equity buyout funds.

\$6.5 million in co-investment commitments to Pine Creek Equity Partners, LLC.

We have various commitments to Callidus Capital Corporation (Callidus), which owns 80% of Callidus Capital Management, LLC, an asset management company that structures and manages collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), and other related investments. Our commitment to Callidus consisted of the following at December 31, 2005:

(\$ in millions)	Committed Amount	Amount Drawn	Amount Available to be Drawn
Subordinated debt to support warehouse facilities & warehousing activities ⁽¹⁾	\$40.0	\$	\$40.0
Revolving line of credit for working capital	4.0	0.6	3.4
Total ⁽²⁾	\$44.0	\$0.6	\$43.4

⁽¹⁾ Callidus has a secured warehouse credit facilities with a third party for up to \$400 million. The facility is used primarily to finance the acquisition of loans pending securitization through a CDO or CLO. In conjunction with this warehouse credit facility, we have agreed to designate our \$40 million subordinated debt commitment for Callidus to draw upon to provide first loss capital as needed to support the warehouse facility.

In addition, we had a commitment to Callidus to purchase preferred equity in future CLO transactions of \$32.4 million at December 31, 2005.

⁽²⁾ Subsequent to December 31, 2005, we provided Callidus with a new \$50.0 million revolving credit facility to support its purchase of middle market senior loans pending the sale of such loans to its warehouse credit facilities.

In addition to these outstanding investment commitments at December 31, 2005, we may be required to fund additional amounts under earn-out arrangements primarily related to buyout transactions in the future if those companies meet agreed-upon performance targets. We also had commitments to private finance portfolio companies in the form of standby letters of credit and guarantees totaling \$178.6 million. See Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources.

Our largest investments at value at December 31, 2005, were in Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. and Business Loan Express, LLC (BLX). See Results of Operations for a discussion of the net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation related to these investments.

Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. At December 31, 2005, our investment in Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. (Advantage) totaled \$257.7 million at cost and \$660.4 million at value, or 16.4% of our total assets, which included unrealized appreciation of \$402.7 million. We completed the purchase of a majority ownership in Advantage in June 2004.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from our investment in Advantage for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, was as follows:

	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)		
Interest income	\$30.9	\$15.5
Fees and other income	6.5	5.8
Total	\$37.4	\$21.3

Interest income from Advantage for the year ended December 31, 2004, included interest income of \$2.2 million which was paid in kind. The interest paid in kind was paid to us through the issuance of additional debt in 2004, which was subsequently paid in cash in 2005.

Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net increase in unrealized appreciation on our investment in Advantage of \$378.4 million and \$24.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Advantage is a sales and marketing agency providing outsourced sales, merchandising, and marketing services to the consumer packaged goods industry. Advantage has offices across the United States and is headquartered in Irvine, CA.

On March 29, 2006, we sold our majority equity interest in Advantage. We retained an equity investment valued at \$15 million as a minority shareholder. Advantage sold for an enterprise value of \$1.05 billion, subject to post-closing adjustments and we realized a gain on our equity sold of approximately \$430 million, also subject to post-closing adjustments. In connection with the transaction, we were repaid our \$184 million in subordinated debt outstanding. As consideration for the common stock sold in the transaction, we received a \$150 million subordinated note, with the balance of the consideration paid in cash. Approximately \$34 million of our proceeds are subject to certain holdback provisions. In addition, there is potential for us to receive additional consideration through an earn-out payment that would be based on Advantage s 2006 audited results. Our realized gain of approximately \$430 million excludes any earn-out amounts.

Business Loan Express, LLC. At December 31, 2005, our investment in BLX totaled \$299.4 million at cost and \$357.1 million at value, or 8.9% of our total assets, which includes unrealized appreciation of \$57.7 million. We acquired BLX in 2000.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from the Company s investment in BLX for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)		·	
Interest income	\$14.3	\$23.2	\$21.9
Dividend income	14.0	14.8	7.8
Loan prepayment premiums			0.1
Fees and other income	9.2	12.0	16.9
Total	\$37.5	\$50.0	\$46.7

Interest and dividend income from BLX for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, included interest and dividend income of \$8.9 million, \$25.4 million, and \$17.5 million, respectively, which was paid in kind. The interest and dividends paid in kind were paid to us through the issuance of additional debt or equity interests. Accrued interest and dividends receivable at December 31, 2005, included accrued interest and fees due from BLX totaling \$5.7 million, of which \$5.5 million was paid in cash in the first quarter of 2006.

Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net increase in unrealized appreciation on our investment in BLX of \$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, a net decrease in unrealized appreciation of \$32.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, and a net increase in unrealized appreciation of \$51.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

BLX is a national, non-bank lender that participates in the SBA s 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program and is licensed by the SBA as a Small Business Lending Company (SBLC). BLX is a nationwide preferred lender, as designated by the SBA, and originates, sells, and services small business loans. In addition, BLX originates conventional small business loans and small investment real estate loans. BLX has offices across the United States and is headquartered in New York, New York. Changes in the laws or regulations that govern SBLCs or the SBA 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program or changes in government funding for this program could have a material adverse impact on BLX and, as a result, could negatively affect our financial results.

As a limited liability company, BLX s taxable income flows through directly to its members. BLX s annual taxable income generally differs from its book income for the fiscal year due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses. We hold all of BLX s Class A and Class B interests, and 94.9% of the Class C interests. BLX s taxable income is first allocated to the Class A interests to the extent that dividends are paid in cash or in kind on such interests, with the remainder being allocated to the Class B and C interests. BLX declares dividends on its Class B interests based on an estimate of its annual taxable income allocable to such interests.

We have a commitment to BLX of \$30.0 million in the form of a subordinated revolving credit facility to provide working capital to the company that matures on April 30, 2006. There was \$10.0 million outstanding under this facility at December 31, 2005.

At December 31, 2005, BLX had a three-year \$275.0 million revolving credit facility provided by third party lenders that was scheduled to mature in January 2007. As the controlling equity owner in BLX, we had provided an unconditional guaranty to the revolving credit facility lenders in an amount equal to 50% of the total obligations (consisting of principal, letters of credit issued under the facility, accrued interest, and other fees) of BLX under the revolving credit facility. At December 31, 2005, the principal amount outstanding on the revolving credit facility was \$228.2 million and letters of credit issued under the facility were \$41.7 million. The total obligation guaranteed by us at December 31, 2005, was \$135.4 million. On March 17, 2006, BLX closed on a new three-year \$500.0 million revolving credit facility that matures in March 2009, which replaced the existing facility. The revolving credit facility for the issuance of letters of credit for up to an amount equal to 25% of the committed facility. We have provided an unconditional guaranty to these revolving credit facility lenders in an amount equal to 50% of the total obligations (consisting of principal, letters of credit issued under the facility, accrued interest, and other fees) of BLX under this facility. At March 17, 2006, the principal amount outstanding on the revolving credit facility was \$217.6 million and letters of credit issued under the facility was \$217.6 million. This guaranty can be called by the lenders only in the event of a default under the BLX credit facility. BLX was in compliance with the terms of this facility at March 17, 2006.

At December 31, 2005, we had also provided four standby letters of credit totaling \$34.1 million in connection with four term securitization transactions completed by BLX.

The Hillman Companies, Inc. On March 31, 2004, we sold our control investment in The Hillman Companies, Inc. (Hillman) for a total transaction value of \$510 million, including the repayment of outstanding debt and adding the value of Hillman s outstanding trust preferred shares. We were repaid our existing \$44.6 million in outstanding debt. Total consideration to us from this sale, including the repayment of debt, was \$245.6 million, which included net cash proceeds of \$198.1 million and the receipt of a new subordinated debt instrument of \$47.5 million. During the second quarter of 2004, we sold a \$5.0 million participation in our subordinated debt in Hillman to a third party, which reduced our investment, and no gain or loss resulted from the transaction. For the year ended December 31, 2004, we realized a gain of \$150.3 million on the transaction.

Commercial Real Estate Finance

The commercial real estate finance portfolio at value, investment activity, and the yield on interest-bearing investments at and for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

At and for the Years Ended December 31,					
2005		2004		2003	
Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾	Value	Yield ⁽¹⁾
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\$		\$373.8	14.6%	\$394.0	14.1%
		212.6	16.8%	186.6	16.7%
102.6	7.6%	95.0	6.8%	83.6	8.6%
13.9		16.9		12.8	
10.6		13.0		4.9	
\$127.1		\$711.3		\$681.9	
\$213.5		\$383.7		\$433.5	
\$ (18.0)		\$ 6.6		\$ 3.2	
\$799.5		\$357.3		\$469.7	
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(1) The weighted average yield on the interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing interest-bearing investments less the annual amortization of origination costs, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date. Interest-bearing investments for the commercial real estate finance portfolio include all investments except for real estate owned and equity interests.

(2) Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales for the year ended December 31, 2005, included \$718.1 million related to the sale of our CMBS and CDO portfolio.

Our commercial real estate investments funded for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

	Face Amount	Discount	Amount Funded
(\$ in millions)			
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005			
CMBS bonds (4 new issuances) ⁽²⁾	\$211.5	\$ (90.5)	\$121.0
Commercial mortgage loans	88.5	(0.8)	87.7
Equity interests	4.8		4.8
Total	\$304.8	\$ (91.3)	\$213.5
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004			
CMBS bonds (13 new issuances ⁽¹⁾)	\$419.1	\$(183.7)	\$235.4
CDO bonds and preferred shares (3 issuances)	40.5	(0.1)	40.4
Commercial mortgage loans	112.1	(8.2)	103.9
Equity interests	4.0		4.0
Total	\$575.7	\$(192.0)	\$383.7

For the Year Ended December 31, 2003			
CMBS bonds (15 new issuances ⁽¹⁾)	\$508.5	\$(225.9)	\$282.6
CDO bonds and preferred shares (3 issuances)	145.8	(0.4)	145.4
Commercial mortgage loans	3.0		3.0
Equity interests	2.5		2.5
Total	\$659.8	\$(226.3)	\$433.5

(1) CMBS investments also include investments in issuances in which we have previously purchased CMBS bonds.

(2) The CMBS bonds invested in during the year ended December 31, 2005, were sold on May 3, 2005.

At December 31, 2005, we had outstanding funding commitments related to commercial mortgage loans and equity interests of \$81.2 million, including \$59.7 million to Timarron Capital, Inc., and commitments in the form of standby letters of credit and guarantees related to equity interests of \$7.1 million. In January 2006, certain assets of Timarron Capital, Inc. were sold and this outstanding commitment was canceled.

Sale of CMBS Bonds and Collateralized Debt Obligation Bonds and Preferred Shares. On May 3, 2005, we completed the sale of our portfolio of commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) and real estate related collateralized debt obligation (CDO) bonds and preferred shares to affiliates of Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (the Caisse) for cash proceeds of \$976.0 million and a net realized gain of \$227.7 million, after transaction and other costs of \$7.8 million. Transaction costs included investment banking fees, legal and other professional fees, and other transaction costs. The CMBS and CDO assets sold had a cost basis at closing of \$739.8 million, including accrued interest of \$21.7 million. Upon the closing of the sale, we settled all the hedge positions relating to these assets, which resulted in a net realized loss of \$0.7 million, which has been included in the net realized gain on the sale.

For tax purposes, we estimate that the net gain from the sale of the CMBS and CDO portfolio will be approximately \$244 million, after transaction and other costs of \$7.8 million. The difference between the net gain for book and tax purposes results from temporary differences in the recognition of income and expenses related to these assets.

Simultaneous with the sale of our CMBS and CDO portfolio, we entered into a platform assets purchase agreement with CWCapital Investments LLC, an affiliate of the Caisse (CWCapital), pursuant to which we agreed to sell certain commercial real estate related assets, including servicer advances, intellectual property, software and other platform assets, subject to certain adjustments. This transaction was completed on July 13, 2005, and we received total cash proceeds of approximately \$5.3 million. No gain or loss resulted from the transaction. Under this agreement, we have agreed not to invest in CMBS and real estate-related CDOs and refrain from certain other real estate-related investing or servicing activities for a period of three years, subject to certain limitations and excluding our existing portfolio and related activities.

The real estate securities purchase agreement, under which we sold the CMBS and CDO portfolio, and the platform asset purchase agreement contain customary representations and warranties, and require us to indemnify the affiliates of the Caisse that are parties to the agreements for certain liabilities arising under the agreements, subject to certain limitations and conditions.

We also entered into a transition services agreement with CWCapital pursuant to which we provided certain transition services to CWCapital for a limited transition period to facilitate the transfer of various servicing and other rights related to the CMBS and CDO portfolio. During the transition period, we agreed, among other things, to continue to act as servicer or special servicer with respect to the CMBS and CDO portfolio. Services provided under the transition services agreement, except for certain information technology services, were completed on July 13, 2005. For the year ended December 31, 2005, we received a total of \$1.4 million under the transition services agreement as reimbursement for employee and administrative expenses. These amounts reduced our employee expenses by \$1.1 million and administrative expenses by \$0.3 million.

Hedging Activities

We have invested in commercial mortgage loans and CMBS and CDO bonds, which were purchased at prices that were based in part on comparable Treasury rates. We have entered into transactions with one or more financial institutions to hedge against movement in Treasury rates on certain of the commercial mortgage loans and CMBS and CDO bonds. These transactions, referred to as short sales, involve receiving the proceeds from the short sales of borrowed Treasury securities, with the obligation to replenish the borrowed Treasury securities at a later date based on the then current market price, whatever that price may be. Risks in these contracts arise from movements in the value of the borrowed Treasury securities increases, we will incur losses on these transactions. These losses are limited to the increase in value of the borrowed Treasury securities; conversely, the value of the hedged commercial real estate assets would likely increase. If the value of the borrowed Treasury securities; conversely, the value of the hedged commercial real estate assets would likely decrease. We do not anticipate nonperformance by any counterparty in connection with these transactions.

The total obligations to replenish borrowed Treasury securities, including accrued interest payable on the obligations, were \$17.7 million and \$38.2 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The net proceeds related to the sales of the borrowed Treasury securities plus or minus the additional cash collateral provided or received under the terms of the transactions were \$17.7 million and \$38.2 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The hedge at December 31, 2005, related to commercial mortgage loans and the hedge at December 31, 2004, related primarily to CMBS and CDO bonds. The amount of the hedge will vary from period to period depending upon the amount of commercial real estate assets that we own and have hedged as of the balance sheet date.

Accrued Interest and Dividends Receivable

Accrued interest and dividends receivable as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, was as follows:

	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)		
Private finance	\$58.7	\$59.8
Commercial real estate finance		
CMBS and CDO bonds		18.9
Commercial mortgage loans and other	1.7	0.8
Total	\$60.4	\$79.5

Total accrued interest and dividends receivable declined from December 31, 2004, to December 31, 2005, primarily as a result of the sale of our portfolio of CMBS and CDO assets on May 3, 2005. See Commercial Real Estate Finance above.

Portfolio Asset Quality

Portfolio by Grade. We employ a grading system for our entire portfolio. Grade 1 is used for those investments from which a capital gain is expected. Grade 2 is used for investments performing in accordance with plan. Grade 3 is used for investments that require closer monitoring; however, no loss of investment return or principal is expected. Grade 4 is used for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of current investment return is expected, but no loss of principal is expected. Grade 5 is used for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of principal is expected.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, our portfolio was graded as follows:

		2005	2004		
Grade	Portfolio at Value	Percentage of Total Portfolio	Portfolio at Value ⁽¹⁾	Percentage of Total Portfolio	
\$ in millions)					
1	\$1,643.0	45.6%	\$ 952.5	31.6%	
2	1,730.8	48.0	1,850.5	61.4	
3	149.1	4.1	121.2	4.0	
1	26.5	0.7	11.7	0.4	
5	57.0	1.6	77.5	2.6	
	\$3,606.4	100.0%	\$3,013.4	100.0%	

(1) The value of the CMBS and CDO assets sold on May 3, 2005, was \$586.4 million at December 31, 2004, and this value was included in Grade 2 assets. See Commercial Real Estate Finance above.

Grade 1 portfolio assets increased from \$952.5 million at December 31, 2004, to \$1.6 billion at December 31, 2005, primarily as a result of the appreciation in value of our investment in Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. (Advantage) as well as certain other companies. Advantage had a value of \$660.4 million, including \$402.7 million of unrealized appreciation, at December 31, 2005, as compared to a value of \$283.0 million, including \$24.3 million of unrealized appreciation, at December 31, 2004. See further discussion of the valuation of Advantage below. In March 2006, we announced that we had signed a definitive agreement to sell a majority interest in Advantage. See Portfolio and Investment Activity above for further discussion.

Total Grade 3, 4 and 5 portfolio assets were \$232.6 million and \$210.4 million, respectively, or were 6.4% and 7.0%, respectively, of the total portfolio at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

Grade 4 and 5 assets include loans, debt securities, and equity securities. We expect that a number of portfolio companies will be in the Grades 4 or 5 categories from time to time. Part of the private equity business is working with troubled portfolio companies to improve their businesses and protect our investment. The number of portfolio companies and related investment amount included in Grade 4 and 5 may fluctuate from period to period. We continue to follow our historical practice of working with such companies in order to recover the maximum amount of our investment.

Loans and Debt Securities on Non-Accrual Status. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, loans and debt securities at value not accruing interest for the total investment portfolio were as follows:

	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)		
Loans and debt securities in workout status (classified as Grade 4 or $5)^{(1)}$		
Private finance		
Companies more than 25% owned	\$ 15.6	\$ 34.4
Companies less than 5% owned	11.4	16.5
Commercial real estate finance	12.9	5.6
Loans and debt securities not in workout status		
Private finance		
Companies more than 25% owned	58.0	29.4
Companies 5% to 25% owned	0.5	0.7
Companies less than 5% owned	49.5	15.8
Commercial real estate finance	7.9	12.5
Total	\$155.8	\$114.9
Percentage of total portfolio	4.3%	3.8%

(1) Workout loans and debt securities exclude equity securities that are included in the total Grade 4 and 5 assets above.

Loans and Debt Securities Over 90 Days Delinquent. Loans and debt securities greater than 90 days delinquent at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004, were as follows:

	2005	2004
(\$ in millions)		
Private finance	\$ 74.6	\$ 73.5
Commercial real estate finance		
CMBS bonds		49.0
Commercial mortgage loans	6.1	10.1
Total	\$ 80.7	\$132.6
Percentage of total portfolio	2.2%	4.4%

In general, interest is not accrued on loans and debt securities if we have doubt about interest collection or where the enterprise value of the portfolio company may not support further accrual. In addition, interest may not accrue on loans to portfolio companies that are more than 50% owned by us depending on such company s capital requirements. To the extent interest payments are received on a loan that is not accruing interest, we may use such payments to reduce our cost basis in the investment in lieu of recognizing interest income.

Our loans and debt securities on non-accrual status increased by \$40.9 million during 2005. This net increase during the year resulted primarily from the move of two loans to non-accrual status totaling \$46.7 million at value at December 31, 2005, offset by a net decrease in the value of loans that were on non-accrual status at both December 31, 2005 and 2004.

As a result of these and other factors, the amount of the private finance portfolio that is greater than 90 days delinquent or on non-accrual status may vary from period to period. Loans and debt securities on non-accrual status and over 90 days delinquent should not be added together as they are two separate measures of portfolio asset quality. Loans and debt securities that are in both categories (i.e., on non-accrual status <u>and</u> over 90 days delinquent) totaled \$60.7 million and \$43.9 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Comparison of the Years Ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003

The following table summarizes our operating results for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003.

	2005	2004	Change	Percent Change	2004	2003	Change	Percent Change
(in thousands, except per share								
amounts) Interest and Related Portfolio								
Income								
Interest and dividends	\$317,153	\$319,642	\$ (2,489)	(1)%	\$319,642	\$290,719	\$28,923	10%
Loan prepayment premiums	6,250	5,502	748	14%	5,502	8,172	(2,670)	(33)%
Fees and other income	50,749	41,946	8,803	21%	41,946	30,338	11,608	38%
Total interest and related								
portfolio income	374,152	367,090	7,062	2%	367,090	329,229	37,861	11%
Expenses								
Interest	76,798	75,650	1,148	2%	75,650	77,233	(1,583)	(2)%
Employee	78,300	53,739	24,561	46%	53,739	36,945	16,794	45%
Administrative	70,267	34,686	35,581	103%	34,686	22,387	12,299	55%
Total operating expenses	225,365	164,075	61,290	37%	164,075	136,565	27,510	20%
Net investment income before								
income taxes	148,787	203,015	(54,228)	(27)%	203,015	192,664	10,351	5%
Income tax expense (benefit), including excise tax	11,561	2,057	9,504	**	2,057	(2,466)	4,523	**
Net investment income	137,226	200,958	(63,732)	(32)%	200,958	195,130	5,828	3%
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains								
(Losses)								
Net realized gains	273,496	117,240	156,256	133%	117,240	75,347	41,893	56%
Net change in unrealized appreciation	462,092	(68,712)	530,804	*	(68,712)	(78,466)	9,754	*
appreciation of depreciation	402,092	(00,712)	550,004		(00,712)	(70,400)	9,754	
Total net gains (losses)	735,588	48,528	687,060	*	48,528	(3,119)	51,647	*
Net income	\$872,814	\$249,486	\$623,328	250%	\$249,486	\$192,011	\$57,475	30%
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 6.36	\$ 1.88	\$ 4.48	238%	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.62	\$ 0.26	16%
Weighted average common shares outstanding diluted	137,274	132,458	4,816	4%	132,458	118,351	14,107	12%

* Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation and net gains (losses) can fluctuate significantly from year to year.

** Percentage change is not meaningful.

Total Interest and Related Portfolio Income. Total interest and related portfolio income includes interest and dividend income, loan prepayment premiums, and fees and other income.

	2005	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)			
Interest			
Private finance loans and debt securities	\$251.0	\$195.2	\$177.3
CMBS and CDO portfolio	29.4	93.3	86.2
Commercial mortgage loans	7.6	9.4	9.0
Cash and cash equivalents and other	9.4	3.1	2.8
Total interest	297.4	301.0	275.3
Dividends	19.8	18.6	15.4
Total interest and dividends	\$317.2	\$319.6	\$290.7

Interest and dividend income for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was composed of the following:

The level of interest income, which includes interest paid in cash and in kind, is directly related to the balance of the interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the period multiplied by the weighted average yield. The weighted average yield varies from period to period based on the current stated interest on interest-bearing investments and the amount of loans and debt securities for which interest is not accruing. The interest-bearing investments in the portfolio at value and the weighted average yield on the interest-bearing investments in the portfolio at December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)			
Interest-bearing portfolio at value	\$2,211.4	\$2,301.2	\$1,891.9
Portfolio yield	12.8%	14.0%	14.7%

We sold our CMBS and CDO portfolio on May 3, 2005. As a result of this transaction, our interest income for the year ended December 31, 2005, was reduced due to the loss of interest from the portfolio sold (net of interest income earned on short-term excess cash investments). The CMBS and CDO portfolio sold on May 3, 2005, had a cost basis of \$718.1 million and a weighted average yield on the cost basis of the portfolio of approximately 13.8%. Excess cash proceeds from the sale that were not used for the repayment of debt or other general corporate purposes were held in cash and money market securities until the cash was reinvested in the portfolio.

The portfolio yield at December 31, 2005, of 12.8% as compared to the portfolio yield of 14.0% and 14.7% at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, reflects the sale of the CMBS and CDO portfolio on May 3, 2005, as well as the mix of debt investments in the private finance portfolio. See the discussion of the private finance portfolio yield above under the caption Private Finance.

Dividend income results from the dividend yield on preferred equity interests, if any, or the declaration of dividends by a portfolio company on preferred or common equity interests. Dividend income will vary from period to period depending upon the timing and amount of dividends that are declared or paid by a portfolio company on preferred or common equity interests. Dividend income included dividends from BLX on the Class B equity interests held by us of \$14.0 million, \$14.8 million, and \$7.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2005, \$12.0 million of these dividends were paid in cash and \$2.0 million of these dividends were paid through the issuance of additional Class B equity interests. For the

years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, these dividends were paid through the issuance of additional Class B equity interests.

Loan prepayment premiums were \$6.3 million, \$5.5 million, and \$8.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively. While the scheduled maturities of private finance and commercial real estate loans generally range from five to ten years, it is not unusual for our borrowers to refinance or pay off their debts to us ahead of schedule. Therefore, we generally structure our loans to require a prepayment premium for the first three to five years of the loan. Accordingly, the amount of prepayment premiums will vary depending on the level of repayments and the age of the loans at the time of repayment.

Fees and other income primarily include fees related to financial structuring, diligence, transaction services, management and consulting services to portfolio companies, guarantees, and other services. As a business development company, we are required to make significant managerial assistance available to the companies in our investment portfolio. Managerial assistance includes, but is not limited to, management and consulting services related to corporate finance, marketing, human resources, personnel and board member recruiting, business operations, corporate governance, risk management and other general business matters.

Fees and other income for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, included fees relating to the following:

	2005	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)			
Structuring and diligence	\$24.6	\$18.4	\$ 6.1
Transaction and other services provided to portfolio companies	2.9	3.2	4.5
Management, consulting and other services provided to portfolio companies			
and guaranty fees	20.8	17.4	18.7
Other income	2.4	2.9	1.0
Total fees and other income	\$50.7	\$41.9	\$30.3

Fees and other income are generally related to specific transactions or services and therefore may vary substantially from period to period depending on the level of investment activity and types of services provided. Loan origination fees that represent yield enhancement on a loan are capitalized and amortized into interest income over the life of the loan.

Fees and other income for the year ended December 31, 2005, included structuring fees from Norwesco, Inc., Callidus Capital Corporation, Triax Holdings, LLC, and Meineke Car Care Centers, Inc. totaling \$9.4 million. Fees and other income for the year ended December 31, 2004, included structuring fees from Advantage, Financial Pacific Company, Mercury Air Centers, Inc. and Insight Pharmaceutical Corporation totaling \$10.0 million.

Fees and other income related to the CMBS and CDO portfolio were \$4.1 million, \$6.2 million, and \$2.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

Advantage and BLX were our largest investments at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004, and together represented 25.3% and 19.0%, of our total assets, respectively. BLX and

Hillman were our largest portfolio investments at December 31, 2003, and together represented 19.1% of our total assets at December 31, 2003.

Total interest and related portfolio income from these investments for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)			
Advantage ⁽¹⁾	\$37.4	\$21.3	\$
BLX	\$37.5	\$50.0	\$46.7
Hillman ⁽¹⁾	\$	\$ 2.5	\$ 9.7

(1) Includes income from our controlled investments only.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses include interest, employee, and administrative expenses.

Interest Expense. The fluctuations in interest expense during the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were primarily attributable to changes in the level of our borrowings under various notes payable and debentures and our revolving line of credit. Our borrowing activity and weighted average cost of debt, including fees and closing costs, at and for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)			
Total outstanding debt	\$1,284.8	\$1,176.6	\$954.2
Average outstanding debt	\$1,087.1	\$ 985.6	\$943.5
Weighted average cost ⁽¹⁾	6.5%	6.6%	7.5%

(1) The weighted average annual interest cost is computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate on the debt plus the annual amortization of commitment fees and other facility fees that are recognized into interest expense over the contractual life of the respective borrowings, divided by (b) debt outstanding on the balance sheet date.

In addition, interest expense includes interest on our obligations to replenish borrowed Treasury securities related to our hedging activities of \$1.4 million, \$5.2 million, and \$5.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

Employee Expense. Employee expenses for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)			
Salaries and employee benefits	\$57.3	\$40.7	\$28.3
Individual performance award (IPA)	7.0	13.4	
IPA mark to market expense (benefit)	2.0	(0.4)	
Individual performance bonus (IPB)	6.9		
Transition compensation, net	5.1		
Retention award			8.6
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Total employee expense	\$78.3	\$53.7	\$36.9
Number of employees at end of period	131	162	125

The change in salaries and employee benefits reflects the effect of wage increases, the change in mix of employees given their area of responsibility and relevant experience level, and the termination of certain employees in our commercial real estate group as discussed

below. Salaries and employee benefits expense has generally increased due to changes in the composition of our employee resources and compensation increases.

Transition compensation costs were \$5.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, including \$3.1 million of costs under retention agreements and \$3.1 million of transition services bonuses awarded to certain employees in the commercial real estate group as a result of the sale of the CMBS and CDO portfolio. Transition compensation costs of \$5.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, reflect a reduction for salary reimbursements from CWCapital under the transition services agreement of \$1.1 million. See the caption Commercial Real Estate Finance above for additional information.

Employee expense, excluding transition compensation, related to the 31 employees in our commercial real estate group who terminated employment in the third quarter of 2005 as a result of the sale of our CMBS and CDO portfolio, was \$4.5 million, \$6.8 million, and \$3.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

The Individual Performance Award (IPA) is a long-term incentive compensation program for certain officers. The IPA, which is generally determined annually at the beginning of each year, is deposited into a deferred compensation trust generally in four equal installments, on a quarterly basis, in the form of cash. The accounts of the trust are consolidated with our accounts. We are required to mark to market the liability of the trust and this adjustment is recorded to the IPA compensation expense. Because the IPA is deferred compensation, the cost of this award is not a current expense for purposes of computing our taxable income. The expense is deferred for tax purposes until distributions are made from the trust.

As a result of changes in regulation by the Jobs Creation Act of 2004 associated with deferred compensation arrangements, as well as an increase in the competitive market for recruiting talent in the private equity industry, the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors have determined for 2005 and 2006 that a portion of the IPA should be replaced with an individual performance bonus (IPB). The IPB is distributed in cash to award recipients in equal bi-weekly installments (beginning in February of each respective year) as long as the recipient remains employed by us.

The Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors have determined the IPA and the IPB for 2006 and they are currently estimated to be approximately \$6.8 million each; however, the Compensation Committee may adjust the IPA or IPB as needed, or make new awards as new officers are hired. If a recipient terminates employment during the year, any further cash contribution for the IPA or remaining cash payments under the IPB would be forfeited.

In December 2004, the FASB issued Statement No. 123 (Revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* (the Statement), which requires companies to recognize the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees in the income statement. The Statement was effective January 1, 2006, and it applies to our stock option plan. Our stock options are typically granted with ratable vesting provisions, and we intend to amortize the compensation cost over the service period. We will use the modified prospective method upon adoption. Under the modified prospective method, previously awarded but unvested options are accounted for in accordance with FASB Statement No. 123, except that amounts must be recognized in the income statement beginning January 1, 2006, instead of simply being disclosed. Awards granted on or after January 1, 2006, will be recognized in the income statement. Upon adoption, we estimate

that the stock based compensation expense on a pre-tax basis, as measured under the Statement, will be approximately \$13 million, \$10 million, and \$3 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007, and 2008, respectively, for stock-based compensation related to options granted prior to January 1, 2006, that has not historically been recorded in our statement of operations. This does not include any expense related to stock options that will be granted in the future as the fair value of those stock options will be determined at the time of grant. See Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Administrative Expense. Administrative expenses include legal and accounting fees, valuation assistance fees, insurance premiums, the cost of leases for our headquarters in Washington, DC, and our regional offices, portfolio origination and development expenses, stock record expenses, directors fees, and various other expenses. Administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)			
Administrative expenses, excluding investigation related costs	\$33.9	\$30.1	\$22.4
Investigation related costs	36.4	4.6	
Total administrative expenses	\$70.3	\$34.7	\$22.4

The increase in administrative expenses, excluding investigation related costs, for the year ended December 31, 2005, over the year ended December 31, 2004, was primarily due to increased expenses related to evaluating potential new investments of \$2.0 million, accounting fees of \$0.8 million, recruiting and employee training costs of \$0.6 million, and valuation assistance fees of \$0.5 million, offset by a decrease in expenses related to a decline in portfolio workout expenses of \$0.6 million.

Administrative expenses, excluding investigation related costs, were \$30.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, a \$7.7 million increase over administrative expenses of \$22.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. The increase in expenses primarily resulted from:

a net increase in accounting, consulting, and other fees of \$1.7 million. This increase is primarily attributable to fees associated with the implementation of the requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (including Section 404) and valuation assistance,

an increase in deal costs related to evaluating potential new investments of \$1.6 million. Costs related to mezzanine lending are generally paid by the borrower, however, costs related to buyout investments are generally funded by us. Accordingly, if a prospective deal does not close, we incur expenses that are not recoverable,

an increase in expenses related to portfolio development and workout activities of \$1.5 million,

an increase in rent of \$1.4 million associated with the opening of an office in Los Angeles, CA and expanding our office space in Chicago, IL and New York, NY, and

an increase in other expenses, including stock record expense, insurance premiums and directors fees of \$1.1 million, and travel expenses of \$0.8 million.

In addition, administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, included costs associated with requests for information in connection with two government investigations. These expenses remain difficult to predict. See Legal Proceedings.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit), Including Excise Tax. Income tax expense (benefit) for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)		······	
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$ 5.4	\$1.1	\$(2.5)
Excise tax expense	6.2	1.0	
Income tax expense (benefit), including excise tax	\$11.6	\$2.1	\$(2.5)

Our wholly owned subsidiary, A.C. Corporation, is a corporation subject to federal and state income taxes and records a benefit or expense for income taxes as appropriate based on its operating results in a given period. In addition, our estimated annual taxable income for 2005 exceeded our dividend distributions to shareholders for 2005 from such taxable income, and such estimated excess taxable income will be distributed in 2006. Therefore, we will be required to pay a 4% excise tax on the excess of 98% of our taxable income for 2005 over the amount of actual distributions for 2005. Accordingly, we accrued an estimated excise tax of \$6.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, based upon our current estimate of annual taxable income for 2005. See Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources.

Realized Gains and Losses. Net realized gains primarily result from the sale of equity securities associated with certain private finance investments, the sale of CMBS bonds and CDO bonds and preferred shares, and the realization of unamortized discount resulting from the sale and early repayment of private finance loans and commercial mortgage loans, offset by losses on investments. Net realized gains for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)			
Realized gains	\$343.1	\$ 267.7	\$ 94.3
Realized losses	(69.6)	(150.5)	(19.0)
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Net realized gains	\$273.5	\$ 117.2	\$ 75.3

When we exit an investment and realize a gain or loss, we make an accounting entry to reverse any unrealized appreciation or depreciation, respectively, we had previously recorded to reflect the appreciated or depreciated value of the investment. For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, we reversed previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses were realized as follows:

	2005(1)	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)		·	
Reversal of previously recorded net unrealized appreciation associated with realized gains	\$(108.0)	\$(210.5)	\$(78.5)
Reversal of previously recorded net unrealized depreciation associated with realized losses	68.0	151.8	20.3
Total reversal	\$ (40.0)	\$ (58.7)	\$(58.2)

(1) Includes the reversal of net unrealized appreciation of \$6.5 million on the CMBS and CDO assets sold and the related hedges. The net unrealized appreciation recorded on these assets prior to their sale was determined on an individual security-by-security basis.

The net gain realized upon the sale of \$227.7 million reflects the total value received for the portfolio as a whole.

Realized gains for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

(\$ in millions)

2005			
Portfolio Company	Amount		
Private Finance:			
Housecall Medical Resources, Inc.	\$ 53.7		
Fairchild Industrial Products Company	16.2		
Apogen Technologies Inc.	9.0		
Polaris Pool Systems, Inc.	7.4		
MasterPlan, Inc.	3.7		
U.S. Security Holdings, Inc.	3.3		
Ginsey Industries, Inc.	2.8		
E-Talk Corporation	1.6		
Professional Paint, Inc.	1.6		
Oriental Trading Company, Inc.	1.0		
Woodstream Corporation	0.9		
Impact Innovations Group, LLC	0.8		
DCS Business Services, Inc.	0.7		
Other	3.4		
Total private finance	106.1		
Commercial Real Estate:			
CMBS/CDO assets, net ⁽¹⁾	227.7		
Other	9.3		
Total commercial real estate	237.0		
Total gross realized gains	\$343.1		

Portfolio Company	Amount
Private Finance:	
The Hillman Companies, Inc.	\$150.3
CorrFlex Graphics, LLC	25.7
Professional Paint, Inc.	13.7
Impact Innovations Group, LLC	11.1
The Hartz Mountain Corporation	8.3
Housecall Medical Resources, Inc.	7.2
International Fiber Corporation	5.2
CBA-Mezzanine Capital Finance, LLC	4.1
United Pet Group, Inc.	3.8
Oahu Waste Services, Inc.	2.8
Grant Broadcasting Systems II	2.7
Matrics, Inc.	2.1
SmartMail, LLC	2.1
Other	7.6

Total private finance	246.7
Commercial Real Estate:	
CMBS/CDO assets, net ⁽¹⁾	17.4
Other	3.6
Total commercial real estate	21.0
Total gross realized gains	\$267.7

2003

Portfolio Company	Amount
Private Finance:	
Blue Rhino Corporation	\$12.6
CyberRep	9.6
Morton Grove Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	8.5
Warn Industries, Inc.	8.0
Woodstream Corporation	6.6
Kirkland s Inc.	3.0
Julius Koch USA, Inc.	2.8
GC-Sun Holdings II, LP	2.5
Interline Brands, Inc.	1.7
WyoTech Acquisition Corporation	1.3
Advantage Mayer, Inc.	1.2
Other	3.2
Total private finance	61.0
Commercial Real Estate:	
CMBS/CDO assets, net ⁽¹⁾	31.6
Other	1.7
Total commercial real estate	33.3
Total gross realized gains	\$94.3

(1) Net of net realized losses from related hedges of \$0.7 million, \$3.8 million, and \$2.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

Realized losses for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

(\$ in millions)

Portfolio Company	Amount
Private Finance:	
Norstan Apparel Shops, Inc.	\$18.5

Acme Paging, L.P.	13.8
E-Talk Corporation	9.0
Garden Ridge Corporation	7.1
HealthASPex, Inc.	3.5
MortgageRamp, Inc.	3.5
Maui Body Works, Inc.	2.7
Packaging Advantage Corporation	2.2
Other	3.7
Total private finance	64.0
Commercial Real Estate:	
Other	5.6
Total commercial real estate	5.6
Total gross realized losses	\$69.6

2004

Portfolio Company	Amount
Private Finance:	
American Healthcare Services, Inc.	\$ 32.9
The Color Factory, Inc.	24.5
Executive Greetings, Inc.	19.3
Sydran Food Services II, L.P.	18.2
Ace Products, Inc.	17.6
Prosperco Finanz Holding AG	7.5
Logic Bay Corporation	5.0
Sun States Refrigerated Services, Inc.	4.7
Chickasaw Sales & Marketing, Inc.	3.8
Sure-Tel, Inc.	2.3
Liberty-Pittsburgh Systems, Inc.	2.0
EDM Consulting, LLC	1.9
Pico Products, Inc.	1.7
Impact Innovations Group, LLC	1.7
Interline Brands, Inc.	1.3
Startec Global Communications Corporation	1.1
Other	2.7
Total private finance	148.2
Commercial Real Estate:	
Other	2.3
Total commercial real estate	2.3
Total gross realized losses	\$150.5

Portfolio Company	Amount
	Amount

Private Finance:	
Allied Office Products, Inc.	\$ 7.7
Candlewood Hotel Company	2.7
North American Archery, LLC	2.1
Other	0.5
Total private finance	13.0
Commercial Real Estate:	
Other	6.0
Total commercial real estate	6.0
Total gross realized losses	\$19.0

Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation. We determine the value of each investment in our portfolio on a quarterly basis, and changes in value result in unrealized appreciation or depreciation being recognized in our statement of operations. Value, as defined in Section 2(a)(41) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, is (i) the market price for those securities for which a market quotation is readily available and (ii) for all other securities and assets, fair value is as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors pursuant to our valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. At December 31, 2005, portfolio investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. Unlike banks, we are not permitted to provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses. Instead, we are required to specifically value each individual investment on a quarterly basis. We will record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or our equity security has appreciated in value. Changes in fair value are recorded in the statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

As a business development company, we invest in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies. The structure of each debt and equity security is specifically negotiated to enable us to protect our investment and maximize our returns. We include many terms governing interest rate, repayment terms, prepayment penalties, financial covenants, operating covenants, ownership parameters, dilution parameters, liquidation preferences, voting rights, and put or call rights. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. Because of the type of investments that we make and the nature of our business, our valuation process requires an analysis of various factors. Our fair value methodology includes the examination of, among other things, the underlying investment performance, financial condition, and market changing events that impact valuation.

Valuation Methodology Private Finance. Our process for determining the fair value of a private finance investment begins with determining the enterprise value of the portfolio company. The fair value of our investment is based on the enterprise value at which the portfolio company could be sold in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The

liquidity event whereby we exit a private finance investment is generally the sale, the recapitalization or, in some cases, the initial public offering of the portfolio company.

There is no one methodology to determine enterprise value and, in fact, for any one portfolio company, enterprise value is best expressed as a range of fair values, from which we derive a single estimate of enterprise value. To determine the enterprise value of a portfolio company, we analyze its historical and projected financial results. We generally require portfolio companies to provide annual audited and quarterly unaudited financial statements, as well as annual projections for the upcoming fiscal year. Typically in the private equity business, companies are bought and sold based on multiples of EBITDA, cash flow, net income, revenues or, in limited instances, book value. The private equity industry uses financial measures such as EBITDA or EBITDAM (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and, in some instances, Management fees) in order to assess a portfolio company s financial performance and to value a portfolio company. EBITDA and EBITDAM are not intended to represent cash flow from operations as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and such information should not be considered as an alternative to net income, cash flow from operations, or any other measure of performance prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. When using EBITDA to determine enterprise value, we may adjust EBITDA for non-recurring items. Such adjustments are intended to normalize EBITDA to reflect the portfolio company s earnings power. Adjustments to EBITDA may include compensation to previous owners, acquisition, recapitalization, or restructuring related items or one-time non-recurring income or expense items.

In determining a multiple to use for valuation purposes, we generally look to private merger and acquisition statistics, discounted public trading multiples or industry practices. In estimating a reasonable multiple, we consider not only the fact that our portfolio company may be a private company relative to a peer group of public comparables, but we also consider the size and scope of our portfolio company and its specific strengths and weaknesses. In some cases, the best valuation methodology may be a discounted cash flow analysis based on future projections. If a portfolio company is distressed, a liquidation analysis may provide the best indication of enterprise value.

If there is adequate enterprise value to support the repayment of our debt, the fair value of our loan or debt security normally corresponds to cost unless the borrower s condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount. The fair value of equity interests in portfolio companies is determined based on various factors, including the enterprise value remaining for equity holders after the repayment of the portfolio company s debt and other preference capital, and other pertinent factors such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company s equity securities, liquidation events, or other events. The determined equity values are generally discounted when we have a minority position, restrictions on resale, specific concerns about the receptivity of the capital markets to a specific company at a certain time, or other factors.

As a participant in the private equity business, we invest primarily in private middle market companies for which there is generally no publicly available information. Because of the private nature of these businesses, there is a need to maintain the confidentiality of the financial and other information that we have for the private companies in our portfolio. We believe that maintaining this confidence is important, as disclosure of such information could disadvantage our portfolio companies and could put us at a disadvantage in attracting new investments. Therefore, we do not intend to disclose financial or other information

about our portfolio companies, unless required, because we believe doing so may put them at an economic or competitive disadvantage, regardless of our level of ownership or control.

Because of the lack of publicly available information about our private portfolio companies, we will continue to work with third-party consultants to obtain assistance in determining fair value for a portion of the private finance portfolio each quarter. We work with these consultants to obtain assistance as additional support in the preparation of our internal valuation analysis for a portion of the portfolio each quarter. In addition, we may receive third-party assessments of a particular private finance portfolio company s value in the ordinary course of business, most often in the context of a prospective sale transaction or in the context of a bankruptcy process. The valuation analysis prepared by management using these third-party valuation resources, when applicable, is submitted to our Board of Directors for its determination of fair value of the portfolio in good faith.

For the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, we received third-party valuation assistance from Duff & Phelps, LLC (Duff & Phelps) and Houlihan Lokey Howard and Zukin (Houlihan Lokey) for our private finance portfolio as follows:

	2005				20	2004		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of private finance portfolio companies reviewed:								
Duff & Phelps ⁽¹⁾	35	72	88	78	22	33	28	22
Houlihan Lokey ⁽²⁾	1	1	3	3				
Total number of private finance portfolio companies reviewed ⁽³⁾	36	72	89	80	22	33	28	22
Percentage of private finance portfolio reviewed at value:								
Duff & Phelps ⁽¹⁾	59.6%	83.0%	86.6%	87.9%	19.9%	21.6%	26.6%	42.2%
Houlihan Lokey ⁽²⁾	14.9%	14.9%	18.9%	23.5%				
Percentage of private finance portfolio reviewed at value ⁽³⁾	74.5%	83.0%	89.3%	92.4%	19.9%	21.6%	26.6%	42.2%

(1) During the third quarter of 2005, S&P Corporate Value Consulting merged with Duff & Phelps, LLC, a financial advisory and investment banking firm. The merged company operates under the name of Duff & Phelps, LLC.

(2) Houlihan Lokey was initially engaged in the first quarter of 2005.

(3) Duff & Phelps and Houlihan Lokey both reviewed Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. in Q2, Q3 and Q4 2005. In addition, Duff & Phelps and Houlihan Lokey both reviewed one other portfolio company in Q3 2005.

Professional fees for third-party valuation assistance for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, were \$1.4 million and \$0.9 million, respectively.

Valuation Methodology CMBS Bonds and CDO and CLO Bonds and Preferred Shares/Income Notes (CMBS/CDO/CLO Assets).

CMBS/CDO/CLO Assets are carried at fair value, which is based on a discounted cash flow model that utilizes prepayment and loss assumptions based on historical experience and projected performance, economic factors, the characteristics of the underlying cash flow and comparable yields for similar bonds and preferred shares/income notes, when available. We recognize unrealized appreciation or depreciation on our CMBS/CDO/CLO Assets as comparable yields in the market change and/ or based on changes in estimated cash flows resulting from changes in prepayment or loss assumptions in the underlying collateral pool. As each bond ages, the expected amount of losses and the expected timing of recognition of such losses in the underlying collateral pool is updated and the revised cash flows are used in determining the fair value of the bonds. We determine the fair value of our CMBS/CDO/CLO Assets on an individual security-by-

security basis. When we sold a group of these real estate related investments in a pool in one or more transactions, the total value received for that pool was generally different than the sum of the fair values of the individual bonds or preferred shares.

Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation. For the portfolio, net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, consisted of the following:

	2005(1)	2004 ⁽¹⁾	2003(1)
(\$ in millions)			
Net unrealized appreciation or depreciation	\$ 502.1	\$ (10.0)	\$(20.3)
Reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation associated			
with realized gains	(108.0)	(210.5)	(78.5)
Reversal of previously recorded unrealized depreciation associated			
with realized losses	68.0	151.8	20.3
Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation	\$ 462.1	\$ (68.7)	\$(78.5)

(1) The net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation can fluctuate significantly from year to year. As a result, annual comparisons may not be meaningful.

At December 31, 2005, our two largest investments were in Advantage and BLX. The following is a summary of the methodology that we used to determine the fair value of these investments.

Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. On March 2, 2006, a definitive agreement was signed to sell our majority equity interest in Advantage that indicated an enterprise value of approximately \$1.05 billion. See Portfolio and Investment Activity above. At December 31, 2005, we estimated the enterprise value of Advantage to be \$1.02 billion given that the closing of the transaction is subject to certain closing conditions and the sales price is subject to pre- and post-closing adjustments and certain holdback provisions. Using the enterprise value at December 31, 2005, we determined the value of our investments in Advantage to be \$660.4 million, which resulted in unrealized appreciation on our investment of \$402.7 million at December 31, 2005. This is an increase in unrealized appreciation in the fourth quarter of 2005 of \$224.9 million and an increase of \$378.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net increase in unrealized appreciation on our investment in Advantage of \$24.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. Duff & Phelps also assisted us by reviewing our valuation of our investment in Advantage at December 31, 2005. Duff & Phelps also

Business Loan Express, LLC. To determine the value of our investment in BLX at December 31, 2005, we performed four separate valuation analyses to determine a range of values: (1) analysis of comparable public company trading multiples, (2) analysis of BLX s value assuming an initial public offering, (3) analysis of merger and acquisition transactions for financial services companies, and (4) a discounted dividend analysis. We received valuation assistance from Duff & Phelps for our investment in BLX at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

With respect to the analysis of comparable public company trading multiples and the analysis of BLX s value assuming an initial public offering, we compute a median trailing and forward price earnings multiple to apply to BLX s pro-forma net income adjusted for certain capital structure changes that we believe would likely occur should the company be sold. Each quarter we evaluate which public commercial finance companies should be included in the comparable group. The comparable group at December 31, 2005, was

made up of CIT Group, Inc., Financial Federal Corporation, GATX Corporation, and Marlin Business Services Corporation. The December 31, 2004, comparable group included CapitalSource, Inc., however, it has been excluded from the December 31, 2005, comparable group as it elected REIT status and no longer trades as a commercial finance company. The remaining comparable group for December 31, 2005, is consistent with the comparable group at December 31, 2004.

Our investment in BLX at December 31, 2005, was valued at \$357.1 million. This fair value was within the range of values determined by the four valuation analyses. Unrealized appreciation on our investment was \$57.7 million at December 31, 2005. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net increase in net unrealized appreciation of \$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, a net decrease in unrealized appreciation of \$32.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, and a net increase in unrealized appreciation of \$51.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Per Share Amounts. All per share amounts included in the Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section have been computed using the weighted average common shares used to compute diluted earnings per share, which were 137.3 million, 132.5 million, and 118.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

OTHER MATTERS

Regulated Investment Company Status. We have elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. As long as we qualify as a regulated investment company, we are not taxed on our investment company taxable income or realized net capital gains, to the extent that such taxable income or gains are distributed, or deemed to be distributed, to shareholders on a timely basis.

Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. In addition, gains realized for financial reporting purposes may differ from gains included in taxable income as a result of our election to recognize gains using installment sale treatment, which results in the deferment of gains for tax purposes until notes received as consideration from the sale of investments are collected in cash.

Dividends declared and paid by us in a year generally differ from taxable income for that year as such dividends may include the distribution of current year taxable income, the distribution of prior year taxable income carried over into and distributed in the current year, or returns of capital. We are generally required to distribute 98% of our taxable income during the year the income is earned to avoid paying an excise tax. If this requirement is not met, the Code imposes a nondeductible excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of the current year s taxable income exceeds the distribution for the year. The taxable income on which an excise tax is paid is generally carried over and distributed to shareholders in the next tax year. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry over taxable income in excess of current year distributions into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. See Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources below.

In order to maintain our status as a regulated investment company and obtain regulated investment company tax benefits, we must, in general, (1) continue to qualify as a business development company; (2) derive at least 90% of our gross income from dividends, interest, gains from the sale of securities and other specified types of income; (3) meet asset diversification requirements as defined in the Code; and (4) timely distribute to shareholders at least 90% of our annual investment company taxable income as defined in the Code. We intend to take all steps necessary to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company. However, there can be no assurance that we will continue to qualify for such treatment in future years.

FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our portfolio has historically generated cash flow from which we pay dividends to shareholders and fund new investment activity. Cash generated from the portfolio includes cash flow from net investment income and net realized gains and principal collections related to investment repayments or sales. Cash flow provided by our operating activities before new investment activity for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was as follows:

	2005	2004	2003
(\$ in millions)			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 116.0	\$ (179.3)	\$ 80.3
Add: portfolio investments funded	1,668.1	1,472.4	930.6
Total cash provided by operating activities before new			
investments	\$1,784.1	\$1,293.1	\$1,010.9

From the cash provided by operating activities before new investments, we make new portfolio investments, fund our operating activities, and pay dividends to shareholders. We also raise new debt and equity capital from time to time in order to fund our investments and operations.

We invest otherwise uninvested cash in U.S. government- or agency-issued or guaranteed securities that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, or in high quality, short-term securities. We place our cash with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in checking accounts in financial institutions may be in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

Dividends to common shareholders for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were \$314.5 million, \$299.3 million, and \$267.8 million, respectively. Total regular quarterly dividends were \$2.30, \$2.28, and \$2.28 per common share for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively. An extra cash dividend of \$0.03 and \$0.02 per common share was declared during 2005 and 2004, respectively, and was paid to shareholders on January 27, 2006, and January 28, 2005, respectively.

Dividends are generally determined based upon an estimate of annual taxable income, which includes our taxable interest, dividend and fee income, as well as taxable net capital gains. As discussed above, taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. Taxable income includes non-cash income, such as changes in accrued and reinvested interest and dividends and the amortization of discounts and fees. Cash collections of income resulting

from contractual payment-in-kind interest or the amortization of discounts and fees generally occur upon the repayment of the loans or debt securities that include such items. Non-cash taxable income is reduced by non-cash expenses, such as realized losses and depreciation and amortization expense.

Our Board of Directors reviews the dividend rate quarterly, and may adjust the quarterly dividend throughout the year. Dividends are declared based upon our estimate of annual taxable income available for distribution to shareholders. Our goal is to declare what we believe to be sustainable increases in our regular quarterly dividends. To the extent that we earn annual taxable income in excess of dividends paid for the year, we may carry over the excess taxable income into the next year and such excess income will be available for distribution in the next year as permitted under the Code. Excess taxable income carried over and paid out in the next year may be subject to a 4% excise tax. See Other Matters Regulated Investment Company Status above. We believe that carrying over excess taxable income into future periods may provide increased visibility with respect to taxable earnings available to pay the regular quarterly dividend.

Our estimated annual taxable income for 2005 exceeded our dividend distributions to shareholders for 2005 from such taxable income, and, therefore, we will carry over excess taxable income, which is currently estimated to be \$163.8 million, for distribution to shareholders in 2006. Accordingly, for the year ended December 31, 2005, we have accrued an estimated excise tax of \$6.2 million. However, our taxable income for 2005 is an estimate and will not be finally determined until we file our 2005 tax return in September 2006, and therefore, the amount of excess taxable income carried over from 2005 into 2006 may be different than this estimate. See Risk Factors and Note 10, Dividends and Distributions and Excise Taxes of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Because we are a regulated investment company, we distribute our taxable income and, therefore, from time to time we will raise new debt or equity capital in order to fund our investments and operations.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, our liquidity portfolio, cash and investments in money market securities, total assets, total debt outstanding, total shareholders equity, debt to equity ratio and asset coverage for senior indebtedness were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2005	2004
Liquidity portfolio (including money market securities:		.
2005-\$100.0; 2004-\$0)	\$ 200.3	\$
Cash and investments in money market securities (including		
money market securities: 2005-\$22.0; 2004-\$0)	\$ 53.3	\$ 57.2
Total assets	\$4,025.9	\$3,261.0
Total debt outstanding	\$1,284.8	\$1,176.6
Total shareholders equity	\$2,620.5	\$1,979.8
Debt to equity ratio	0.49	0.59
Asset coverage ratio ⁽¹⁾	309%	280%

(1) As a business development company, we are generally required to maintain a minimum ratio of 200% of total assets to total borrowings.

We currently target a debt to equity ratio ranging between 0.50:1.00 to 0.70:1.00 because we believe that it is prudent to operate with a larger equity capital base and less leverage.

During the fourth quarter of 2005, we established a liquidity portfolio that is composed of money market securities and U.S. Treasury bills. The value and yield of the money market securities were \$100.0 million and 4.1% and were held in money market funds, at December 31, 2005. The value and yield of the Treasury bills were \$100.3 million and 4.3%, respectively, at December 31, 2005. The Treasury bills are due in June 2006. The liquidity portfolio was established to provide a pool of liquid assets within our balance sheet. Our investment portfolio is primarily composed of private, illiquid assets for which there is no readily available market. Our liquidity was reduced when we sold our portfolio of CMBS assets, particularly BB rated bonds, which were generally more liquid than assets in our private finance portfolio. Given the level of taxable income we are carrying over from 2005 for distribution in 2006, we established the liquidity portfolio to ensure that we had ample resources from which to distribute this excess taxable income in 2006. We will assess the amount held in and the composition of the liquidity portfolio throughout the year.

We did not sell new equity in a public offering during the year ended December 31, 2005. For the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, we sold equity of \$73.5 million and \$422.9 million, respectively. Shareholders equity increased by \$77.5 million, \$51.3 million, and \$21.2 million through the exercise of employee options, the collection of notes receivable from the sale of common stock, and the issuance of shares through our dividend reinvestment plan for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively. On January 31, 2006, we sold 3.0 million shares of our common stock for proceeds of \$83.0 million, net of underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses. We primarily used the proceeds from the equity offering to repay outstanding borrowings under our revolving line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

We employ an asset-liability management approach that focuses on matching the estimated maturities of our loan and investment portfolio to the estimated maturities of our borrowings. We use our revolving line of credit facility as a means to bridge to long-term financing in the form of debt or equity capital, which may or may not result in temporary differences in the matching of estimated maturities. Availability on the revolving line of credit, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit issued under the line of credit facility, was \$643.6 million on December 31, 2005. We evaluate our interest rate exposure on an ongoing basis. Generally, we seek to fund our primarily fixed-rate investment portfolio with fixed-rate debt or equity capital. To the extent deemed necessary, we may hedge variable and short-term interest rate exposure through interest rate swaps or other techniques.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, we had outstanding debt as follows:

		2005				20	04	
	Facility Amount	Amount Outstanding	Annual Interest Cost ⁽¹⁾	Annual Return to Cover Interest Payments ⁽²⁾	Facility Amount	Amount Outstanding	Annual Interest Cost ⁽¹⁾	Annual Return to Cover Interest Payments ⁽²⁾
(\$ in millions)								
Notes payable and debentures:								
Unsecured notes payable	\$1,164.5	\$1,164.5	6.2%	1.8%	\$ 981.4	\$ 981.4	6.5%	2.0%
SBA debentures	28.5	28.5	7.5%	0.1%	84.8	77.5	8.2%	0.2%
OPIC loan					5.7	5.7	6.6%	
Total notes payable and								
debentures	1,193.0	1,193.0	6.3%	1.9%	1,071.9	1,064.6	6.6%	2.2%
Revolving line of credit	772.5	91.8	5.6%(3)	0.2%	552.5	112.0	4.7%(3)	0.2%
Total debt	\$1,965.5	\$1,284.8	6.5%(4)	2.1%	\$1,624.4	\$1,176.6	6.6% (4)	2.4%

- (1) The weighted average annual interest cost is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on the debt plus the annual amortization of commitment fees and other facility fees that are recognized into interest expense over the contractual life of the respective borrowings, divided by (b) debt outstanding on the balance sheet date.
- (2) The annual portfolio return to cover interest payments is calculated as the December 31, 2005 and 2004, annualized cost of debt per class of financing outstanding divided by total assets at December 31, 2005 and 2004.
- (3) The annual interest cost reflects the interest rate payable for borrowings under the revolving line of credit. In addition to the current interest rate payable, there were annual costs of commitment fees and other facility fees of \$3.3 million and \$1.8 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.
- (4) The annual interest cost for total debt includes the annual cost of commitment fees and other facility fees regardless of the amount outstanding on the facility as of the balance sheet date.

Unsecured Notes Payable. We have issued unsecured long-term notes to institutional investors, primarily insurance companies. The notes have five- or seven-year maturities, with maturity dates beginning in 2006 and generally have fixed rates of interest. The notes generally require payment of interest only semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity.

On October 13, 2005, we issued \$261.0 million of five-year and \$89.0 million of seven-year unsecured long-term notes, primarily to insurance companies. The five-and seven-year notes have fixed interest rates of 6.2% and 6.3%, respectively, and have substantially the same terms as our existing unsecured long-term notes. We used a portion of the proceeds from the new long-term note issuance to repay \$125.0 million of our existing unsecured long-term notes that matured on October 15, 2005, and had an annual weighted average interest cost of 8.3%. During the second quarter of 2005, we repaid \$40.0 million of the unsecured notes payable.

Small Business Administration Debentures. Through our small business investment company subsidiary, we have debentures payable to the Small Business Administration with contractual maturities of ten years. The notes require payment of interest only semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity. During the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, we repaid \$49.0 million and \$17.0 million, respectively, of this outstanding debt. Under the small business investment company program, we may borrow up to \$124.4 million from the Small Business Administration.

Revolving Line of Credit. At December 31, 2005, we had an unsecured revolving line of credit with a committed amount of \$772.5 million. The revolving line of credit, which closed on September 30, 2005, replaced our previous revolving line of credit and expires on September 30, 2008. The revolving line of credit may be expanded through new or additional commitments up to \$922.5 million at our option. The revolving line of credit generally bears interest at a rate equal to (i) LIBOR (for the period we select) plus 1.30%

or (ii) the higher of the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50% or the Bank of America N.A. prime rate. The revolving line of credit requires the payment of an annual commitment fee equal to 0.20% of the committed amount. The revolving line of credit generally requires payments of interest at the end of each LIBOR interest period, but no less frequently than quarterly, on LIBOR based loans and monthly payments of interest on other loans. All principal is due upon maturity.

At December 31, 2005, there was \$91.8 million outstanding on our unsecured revolving line of credit. The amount available under the line at December 31, 2005, was \$643.6 million, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit of \$37.1 million. Net borrowings under the revolving lines of credit for the year ended December 31, 2005, were \$20.3 million.

We have various financial and operating covenants required by the revolving line of credit and notes payable and debentures. These covenants require us to maintain certain financial ratios, including debt to equity and interest coverage, and a minimum net worth. Our credit facilities limit our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, we were in compliance with these covenants.

The following table shows our significant contractual obligations for the repayment of debt and payment of other contractual obligations as of December 31, 2005.

	Payments Due By Year						
(\$ in millions)	Total	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	After 2010
Notes payable and debentures:							
Unsecured long-term notes payable	\$1,164.5	\$175.0	\$	\$153.0	\$267.0	\$408.0	\$161.5
SBA debentures	28.5						28.5
Revolving line of credit ⁽¹⁾	91.8			91.8			
Operating leases	29.0	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.4	6.6
Total contractual obligations	\$1,313.8	\$179.5	\$4.4	\$249.3	\$271.6	\$412.4	\$196.6

 At December 31, 2005, \$643.6 million remained unused and available, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit of \$37.1 million issued under the credit facility.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The following table shows our contractual commitments that may have the effect of creating, increasing, or accelerating our liabilities as of December 31, 2005.

			Amount of	Commitment	Expiration	Per Year	
	Total	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	After 2010
(\$ in millions)							
Guarantees	\$148.6	\$1.3	\$136.2	\$ 3.1	\$2.5	\$	\$5.5
Standby letters of credit ⁽¹⁾	37.1	0.1		37.0			
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Total commitments	\$185.7	\$1.4	\$136.2	\$40.1	\$2.5	\$	\$5.5

(1) Standby letters of credit are issued under our revolving line of credit that expires in September 2008. Therefore, unless a standby letter of credit is set to expire at an earlier date, we have assumed that the standby letters of credit will expire contemporaneously with the expiration of our line of credit in September 2008.

In addition, we had outstanding commitments to fund investments totaling \$302.8 million at December 31, 2005. We intend to fund these commitments and

prospective investment opportunities with existing cash, through cash flow from operations before new investments, through borrowings under our line of credit or other long-term debt agreements, or through the sale or issuance of new equity capital.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements are based on the selection and application of critical accounting policies, which require management to make significant estimates and assumptions. Critical accounting policies are those that are both important to the presentation of our financial condition and results of operations and require management s most difficult, complex, or subjective judgments. Our critical accounting policies are those applicable to the valuation of investments and certain revenue recognition matters as discussed below.

Valuation of Portfolio Investments. As a business development company, we invest in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. We value substantially all of our investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors in accordance with our valuation policy. We determine fair value to be the amount for which an investment could be exchanged in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. Our valuation policy considers the fact that no ready market exists for substantially all of the securities in which we invest. Our valuation policy is intended to provide a consistent basis for determining the fair value of the portfolio. We will record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/ or our equity security has appreciated in value. The value of investments in publicly traded securities is determined using quoted market prices discounted for restrictions on resale, if any.

Loans and Debt Securities. For loans and debt securities, fair value generally approximates cost unless the borrower s enterprise value, overall financial condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount.

When we receive nominal cost warrants or free equity securities (nominal cost equity), we allocate our cost basis in our investment between debt securities and nominal cost equity at the time of origination. At that time, the original issue discount basis of the nominal cost equity is recorded by increasing the cost basis in the equity and decreasing the cost basis in the related debt securities.

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. For loans and debt securities with contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity, we will not accrue payment-in-kind interest if the portfolio company valuation indicates that the payment-in-kind interest is not collectible. In general, interest is not accrued on loans and debt securities if we have doubt about interest collection or where the enterprise value of the portfolio company may not support

further accrual. Loans in workout status that are classified as Grade 4 or 5 assets under our internal grading system do not accrue interest. In addition, interest may not accrue on loans or debt securities to portfolio companies that are more than 50% owned by us depending on such company s capital requirements. Loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount are capitalized and then amortized into interest income using the effective interest method. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any unamortized loan origination fees are recorded as interest income and any unamortized original issue discount or market discount is recorded as a realized gain. Prepayment premiums are recorded on loans and debt securities when received.

Equity Securities. Our equity securities in portfolio companies for which there is no liquid public market are valued at fair value based on the enterprise value of the portfolio company, which is determined using various factors, including cash flow from operations of the portfolio company and other pertinent factors, such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company sequity securities, liquidation events, or other events. The determined equity values are generally discounted to account for restrictions on resale or minority ownership positions.

The value of our equity securities in public companies for which market quotations are readily available is based on the closing public market price on the balance sheet date. Securities that carry certain restrictions on sale are typically valued at a discount from the public market value of the security.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected and to the extent that we have the option to receive the dividend in cash. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded companies.

Net Realized Gains or Losses and Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation. Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the year, net of recoveries. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation or depreciation reflects the change in portfolio investment values during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses are realized.

Fee Income. Fee income includes fees for guarantees and services rendered by us to portfolio companies and other third parties such as diligence, structuring, transaction services, management and consulting services, and other services. Guaranty fees are generally recognized as income over the related period of the guaranty. Diligence, structuring, and transaction services fees are generally recognized as income when services are rendered or when the related transactions are completed. Management, consulting and other services fees are generally recognized as income as the services are rendered.

SENIOR SECURITIES

Information about our senior securities is shown in the following tables as of December 31 for the years indicated in the table, unless otherwise noted. The report of our independent registered public accounting firm on the senior securities table as of December 31, 2005, is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The indicates information which the SEC expressly does not require to be disclosed for certain types of senior securities.

Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Treasury Securities ⁽¹⁾	Asset Coverage Per Unit ⁽²⁾	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Unit ⁽³⁾	Average Market Value Per Unit ⁽⁴⁾	
Unsecured Long-term Notes Payable					
1996	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	N/A	
1997	0	0		N/A	
1998	180,000,000	2,734		N/A	
1999	419,000,000	2,283		N/A	
2000	544,000,000	2,445		N/A	
2001	694,000,000	2,453		N/A	
2002	694,000,000	2,704		N/A	
2003	854,000,000	3,219		N/A	
2004	981,368,000	2,801		N/A	
2005	1,164,540,000	3,086		N/A	
Small Business Administration Debentures (5)					
1996	\$ 61,300,000	\$2,485	\$	N/A	
1997	54,300,000	2,215		N/A	
1998	47,650,000	2,734		N/A	
1999	62,650,000	2,283		N/A	
2000	78,350,000	2,445		N/A	
2001	94,500,000	2,453		N/A	
2002	94,500,000	2,704		N/A	
2003	94,500,000	3,219		N/A	
2004	77,500,000	2,801		N/A	
2005	28,500,000	3,086		N/A	
Overseas Private Investment Corporation Loan					
1996	\$ 8,700,000	\$2,485	\$	N/A	
1997	8,700,000	2,215	Ý	N/A	
1998	5,700,000	2,734		N/A	
1999	5,700,000	2,283		N/A	
2000	5,700,000	2,203		N/A	
2000	5,700,000	2,453		N/A	
2002	5,700,000	2,704		N/A	
2002	5,700,000	3,219		N/A	
2003	5,700,000	2,801		N/A	
2004	0	0		N/A	
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Class and Year	Total Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Treasury Securities ⁽¹⁾	Asset Coverage Per Unit ⁽²⁾	Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Unit ⁽³⁾	Average Market Value Per Unit ⁽⁴⁾
Revolving Lines of Credit				
1996	\$ 45,099,000	\$2,485	\$	N/A
1997	38,842,000	2,215		N/A
1998	95,000,000	2,734		N/A
1999	82,000,000	2,283		N/A
2000 2001	82,000,000 144,750,000	2,445 2,453		N/A N/A
2001 2002				N/A N/A
2002 2003	204,250,000	2,704		N/A N/A
2003	112,000,000	2,801		N/A N/A
2004	91,750,000	3,086		N/A N/A
2005	91,750,000	5,080		IN/A
Auction Rate Reset Note				
1996	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	N/A
1997	0	0		N/A
1998	0	0		N/A
1999	0	0		N/A
2000	76,598,000	2,445		N/A
2001	81,856,000	2,453		N/A
2002	0	0		N/A
2003	0	0		N/A
2004	0	0		N/A
2005	0	0		N/A
Master Repurchase Agreement and Master				
Loan and Security Agreement				
1996	\$ 85,775,000	\$2,485	\$	N/A
1997	225,821,000	2,215		N/A
1998	6,000,000	2,734		N/A
1999	23,500,000	2,283		N/A
2000	0	0		N/A
2001	0	0		N/A
2002	0	0		N/A
2003	0	0		N/A
2004 2005	0	0		N/A N/A
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Senior Note Payable ⁽⁶⁾				
1996	\$ 20,000,000	\$2,485	\$	N/A
1997	20,000,000	2,215		N/A
1998	0	0		N/A
1999	0	0		N/A
2000	0	0		N/A
2001	0	0		N/A
2002	0	0		N/A
2003 2004	0	0		N/A N/A
2004 2005	0	0		N/A N/A
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01	0	0		N/A
02	0	0		N/A
03	0	0		N/A
04	0	0		N/A
05	0	0		N/A
deemable Cumulative referred Stock ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁷⁾				
96	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 242	\$100	N/A
97	1,000,000	217	100	N/A
98	1,000,000	267	100	N/A
99	1,000,000	225	100	N/A
00	1,000,000	242	100	N/A
01	1,000,000	244	100	N/A
02	1,000,000	268	100	N/A
03	1,000,000	319	100	N/A
04	0	0		N/A
05	0	0		N/A
on-Redeemable Cumulative Preferred Stock ⁽⁵⁾				
96	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 242	\$100	N/A
97	6,000,000	217	100	N/A
98	6,000,000	267	100	N/A
99	6,000,000	225	100	N/A
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01	6,000,000	244	100	N/A
02	6,000,000	268	100	N/A
03	6,000,000	319	100	N/A
04	0	0		N/A
05	0	0		N/A

(1) Total amount of each class of senior securities outstanding at the end of the period presented.

- (2) The asset coverage ratio for a class of senior securities representing indebtedness is calculated as our consolidated total assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, divided by senior securities representing indebtedness. This asset coverage ratio is multiplied by \$1,000 to determine the Asset Coverage Per Unit. The asset coverage ratio for a class of senior securities that is preferred stock is calculated as our consolidated total assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, divided by senior securities represented by senior securities, divided by senior securities represented by senior securities, divided by senior securities representing indebtedness, plus the involuntary liquidation preference of the preferred stock (see footnote 3). The Asset Coverage Per Unit for preferred stock is expressed in terms of dollar amounts per share.
- (3) The amount to which such class of senior security would be entitled upon the involuntary liquidation of the issuer in preference to any security junior to it.
- (4) Not applicable, as senior securities are not registered for public trading.

- (5) Issued by our small business investment company subsidiary to the Small Business Administration. These categories of senior securities are not subject to the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act. See Certain Government Regulations Small Business Administration Regulations.
- (6) We were the obligor on \$15 million of the senior notes. Our small business investment company subsidiary was the obligor on the remaining \$5 million, which is not subject to the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act.
- (7) The Redeemable Cumulative Preferred Stock was reclassified to Other Liabilities on the accompanying financial statements during 2003 in accordance with SFAS No. 150.

BUSINESS

General

We are a business development company, or BDC, and we are in the private equity business. Specifically, we provide long-term debt and equity capital to primarily private middle market companies in a variety of industries. We believe the private equity capital markets are important to the growth of small and middle market companies because such companies often have difficulty accessing the public debt and equity capital markets. We believe that we are well positioned to be a source of capital for such companies. We provide our investors the opportunity to participate in the U.S. private equity industry through an investment in our publicly traded stock.

We have participated in the private equity business since we were founded in 1958. Since then, we have invested more than \$9 billion in thousands of companies nationwide. We primarily invest in the American entrepreneurial economy, helping to build middle market businesses and support American jobs. We generally invest in established companies with adequate cash flow for debt service. We are not venture capitalists, and we generally do not provide seed, or early stage, capital. At December 31, 2005, our private finance portfolio included investments in over 100 companies that generate aggregate annual revenues of over \$10 billion and employ more than 85,000 people.

Our investment objective is to achieve current income and capital gains. In order to achieve this objective, we invest in companies in a variety of industries.

Private Equity Investing

As a private equity investor, we spend significant time and effort identifying, structuring, performing due diligence, monitoring, developing, valuing, and ultimately exiting our investments. We generally target companies in less cyclical industries with, among other things, high returns on invested capital, management teams with meaningful equity ownership, well-constructed balance sheets, and the ability to generate free cash flow. Each investment is subject to an extensive due diligence process. It is not uncommon for a single investment to take from two months to a full year to complete, depending on the complexity of the transaction.

Our investment activity is primarily focused on making long-term investments in the debt and equity of primarily private middle market companies. We have chosen these investments because they can be structured to provide recurring cash flow to us as the investor. In addition to earning interest income, we may earn income from management, consulting, diligence, structuring or other fees. We may also enhance our total return with capital gains realized from equity features, such as nominal cost warrants, or by investing in equity instruments. For the years 1998 through 2005, we have realized \$575.1 million in

cumulative net realized gains from our investment portfolio. Net realized gains for this period as a percentage of total assets are shown in the chart below.

Our investments in the debt and equity of primarily private middle market companies are generally long-term in nature and are privately negotiated, and no readily available market exists for them. This makes our investments highly illiquid and, as a result, we cannot readily trade them. When we make an investment, we enter into a long-term arrangement where our ultimate exit from that investment may be three to ten years in the future.

We believe illiquid investments generally provide better investment returns on average over time than do more liquid investments, such as public equities and public debt instruments, because of the increased liquidity risk in holding such investments. Investors in illiquid investments cannot manage risk through investment trading techniques. In order to manage our risk, we focus on careful investment selection, thorough due diligence, portfolio monitoring and portfolio diversification. Our investment management processes have been designed to incorporate these disciplines. We are led by an experienced management team with our senior officers possessing, on average, 20 years of experience in the private equity industry.

One measure of the performance of a private equity investor is the internal rate of return generated by the investor s portfolio. Since our merger on December 31, 1997, through December 31, 2005, our combined aggregate cash flow Internal Rate of Return (IRR) has been approximately 20% for private finance and CMBS/ CDO investments exited during this period. The IRR is calculated using the aggregate portfolio cash flow for all investments exited over this period. For investments exited during this period, we invested capital totaling \$3.2 billion, earned \$1.6 billion on this invested capital, and therefore, received \$4.8 billion in total investment proceeds from the exits of these investments. The weighted average holding period of these investments was 34 months. Investments are considered to be exited when the original investment objective has been achieved through the receipt of cash and/or non-cash consideration upon the repayment of our debt investment or sale of an equity investment, or through the determination that no further consideration was collectible and, thus, a loss may have been realized. The aggregate cash flow IRR for private finance investments was approximately 18% and for

CMBS/ CDO investments was approximately 24% for the same period. These IRR results represent historical results. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of future results.

We believe our business model is well suited for long-term illiquid investing. Our balance sheet is capitalized with significant equity capital and we use only a modest level of debt capital, which allows us the ability to be patient and to manage through difficult market conditions with less risk of liquidity issues. Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, we are restricted to a debt to equity ratio of approximately one-to-one. Thus, our capital structure, which includes a modest level of long-term leverage, is well suited for long-term illiquid investments.

In general, we compete for investments with a large number of private equity funds and mezzanine funds, other business development companies, hedge funds, investment banks, other equity and non-equity based investment funds, and other sources of financing, including specialty finance companies and traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks. However, we primarily compete with other providers of long-term debt and equity capital to middle market companies, including private equity funds and other business development companies.

Private Finance Portfolio. Our private finance portfolio is primarily composed of debt and equity securities. We generally invest in private companies though, from time to time, we may invest in companies that are public but lack access to additional public capital. These investments are also generally illiquid.

Our capital is generally used to fund:

Buyouts	Recapitalizations
Acquisitions	Note purchases
Growth	Other types of financings

When assessing a prospective private finance investment, we generally look for companies in less cyclical industries in the middle market (i.e., generally \$50 million to \$500 million in revenues) with certain target characteristics, which may or may not be present in the companies in which we invest. Our target investments generally are in companies with the following characteristics:

Management team with meaningful equity ownership

Dominant or defensible market position

High return on invested capital

Stable operating margins

Ability to generate free cash flow

Well-constructed balance sheet

We generally target investments in the following industries as they tend to be less cyclical, cash flow intensive and generate a high return on invested capital:

Business Services Financial Services Consumer Products Healthcare Services Energy Services

We intend to take a balanced approach to private equity investing that emphasizes a complementary mix of debt investments and buyout investments. The combination of these two types of investments provides current interest and related portfolio income and the potential for future capital gains. It is our preference to structure our investments with a focus on current recurring interest and other income, which may include management, consulting or other fees. We generally target debt investments of \$10 million to \$100 million and buyout investments of up to \$250 million of invested capital.

Debt investments may include senior loans, unitranche debt (a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt), or subordinated debt (with or without equity features). The junior debt that we invest in that is lower in repayment priority than senior debt is also known as subordinated or mezzanine debt. We may make equity investments for a minority equity stake in portfolio companies in conjunction with our debt investments. We generally target a minimum weighted average portfolio yield of 10% on the debt component of our private finance portfolio. The weighted average yield on our private finance loans and debt securities was 13.0% at December 31, 2005.

Senior loans generally carry a floating rate of interest, usually set as a spread over LIBOR, and generally require payments of both principal and interest throughout the life of the loan. Interest is generally paid to us monthly or quarterly. Senior loans generally have maturities of three to five years. Unitranche debt and subordinated debt generally carry a fixed rate of interest generally with maturities of five to ten years and generally have interest-only payments in the early years and payments of both principal and interest in the later years, although maturities and principal amortization schedules may vary. Interest is generally paid to us quarterly. At December 31, 2005, 87% of our private finance loans and debt securities carried a fixed rate of interest and 13% carried a floating rate of interest.

Through our wholly owned subsidiary, AC Finance LLC, (AC Finance) we may underwrite senior loans related to our portfolio investments or for other companies that are not in our portfolio. When AC Finance underwrites senior loans, we may earn a fee for such loan underwriting activities. Senior loans originated and underwritten by AC Finance may or may not be funded by us at closing. When these senior loans are closed, we may fund all or a portion of the underwritten commitment pending sale of the loan to other investors, which may include loan sales to Callidus Capital Corporation (Callidus) or funds managed by Callidus, a portfolio company controlled by us. After completion of the sale process, we may or may not retain a position in these senior loans. We may also invest in the bonds or preferred shares/income notes of collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) or collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), where the underlying collateral pool consists of senior loans. Certain of the CLOs and CDOs in which we invest may be managed by Callidus Capital Management, a subsidiary of Callidus.

In a buyout transaction, we generally invest in senior debt, subordinated debt and equity (preferred and/or voting or non-voting common) where our equity ownership represents a significant portion of the equity, but may or may not represent a controlling interest. If we invest in non-voting equity in a buyout investment, we generally have an option to acquire a controlling stake in the voting securities of the portfolio company at fair market value. We generally structure our buyout investments such that we seek to earn a blended current return on our total capital invested of approximately 10% through a combination of interest income on our senior loans and subordinated debt, dividends on our preferred and common equity, and management, consulting, or transaction services fees to compensate us for the managerial assistance that we may provide to the portfolio company.

We believe that the transaction fees charged for the services we provide to portfolio companies are generally comparable with transaction fees charged by others in the private equity industry for performing similar services. As a result of our significant equity investment in a buyout investment there is potential to realize larger capital gains through buyout investing as compared to debt or mezzanine investing.

The structure of each debt and equity security is specifically negotiated to enable us to protect our investment, with a focus on preservation of capital, and maximize our returns. We include many terms governing interest rate, repayment terms, prepayment penalties, financial covenants, operating covenants, ownership parameters, dilution parameters, liquidation preferences, voting rights, and put or call rights. Our senior loans and unintranche debt are generally secured, however in a liquidation scenario, the collateral may not be sufficient to support our outstanding investment. Our junior or mezzanine loans are generally unsecured. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market.

At December 31, 2005, 60.2% of the private finance portfolio at value consisted of loans and debt securities and 39.8% consisted of equity securities (equity securities included 26.4% in investment cost basis and 13.4% in net unrealized appreciation). At December 31, 2005, 54.2% of the private finance investments at value were in companies more than 25% owned, 4.6% were in companies 5% to 25% owned, and 41.2% were in companies less than 5% owned.

Our ten largest investments at value at December 31, 2005, were as follows:

(† : : 11:)	(\$ in millions)		At December 31, 2005		
(\$ in millions) Portfolio Company	Company Information	Cost	Value	Percentage of Total Assets	
Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Sales and marketing agency providing outsourced sales, merchandising, and marketing services to the consumer packaged goods industry.	\$257.7	\$660.4	16.4%	
Business Loan Express, LLC ⁽¹⁾	Originates, sells, and services primarily real estate secured small business loans specifically for businesses with financing needs of up to \$4.0 million. Provides SBA 7(a) loans, conventional small business loans and small investment real estate loans. Nationwide non-bank preferred lender in the SBA s 7(a) guaranteed loan program.	\$299.4	\$357.1	8.9%	
Mercury Air Centers, Inc.	Owns and operates fixed base operations under long-term leases from local airport authorities, which generally consist of terminal and hangar complexes that service the needs of the general aviation community.	\$113.3	\$167.1	4.2%	
Financial Pacific Company	Specialized commercial finance company that leases business-essential equipment to small businesses nationwide.	\$ 95.0	\$127.2	3.2%	
Meineke Car Care Centers, Inc.	Business format franchisor in the car care sector of the automotive aftermarket industry with approximately 900 locations worldwide.	\$126.5	\$126.2	3.1%	
Norwesco, Inc.	Designs, manufactures and markets a broad assortment of polyethylene tanks primarily to the agricultural and septic tank markets.	\$120.0	\$120.0	3.0%	
Triview Investments, Inc.	Holds investments in Triax Holdings, LLC, a developer and marketer of specialty pharmaceutical products with a focus on dermatology, and Longview Cable & Data LLC, a multi-system cable operator.	\$151.7	\$ 87.0	2.2%	

<i></i>		At December 31, 2005		
(\$ in millions) Portfolio Company	Company Information			Percentage of Total Assets
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation	Over-the-counter pharmaceutical company with a broad portfolio of 20 brands, including Sucrets, Anacin, NIX and Bonine.	\$89.6	\$85.3	2.1%
STS Operating, Inc.	Distributes systems, components and engineering services for hydraulic, pneumatic, electronic and filtration systems.	\$10.1	\$72.1	1.8%
Healthy Pet Corp.	Veterinary hospitals offering medical and surgical services, specialized treatments, diagnostic services, pharmaceutical products, as well as routine health exams and vaccinations.	\$68.4	\$68.4	1.7%

(1) See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

(2) In March 2006, we sold our majority interest in Advantage. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for further detail.

We monitor the portfolio to maintain diversity within the industries in which we invest. Our portfolio is not concentrated and we currently do not have a policy with respect to concentrating (i.e., investing 25% or more of our total assets) in any particular industry. We may or may not concentrate in any industry or group of industries in the future. The industry composition of the private finance portfolio at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004, was as follows:

	2005	2004
Industry		
Business services	45%	32%
Financial services	15	21
Consumer products	14	20
Industrial products	10	8
Retail	3	2
Healthcare services	2	8
Energy services	2	2
Broadcasting and cable	1	2
Other ⁽¹⁾	8	5
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Total	100%	100%
	—	

⁽¹⁾ Includes investments in senior debt CDO and CLO funds. These funds invest in senior debt representing a variety of industries.

Commercial Real Estate Finance Portfolio. Since 1998, our commercial real estate investments have generally been in the non-investment grade tranches of commercial mortgage-backed securities, also known as CMBS, and in the bonds and preferred shares of collateralized debt obligations, also known as CDOs. With regard to CMBS, non-investment grade means that nationally recognized statistical rating organizations rate these securities below the top four investment-grade rating categories (i.e., AAA

through BBB), and are sometimes referred to as junk bonds. On May 3, 2005, we completed the sale of our portfolio of CMBS and CDO investments to affiliates of Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (the Caisse). See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. After the completion of this sale, our commercial real estate finance portfolio consists of commercial mortgage loans, real estate owned and equity interests, which totaled \$127.1 million at value on December 31, 2005.

Simultaneous with the sale of our CMBS and CDO portfolio, we entered into a platform assets purchase agreement with CWCapital Investments LLC, an affiliate of the Caisse (CWCapital), pursuant to which we sold certain commercial real estate related assets, including servicer advances, intellectual property, software and other platform assets, subject to certain adjustments. Under this agreement, we have agreed not to invest in CMBS and real estate related CDOs and refrain from certain other real estate related investing or servicing activities for a period of three years, subject to certain limitations and excluding our existing portfolio and related activities.

Business Processes

Business Development and New Deal Origination. Over the years, we believe we have developed and maintained a strong industry reputation and an extensive network of relationships with numerous private equity investors, investment banks, business brokers, merger and acquisition advisors, financial services companies, banks, law firms and accountants through whom we source investment opportunities. Through these relationships, we believe we have been able to strengthen our position as a private equity investor. We are well known in the private equity industry, and we believe that our experience and reputation provide a competitive advantage in originating new investments.

From time to time, we may receive referrals for new prospective investments from our portfolio companies as well as other participants in the capital markets. We generally pay referral fees to those who refer transactions to us that we consummate.

New Deal Underwriting and Investment Execution. In a typical transaction, we review, analyze, and substantiate through due diligence, the business plan and operations of the potential portfolio company. We perform financial due diligence, perform operational due diligence, study the industry and competitive landscape, and conduct reference checks with company management or other employees, customers, suppliers, and competitors, as necessary. We may work with external consultants, including accounting firms and industry or operational consultants, in performing due diligence and in monitoring our portfolio investments.

Once we have determined that a prospective portfolio company is suitable for investment, we work with the management and the other capital providers, including senior, junior, and equity capital providers, to structure a deal. We negotiate among these parties to agree on the rights and terms of our investment relative to the other capital in the portfolio company s capital structure. The typical debt transaction requires approximately two to six months of diligence and structuring before funding occurs. The typical buyout transaction may take up to one year to complete because the due diligence and structuring process is significantly longer when investing in a substantial equity stake in the company.

Our investments are tailored to the facts and circumstances of each deal. The specific structure is designed to protect our rights and manage our risk in the transaction. We generally structure the debt instrument to require restrictive affirmative and negative covenants, default penalties, lien protection, or other protective provisions. In addition, each debt investment is individually priced to achieve a return that reflects our rights and priorities in the portfolio company s capital structure, the structure of the debt instrument, and our perceived risk of the investment. Our loans and debt securities have an annual stated interest rate; however, that interest rate is only one factor in pricing the investment. The annual stated interest rate may include some component of contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity or upon prepayment. In addition to the interest earned on loans and debt securities, our debt investments may include equity features, such as warrants or options to buy a minority interest in the portfolio company. The warrants we receive with our debt securities generally require only a nominal cost to exercise, and thus, if the portfolio company appreciates in value, we achieve additional investment return from this equity interest. We may structure the warrants to provide minority rights provisions and event-driven puts. In many cases, we will also obtain registration rights in connection with these equity interests, which may include demand and piggyback registration rights.

We have a centralized, credit-based approval process. The key steps in our investment process are:

Initial investment screening;

Initial investment committee approval;

Due diligence, structuring and negotiation;

Internal review of diligence results;

Final investment committee approval;

Approval by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (for all debt investments that represent a commitment equal to or greater than \$20 million and every buyout transaction); and

Funding of the investment (due diligence must be completed with final investment committee approval and Executive Committee approval, as needed, before funds are disbursed).

The investment process benefits from the significant professional experience of the members of our investment committee, which is chaired by our Chief Executive Officer and includes our Chief Operating Officer, our Chief Financial Officer, and certain of our Managing Directors.

Portfolio Monitoring and Development. Middle market companies often lack the management expertise and experience found in larger companies. As a BDC, we are required by the 1940 Act to make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. Our senior level professionals work with portfolio company management teams to assist them in building their businesses. Managerial assistance includes, but is not limited to, management and consulting services related to corporate finance, marketing, human resources, personnel and board member recruiting, business operations, corporate governance, risk management and other general business matters. Our corporate finance assistance includes supporting our portfolio companies efforts to structure and

attract additional capital. We believe our extensive network of industry relationships and our internal resources help make us a collaborative partner in the development of our portfolio companies.

Our team of investment professionals regularly monitors the status and performance of each investment. This portfolio company monitoring process generally includes review of the portfolio company s financial performance against its business plan, review of current financial statements and compliance with financial covenants, evaluation of significant current developments and assessment of future exit strategies. For debt investments we may have board observation rights that allow us to attend portfolio company board meetings. For buyout investments, we generally hold a majority of the seats on the board of directors where we own a controlling interest in the portfolio company and we have board observation rights where we do not own a controlling interest in the portfolio company.

Our portfolio management committee oversees the overall performance of the portfolio, including reviewing the performance of selected portfolio companies, overseeing portfolio companies in workout status, reviewing and approving certain amendments or modifications to existing investments, reviewing and approving certain portfolio exits, and reviewing and approving certain actions by portfolio companies whose voting securities are more than 50% owned by us. Our portfolio management committee is chaired by our Chief Executive Officer and includes our Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Valuation Officer (non-voting member), and three Managing Directors. From time to time we will identify investments that require closer monitoring or become workout assets. We develop a workout strategy for workout assets and the portfolio management committee gauges our progress against the strategy.

We seek to price our investments to provide an investment return considering the fact that certain investments in the portfolio may underperform or result in loss of investment return or investment principal. As a private equity investor, we will incur losses from our investing activities, however we have a history of working with troubled portfolio companies in order to recover as much of our investments as is practicable.

Portfolio Grading

We employ a grading system to monitor the quality of our portfolio. Grade 1 is for those investments from which a capital gain is expected. Grade 2 is for investments performing in accordance with plan. Grade 3 is for investments that require closer monitoring; however, no loss of investment return or principal is expected. Grade 4 is for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of current investment return is expected, but no loss of principal is expected. Grade 5 is for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of principal is expected.

Portfolio Valuation

We determine the value of each investment in our portfolio on a quarterly basis, and changes in value result in unrealized appreciation or depreciation being recognized in our statement of operations. Value, as defined in Section 2(a)(41) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, is (i) the market price for those securities for which a market quotation is readily available and (ii) for all other securities and assets, fair value is as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our

portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors pursuant to a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. Because of the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. Unlike banks, we are not permitted to provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses. Instead, we are required to specifically value each individual investment on a quarterly basis. We will record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or our equity security has appreciated in value. Changes in fair value are recorded in the statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

As a business development company, we invest in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies. The structure of each debt and equity security is specifically negotiated to enable us to protect our investment and maximize our returns. We include many terms governing interest rate, repayment terms, prepayment penalties, financial covenants, operating covenants, ownership parameters, dilution parameters, liquidation preferences, voting rights, and put or call rights. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. Because of the type of investments that we make and the nature of our business, our valuation process requires an analysis of various factors. Our fair value methodology includes the examination of, among other things, the underlying investment performance, financial condition, and market changing events that impact valuation.

Valuation Methodology. Our process for determining the fair value of a private finance investment begins with determining the enterprise value of the portfolio company. The fair value of our investment is based on the enterprise value at which the portfolio company could be sold in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The liquidity event whereby we exit a private finance investment is generally the sale, the recapitalization or, in some cases, the initial public offering of the portfolio company.

There is no one methodology to determine enterprise value and, in fact, for any one portfolio company, enterprise value is best expressed as a range of fair values, from which we derive a single estimate of enterprise value. To determine the enterprise value of a portfolio company, we analyze its historical and projected financial results. We generally require portfolio companies to provide annual audited and quarterly unaudited financial statements, as well as annual projections for the upcoming fiscal year. Typically in the private equity business, companies are bought and sold based on multiples of EBITDA, cash flow, net income, revenues or, in limited instances, book value. The private equity industry uses financial measures such as EBITDA or EBITDAM (Earnings Before

Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and, in some instances, Management fees) in order to assess a portfolio company s financial performance and to value a portfolio company. EBITDA and EBITDAM are not intended to represent cash flow from operations as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and such information should not be considered as an alternative to net income, cash flow from operations, or any other measure of performance prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. When using EBITDA to determine enterprise value, we may adjust EBITDA for non-recurring items. Such adjustments are intended to normalize EBITDA to reflect the portfolio company s earnings power. Adjustments to EBITDA may include compensation to previous owners, acquisition, recapitalization, or restructuring related items or one-time non-recurring income or expense items.

In determining a multiple to use for valuation purposes, we generally look to private merger and acquisition statistics, discounted public trading multiples or industry practices. In estimating a reasonable multiple, we consider not only the fact that our portfolio company may be a private company relative to a peer group of public comparables, but we also consider the size and scope of our portfolio company and its specific strengths and weaknesses. In some cases, the best valuation methodology may be a discounted cash flow analysis based on future projections. If a portfolio company is distressed, a liquidation analysis may provide the best indication of enterprise value.

If there is adequate enterprise value to support the repayment of our debt, the fair value of our loan or debt security normally corresponds to cost unless the borrower s condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount. The fair value of equity interests in portfolio companies is determined based on various factors, including the enterprise value remaining for equity holders after the repayment of the portfolio company s debt and other preference capital, and other pertinent factors such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company s equity securities, liquidation events, or other events. The determined equity values are generally discounted when we have a minority position, restrictions on resale, specific concerns about the receptivity of the capital markets to a specific company at a certain time, or other factors.

As a participant in the private equity business, we invest primarily in private middle market companies for which there is generally no publicly available information. Because of the private nature of these businesses, there is a need to maintain the confidentiality of the financial and other information that we have for the private companies in our portfolio. We believe that maintaining this confidence is important, as disclosure of such information could disadvantage our portfolio companies and could put us at a disadvantage in attracting new investments. Therefore, we do not intend to disclose financial or other information about our portfolio companies, unless required, because we believe doing so may put them at an economic or competitive disadvantage, regardless of our level of ownership or control. To balance the lack of publicly available information about our private portfolio companies, we will continue to work with third-party consultants to obtain assistance in determining fair value for a portion of the private finance portfolio each quarter as discussed below.

Valuation Process. The portfolio valuation process is managed by our Chief Valuation Officer (CVO). The CVO works with the investment professionals responsible for each investment. The following is a description of the steps we take each quarter to determine the value of our portfolio.

Our valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the deal team, led by the Managing Director or senior officer who is responsible for the portfolio company relationship.

The CVO reviews the preliminary valuation as determined by the deal team.

The CVO, members of the valuation team, and third-party consultants, as applicable (see below), meet with each Managing Director or responsible senior officer to discuss the preliminary valuation determined and documented by the deal team for each of their respective investments.

The CEO, COO, CFO and the managing directors meet with the CVO to discuss the preliminary valuation results.

Valuation documentation is distributed to the members of the Board of Directors.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors meets with the third-party consultants (see below) to discuss the assistance provided and results.

The Board of Directors and the CVO meet to discuss and review valuations.

To the extent there are changes or if additional information is deemed necessary, a follow-up Board meeting may take place.

The Board of Directors determines the fair value of the portfolio in good faith.

In connection with our valuation process to determine the fair value of a private finance investment, we work with third-party consultants to obtain assistance and advice as additional support in the preparation of our internal valuation analysis for a portion of the portfolio each quarter. In addition, we may receive other third-party assessments of a particular private finance portfolio company s value in the ordinary course of business, most often in the context of a prospective sale transaction or in the context of a bankruptcy process. The valuation analysis prepared by management using these third-party valuation resources, when applicable, is submitted to our Board of Directors for its determination of fair value of the portfolio in good faith.

During 2005, we received third-party valuation assistance from Duff & Phelps, LLC (Duff & Phelps) and Houlihan Lokey Howard and Zukin (Houlihan Lokey). We currently intend to continue to obtain valuation assistance from third parties. We currently anticipate that we will generally obtain valuation assistance for all companies in the portfolio where we own more than 50% of the outstanding voting equity securities on a quarterly basis and that we will generally obtain assistance for companies where we own equal to or less than 50% of the outstanding voting equity securities at least once during the course of the calendar year. Valuation assistance may or may not be obtained for new companies that enter the portfolio after June 30 of any calendar year during that year or for investments with a cost and value less than \$250,000. For the quarter ended December 31, 2005, Duff & Phelps and Houlihan Lokey assisted us by reviewing our valuation of 80 portfolio companies, which represented 92.4% of the private finance portfolio at value. See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Disposition of Investments

We manage our portfolio of investments in an effort to maximize our expected returns. Our portfolio is large and we frequently are repaid by our borrowers and exit our debt and equity investments as portfolio companies are sold, recapitalized or complete an initial public offering. In our debt investments where we have equity features, we frequently are in a minority ownership position in a portfolio company, and as a result, generally exit the investment when the majority equity stakeholder decides to sell or recapitalize the company. Where we have a control position in an investment, as we may have in buyout investments, we have more flexibility and can determine whether or not we should exit our investment. Our most common exit strategy for a buyout investment is the sale of a portfolio company to a strategic or financial buyer. If an investment has appreciated in value, we may realize a gain when we exit the investment. If an investment has depreciated in value, we may realize a loss when we exit the investment.

We are in the investment business, which includes acquiring and exiting investments. It is our policy not to comment on potential transactions in the portfolio prior to reaching a definitive agreement or, in many cases, prior to consummating a transaction. To the extent we enter into any material transactions, we would provide disclosure as required.

Dividends

We have elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. As such, we are not subject to corporate-level income taxation on income we timely distribute to our stockholders as dividends. We determine our regular quarterly dividends based upon an estimate of annual taxable income, which includes our taxable interest, dividend, and fee income, as well as taxable net capital gains. Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. Taxable income includes non-cash income, such as changes in accrued and reinvested interest and dividends, which includes contractual payment-in-kind interest, and the amortization of discounts and fees. Cash collections of income resulting from contractual payment-in-kind interest or the amortization of discounts and fees generally occur upon the repayment of the loans or debt securities that include such items. Non-cash taxable income is reduced by non-cash expenses, such as realized losses and depreciation and amortization expense.

As a regulated investment company, we distribute substantially all of our annual taxable income to shareholders through the payment of cash dividends. Our Board of Directors reviews the dividend rate quarterly, and may adjust the quarterly dividend throughout the year. Dividends are declared considering our estimate of annual taxable income available for distribution to shareholders. Our goal is to declare what we believe to be sustainable increases in our regular quarterly dividends. To the extent that we earn annual taxable income in excess of dividends paid for the year, we may carry over the excess taxable income into the next year and such excess income will be available for distribution in the next year as permitted under the Code. The amount of excess taxable income that may be carried over for distribution in the next year under the Code is approximately three quarters of dividend payments. Excess taxable income carried over and paid out in the next year may be subject to a 4% excise tax (see Other Matters Regulated Investment Company Status). We believe that carrying over excess taxable

income into future periods may provide increased visibility with respect to taxable earnings available to pay the regular quarterly dividend.

We began paying quarterly dividends in 1963, and our portfolio has provided sufficient ordinary taxable income and realized net capital gains to sustain or grow our dividends over time. Since inception, our average annual total return to shareholders (assuming all dividends were reinvested) was 18.0%. Over the past one, three, five and ten years, our total return to shareholders (assuming all dividends were reinvested) has been 23.5%, 20.6%, 17.1% and 19.8%, respectively, with the dividend providing a meaningful portion of this return.

The percentage of our dividend generated by ordinary taxable income versus capital gain income will vary from year to year. The percentage of ordinary taxable income versus net capital gain income supporting the dividend since 1986 is shown below.

Corporate Structure and Offices

We are a Maryland corporation and a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. Our predecessor corporation was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia in 1958 and we reorganized as a Maryland corporation in 1993. We have a wholly owned subsidiary, Allied Investments L.P. (Allied Investments), that is licensed under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 as a Small Business Investment Company. We own all of the partnership interests in Allied Investments. The assets held by Allied Investments represented 2.6% of our total assets at December 31, 2005. See Certain Government Regulations below for further information about small business investment company regulation.

In addition, we have a real estate investment trust subsidiary, Allied Capital REIT, Inc., and several subsidiaries that are single-member limited liability companies established for specific purposes, including holding real estate property. We also have a subsidiary, A.C. Corporation, that generally provides diligence and structuring services on our transactions, as well as structuring, transaction, management, and other services to Allied Capital and our portfolio companies. A.C. Corporation has a wholly owned subsidiary, AC

Finance LLC, that generally underwrites and arranges senior loans for our portfolio companies and other third parties.

Our executive offices are located at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, 3rd Floor, NW, Washington, DC 20006-3434 and our telephone number is (202) 721-6100. In addition, we have regional offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York.

Employees

At December 31, 2005, we employed 131 individuals including investment and portfolio management professionals, operations professionals and administrative staff. The majority of our employees are located in our Washington, DC office. We believe that our relations with our employees are excellent.

Legal Proceedings

On June 23, 2004, we were notified by the SEC that they are conducting an informal investigation of us. On December 22, 2004, we received letters from the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia requesting the preservation and production of information regarding us and Business Loan Express, LLC in connection with a criminal investigation. Based on the information available to us at this time, the inquiries appear to primarily pertain to matters related to portfolio valuation and our portfolio company, Business Loan Express, LLC. To date, we have produced materials in response to requests from both the SEC and the U.S. Attorney s office, and certain current and former employees have provided testimony and have been interviewed by the staff of the SEC and the U.S. Attorney s Office. We are voluntarily cooperating with these investigations.

On May 28, 2004, Ferolie Corporation, a food broker with business and contractual relationships with an entity that is now affiliated with one of our portfolio companies, Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc., filed suit against us, Advantage Sales & Marketing and the affiliated entity in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia alleging that, among other things, we and Advantage Sales & Marketing had tortiously interfered with Ferolie s contract with the affiliated entity by causing the affiliated entity (i) to breach its obligations to Ferolie regarding Ferolie s participation in a reorganization transaction involving the affiliated entity and (ii) to induce clients of Ferolie to transfer their business to the affiliated entity. Ferolie sought actual and punitive damages against us and Advantage Sales & Marketing and declaratory and injunctive relief. On July 15, 2004, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed the lawsuit for lack of jurisdiction. On August 18, 2004, Ferolie filed a Petition to Compel Arbitration in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois naming us, Advantage Sales & Marketing and the affiliated entity as respondents. Ferolie attached to its petition an Amended Demand for Arbitration and Statement of Claims that asserts essentially the same claims as were asserted in the lawsuit that was dismissed by the United States District Court for the District of Illinois dismissed Ferolie s petition after finding that Ferolie had failed to adequately allege the existence of subject matter jurisdiction.

On November 4, 2004, Ferolie refiled its Petition to Compel Arbitration in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. The allegations and relief requested in this proceeding were identical to the assertions made by Ferolie in the two previously dismissed proceedings. On February 15, 2005, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois entered an

order denying Ferolie s motion for an order compelling us to arbitrate the claims asserted by Ferolie against us. In the same order, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois granted Ferolie s motion to compel arbitration of the claims asserted against Advantage Sales & Marketing and the affiliated entity. The arbitration is proceeding. We are not a party to the arbitration.

In addition to the above matters, we are party to certain lawsuits in the normal course of business.

While the outcome of these legal proceedings and other matters cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, we do not expect that the outcome of these matters will have a material effect upon our financial condition or results of operations.

PORTFOLIO COMPANIES

The following is a listing of each portfolio company or its affiliate, together referred to as portfolio companies, in which we had an equity investment at December 31, 2005. Percentages shown for class of securities held by us represent percentage of the class owned and do not necessarily represent voting ownership or economic ownership. Percentages shown for equity securities other than warrants or options represent the actual percentage of the class of security held before dilution. Percentages shown for warrants and options held represent the percentage of class of security we may own assuming we exercise our warrants or options before dilution.

The portfolio companies are presented in three categories: companies more than 25% owned which represent portfolio companies where we directly or indirectly own more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company and, therefore, are deemed controlled by us under the 1940 Act; companies owned 5% to 25% which represent portfolio companies where we directly or indirectly own 5% to 25% of the outstanding voting securities of normalies where we directly or indirectly own 5% to 25% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company s board of directors and, therefore, are deemed to be an affiliated person under the 1940 Act; and companies less than 5% owned which represent portfolio company and where we have no other affiliations with such portfolio company. We make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. We generally receive rights to observe the meetings of our portfolio companies board of directors, and may have one or more voting seats on their boards.

For information relating to the amount and nature of our investments in portfolio companies, see our consolidated statement of investments at December 31, 2005, at pages F-7 to F-16.

Name and Address of Portfolio Company	Nature of its Principal Business	Title of Securities Held by the Company	Percentage of Class Held
PRIVATE FINANCE			
Companies More Than 25% Owned		Common Stock in	
Acme Paging, L.P. ⁽¹⁾	Desing Company	Affiliate	80.0%
6080 SW 40th Street, Suite 3 Miami, FL 33155	Paging Services	Annate	80.0%
Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. ⁽¹⁾⁽⁶⁾ 19100 Von Karman Avenue Suite 600 Irvine, CA 92612	Sales and Marketing Agency	Class A Common Stock	100.0%
Alaris Consulting, LLC ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ 360 W. Butterfield Road Suite 400 Elmhurst, IL 60126	Consulting Firm	Equity Interests	100.0%
Avborne, Inc. ⁽¹⁾⁽⁷⁾ c/o Trivest, Inc. 7500 NW 26th Street Miami, FL 33122	Aviation Services	Series B Preferred Stock Common Stock	23.8% 27.2%
Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc. ⁽¹⁾⁽⁷⁾ c/o Trivest, Inc. 7500 26th Street N.W. Miami, FL 33122	Aviation Services	Series A Preferred Stock Common Stock	27.5% 27.5%
Business Loan Express, LLC ⁽¹⁾ 1633 Broadway New York, NY 10019	Small Business Lender	Class A Equity Interests Class B Equity Interests Class C Equity Interests Equity Interest in BLX Subsidiary ⁽³⁾	100.0% 100.0% 94.9% 20.0%
Callidus Capital Corporation ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾ 520 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022	Asset Manager and Finance Company	Common stock	100.0%

Name and Address of Portfolio Company	Nature of its Principal Business	Title of Securities Held by the Company	Percentage of Class Held
Diversified Group Administrators, Inc. 201 Johnson Rd Building #1 Houston, PA 15342	Third Party Administrator for Self-funded Health Benefit Plan	Series B Preferred Stock Series A Preferred Stock Common Stock	64.7% 69.9% 45.8%
Financial Pacific Company ⁽¹⁾ 3455 South 344th Way, Suite 300 Federal Way, WA 98001	Commercial Finance Leasing	Series A Preferred Stock Common Stock	99.4% 99.4%
ForeSite Towers, LLC ⁽¹⁾ 22 Iverness Center Parkway Suite 50 Birmingham, AL 35242	Tower Leasing	Series A Preferred Equity Interest Series B Preferred Equity Interest Series E Breferred Equity	100.0% 100.0%
		Series E Preferred Equity Interest Common Equity Interest	100.0% 77.3%
Global Communications, LLC ⁽¹⁾ 1000 North Dixie Highway	Muzak Franchisee	Preferred Equity Interest Options for Common	77.8%
West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Gordian Group, Inc. ⁽¹⁾ 499 Park Avenue	Financial Advisory Services	Equity Interest Common Stock	59.3% 100.0%
New York, NY 10022 Healthy Pet Corp. ⁽¹⁾ 1720 Post Road Fairfield, CT 06430	Comprehensive Veterinary Services	Common Stock	99.0%
HMT, Inc. 4422 FM 1960 West Suite 350 Houston, TX 77068	Storage Tank Maintenance & Repair	Class B Preferred Stock Common Stock Warrants to Purchase Common Stock	33.5% 25.0% 9.7%
Impact Innovations Group, LLC 12 Piedmont Center, Suite 210 Atlanta, GA 30305	Information Technology Services Provider	Equity Interest in Affiliate ⁽⁵⁾	50.0%
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation ⁽¹⁾ 550 Township Line Road, Suite 300 Blue Bell, PA 19422	Marketer of Over-The- Counter Pharmaceuticals	Preferred Stock Common Stock	100.0% 100.0%
Jakel, Inc. ⁽¹⁾ 400 Broadway Highlands, IL 62249	Manufacturer of Electric Motors and Blowers	Series A-1 Preferred Stock Class B Common Stock	32.3% 100.0%
Legacy Partners Group, LLC ⁽¹⁾ 520 Madison Avenue, 27th Floor New York, NY 10022	Merger and Acquisition Advisor	Equity Interests	100.0%
Litterer Beteiligungs-GmbH Uhlandstrasse 1 69493 Hirschberg Germany	Scaffolding Company	Equity Interest	25.0%
Mercury Air Centers, Inc. ⁽¹⁾ 1951 Airport Road Atlanta, GA 30341	Fixed Base Operations	Series A Common Stock Common Stock	100.0% 95.0%
MVL Group, Inc. ⁽¹⁾ 1061 E. Indiantown Road Suite 300 Jupiter, FL 33477	Market Research Services	Common Stock	64.9%
Pennsylvania Avenue Investors, L.P. ⁽¹⁾ 1919 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20006	Private Equity Fund	Equity Interests	100.0%

Powell Plant Farms, Inc. ⁽¹⁾ Route 3, Box 1058	Plant Producer & Wholesaler	Preferred Stock Warrants to Purchase	100.0%
Troup, TX 75789	Wholesaler	Common Stock	83.5%
Redox Brands, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	Household Cleaning	Series A Convertible	
9100 Centre Point Drive	Products	Preferred Stock	99.2%
Suite 200		Warrants to Purchase	
West Chester, OH 45069		Class A Common Stock	8.7%
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Name and Address of Portfolio Company	Nature of its Principal Business	Title of Securities Held by the Company	Percentage of Class Held
Service Champ, Inc. ⁽¹⁾ 180 New Britain Boulevard Chalfont, PA 18914	Wholesale Distributor of Auto Parts	Common Stock	63.9%
Staffing Partners Holding Company, Inc. ⁽¹⁾ 104 Church Lane, #100	Temporary Employee	Series B Preferred Stock Redeemable Preferred	71.4%
Baltimore, MD 21208	Services	Stock Class A-1 Common Stock Class A-2 Common Stock Class B Common Stock Warrants to purchase Class B Common Stock	48.3% 50.0% 24.4% 48.8% 30.3%
Startec Global Communications Corporation ⁽¹⁾ 7631 Calhoun Drive Rockville, MD 20850	Telecommunications Services	Common Stock	68.5%
STS Operating, Inc. (d/b/a SunSource Technology Services, Inc.) ⁽¹⁾ 2301 Windsor Court Addison, IL 60101	Industrial Distribution	Common Stock Options to Purchase Common Stock	77.1%
Triview Investments, Inc. ⁽¹⁾⁽¹¹⁾ 1919 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W. Washington, DC 20006	Multi-system Cable Operator and Pharmaceutical Marketer	Common Stock	99.5%
Companies 5% to 25% Owned Air Evac Lifeteam 1448 W. Eighth Street West Plains, MO 65775	Air Ambulance Service	Series A Preferred Equity Interest Series B Preferred Equity	6.6%
Aspen Pet Products, Inc. 4735 North Florence Street Denver, CO 80238	Pet Product Provider	Interest Series B Preferred Stock Series D Preferred Stock Series A Common Stock Warrants to purchase Series A Common Stock	6.2% 8.7% 6.5% 6.5%
Becker Underwood, Inc.	Speciality Chemical	Common Stock	4.1%