ARES CAPITAL CORP
Form 10-Q
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2007
OR

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

For the transition period to

Commission File No. 000-50697

## ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)
Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

33-1089684
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

280 Park Avenue, 22nd Floor, Building East, New York, NY 10017<br>(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)

(212) 750-7300
(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)
N/A
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

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

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Large accelerated filer *
Accelerated filer X
Non-accelerated filer O

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes O No x Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

## Class

Common stock, $\$ 0.001$ par value

Outstanding at August 9, 2007
69,757,588

## ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

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## ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

|  | As of <br> June 30, 2007 <br> (unaudited) | December 31, 2006 |
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## ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

|  | For the three months ended June 30, 2007 (unaudited) | For the three months ended June 30, 2006 (unaudited) | For the six months ended June 30, 2007 (unaudited) | For the six months ended June 30, 2006 (unaudited) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INVESTMENT INCOME: |  |  |  |  |
| From non-control/non-affiliate investments: |  |  |  |  |
| Interest from investments | \$ 34,250,691 | \$ 20,737,226 | \$ 64,145,489 | \$ 35,788,359 |
| Capital structuring service fees | 1,982,411 | 4,670,493 | 6,266,957 | 6,416,698 |
| Interest from cash \& cash equivalents | 671,122 | 199,948 | 1,491,956 | 431,177 |
| Dividend income | 375,000 | 1,170,000 | 750,000 | 1,170,000 |
| Other income | 388,589 | 244,466 | 506,681 | 287,009 |
| Total investment income from non-control/non-affiliate investments | 37,667,813 | 27,022,133 | 73,161,083 | 44,093,243 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| From non-control affiliated company investments: |  |  |  |  |
| Interest from investments | 5,469,490 | 2,760,198 | 9,416,130 | 5,237,130 |
| Capital structuring service fees | 3,224,500 | 600,000 | 3,262,000 | 1,183,810 |
| Dividend income | 502,705 |  | 502,705 |  |
| Other income | 314,010 | 107,420 | 551,623 | 166,873 |
| Total investment income from non-control affiliated company investments | 9,510,705 | 3,467,618 | 13,732,458 | 6,587,812 |
| From control affiliated company investments: |  |  |  |  |
| Interest from investments | 55,400 |  | 55,400 |  |
| Capital structuring service fees | 165,000 |  | 165,000 |  |
| Total investment income from control affiliated company investments | 220,400 |  | 220,400 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total investment income | 47,398,918 | 30,489,751 | 87,113,941 | 50,681,056 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| EXPENSES: |  |  |  |  |
| Interest and credit facility fees | 7,564,573 | 4,773,743 | 16,113,887 | 6,503,364 |
| Base management fees | 5,814,174 | 3,107,197 | 10,903,671 | 5,650,856 |
| Incentive management fees | 6,228,506 | 6,940,399 | 10,983,170 | 9,863,283 |
| Professional fees | 1,523,592 | 676,637 | 2,489,406 | 1,148,088 |
| Insurance | 266,039 | 198,431 | 530,856 | 386,532 |
| Administrative | 235,000 | 188,488 | 445,357 | 366,025 |
| Depreciation | 102,301 | 49,302 | 203,478 | 49,302 |
| Directors fees | 63,250 | 73,919 | 128,000 | 137,169 |
| Interest to the Investment Adviser |  |  |  | 25,879 |
| Other | 653,457 | 217,105 | 1,413,598 | 385,612 |
| Total expenses | 22,450,892 | 16,225,221 | 43,211,423 | 24,516,110 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME BEFORE INCOME |  |  |  |  |
| TAXES | 24,948,026 | 14,264,530 | 43,902,518 | 26,164,946 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Income tax expense (benefit), including excise tax | (43,447 | 4,971,635 | (33,281 | 5,180,515 |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME | 24,991,473 | 9,292,895 | 43,935,799 | 20,984,431 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| REALIZED AND UNREALIZED NET GAINS ON INVESTMENTS: |  |  |  |  |
| Net realized gains (losses): |  |  |  |  |
| Net realized gains (losses) from non-control/non-affiliate investments | (8,113,543 | 23,879,988 | (7,844,257 | 24,443,591 |

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## ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

As of June 30, 2007

| Company $\{1\}$ <br> Healthcare - <br> Services | Industry | Investment | Interest \{21\} | Initial <br> AcquisitionAmortized Date Cost |  | Fair Value | Fair Value Per Unit | Percentage of Net Assets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| American Renal Associates, Inc. | Dialysis provider | Senior secured loan (\$2,688,524 par due $12 / 2010$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 8.61 \% \\ \text { (Libor+ } \\ 3.25 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/14/05 | \$ 2,688,524 | \$ 2,688,524 | \$ $1.00 \quad\{3\}$ |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$16,393 par due $12 / 2010$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 10.00 \% \\ \text { (Base Rate } \\ + \\ 1.75 \% / \mathrm{D}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/14/05 | 16,393 | 16,393 | \$ $1.00 \quad\{3\}$ |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$5,788,525 par due 12/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 8.61 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 3.25 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/14/05 | 5,788,525 | 5,788,525 | \$ $1.00 \quad\{3\}$ |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$39,344 par due $12 / 2011$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 10.00 \% \\ \text { (Base Rate } \\ + \\ 1.75 \% / \mathrm{D}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/14/05 | 39,344 | 39,344 | \$ $1.00 \quad\{3\}$ |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$393,741 par due 12/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 8.61 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 3.25 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/14/05 | 393,741 | 393,741 | \$ 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$261,997 par due 12/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 8.61 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 3.25 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/14/05 | 261,997 | 261,997 | \$ $1.00 \quad\{3\}$ |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$3,937,406 par due 12/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 8.60 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 3.25 \% / Q) \end{gathered}$ | 12/14/05 | 3,937,406 | 3,937,406 | \$ 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$2,619,971 par due 12/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 8.60 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 3.25 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/14/05 | 2,619,971 | 2,619,971 | \$ $1.00 \quad\{3\}$ |  |
| Capella <br> Healthcare, Inc. | Acute care hospital operator | Junior secured loan (\$19,000,000 par due $11 / 2013$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 10.86 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 5.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/1/05 | 19,000,000 | 19,000,000 | \$ 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$30,000,000 par due $11 / 2013$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 10.86 \% \\ (\mathrm{Libor}+ \\ 5.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/1/05 | 30,000,000 | 30,000,000 | \$ $1.00 \quad\{2\}$ |  |
| CT Technologi Intermediate Holdings, Inc. and CT <br> Technologies Holdings, LLC $\{15\}$ | Healthcare information management services | Senior secured revolving loan (\$2,430,000 par due $3 / 2012$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 12.25 \% \\ \text { (Base Rate } \\ + \\ 4.00 \% / \mathrm{D}) \end{gathered}$ | 6/15/07 | 2,430,000 | 2,430,000 | \$ 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$61,000,000 par due $3 / 2012$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 12.25 \% \\ \text { (Base Rate } \\ + \\ 4.00 \% / \mathrm{D}) \end{gathered}$ | 6/15/07 | 61,000,000 | 61,000,000 | \$ 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Preferred Stock (6,000 shares) |  | 6/15/07 | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 | \$ 1,000.4(5) |  |
|  |  | Common Stock (9,679 shares) |  | 6/15/07 | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 | \$ 413.27\{5\} |  |
| DSI Renal, Inc. | Dialysis provider | Senior subordinated note (\$55,196,910 par due $4 / 2014$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 12.00 \% \\ \text { Cash, } \\ 2.00 \% \text { PIK } \end{gathered}$ | 4/4/06 | 55,196,911 | 55,196,910 | \$ $1.00 \quad\{4\}$ |  |

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| Triad Laboratory Alliance, LLC | Laboratory services | Senior subordinated note (\$14,959,352 par due $12 / 2012$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 12.00 \% \\ \text { cash, } \\ 1.75 \% \text { PIK } \end{gathered}$ | 12/21/05 | 14,959,352 | 14,959,352 | \$ 1.00 |  |
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|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$6,895,000 par due 12/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 8.61 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 3.25 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/21/05 | 6,895,000 | 6,895,000 | \$ 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$2,955,000 par due 12/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 8.61 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 3.25 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/21/05 | 2,955,000 | 2,955,000 | \$ 1.00 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 347,513,585 | 347,513,583 |  | \% |

Printing,
Publishing and

| Media <br> Canon <br> Communications <br> LLC | Print publications services | Junior secured loan (\$7,525,000 par due 11/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 12.07 \% \\ (\mathrm{Libor}+ \\ 6.75 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{gathered}$ | 5/25/05 | 7,525,000 | 7,525,000 | \$ 1.00 |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$4,250,000 par due 11/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 12.07 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 6.75 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{gathered}$ | 5/25/05 | 4,250,000 | 4,250,000 | \$ 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$12,000,000 par due 11/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 12.07 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 6.75 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{gathered}$ | 5/25/05 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | \$ 1.00 | \{3\} |
| Courtside <br> Acquisition Corp. | Community newspaper publisher | Senior subordinated loan (\$30,000,000 par due $6 / 2014$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 15.00 \% \\ \text { PIK } \end{gathered}$ | 6/29/07 | 30,000,000 | 30,000,000 | \$ 1.00 | \{4\} |
| Daily Candy, Inc.$\{11\}$ | Internet publication provider | Senior secured loan (\$10,355,330 par due 5/2009) | $\begin{gathered} 10.38 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 5.00 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{gathered}$ | 5/25/06 | 10,917,986 | 10,355,330 | \$ 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$11,695,431 par due $5 / 2009$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 10.38 \% \\ (\text { Libor }+ \\ 5.00 \% / S) \end{gathered}$ | 5/25/06 | 12,330,901 | 11,695,431 | \$ 1.00 | \{3\} |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$152,267 par due 5/2009) | $\begin{gathered} 10.38 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 5.00 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{gathered}$ | 5/25/06 | 160,540 | 152,267 | \$ 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$171,972 par due 5/2009) | $\begin{gathered} 10.38 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 5.00 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{gathered}$ | 5/25/06 | 181,316 | 171,972 | \$ 1.00 | \{3\} |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$58,701 par due $5 / 2009$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 10.36 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 5.00 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 5/25/06 | 61,891 | 58,701 | \$ 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$66,299 par due $5 / 2009$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 10.36 \% \\ (\text { Libor }+ \\ 5.00 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 5/25/06 | 69,901 | 66,299 | \$ 1.00 | \{3\} |
|  |  | Common stock (1,250,000 shares) |  | 5/25/06 | 2,375,000 | 4,085,000 | \$ 3.27 | \{5\} |
|  |  | Warrants to purchase 1,381,578 shares |  | 5/25/06 | 2,624,998 | 4,514,997 | \$ 3.27 | \{5\} |

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|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$12,000,000 par due 12/2011) | 12.00\% | 12/15/06 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
| Growing <br> Family, Inc. and GFH <br> Holdings, LLC | Photography services | Senior secured revolving loan (\$900,000 par due 8/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 9.75 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 1.50 \% / \mathrm{D} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 3/16/07 | 900,000 | 900,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$319,764 par due 8/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8.86\% (Libor } \\ & +3.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 3/16/07 | 319,764 | 319,764 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$8,405,236 par due 8/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8.86\% (Libor } \\ & +3.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 3/16/07 | 8,405,236 | 8,405,236 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$47,186 par due 8/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8.86\% (Libor } \\ & +3.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 3/16/07 | 47,186 | 47,186 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$1,240,314 par due 8/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8.86\% (Libor } \\ & +3.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 3/16/07 | 1,240,314 | 1,240,314 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$70,550 par due 8/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8.85\% (Libor } \\ & +3.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 3/16/07 | 70,550 | 70,550 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$1,854,450 par due 8/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8.85\% (Libor } \\ & +3.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 3/16/07 | 1,854,450 | 1,854,450 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$3,575,000 par due 8/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 11.36 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 6.00 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 3/16/07 | 3,575,000 | 3,575,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$16,000 par due 8/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & 9.75 \% \text { (Base } \\ & \text { Rate + } \\ & 1.50 \% / \mathrm{D} \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ | 3/16/07 | 16,000 | 16,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Common stock (552,430 shares) |  | 3/16/07 | 872,286 | 872,286 | \$ | 1.58 | \{5\} |  |  |
| NPA <br> Acquisition, LLC | Powersport vehicle auction operator | Senior secured loan (\$4,466,667 par due 8/2012) | $\begin{gathered} \text { 8.57\% (Libor } \\ +3.25 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{gathered}$ | 8/28/06 | 4,466,667 | 4,466,667 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$50,000 par due 8/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 10.25 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 2.00 \% / \mathrm{D} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 8/28/06 | 50,000 | 50,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$2,000,000 par due 2/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 12.08 \% \\ (\text { Libor }+ \\ 6.75 \% / S) \end{gathered}$ | 8/23/06 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$12,000,000 par due 2/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 12.08 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 6.75 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{gathered}$ | 8/23/06 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Common units (1,709 units) |  | 8/23/06 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | \$ | 585.14 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 110,950,444 | 107,949,549 |  |  |  | 9.85 | \% |
| Consumer <br> Products - <br> Non-Durable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Badanco <br> Enterprises, Inc. | Luggage manufacturer | Senior secured loan (\$312,500 par due 1/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 11.50 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 3.25 \% / \mathrm{D} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 1/24/07 | 312,500 | 312,500 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$5,937,500 par due 1/2012) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.86\% (Libor } \\ & +4.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 1/24/07 | 5,937,500 | 5,937,500 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$5,312,500 par due 1/2012) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.86\% (Libor } \\ & \text { +4.50\%/Q) } \end{aligned}$ | 1/24/07 | 5,312,500 | 5,312,500 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
| Innovative <br> Brands, LLC | Consumer products and personal care manufacturer | Senior secured loan (\$12,935,000 par due 9/2011) | 11.13\% | 10/12/06 | 12,935,000 | 12,935,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |

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|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$11,940,000 par due 9/2011) | 11.13\% | 10/12/06 | 11,940,000 | 11,940,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Making Memories Wholesale, Inc. $\{7\}$ | Scrapbooking branded products manufacturer | Senior secured loan (\$7,441,667 par due 3/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.88\% (Libor } \\ & +4.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 5/5/05 | 7,441,667 | 7,441,667 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
|  |  | Senior subordinated loan (\$10,320,959 par due 5/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 12.50 \% \text { cash, } \\ 2.00 \% \text { PIK } \end{gathered}$ | 5/5/05 | 10,320,959 | 10,320,959 | \$ | 1.00 | \{2\} \{4\} |  |
|  |  | Preferred stock $(3,759$ shares) |  | 5/5/05 | 3,758,800 | 1,320,000 | \$ | 351.16 | \{5\} |  |
| Shoes for Crews, LLC | Safety footwear and slip-related mats | Senior secured loan (\$1,120,241 par due 7/2010) | $\begin{gathered} 8.63 \% \text { (Libor } \\ +3.25 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{gathered}$ | 10/8/04 | 1,120,241 | 1,120,241 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$74,683 par due 7/2010) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8.57\% (Libor } \\ & +3.25 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{aligned}$ | 10/8/04 | 74,683 | 74,683 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$61,104 par due 7/2010) | $\begin{gathered} 10.25 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 2.00 \% / \mathrm{D} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 10/8/04 | 61,104 | 61,104 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
|  |  | Senior secured revolving loan (\$3,333,333 par due 7/2010) | $\begin{gathered} 10.25 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 2.00 \% / \mathrm{D}) \end{gathered}$ | 6/16/06 | 3,333,333 | 3,333,333 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |
| The Thymes, LLC \{17\} | Cosmetic products manufacturer | Preferred stock (6,925 shares) | 8.00\% PIK | 6/21/07 | 6,980,400 | 6,980,400 | \$ | 1,008.00 | \{4\} |  |
| Wear Me Apparel, LLC | Clothing manufacturer | Senior subordinated notes ( $\$ 22,556,875$ par due 4/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 12.60 \% \text { cash, } \\ \text { 1.00\% PIK } \end{gathered}$ | 4/2/07 | 22,556,875 | 22,556,875 | \$ | 1.00 | \{2\} \{4\} |  |
|  |  | Common stock ( 10,000 shares) |  | 4/2/07 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 |  | 0.00 | \{5\} |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 102,085,562 | 99,646,762 |  |  | 9.09 | \% |

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| Restaurants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ADF Capital, Inc. \& ADF Restaurant Group, LLC | Restaurant owner and operator | Senior secured revolving loan (\$1,000,000 par due 11/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 10.25 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 2.00 \% / \mathrm{D} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 11/27/06 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured revolving loan (\$1,236,726 par due 11/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 8.37 \% \text { (Libor } \\ +3.00 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{gathered}$ | 11/27/06 | 1,236,726 | 1,236,726 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$19,705,339 par due 11/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 12.87 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 7.50 \% / S) \end{gathered}$ | 11/27/06 | 19,705,339 | 19,705,339 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$995,000 par due 11/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 12.87 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 7.50 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{gathered}$ | 11/27/06 | 995,000 | 995,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{2\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$14,124,661 par due 11/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 12.87 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 7.50 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{gathered}$ | 11/27/06 | 14,124,661 | 14,124,661 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Promissory note (\$10,205,556 par due 11/2016) | 10.00\% PIK | 6/1/06 | 10,193,756 | 10,205,556 | \$ | 1.00 | $\begin{aligned} & \{4\} \\ & \{5\} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Warrants to purchase 0.61 shares |  | 6/1/06 |  |  | \$ |  | \{5\} |  |  |
| Encanto Restaurants, Inc. $\{19\}$ | Restaurant owner and operator | Junior secured loan (\$24,352,333 par due 8/2013) | $\begin{gathered} \text { 7.50\% Cash, } \\ \text { 3.50\% PIK } \end{gathered}$ | 8/16/06 | 24,352,333 | 24,352,333 | \$ | 1.00 | \{4\} |  |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$1,014,681 par due 8/2013) | $7.50 \%$ Cash, 3.50\% PIK | 8/16/06 | 1,014,681 | 1,014,681 | \$ | 1.00 | $\begin{aligned} & \{3\} \\ & \{4\} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 72,622,496 | 72,634,296 |  |  |  | 6.63 | \% |
| Containers-Packaging |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Captive Plastics, Inc. | Plastics container manufacturer | Junior secured loan (\$15,500,000 par due 2/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 12.61 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 7.25 \% / Q) \end{gathered}$ | 12/19/05 | 15,500,000 | 15,500,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$12,000,000 par due 2/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 12.61 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 7.25 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/19/05 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
| Industrial Container Services, LLC $\{8\}$ | Industrial container manufacturer, reconditioner and servicer | Senior secured loan (\$9,900,000 par due 9/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 11.34 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 6.00 \% / S) \end{gathered}$ | 9/30/05 | 9,900,000 | 9,900,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$13,181,953 par due 9/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.84\% (Libor } \\ & +4.50 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{aligned}$ | 6/21/06 | 13,181,953 | 13,181,953 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$994,937 par due 9/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.84\% (Libor } \\ & +4.50 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{aligned}$ | 6/21/06 | 994,937 | 994,937 | \$ | 1.00 | \{2\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$14,123,383 par due 9/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.84\% (Libor } \\ & +4.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 6/21/06 | 14,123,383 | 14,123,383 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured revolving loan (\$1,239,130 par due 9/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.82\% (Libor } \\ & +4.50 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{aligned}$ | 9/30/05 | 1,239,130 | 1,239,130 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured revolving loan (\$867,391 par due 9/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 11.25 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 3.00 \% / \mathrm{D} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 9/30/05 | 867,391 | 867,391 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Common stock ( $1,800,000$ shares) |  | 9/29/05 | 1,800,000 | 3,499,992 | \$ | 1.94 | \{5\} |  |  |

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|  |  |  |  |  | 69,606,794 | 71,306,786 |  |  |  | 6.50 | \% |
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| Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arrow Group Industries, Inc. | Residential and outdoor shed manufacturer | Senior secured loan (\$5,650,664 par due 4/2010) | $\begin{gathered} 10.36 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 5.00 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 3/28/05 | 5,650,664 | 5,616,000 | \$ | 0.99 | \{3\} |  |  |
| Emerald Performance Materials, LLC | Polymers and performance materials manufacturer | Senior secured loan (\$10,294,259 par due 5/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.61\% (Libor } \\ & +4.25 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 5/16/06 | 10,294,259 | 10,294,259 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$3,728,092 par due 5/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 11.36 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 6.00 \% / \mathrm{Q} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 5/16/06 | 3,728,092 | 3,728,092 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$1,522,742 par due 5/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 11.36 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 6.00 \% / \mathrm{Q} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 5/16/06 | 1,522,742 | 1,522,742 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$4,354,846 par due 5/2011) | $13.00 \%$ cash, 3.00\% PIK | 5/16/06 | 4,354,846 | 4,354,846 | \$ | 1.00 | \{4\} |  |  |
| Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC | Precision components manufacturer | Common units (1,000 units) |  | 2/2/07 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |  | 00.00 | \{5\} |  |  |
| Qualitor, Inc. | Automotive aftermarket components supplier | Senior secured loan (\$1,950,000 par due 12/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 9.61\% (Libor } \\ & +4.25 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 12/29/04 | 1,950,000 | 1,950,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$5,000,000 par due 6/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 12.61 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 7.25 \% / \mathrm{Q} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 12/29/04 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
| Professional Paint, Inc. | Paint manufacturer | Junior secured loan (\$1,000,000 par due 5/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 11.63 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 6.25 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{gathered}$ | 5/25/06 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
| Reflexite Corporation $\{10\}$ | Developer and manufacturer of high-visibility reflective products | Common stock (1,729,627 shares) |  | 3/28/06 | 25,682,891 | 32,862,913 | \$ | 19.00 | \{5\} |  |  |
| Universal Trailer Corporation $\{6\}$ | Livestock and specialty trailer manufacturer | Common stock (50,000 shares) |  | 10/8/04 | 6,424,645 | 1,331,814 | \$ | 59.97 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  | Warrants to purchase 22,208 shares |  | 10/8/04 | 1,505,776 | 2,998,500 | \$ | 59.97 | \{5\} |  |  |
| Varel Holdings, Inc. | Drill bit manufacturer | Common stock (30,451 shares) |  | 5/18/05 | 3,045 | 1,011,569 | \$ | 33.22 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 68,116,960 | 72,670,734 |  |  |  | 6.63 | \% |
| Environmental <br> Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AWTP, LLC | Water treatment services | Junior secured loan (\$1,600,000 par due 12/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 13.86 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 8.50 \% / \mathrm{Q} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 12/23/05 | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$12,000,000 par due 12/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 13.86 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 8.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/23/05 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
| Mactec, Inc. | Engineering and environmental services | Common stock (16 shares) |  | 11/3/04 |  | 334 | \$ | 20.78 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  | Common stock (5,556 shares) |  | 11/3/04 |  | 115,444 | \$ | 20.78 | \{5\} |  |  |

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| Cargo Transport |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The Kenan Advantage Group, Inc. | Fuel transportation provider | Senior subordinated notes (\$9,359,807 par due $12 / 2013$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 9.50 \% \text { cash, } \\ \text { 3.50\% PIK } \end{gathered}$ | 12/15/05 | 9,359,807 | 9,359,807 | \$ | 1.00 | \{2\} \{4\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$2,462,517 par due 12/2011) | $\begin{aligned} & 8.11 \% \text { (Libor } \\ & +2.75 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{aligned}$ | 12/15/05 | 2,462,517 | 2,462,517 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Preferred stock (10,984 shares) |  | 12/15/05 | 1,098,400 | 1,098,400 | \$ | 100.00 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  | Common stock (30,575 shares) |  | 12/15/05 | 30,575 | 30,575 | \$ | 1.00 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 12,951,299 | 12,951,299 |  |  |  | 1.18 | \% |

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| Farming and Agriculture |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The GSI Group, Inc. | Agricultural equipment manufacturer | Senior notes (\$11,900,000 par due $5 / 2013$ ) | 12.00\% | 5/11/05 | 10,000,000 | 11,600,000 | \$ | 1.16 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Common stock (7,500 shares) |  | 5/12/05 | 750,000 | 4,749,975 | \$ | 633.33 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 10,750,000 | 16,349,975 |  |  |  | 1.49 | \% |
| Housing - Building Materials |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HB\&G Building Products | Synthetic and wood product manufacturer | Senior subordinated loan (\$8,751,151 par due $3 / 2011$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 13.00 \% \\ \text { cash, } 2.00 \% \\ \text { PIK } \end{gathered}$ | 10/8/04 | 8,741,514 | 8,751,151 | \$ | 1.00 | $\begin{aligned} & \{2\} \\ & \{4\} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Common stock (2,743 shares) |  | 10/8/04 | 752,888 | 752,888 | \$ | 274.48 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  | Warrants to purchase (4,464 shares) |  | 10/8/04 | 652,503 | 652,503 | \$ | 146.17 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 10,146,905 | 10,156,542 |  |  |  | 0.93 | \% |
| Consumer Products Durable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Berkline/Benchcraft Holdings LLC | Furniture manufacturer and distributor | Promissory note (\$1,000,000 par due 11/2012) |  | 5/9/07 | 505,088 | 505,090 | \$ | 0.10 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 505,088 | 505,090 |  |  |  | 0.05 | \% |
| Total |  |  |  |  | \$ 1,605,205,297 | \$ 1,616,0 |  |  |  |  |  |

$\{1\}$ Other than our investment in The Thymes, LLC, we do not Control any of our portfolio companies, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act ). In general, under the 1940 Act, we would Control a portfolio company if we owned $25 \%$ or more of its voting securities. All of our portfolio company investments are subject to legal restriction on sales which as of June 30, 2007 represented $146 \%$ of the Company s net assets.
\{2\} Pledged as collateral for the CP Funding Facility and unless otherwise noted, all other investments are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Credit Facility (see Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements).
\{3\} Pledged as collateral for the ARCC CLO and unless otherwise noted, all other investments are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Credit Facility (see Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements).
$\{4\}$ Has a payment-in-kind interest feature (see Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements).
$\{5\}$ Non-income producing at June 30, 2007.
$\{6\}$ As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, for this portfolio company there was unrealized depreciation of $(\$ 3,612,566)$.
\{7\} As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, for this portfolio company there were total redemptions of $\$ 316,667$ (cost), interest income of $\$ 1,132,951$ and other income of $\$ 421$.
$\{8\}$ As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, for this portfolio company there were total purchases of $\$ 3,676,087$, redemptions of $\$ 7,215,761$ (cost), interest income of $\$ 1,985,966$, other income of $\$ 71,942$ and net unrealized appreciation of $\$ 1,699,992$.
\{9\} As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, for this portfolio company there were total purchases of $\$ 17,250,000$, redemptions of $\$ 20,200,000$ (cost), interest income of $\$ 787,897$ and other income of $\$ 10,756$.

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\{10\} As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, there were total redemptions of $\$ 10,682,338$, interest income of $\$ 451,518$, net realized gains of $\$ 320,470$ and net unrealized appreciation of $\$ 7,410,493$.
\{11\} As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, there were total redemptions of $\$ 2,374,999$ (cost), interest income of $\$ 1,555,754$ and net unrealized appreciation of $\$ 3,303,790$.
\{12\} As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, there was total interest income of \$518,920.
\{13\} As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, there was total dividend income of \$502,705 and unrealized depreciation of (\$341,460).
$\{14\}$ As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, there were total purchases of $\$ 40,000,000$, interest income of $\$ 1,756,792$, capital structuring service fees of $\$ 37,500$ and other income of \$375,000
\{15\} As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, there were total purchases of $\$ 135,930,000$, sales of $\$ 62,500,000$, capital structuring service fees of $\$ 2,597,500$, interest income of $\$ 537,809$ and other income of $\$ 68,021$.
\{16\} As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company soutstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, there were total purchases of $\$ 150,000$, redemptions of $\$ 650,000$, interest income of $\$ 157,576$ and other income of $\$ 18,626$.
\{17\} As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. In addition, as defined in the 1940 Act, we Control this portfolio company because we own more than $25 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, there were total purchases of $\$ 6,925,000$, capital structuring service fees of $\$ 165,000$ and interest income of $\$ 55,400$
\{18\} As defined in the 1940 Act, we are an Affiliate of this portfolio company because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, there were total purchases of $\$ 30,488,503$, capital structuring service fees of $\$ 627,000$, interest income of $\$ 530,947$ and other income of $\$ 6,857$.

19\} Non-U.S. company or principal place of business outside the U.S.

20\} Non-registered investment company.
$\{21\}$ A majority of the variable rate loans to our portfolio companies bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to either Libor or an alternate Base Rate (commonly based on the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate), at the borrower s option, which reset semi-annually (S), quarterly (Q), bi-monthly (B), monthly (M) or daily (D). For each such loan, we have provided the current interest rate in effect at June 30, 2007.
$\{22\}$ In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, we are entitled to receive an additional interest amount of $2.50 \%$ on $\$ 24,166,667$ aggregate principal amount of the portfolio company s senior term debt previously syndicated by us
$\{23\}$ In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, we are entitled to receive an additional interest amount of $3.75 \%$ on $\$ 12,000,000$ aggregate principal amount of the portfolio company s senior term debt previously syndicated by us.

## ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

As of December 31, 2006


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|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$2,319,368 par due 8/2012) | $\begin{gathered} \text { 12.37\% (Libor } \\ +7.00 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 3/2/06 | 2,319,368 | 2,319,368 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |
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|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$419,763 par due 8/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 12.37 \% \text { (Libor } \\ +7.00 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 3/2/06 | 419,763 | 419,763 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$1,932,806 par due 8/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 12.38 \% \text { (Libor } \\ +7.00 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 3/2/06 | 1,932,806 | 1,932,806 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$349,802 par due 8/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 12.38 \% \text { (Libor } \\ +7.00 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 3/2/06 | 349,802 | 349,802 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
|  |  | Preferred stock (9,344 shares) |  | 3/2/06 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | \$ | 214.04 | \{5\} |  |
| The Teaching Company, LLC and | Education publications provider | Senior secured loan (\$28,000,000 par due 9/2012) | 10.50\% | 9/29/06 | 28,000,000 | 28,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |
| The Teaching Company Holdings, Inc. |  | Senior secured loan (\$12,000,000 par due 9/2012) | 10.50\% | 9/29/06 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
|  |  | Preferred stock (29,969 shares) |  | 9/29/06 | 2,996,921 | 2,996,921 | \$ | 100.00 | \{5\} |  |
|  |  | Common stock (15,393 shares) |  | 9/29/06 | 3,079 | 3,079 | \$ | 1.00 | \{5\} |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 117,518,809 | 116,873,127 |  |  |  | 14.80\% |

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| LLC | operator | (\$4,236,726 par due 11/2013) | 2.00\%/D) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$4,937,500 par due 11/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 10.25 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 2.00 \% / \mathrm{D} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 11/27/06 | 4,937,500 | 4,937,500 | \$ | 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$23,060,000 par due 11/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 14.75 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 6.50 \% / \mathrm{D}) \end{gathered}$ | 11/27/06 | 23,060,000 | 23,060,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$11,940,000 par due 11/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 14.75 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 6.50 \% / \mathrm{D}) \end{gathered}$ | 11/27/06 | 11,940,000 | 11,940,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |
|  |  | Warrants to purchase 9,500,000 units |  | 6/1/06 | 9,488,200 | 9,500,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{5\} |



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|  |  | Senior secured revolving loan (\$3,333,333 par due 7/2010) | $\begin{gathered} 10.25 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 2.00 \% / \mathrm{D} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | 6/16/06 | 3,333,333 | 3,333,333 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |
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| Tumi Holdings, Inc. | Branded <br> luggage designer, marketer and distributor | Senior secured loan (\$2,500,000 par due 12/2012) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8.11\% (Libor } \\ & +2.75 \% / Q) \end{aligned}$ | 5/24/05 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$5,000,000 par due 12/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 8.61 \% \text { (Libor } \\ +3.25 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 3/14/05 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
|  |  | Senior subordinated loan (\$13,682,839 par due $12 / 2014$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 16.36 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 6.00 \% \text { cash, } \\ 5.00 \% \text { PIK/Q) } \end{gathered}$ | 3/14/05 | 13,682,839 | 13,682,839 | \$ | 1.00 | $\{2\}\{4\}$ |  |
| UCG Paper Crafts, Inc. | Scrapbooking materials manufacturer | Senior secured loan (\$1,985,000 par due 2/2013) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8.60\% (Libor } \\ & +3.25 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{aligned}$ | 2/23/06 | 1,985,000 | 1,985,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$2,952,625 par due 2/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 12.85 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 7.50 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{gathered}$ | 2/23/06 | 2,952,625 | 2,952,625 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$9,949,875 par due 2/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 12.85 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 7.50 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{gathered}$ | 2/23/06 | 9,949,875 | 9,949,875 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 76,103,365 | 73,664,565 |  |  | 9.33 | \% |
| Financial |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Abingdon <br> Investments <br> Limited $\{13\}$ <br> $\{15\}\{16\}\{19\}$ | Investment company | Ordinary shares (948,500 shares) |  | 12/15/06 | 9,032,978 | 9,485,000 | \$ | 10.00 | \{5\} |  |
| Firstlight <br> Financial Corporation $\{14\}\{16\}\{19\}$ | Investment company | Senior subordinated loan (\$36,000,000 par due $12 / 2016$ ) | 10.00\% PIK | 12/31/06 | 36,000,000 | 36,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{4\} |  |
|  |  | Common stock $(6,000$ shares) |  | 12/31/06 | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 | \$ | 1,000.00 | \{5\} |  |
|  |  | Common stock ( 18,000 shares) |  | 12/31/06 | 18,000,000 | 18,000,000 | \$ | 1,000.00 | \{5\} |  |
| Partnership Capital Growth Fund I, L.P.$\{16\}$ | Investment partnership | Limited partnership interest ( $25 \%$ interest) |  | 6/16/06 | 225,260 | 225,260 |  |  | \{5\} |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 69,258,238 | 69,710,260 |  |  | 8.83 | \% |
| Environmental Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mactec, Inc. | Engineering and environmental services | Common stock (5,572 shares) |  | 11/3/04 |  |  | \$ |  | \{5\} |  |
| Waste Pro USA, Inc. | Waste management services | Senior subordinated loan ( $\$ 25,000,000$ par due $11 / 2013$ ) | 11.50\% | 11/9/06 | 25,000,000 | 25,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |
|  |  | Preferred stock $(15,000$ shares) | 10.00\% PIK | 11/9/06 | 15,000,000 | 15,000,000 | \$ | 1,000.00 | \{4\} |  |
|  |  | Warrants to purchase 882,671 shares |  | 11/9/06 |  |  | \$ |  | \{5\} |  |
| Wastequip, Inc. | Waste management equipment manufacturer | Junior secured loan (\$15,000,000 par due 7/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 10.85 \% \\ (\mathrm{Libor}+ \\ 5.50 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{gathered}$ | 8/4/05 | 15,000,000 | 15,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 8/4/05 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |

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|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$12,000,000 par due 7/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 10.85 \% \\ (\mathrm{Libor}+ \\ 5.50 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 67,000,000 | 67,000,000 |  |  | 8.49 | \% |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equinox SMU Partners LLC and | Medical school operator | Senior secured revolving loan (\$1,932,342 par due 12/2010) | $\begin{gathered} 13.25 \% \text { (Base } \\ \text { Rate + } \\ 5.00 \% / \mathrm{Q} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | $1 / 26 / 06$ | 1,932,342 | 1,932,342 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |

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|  |  | Preferred stock (30,000 shares) |  | 4/11/06 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 |  | 100.00 | \{5\} |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Primis Marketing Group, Inc. and Primis Holdings, LLC $\{12\}$ \{19\} | Database marketing services | Senior subordinated note (\$10,085,790 par due $2 / 2013$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 11.00 \% \\ \text { Cash, } \\ 2.50 \% \text { PIK } \end{gathered}$ | 8/24/06 | 10,085,790 | 10,085,790 |  | \$ 1.00 | \{4\} |  |  |
|  |  | Preferred units (4,000 units) |  | 8/24/06 | 3,600,000 | 3,600,000 |  | \$ 9.00 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  | Common units (4,000,000 units) |  | 8/24/06 | 400,000 | 400,000 |  | 0.10 | \{5\} |  |  |
| Summit Business Media, LLC | Business media consulting services | Junior secured loan (\$10,000,000 par due $11 / 2013$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 12.35 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 7.00 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/18/06 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 |  | \$ 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 58,490,913 | 58,490,913 |  |  |  | 7.41 | \% |
| Beverage, Food and Tobacco |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Best Brands Corporation | Baked goods manufacturer | Junior secured loan (\$40,000,000 par due 6/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 11.85 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 6.50 \% / \mathrm{M}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/14/06 | 40,000,000 | 40,000,000 |  | \$ 1.00 |  |  |  |
| Charter Baking Company, Inc. | Baked goods manufacturer | Preferred stock (6,258 shares) |  | 9/1/06 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |  | 399.49 | \{5\} |  |  |
| Farley s \& Sathers Candy Company, Inc. | Branded candy manufacturer | Junior secured loan (\$10,000,000 par due $3 / 2011$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 11.36 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 6.00 \% / S) \end{gathered}$ | 3/23/06 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 |  | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 52,500,000 | 52,500,000 |  |  |  | 6.65 | \% |
|  <br> Defense <br> ILC Industries, Inc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$12,000,000 par due 8/2012) | 11.50\% | 6/27/06 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 |  | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Junior secured loan (\$3,000,000 par due 8/2012) | 11.50\% | 6/27/06 | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 |  | \$ 1.00 |  |  |  |
| Thermal Solutions LLC and TSI Group, Inc. | Thermal management and electronics packaging manufacturer | Senior secured loan (\$3,225,625 par due $3 / 2012$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 9.37 \% \\ (\mathrm{Libor}+ \\ 4.00 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 3/28/05 | 3,225,625 | 3,225,625 |  | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$8,125 par due $3 / 2012$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 11.25 \% \\ \text { (Base Rate } \\ +3.00 \% / \mathrm{D}) \end{gathered}$ | 3/28/05 | 8,125 | 8,125 |  | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$1,611,842 par due 3/2011) | $\begin{gathered} 9.02 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 3.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 3/28/05 | 1,611,842 | 1,611,849 |  | \$ 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$46,053 par due $3 / 2011$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 10.75 \% \\ \text { (Base Rate } \\ +2.50 \% / \mathrm{D}) \end{gathered}$ | 3/28/05 | 46,053 | 46,053 |  | \$ 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior subordinated notes (\$3,126,808 par due 9/2012) | $\begin{gathered} 11.50 \% \\ \text { cash, } 2.75 \% \\ \text { PIK } \end{gathered}$ | 3/28/05 | 3,137,948 | 3,126,808 |  | \$ 1.00 | \{2\} \{4\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior subordinated notes (\$2,548,751 par due $3 / 2013$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 11.50 \% \\ \text { cash, } 2.50 \% \\ \text { PIK } \end{gathered}$ | 3/21/06 | 2,548,752 | 2,548,752 |  | \$ 1.00 | \{2\} \{4\} |  |  |
|  |  | Preferred stock (53,900 shares) |  | 3/28/05 | 539,000 | 539,000 |  | 10.00 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  | Common stock ( $1,100,000$ shares) |  | 3/28/05 | 11,000 | 11,000 |  | \$ 0.01 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 26,128,345 | 26,117,212 |  |  |  | 3.31 | \% |

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| Broadcasting and Cable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Patriot Media \& Communications CNJ, LLC | Cable services | Junior secured loan ( $\$ 5,000,000$ par due 10/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 10.50 \% \\ (\text { Libor + } \\ 5.00 \% / \mathrm{S}) \end{gathered}$ | 10/6/05 | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | \$ 1.00 | \{3\} |  |
| Pappas Telecasting Incorporated | Television broadcasting | Senior secured loan (\$11,695,696 par due $2 / 2010$ ) | $14.73 \%$ (Libor + $4.48 \%$ cash, $5.00 \%$ PIK/Q) | 3/1/06 | 11,695,696 | 11,695,696 | \$ 1.00 | \{4\} \{3\} |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$8,129,405 par due $2 / 2010$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 14.73 \% \\ \text { (Libor }+ \\ 4.48 \% \text { cash, } \\ 5.00 \% \\ \text { PIK/Q) } \end{gathered}$ | 3/1/06 | 8,129,405 | 8,129,405 | \$ 1.00 | \{4\} |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$369,212 par due $2 / 2010$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 14.25 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 4.00 \% \text { cash, } \\ 5.00 \% \\ \text { PIK/Q) } \end{gathered}$ | 3/1/06 | 369,212 | 369,212 | \$ 1.00 | \{4\} |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$531,180 par due $2 / 2010$ ) | $\begin{gathered} 14.25 \% \\ \text { (Libor + } \\ 4.00 \% \text { cash, } \\ 5.00 \% \\ \text { PIK/Q) } \end{gathered}$ | 3/1/06 | 531,180 | 531,180 | $\$ 1.00$ | $\begin{aligned} & \{4\} \\ & \{3\} \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 25,725,493 | 25,725,493 |  | 3.26 | \% |


| Consumer <br> Products - <br> Durable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Berkline/Benchcraft Holdings LLC | Furniture manufacturer and | Junior secured loan (\$5,000,000 par due 5/2012) | $\begin{aligned} & 15.25 \% \text { (Base } \\ & \text { Rate + 5.00\%, } \\ & \text { 2.00\%PIK/D) } \end{aligned}$ | 11/3/04 | 5,000,000 | 504,206 | \$ | 0.10 | \{2\} |  |  |
|  | distributor | Preferred units (2,536 units) |  | 10/8/04 | 1,046,343 |  | \$ |  | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  | Warrants to purchase 483,020 units |  | 10/8/04 | 2,752,559 |  | \$ |  | \{5\} |  |  |
| Innovative Brands, LLC | Consumer products and personal care manufacturer | Senior Secured <br> Loan (\$13,000,000 <br> par due 9/2011) | 11.13\% | 10/12/06 | 13,000,000 | 13,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Senior Secured <br> Loan (\$12,000,000 <br> par due 9/2011) | 11.13\% | 10/12/06 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 33,798,902 | 25,504,206 |  |  |  | 3.23 | \% |
| Computers and Electronics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RedPrairie Corporation | Software manufacturer | Junior secured loan (\$12,00,000 par due 1/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 11.87 \% \text { (Libor } \\ +6.50 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 7/13/06 | 12,000,000 | 12,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
| X-rite, Incorporated | Artwork software manufacturer | Junior secured loan (\$10,000,000 par due 7/2013) | $\begin{gathered} 10.37 \% \text { (Libor } \\ +5.00 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 7/6/06 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 22,000,000 | 22,000,000 |  |  |  | 2.79 | \% |
| Cargo Transport |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Kenan Advantage Group, Inc. | Fuel transportation provider | Senior subordinated notes (\$9,198,136 par due $12 / 2013$ ) | 9.5\% cash, $3.50 \%$ PIK | 12/15/05 | 9,198,136 | 9,198,136 | \$ | 1.00 | \{4\} |  |  |
|  |  | Senior secured loan (\$2,475,008 par due 12/2011) | $\begin{gathered} \text { 8.36\% (Libor + } \\ 3.00 \% / \mathrm{Q}) \end{gathered}$ | 12/15/05 | 2,475,008 | 2,475,008 | \$ | 1.00 | \{3\} |  |  |
|  |  | Preferred stock (10,984 shares) |  | 12/15/05 | 1,098,400 | 1,098,400 | \$ | 100.00 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  | Common stock (30,575 shares) |  | 12/15/05 | 30,575 | 30,575 | \$ | 1.00 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 12,802,119 | 12,802,119 |  |  |  | 1.62 | \% |
| Farming and Agriculture |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The GSI Group, Inc. | Agricultural equipment manufacturer | Senior notes (\$10,000,000 par due $5 / 2013$ ) | 12.00\% | 5/11/05 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | \$ | 1.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Common stock (7,500 shares) |  | 5/12/05 | 750,000 | 750,000 | \$ | 100.00 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 10,750,000 | 10,750,000 |  |  |  | 1.36 | \% |
| Housing - Building Materials |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HB\&G Building Products | Synthetic and wood product manufacturer | Senior subordinated loan (\$8,655,829 par due 3/2011) | $13.00 \%$ cash, 2.00\% PIK | 10/8/04 | 8,655,829 | 8,663,415 | \$ | 1.01 | $\begin{aligned} & \{2\} \\ & \{4\} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Common stock (2,743 shares) |  | 10/8/04 | 752,888 | 752,888 | \$ | 274.48 | \{5\} |  |  |
|  |  | Warrants to purchase (4,464 shares) |  | 10/8/04 | 652,503 | 652,503 | \$ | 146.17 | \{5\} |  |  |

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|  | $10,061,220$ | $10,068,806$ | 1.28 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total | $\$ 1,245,758,040$ | $\$$ | $1,235,821,836$ |

$\{1\}$ We do not Control any of our portfolio companies, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act ). In general, under the 1940 Act, we would Control a portfolio company if we owned $25 \%$ or more of its voting securities. All of our portfolio company investments are subject to legal restriction on sales which as of December 31, 2006 represented $157 \%$ of the Company s net assets.
\{2\} Pledged as collateral for the CP Funding Facility and unless otherwise noted, all other investments are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Credit Facility (see Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements).
$\{3\}$ Pledged as collateral for the ARCC CLO and unless otherwise noted, all other investments are pledged as collateral for the Revolving Credit Facility (see Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements)
$\{4\}$ Has a payment-in-kind interest feature (see Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements).
\{5\} Non-income producing at December 31, 2006.
$\{6\}$ For the year ended December 31, 2006, for this portfolio company there were total purchases of $\$ 5,000,000$, redemptions of $\$ 7,528,880$ (cost), sales of $\$ 6,054,725$ (cost), interest income of $\$ 176,732$, other income of $\$ 3,125$, net realized gains of $\$ 47,283$ and net unrealized gains of $\$ 3,440,585$.
\{7\} For the year ended December 31, 2006, for this portfolio company there were total redemptions of $\$ 1,385,417$ (cost), interest income of $\$ 2,356,449$ other income of $\$ 83,567$ and net unrealized losses of $\$ 2,438,800$.
$\{8\}$ For the year ended December 31, 2006, for this portfolio company there were total purchases of $\$ 23,754,739$ redemptions of $\$ 13,065,631$ (cost), interest income of $\$ 4,523,901$, capital structuring service fees of $\$ 350,000$ and other income of $\$ 124,297$.
$\{9\}$ For the year ended December 31, 2006, for this portfolio company there were total purchases of $\$ 41,782,342$, redemptions of $\$ 20,025,000$ (cost), interest income of $\$ 2,061,440$, capital structuring service fees of $\$ 583,810$ and other income of $\$ 19,219$.
$\{10\}$ For the year ended December 31, 2006, there were total purchases of $\$ 25,682,89$, interest income of $\$ 1,4,58,918$ and dividend income of $\$ 242,148$.
$\{11\}$ For the year ended December 31, 2006, there were total purchases of $\$ 30,000,000$, redemptions of $\$ 125,000$ (cost), interest income of $\$ 1,647,946$ and capital structuring service fees of $\$ 250,000$.
$\{12\}$ For the year ended December 31, 2006, there were total purchases of $\$ 14,000,000$, interest income of $\$ 463,266$ and capital structuring service fees of $\$ 200,000$.
$\{13\}$ For the year ended December 31, 2006, there were total purchases of $\$ 9,032,978$.

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$\{14\}$ For the year ended December 31, 2006, there were total purchases of $\$ 60,000,000$.
$\{15\}$ Non-U.S. company or principal place of business outside the U.S.
$\{16\}$ Non-registered investment company.
\{17\} A majority of the variable rate loans to our portfolio companies bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to either Libor or an alternate Base Rate (commonly based on the Federal Funds Rate or the Prime Rate), at the borrower s option, which reset semi-annually (S), quarterly (Q), bi-monthly (B) monthly (M) or daily (D). For each such loan, we have provided the current interest rate in effect at December 31, 2006.
$\{18\}$ In addition to the interest earned based on the stated interest rate of this security, we are entitled to receive an additional interest amount of $2.50 \%$ on $\$ 24,166,667$ aggregate principal amount of the portfolio company $s$ senior term debt previously syndicated by us.
$\{19\}$ Under the 1940 Act, we are required to deem this non-controlled and non-related portfolio company an affiliated company, because we own more than $5 \%$ of the portfolio company s outstanding voting securities.

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## ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 (unaudited)


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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2006 (unaudited)


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## ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

|  | For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 (unaudited) |  | For the Six <br> Months Ended <br> June 30, 2006 (unaudited) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations | \$ 57,156,161 |  | \$ 30,535,714 |  |
| Adjustments to reconcile net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations: |  |  |  |  |
| Net realized losses (gains) from investment transactions | 7,523,787 |  | (24,490,874 | ) |
| Net unrealized losses (gains) from investment transactions | (20,744,149 |  | 14,939,591 |  |
| Net accretion of discount on securities | (577,689 |  | (20,292 | ) |
| Increase in accrued payment-in-kind dividends and interest | (5,733,582 |  | (2,555,781 | ) |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs | 1,012,284 |  | 819,147 |  |
| Depreciation | 203,478 |  | 49,302 |  |
| Proceeds from sale and redemption of investments | 341,033,540 |  | 165,065,734 |  |
| Purchases of investments | (731,690,948 | ) | (456,011,118 | ) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Interest receivable | (7,845,256 | ) | (2,025,940 | ) |
| Other assets | 569,052 |  | (1,823,595 | ) |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 190,528 |  | 5,869,978 |  |
| Management and incentive fees payable | (442,336 | ) | 6,569,562 |  |
| Interest and facility fees payable | 1,044,457 |  | 2,792,017 |  |
| Interest payable to the Investment Adviser |  |  | (154,078 | ) |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (358,300,673 | ) | (260,440,633 | ) |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common stock | 301,825,427 |  |  |  |
| Borrowings on debt | 370,000,000 |  | 374,200,000 |  |
| Repayments on debt | (300,000,000 | ) | (47,000,000 | ) |
| Credit facility financing costs | (245,000 | ) |  |  |
| Underwriting costs payable to the Investment Adviser |  |  | (2,475,000 | ) |
| Dividends paid in cash | (43,274,837 | ) | (36,053,004 | ) |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 328,305,590 |  | 288,671,996 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | (29,995,083 | ) | 28,231,363 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD | 91,538,878 |  | 16,613,334 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD | \$ 61,543,795 |  | \$ 44,844,697 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Supplemental Information: |  |  |  |  |
| Interest paid during the period | \$ 13,764,455 |  | \$ 2,571,846 |  |
| Taxes paid during the period | \$ 605,923 |  | \$ 1,010,000 |  |
| Dividends declared during the period | \$ 50,558,873 |  | \$ 28,163,953 |  |

## ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## As of June 30, 2007 (unaudited)

## 1. ORGANIZATION

Ares Capital Corporation (the Company or ARCC or we ) is a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company incorporated in Maryland that is regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act ). We were incorporated on April 16, 2004 and initially funded on June 23, 2004. On October 8, 2004, we completed our initial public offering (the IPO ). On the same date, we commenced substantial investment operations.

The Company has qualified and has elected to be treated for tax purposes as a regulated investment company, or a RIC , under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ). The Company expects to continue to qualify to be treated for tax purposes as a RIC. Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in first and second lien senior loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component, and, to a lesser extent, in equity investments in private U.S. middle market companies.

We are externally managed by Ares Capital Management LLC (the Investment Adviser ), an affiliate of Ares Management LLC ( Ares Management ), an independent Los Angeles based firm that manages investment funds. Ares Operations LLC ( Ares Administration ), an affiliate of Ares Management, provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate pursuant to an amended and restated administration agreement (the Administration Agreement ).

Interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ( GAAP ) for interim financial information and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, certain disclosures accompanying financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP are omitted. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring accruals, considered necessary for the fair presentation of financial statements for the interim period, have been included. The current period s results of operations will not necessarily be indicative of results that ultimately may be achieved for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with GAAP, and include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for the fair presentation of the results of the operations and financial condition for the periods presented. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include short-term, liquid investments in a money market fund. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost which approximates fair value.

## Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company places its cash and cash equivalents with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in money market accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

## Investments

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains or losses are computed using the specific identification method. Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at such market

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quotations. Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market price is not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors based on the input of our management and audit committee. In addition, the board of directors currently receives input from independent valuation firms that have been engaged at the direction of the board to assist in the valuation of each portfolio investment at least once during a trailing 12 month period. The valuation process is conducted at the end of each fiscal quarter, with approximately a quarter of our valuations of portfolio companies without market quotations subject to review by an independent valuation firm each quarter. The types of factors that the board may take into account in fair value valuation of our investments include, as relevant, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company $s$ ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flow, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparison to publicly traded securities and other relevant factors.

When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, we use the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate our valuation. Because there is not a readily available market value for most of the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our board under a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that we may ultimately realize.

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

- Our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment.
- Preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with our management.
- The audit committee of our board of directors reviews these preliminary valuations, as well as the input of an independent valuation firm with respect to the valuations of approximately a quarter of our portfolio companies.
- The board of directors discusses valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of our management and audit committee and independent valuation firms.


## Interest Income Recognition

Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on an accrual basis. Discounts and premiums on securities purchased are accreted/amortized over the life of the respective security using the effective yield method. The amortized cost of investments represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortizations of premiums.

Loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest payments are past due 30 days or more or when there is reasonable doubt that principal or interest will be collected. Accrued interest is generally reversed when a loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management $s$ judgment. Non-accrual loans are restored to accrual status when past due principal and interest is paid and, in management s judgment, are likely to remain current. The Company may make exceptions to this if the loan has sufficient collateral value and is in the process of collection. As of June 30 , 2007, we had no loans placed on non-accrual status. As of December 31, 2006, $\$ 5,000,000$ par amount of loans were placed on non-accrual status.

## Payment in Kind Interest

The Company has loans in its portfolio that contain a payment-in-kind ( PIK ) provision. The PIK interest, computed at the contractual rate specified in each loan agreement, is added to the principal balance of the loan and recorded as interest income. To maintain the Company status as a RIC, this non-cash source of income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of dividends even though the Company has not yet collected the cash. For the

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three and six months ended June 30, 2007, $\$ 3,646,222$ and $\$ 5,733,582$ in PIK income was recorded. For the three and six months ended June $30,2006, \$ 1,610,327$ and $\$ 2,555,781$ in PIK income was recorded.

## Capital Structuring Service Fees

The Company s Investment Adviser seeks to provide assistance to our portfolio companies in connection with the Company sinvestments and in return the Company may receive fees for capital structuring services. These fees are normally paid at the closing of the investments, are generally non-recurring and are recognized as revenue when earned upon closing of the investment. The services that the Company s Investment Adviser provides vary by investment, but generally consist of reviewing existing credit facilities, arranging bank financing, arranging equity financing, structuring financing from multiple lenders, structuring financing from multiple equity investors, restructuring existing loans, raising equity and debt capital, and providing general financial advice, which concludes upon closing of the investment. Any services of the above nature subsequent to the closing would generally generate a separate fee payable to the Company. In certain instances where the Company is invited to participate as a co-lender in a transaction and does not provide significant services in connection with the investment, a portion of loan fees paid to the Company in such situations will be deferred and amortized over the estimated life of the loan. The Company s Investment Adviser may also take a seat on the board of directors of a portfolio company, or observe the meetings of the board of directors without taking a formal seat.

## Foreign Currency Translation

The Company s books and records are maintained in U.S. dollars. Any foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis:
(1) Market value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the day.

## (2) Purchases and sales of investment securities (and related income and expenses) at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

Although net assets and fair values are presented based on the applicable foreign exchange rates described above, the Company does not isolate the portion of its results of operations based on changes in foreign exchange rates from the portion of its results of operations based on changes in the fair value of its investments. Such exchange rate fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gains or losses from investments. Foreign security and currency translations may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies and U.S. government securities. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency fluctuations and revaluations and future adverse political, social and economic developments, which could cause investments in their markets to be less liquid and prices more volatile than those of comparable U.S. companies or U.S. government securities.

## Offering Expenses

The Company s offering costs were charged against the proceeds from the February Add-on Offering (as defined in Note 10) and the April Add-on Offering (as defined in Note 10) when received. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, the Company incurred approximately $\$ 673,000$ of such costs.

## Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs are being amortized over the life of the debt obligation using the straight line method, which closely approximates the effective yield method.

## Federal Income Taxes

The Company has qualified and elected, and intends to continue to qualify, for the tax treatment applicable to regulated investment companies under Subchapter M of the Code and, among other things, has made and intends to continue to make the requisite distributions to its stockholders which will relieve the Company from federal income taxes. In order to qualify as a RIC, among other factors, the Company is required to timely distribute to its stockholders at least $90 \%$ of investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year.

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Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year dividend distributions into the next tax year and pay a $4 \%$ excise tax on such income, as required. 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, the Company accrues excise tax, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as taxable income is earned. For the three months ended June 30, 2007, the Company recorded a provision of approximately $\$ 34,000$. For the six months ended June 30, 2007 the Company recognized a net benefit of approximately $\$ 30,000$ for federal excise tax, which consisted of the current year estimated excise tax expense net of a tax benefit recognized to reverse an over-accrual of estimated excise tax at December 31, 2006. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, the Company recorded a provision of approximately $\$ 727,000$ and $\$ 826,000$, respectively for Federal excise tax.

Certain of our wholly owned subsidiaries are subject to federal and state income taxes. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, we recognized tax benefits of approximately $\$ 77,000$ and $\$ 3,000$, respectively, for these subsidiaries. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, we recorded a tax provision of approximately $\$ 4,244,000$ and $\$ 4,354,000$, respectively, for these subsidiaries.

## Dividends

Dividends and distributions to common stockholders are recorded on the record date. The amount to be paid out as a dividend is determined by the board of directors each quarter and is generally based upon the earnings estimated by management. Net realized capital gains, if any, are generally distributed at least annually, although we may decide to retain such capital gains for re-investment.

We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of our distributions on behalf of our stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash. As a result, if our board of directors authorizes, and we declare, a cash dividend, then our stockholders who have not opted out of our dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, rather than receiving the cash dividends.

## Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of actual and contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income or loss and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimated or assumed. Significant estimates include the valuation of investments.

## Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying value of the Company s financial instruments approximate fair value. The carrying value of interest and open trade receivables, accounts payable and accrued expenses, as well as the credit facilities payable approximate fair value due to their short maturity. The fair value of the CLO Notes (as defined in Note 7) approximates the carrying value as the variable interest rates are considered to be at market.

## 3. AGREEMENTS

The Company has entered into an amended and restated investment advisory and management agreement (the Advisory Agreement ) with the Investment Adviser under which the Investment Adviser, subject to the overall supervision of our board of directors, provides investment advisory services to the Company. For providing these services, the Investment Adviser receives a fee from us, consisting of two components a base management fee and an incentive fee. The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of $1.5 \%$ of our total assets (other than cash or cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed funds). The base management fee is payable quarterly in arrears. The base management fee is calculated based on the average value of our total assets (other than cash or cash equivalents but including assets purchased with borrowed funds) at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters.

The incentive fee has two parts. One part is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on our pre-incentive fee net investment income for the quarter. Pre-incentive fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and

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consulting fees or other fees that we receive from portfolio companies but excluding fees for providing managerial assistance) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus operating expenses for the quarter (including the base management fee, any expenses payable under the administration agreement, and any interest expense and dividends paid on any outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the incentive fee). Pre-incentive fee net investment income includes, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature such as market discount, debt instruments with payment-in-kind interest, preferred stock with payment-in-kind dividends and zero coupon securities, accrued income that we have not yet received in cash. The Investment Adviser is not under any obligation to reimburse us for any part of the incentive fee it received that was based on accrued income that we never received as a result of a default by an entity on the obligation that resulted in the accrual of such income.

Pre-incentive fee net investment income does not include any realized capital gains, realized capital losses or unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation. Pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a rate of return on the value of our net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness) at the end of the immediately preceding calendar quarter, is compared to a fixed hurdle rate of $2.00 \%$ per quarter.

We pay the Investment Adviser an incentive fee with respect to our pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows:

- no incentive fee in any calendar quarter in which the pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate;
- $100 \%$ of our pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than $2.50 \%$ in any calendar quarter. We refer to this portion of our pre-incentive fee net investment income (which exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than $2.50 \%$ ) as the catch-up provision. The catch-up is meant to provide our Investment Adviser with $20 \%$ of the pre-incentive fee net investment income as if a hurdle rate did not apply if this net investment income exceeds $2.50 \%$ in any calendar quarter; and
- $20 \%$ of the amount of our pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds $2.50 \%$ in any calendar quarter.

These calculations are adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the quarter.

The second part of the incentive fee (the Capital Gains Fee ) is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), commencing with the calendar year ending on December 31, 2004, and is calculated at the end of each applicable year by subtracting (a) the sum of the Company s cumulative aggregate realized capital losses and aggregate unrealized capital depreciation from (b) the Company s cumulative aggregate realized capital gains, in each case calculated from October 8, 2004. If such amount is positive at the end of such year, then the Capital Gains Fee for such year is equal to $20.0 \%$ of such amount, less the aggregate amount of Capital Gains Fees paid in all prior years. If such amount is negative, then there is no Capital Gains Fee for such year.

The cumulative aggregate realized capital gains are calculated as the sum of the differences, if positive, between (a) the net sales price of each investment in the Company s portfolio when sold and (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

The cumulative aggregate realized capital losses are calculated as the sum of the amounts by which (a) the net sales price of each investment in the Company s portfolio when sold is less than (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

The aggregate unrealized capital depreciation is calculated as the sum of the differences, if negative, between (a) the valuation of each investment in the Company s portfolio as of the applicable Capital Gains Fee calculation date and (b) the accreted or amortized cost basis of such investment.

We defer cash payment of any incentive fee otherwise earned by the Investment Adviser if during the most recent four full calendar quarter period ending on or prior to the date such payment is to be made the sum of (a) the aggregate distributions to our stockholders and (b) the change in net assets (before taking into account any incentive fees payable during that period) is less than $8.0 \%$ of our net assets at the beginning of such period. These

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calculations were appropriately pro rated during the first three calendar quarters following October 8, 2004 and are adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, we incurred $\$ 5,814,174$, and $\$ 10,903,671$, respectively, in base management fees and $\$ 6,228,506$ and $\$ 10,983,170$, respectively, in incentive management fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, we accrued no incentive management fees related to net realized capital gains. As of June 30, 2007, $\$ 12,042,680$ was unpaid and included in management and incentive fees payable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, we incurred $\$ 3,107,197$ and $\$ 5,650,856$, respectively, in base management fees and $\$ 4,083,937$ and $\$ 7,006,821$, respectively, in incentive management fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, we accrued $\$ 2,856,462$ in incentive management fees related to net realized capital gains.

We also entered into the Administration Agreement with Ares Administration under which Ares Administration furnishes us with office, equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at our office facilities. Payments under the Administration Agreement are equal to an amount based upon our allocable portion of Ares Administration s overhead and other expenses incurred in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including our allocable portion of the cost of certain of our officers and their respective staffs. Under the Administration Agreement, Ares Administration also performs or oversees the performance of our required administrative services, which include, among other things, being responsible for the financial records which we are required to maintain and preparing reports to our stockholders and reports filed with the SEC. In addition, Ares Administration assists us in determining and publishing the net asset value, oversees the preparation and filing of our tax returns and the printing and dissemination of reports to our stockholders, and generally oversees the payment of our expenses and the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to us by others. Under the Administration Agreement, Ares Administration also provides on our behalf, managerial assistance to those portfolio companies to which we are required to provide such assistance. The Administration Agreement may be terminated by either party without penalty upon 60 -days written notice to the other party.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, we incurred $\$ 235,000$ and $\$ 445,357$, respectively, in administrative fees. As of June 30 , 2007, $\$ 235,000$ was unpaid and included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

For the three and six months ended June 30 , 2006, we incurred $\$ 188,488$ and $\$ 366,025$, respectively, in administrative fees.

## 4. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following information sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net increase in stockholders equity per share resulting from operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007:

|  | Three months ended <br> June 30, 2007 | Six months ended June 30, 2007 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Numerator for basic and diluted net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations per share: | \$ 33,567,333 | \$ 57,156,161 |
| Denominator for basic and diluted net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations per share: | 68,806,785 | 61,375,116 |
| Basic and diluted net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations per share: | \$ 0.49 | \$ 0.93 |

The following information sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net increase in stockholders equity per share resulting from operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006:

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|  | Three months ended <br> June 30, 2006 | Six months ended <br> June 30, 2006 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Numerator for basic and diluted net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations per share: | \$ 16,692,680 | \$ 30,535,714 |
| Denominator for basic and diluted net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations per share: | 38,089,889 | 38,039,574 |
| Basic and diluted net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations per share: | \$ 0.44 | \$ 0.80 |

## 5. INVESTMENTS

Under the 1940 Act, we are required to separately identify non-controlled investments where we own more than $5 \%$ of a portfolio company s outstanding voting securities as affiliated companies. In addition, under the 1940 Act, we are required to separately identify investments where we own more than $25 \%$ of a portfolio company s outstanding voting securities as control affiliated companies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we had no existing control relationship with any of the portfolio companies identified as affiliated companies or control affiliated companies prior to making the indicated investment.

For the three months ended June 30, 2007, the Company funded (A) $\$ 250.2$ million aggregate principal amount of senior term debt, (B) $\$ 77.2$ million aggregate principal amount of senior subordinated debt and (C) $\$ 65.2$ million of investments in equity securities.

In addition, for the three months ended June 30, 2007, (1) $\$ 36.7$ million aggregate principal amount of senior term debt and (2) $\$ 25.9$ million of senior subordinated debt was redeemed. Additionally, $\$ 159.8$ million aggregate principal amount of senior term debt was sold.

As of June 30, 2007, investments and cash and cash equivalents consisted of the following:

|  | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $\$ \quad 61,543,795$ | $\$ 661,543,795$ |
| Senior term debt | $1,023,765,974$ | $1,019,855,888$ |
| Senior notes | $10,000,000$ | $11,600,000$ |
| Senior subordinated debt | $361,509,201$ | $361,503,842$ |
| Equity securities | $209,930,122$ | $223,053,512$ |
| Total | $\$$ | $1,666,749,092$ |$\$ \$ 1,677,557,037$

As of December 31, 2006, investments and cash and cash equivalents consisted of the following:

|  | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $\$ \quad 91,538,878$ | $\$ 991,538,878$ |
| Senior term debt | $796,857,471$ | $791,677,723$ |
| Senior notes | $10,000,000$ | $10,000,000$ |
| Senior subordinated debt | $299,881,314$ | $299,877,755$ |
| Equity securities | $139,019,255$ | $134,266,358$ |
| Total | $\$$ | $1,337,296,918$ |

The amortized cost represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums on debt using the effective interest method.

The industry and geographic compositions of the portfolio at fair value at June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006 were as follows:

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| Health Care | 21.5 | $\%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Other Services | 10.8 | 12.4 |
| Printing/Publishing | 9.1 | 9.5 |
| Education | 8.7 | 5.1 |
| Financial | 7.9 | 5.6 |
| Retail | 7.8 | 6.0 |
| Consumer Products | 6.2 | 8.0 |
| Manufacturing | 4.5 | 7.7 |
| Restaurants | 4.5 | 6.4 |
| Containers/Packaging | 4.5 | 6.7 |
| Environmental Services | 4.3 | 5.4 |
| Beverage/Food/Tobacco | 3.1 | 4.3 |
| Computers/Electronics | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Aerospace and Defense | 1.6 | 2.1 |
| Broadcasting/Cable | 1.3 | 2.1 |
| Farming and Agriculture | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Cargo Transport | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Homebuilding | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | $\%$ |


| Geographic Region | June 30, 2007 | December 31, 2006 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mid-Atlantic | 24.6 | $\%$ | 29.4 |
| Midwest | 24.2 | 19.2 |  |
| West | 22.6 | 21.6 |  |
| Southeast | 17.8 | 21.3 |  |
| International | 7.0 | 2.8 |  |
| Northeast | 3.8 | 5.7 |  |
| Total | 100.0 | $\%$ | 100.0 |

## 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

As of June 30, 2007, the Company had committed to make a total of approximately $\$ 260.6$ million of investments in various revolving senior secured and subordinated loans. As of June 30, 2007, $\$ 181.4$ million was unfunded. Additionally, $\$ 216.2$ million of the $\$ 260.6$ million in commitments extend beyond the maturity date of our Revolving Credit Facility (as defined in Note 7). Included within the $\$ 260.6$ million in commitments in revolving secured and subordinated loans are commitments to issue up to $\$ 9.9$ million in standby letters of credit through a financial intermediary on behalf of certain portfolio companies. 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. As of June 30, 2007, the Company had $\$ 9.2$ million in standby letters of credit issued and outstanding on behalf of the portfolio companies, of which no amounts were recorded as a liability. Of these letters of credit, $\$ 500,000$ expire on August $31,2010, \$ 6.1$ million expire on February 28, 2009 and $\$ 2.6$ million expire on September 30, 2007. These letters of credit may be extended under substantially similar terms for additional one-year terms at the Company s option until the Revolving Credit Facility, under which the letters of credit were issued, matures on December 28, 2010.

As of June 30, 2007, the Company was subject to a subscription agreement to fund up to $\$ 6.8$ million of equity commitments in a private equity investment partnership. As of June 30, 2007, $\$ 1.2$ million was funded to this partnership.

As of December 31, 2006, the Company had committed to make a total of approximately $\$ 174.0$ million of investments in various revolving senior secured and subordinated loans. As of December 31, 2006, $\$ 117.0$ million was unfunded. Additionally, $\$ 129.8$ million of the $\$ 174.0$ million in commitments extended beyond the maturity date of our Revolving Credit Facility. Included within the $\$ 174.0$ million in commitments in revolving senior secured and subordinated loans were commitments to issue up to $\$ 3.8$ million in standby letters of credit through a financial intermediary on behalf of certain portfolio companies. 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. As of December 31, 2006, the Company had $\$ 2.8$ million in standby letters of credit issued and outstanding on behalf of the portfolio companies, of which no amounts were recorded as a liability.

As of December 31, 2006, the Company was subject to a subscription agreement to fund up to $\$ 10.0$ million of equity commitments in a private equity investment partnership. As of December 31, 2006, $\$ 225,000$ was funded to this partnership.

## 7. BORROWINGS

In accordance with the 1940 Act, with certain limited exceptions, we are only allowed to borrow amounts such that our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least $200 \%$ after such borrowing. On October 29, 2004, we formed Ares Capital CP Funding LLC ( Ares Capital CP ), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, through which we established a revolving credit facility (the CP Funding Facility ). On November 3, 2004, we entered into the CP Funding Facility that, as amended, allows Ares Capital CP to issue up to $\$ 350.0$ million of variable funding certificates. As of June 30, 2007, there was $\$ 85.0$ million outstanding under the CP Funding Facility and we

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continue to be in compliance with all of the limitations and requirements of the CP Funding Facility. As of December 31, 2006 there was $\$ 15.0$ million outstanding under the CP Funding Facility.

The CP Funding Facility is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2007 (unless extended prior to such date with the consent of the lenders) and is secured by all of the assets held by Ares Capital CP, which as of June 30, 2007 consisted of 21 investments. At expiration, at our election, any principal amounts then outstanding will be amortized over a 24 -month period from the termination date. Under the terms of the CP Funding Facility, we are required to pay a renewal fee of $0.375 \%$ of the total amount available for borrowing on or around each November 3rd.

The interest charged on the indebtedness incurred under our CP Funding Facility is based on the commercial paper rate plus $0.70 \%$ and is payable quarterly. As of June 30, 2007, the commercial paper rate was $5.3601 \%$ and as of December 31, 2006 the commercial paper rate was $5.3481 \%$. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, the average interest rate (commercial paper rate plus the spread) was $6.04 \%$. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, the average interest rate was $5.73 \%$ and $5.50 \%$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30,2007 , the average outstanding balance was $\$ 131,725,275$ and $\$ 91,646,409$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30 , 2006, the average outstanding balance was $\$ 87,749,451$ and $\$ 78,145,856$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30 , 2007, the interest expense incurred was $\$ 1,996,832$ and $\$ 2,794,709$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, the interest expense incurred was $\$ 1,265,069$ and $\$ 2,190,906$, respectively. Cash paid for interest expense during the six months ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006 was $\$ 937,700$ and $\$ 1,147,470$, respectively.

The Company is also required to pay a commitment fee for any unused portion of the CP Funding Facility. Currently, the commitment fee is equal to $0.125 \%$ per annum calculated based on an amount equal to $\$ 200.0$ million less the borrowings outstanding under the CP Funding Facility. As soon as the borrowings outstanding under the CP Funding Facility equal or exceed $\$ 200.0$ million, the fee is calculated based on an amount equal to $\$ 350.0$ million less the borrowings outstanding under the CP Funding Facility. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, the commitment fee incurred was $\$ 21,872$ and $\$ 67,855$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30,2006 , the commitment fee incurred was $\$ 66,313$ and $\$ 136,451$, respectively.

In December 2005, we entered into a senior secured revolving credit facility (the Revolving Credit Facility ) under which the lenders agreed to extend credit to the Company in an initial aggregate principal amount not exceeding $\$ 250$ million at any one time outstanding. The Revolving Credit Facility also includes an accordion feature that allows us to increase the size of the Revolving Credit Facility to a maximum of $\$ 500$ million under certain circumstances. On March 1, 2007, in accordance with this accordion feature of the Revolving Credit Facility, we increased the aggregate principal amount of the Revolving Credit Facility by $\$ 100.0$ million to a total of $\$ 350.0$ million. The Revolving Credit Facility expires on December 28, 2010 and with certain exceptions is secured by substantially all of the assets in our portfolio (other than investments held by Ares Capital CP under the CP Funding Facility and those held as a part of the Debt Securitization, discussed below) which as of June 30, 2007 consisted of 137 investments.

As of June 30, 2007, there was $\$ 153.0$ million outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility and the Company continues to be in compliance with all of the limitations and requirements of the Revolving Credit Facility. As of December 31, 2006, there was $\$ 193.0$ million outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility.

The interest charged under the Revolving Credit Facility is generally based on LIBOR (one, two, three or six month) plus $1.00 \%$. As of June 30 , 2007, the one, two, three and six month LIBOR were $5.32 \%, 5.34 \%, 5.36 \%$ and $5.39 \%$, respectively. As of December 31, 2006, the one, two, three and six month LIBOR were $5.32 \%, 5.35 \%, 5.36 \%$ and $5.37 \%$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, the average interest rate was $7.03 \%$ and $6.56 \%$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, the average interest rate was $6.73 \%$ and $6.69 \%$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, the average outstanding balance was $\$ 40,967,033$ and $\$ 121,044,199$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, the average outstanding balance was $\$ 177,934,066$ and $\$ 96,154,696$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, the interest expense incurred was $\$ 717,552$ and $\$ 3,938,799$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, the interest expense incurred was $\$ 2,985,726$ and $\$ 3,189,986$, respectively. Cash paid for interest expense during the six months ended June 30,2007 and June 30 , 2006 was $\$ 4,591,988$ and $\$ 1,424,375$, respectively. The Company is also required to pay a commitment fee of $0.20 \%$ for any unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility. For the three and six months ended June 30,2007 , the commitment fee incurred was $\$ 38,690$ and
$\$ 189,776$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, the commitment fee incurred was $\$ 34,710$ and $\$ 149,288$, respectively.

As of June 30, 2007, the Company had $\$ 10.0$ million in standby letters of credit issued through the Revolving Credit Facility. As of December 31,2006 , the Company had $\$ 3.7$ million in standby letters of credit issued through the Revolving Credit Facility.

On July 7, 2006, through our wholly owned subsidiary, ARCC CLO 2006 LLC ( ARCC CLO ), we completed a $\$ 400.0$ million debt securitization (the Debt Securitization ) and issued approximately $\$ 314.0$ million principal amount of asset-backed notes (including a $\$ 50.0$ million revolver, all of which was drawn as of June 30, 2007) (the CLO Notes ) to third parties that were secured by a pool of middle market loans that have been purchased or originated by the Company. The CLO Notes are included in the June 30, 2007 consolidated balance sheet. We retained approximately $\$ 86.0$ million of certain BBB and non-rated securities in the Debt Securitization. The CLO Notes mature on December 20, 2019, and, as of June 30, 2007, there was $\$ 314.0$ million aggregate principal amount of CLO Notes outstanding and we continue to be in compliance with all of the limitations and requirements of the Debt Securitization. The blended pricing of the CLO Notes, excluding fees, is approximately 3 -month LIBOR plus 34 basis points.

The classes, amounts, ratings and interest rates (expressed as a spread to LIBOR) of the CLO Notes are:

| Class | Amount (millions) |  | Rating <br> (S\&P/Moody s) | LIBOR Spread (basis points) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A-1A | \$ | 75 | AAA/Aaa | 25 |
| A-1A VFN | 50 |  | (1) AAA/Aaa | 28 |
| A-1B | 14 |  | AAA/Aaa | 37 |
| A-2A | 75 |  | AAA/Aaa | 22 |
| A-2B | 33 |  | AAA/Aaa | 35 |
| B | 23 |  | AA/Aa2 | 43 |
| C | 44 |  | A/A2 | 70 |
| Total | \$ | 314 |  |  |

(1) Revolving class, $\$ 50.0$ million of which was drawn as of June 30, 2007.

As of June 30, 2007, there were 69 investments securing the notes. The interest charged under the ARCC CLO debt securitization is based on the 3-month LIBOR which as of June 30, 2007 was $5.36 \%$. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, the effective average interest rate was $5.75 \%$ and $5.77 \%$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, we incurred $\$ 4,296,527$ and $\$ 8,245,643$, respectively, of interest expense. Cash paid for interest expense during the six months ended June 30, 2007 was $\$ 8,234,767$. The Company is also required to pay a commitment fee of $0.175 \%$ for any unused portion of the Class A-1A VFN Notes. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, the commitment fee incurred was $\$ 6,396$ and $\$ 22,639$, respectively, on these notes.

## 8. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

In 2005, we entered into a costless collar agreement in order to manage the exposure to changing interest rates related to the Company s fixed rate investments. The costless collar agreement is for a notional amount of $\$ 20$ million, has a cap of $6.5 \%$, a floor of $2.72 \%$ and matures in 2008. The costless collar agreement allows us to receive an interest payment for any quarterly period when the 3-month LIBOR exceeds $6.5 \%$, and requires us to pay an interest payment for any quarterly period when the 3 -month LIBOR is less than $2.72 \%$. The costless collar resets quarterly based on the 3 -month LIBOR. As of June 30, 2007, the 3-month LIBOR was $5.36 \%$. As of June 30, 2007, this agreement had no fair value.

## 9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The underwriting costs related to our IPO were $\$ 7,425,000$, or $\$ 0.675$ per share. As a part of the IPO, the Investment Adviser, on our behalf, agreed to pay the underwriters $\$ 0.225$ of the $\$ 0.675$ per share in underwriting discount and commissions for a total of approximately $\$ 2.5$ million. We were obligated to repay this amount, together with accrued interest (charged at the 3-month LIBOR plus $2 \%$ starting on October 8, 2004) (a) if during any four calendar quarter period ending on or after October 8, 2005 the sum of (i) the aggregate distributions, including return of capital, if any, to the stockholders and (ii) the change in net assets (defined as total assets less

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indebtedness) equals or exceeds $7.0 \%$ of the net assets at the beginning of such period (as adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases) or (b) upon the Company s liquidation. On March 8,2005 , the Company s board of directors approved entering into an amended and restated agreement with the Investment Adviser whereby the Company would be obligated to repay the Investment Adviser for the approximate $\$ 2.5$ million only if the conditions for repayment referred to above were met before the third anniversary of the IPO. If one or more such events did not occur on or before October 8, 2007, we would not be obligated to repay this amount to the Investment Adviser. For the year ended December 31, 2005, the sum of our aggregate distributions to our stockholders and our change in net assets exceeded $7.0 \%$ of net assets as of December 31, 2004 (as adjusted for any share issuances). As a result, in February 2006 we repaid this amount together with accrued interest.

In accordance with the Advisory Agreement, we bear all costs and expenses of the operation of the Company and reimburse the Investment Adviser for all such costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the Company. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, the Investment Adviser incurred such expenses totaling $\$ 287,803$ and $\$ 845,359$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, the Investment Adviser incurred such expenses totaling $\$ 93,862$ and $\$ 230,727$, respectively. As of June 30, 2007, $\$ 76,794$ was unpaid and included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

During 2006, we entered into a sublease agreement with Ares Management, whereby Ares Management subleases approximately $25 \%$ of the office facilities that we lease, for a fixed rent equal to $25 \%$ of the basic annual rent payable by us under our lease, plus certain additional costs and expenses. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, such amounts payable to the Company totaled $\$ 67,231$ and $\$ 134,409$, respectively. As of June 30, 2007, there was no unpaid amounts.

As of June 30, 2007, an affiliate of Ares Management, owned $1,216,667$ shares of the Company s common stock representing approximately $1.7 \%$ of the total shares outstanding as of June 30, 2007.

See Note 3 for a description of other related party transactions.

## 10. STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

On January 8, 2007, we sold 409,500 shares of common stock to an underwriter pursuant to its exercise of an over-allotment option granted in the public add-on offering completed in December 2006 at $\$ 18.50$ per share less an underwriting discount totaling $\$ 0.19$ per share. Total proceeds received from the sale of common stock pursuant to the over-allotment option, net of the underwriter s discount and offering costs, were approximately $\$ 7.5$ million.

On February 9, 2007, we completed a public add-on offering (the February Add-on Offering ) of 1,382,078 shares of common stock (including the underwriter s over-allotment option of 180,271 shares) at $\$ 19.95$ per share, less an underwriting discount totaling $\$ 0.25$ per share. Total proceeds received from the February Add-on Offering, net of the underwriter s discount and offering costs, were approximately $\$ 27.2$ million.

On April 4, 2007, we completed a public add-on offering (the April Add-on Offering ) of 15,525,000 shares of common stock (including the underwriters over-allotment option of $2,025,000$ shares) at $\$ 17.97$ per share, less an underwriting discount totaling approximately $\$ 0.72$ per share. Total proceeds received from the April add-on offering, net of the underwriters discount and offering costs, were approximately $\$ 267.2$ million.

## 11. DIVIDEND

For the three months ended June 30, 2007, the Company declared a dividend on May 10, 2007 of $\$ 0.41$ per share for a total of $\$ 28.5$ million. The record date was June 15, 2007 and the dividend was distributed on June 30, 2007. For the three months ended March 31, 2007, the Company declared a dividend on March 8, 2007 of $\$ 0.41$ per share for a total of $\$ 22.1$ million. The record date was March 19, 2007 and the dividend was distributed on March 30, 2007.

For the three months ended June 30, 2006, the Company declared a dividend on May 8, 2006 of $\$ 0.38$ per share for a total of $\$ 14.5$ million. The record date was June 15, 2006 and the dividend was distributed on June 29, 2006. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, the Company declared a dividend on February 28, 2006 of $\$ 0.36$ per share for a total of $\$ 13.7$ million. The record date was March 24, 2006 and the dividend was distributed on April 14, 2006.

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## 12. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a schedule of financial highlights for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and the six months ended June 30, 2006:

Per Share Data:

(1) The net assets used equals the total stockholders equity on the consolidated balance sheets.
(2) Weighted average basic per share data.
(3) For the six months ended June 30, 2007, the total return based on market value equals the decrease of the ending market value at June 30, 2007 of $\$ 16.85$ per share over the ending market value at December 31, 2006 of $\$ 19.11$, plus the declared dividend of $\$ 0.41$ per share for holders of record on June 15, 2007 and the declared dividend of $\$ 0.41$ per share for holders of record on March 19, 2007, divided by the market value at December 31, 2006. For the three months ended June 30, 2006, the total return based on market value equals the increase of the ending market value at June 30, 2006 of $\$ 16.93$ per share over the ending market value at December 31, 2005 of $\$ 16.07$, plus the declared dividend of $\$ 0.38$ per share for holders of record on June 15, 2006 and the declared dividend of $\$ 0.36$ per share for holders of record on March 24, 2006, divided by the market value at December 31, 2005. Total return based on market value is not annualized. The Company s shares fluctuate in value. The Company s performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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(4) For the six months ended June 30, 2007, the total return based on net asset value equals the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared dividend of $\$ 0.41$ per share for holders of record on June 15,2007 and the declared dividend of $\$ 0.41$ per share for holders of record on March 19, 2007, divided by the beginning net asset value during the period. The calculation was adjusted for shares issued in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan, shares issued in connection with the underwriter s exercising in full of the over-allotment option granted to it in connection with the December 2006 add-on offering and the issuance of common stock in connection with the February Add-on Offering and April Add-on Offering. For the six months ended June 30, 2006, the total return based on net asset value equals the change in net asset value during the period plus the declared dividend of $\$ 0.38$ per share for holders of record on June 15, 2006 and the declared dividend of $\$ 0.36$ per share for holders of record on March 24, 2006, divided by the beginning net asset value during the period. The calculation was adjusted for shares issued in connection with the dividend reinvestment plan. Total return based on net asset value is not annualized. The Company s performance changes over time and currently may be different than that shown. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
(5) The ratios reflect an annualized amount.
(6) For the six months ended June 30, 2007, the ratio of operating expenses to average net assets consisted of $2.33 \%$ of base management fees, $2.35 \%$ of incentive management fees, $3.45 \%$ of the cost of borrowing and other operating expenses of $1.11 \%$. For the three months ended June 30, 2006, the ratio of operating expenses to average net assets consisted of $1.97 \%$ of base management fees, $3.44 \%$ of incentive management fees, $2.27 \%$ of the cost of borrowing and other operating expenses of $0.87 \%$. These ratios reflect annualized amounts.
(7) The ratio of net investment income to average net assets excludes income taxes related to realized gains.

## 13. IMPACT OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) released FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, ( FIN 48 ). FIN 48 provides guidance on how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented, and disclosed in the financial statements. FIN 48 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company stax returns to determine whether the tax positions are more-likely-than-not of being sustained by the applicable tax authorities. Tax positions not deemed to satisfy the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. FASB required adoption of FIN 48 for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006, and FIN 48 is to be applied to all open tax years as of the effective date. However, on December 22, 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission delayed the required implementation date of FIN 48 for business development companies until June 30, 2007. As of June 30, 2007, the Company evaluated the implications of FIN 48 and determined that there is no material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurement ( SFAS No. 157 ). SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements, but does not require any new fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. At this time, the Company is evaluating the implications of SFAS No. 157, and its impact in the consolidated financial statements has not yet been determined.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities ( SFAS 159 ), which provides companies with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The objective of SFAS 159 is to reduce both complexity in accounting for financial instruments and the volatility in earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently. SFAS 159 establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities and to more easily understand the effect of the company s choice to use fair value on its earnings. SFAS 159 also requires entities to display the fair value of the selected assets and liabilities on the face of the balance sheet. SFAS 159 does not eliminate disclosure requirements of other accounting standards, including fair value measurement disclosures in SFAS 157. This Statement is effective as of the beginning of an entity s first fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2007. Early adoption is permitted as of the beginning of the previous fiscal year provided that the entity makes that choice in the first 120 days of that fiscal year and also elects to apply the provisions of Statement 157. At this time, the Company is evaluating the implications of SFAS No. 159, and its impact in the consolidated financial statements has not yet been determined.

## 14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On July 31, 2007, the Company announced that Moody s Investors Service assigned the Company a long-term issuer rating of Baa3 and Standard \& Poor s Ratings Service assigned the Company a long-term counterparty credit rating of BBB.

Item 2. 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 financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this quarterly report. In addition, some of the statements in this report constitute forward-looking statements, which relate to future events or the future performance or financial condition of Ares Capital Corporation (the Company, ARCC, we, us and our ). The forward-looking stateme contained in this report involve risks and uncertainties, including statements as to:

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

We use words such as anticipates, believes, expects, intends, will, should, may and similar expressions to identify forward-looking st Our actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements for any reason. We have based the forward-looking statements included in this report on information available to us on the date of this report, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we may make directly to you or through reports that we in the future may file with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

## OVERVIEW

We are a specialty finance company that is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company incorporated in Maryland that is regulated as a business development company ( a BDC ) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act ). We were founded on April 16,2004 and were initially funded on June 23, 2004. On October 8, 2004, we completed our initial public offering (the IPO ).

Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in first and second lien senior loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component, and, to a lesser extent, in equity investments in private U.S. middle market companies.

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We are externally managed by Ares Capital Management LLC (the Investment Adviser ), an affiliate of Ares Management LLC, an independent Los Angeles based firm that manages investment funds. Ares Operations LLC ( Ares Administration ), an affiliate of Ares Management LLC, provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate pursuant to an amended and restated administration agreement (the Administration Agreement).

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As a BDC, we are required to comply with certain regulatory requirements. For instance, we generally have to invest at least $70 \%$ of our total assets in qualifying assets, including securities of private U.S. companies, cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less.

We have qualified and elected to be treated as a regulated investment company, or a RIC, under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ). To qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and timely distribute to our stockholders at least $90 \%$ of our investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. Pursuant to these elections, we generally will not have to pay corporate-level taxes on any income that we distribute to our stockholders.

## PORTFOLIO AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

For the three months ended June 30, 2007, we issued 11 new commitments in an aggregate amount of $\$ 392.9$ million ( $\$ 318.2$ million to new portfolio companies and $\$ 74.7$ million to existing portfolio companies) where the average commitment amount was approximately $\$ 35.7$ million and the weighted average commitment terms were approximately 63 months, compared to 16 new commitments in an aggregate amount of $\$ 269.5$ million ( $\$ 194.0$ million to new portfolio companies and $\$ 75.5$ million to existing portfolio companies) where the average commitment amount was approximately $\$ 16.8$ million and the weighted average commitment terms were approximately 67 months for the three months ended June 30, 2006. During the three months ended June 30, 2007, we funded $\$ 337.3$ million of such commitments ( $\$ 262.6$ million to new portfolio companies and $\$ 74.7$ million to existing portfolio companies) compared to funding $\$ 242.7$ million of commitments ( $\$ 167.2$ million to new portfolio companies and $\$ 75.5$ million to existing portfolio companies) for the three months ended June 30, 2006. Also during the three months ended June 30, 2007, we had $\$ 206.7$ million in exits and repayments of commitments resulting in net commitments of $\$ 186.2$ million for the period. For the three months ended June 30, 2006, we had $\$ 101.3$ million in exits and repayments of commitments resulting in net commitments of $\$ 168.2$ million for the period. We have remaining contractual obligations for $\$ 60.8$ million with respect to commitments funded as of June 30, 2007. The weighted average yield of debt and income producing equity securities funded during the three months ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006 was approximately $11.93 \%$ and $12.25 \%$, respectively, and the weighted average yield of debt and income producing equity securities exited or repaid during the three months ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006 was approximately $11.73 \%$ and $10.44 \%$, respectively (computed as (a) annual stated interest rate or yield earned plus the net annual amortization of original issue discount and market discount earned on accruing debt divided by (b) total debt and income producing equity securities at fair value).

For the three months ended June 30, 2007, the Company funded (A) $\$ 250.2$ million aggregate principal amount of senior term debt, (B) $\$ 77.2$ million aggregate principal amount of senior subordinated debt and (C) $\$ 65.2$ million of investments in equity securities. For the three months ended June 30, 2006, the Company funded (1) $\$ 152.3$ million aggregate principal amount of senior term debt, (2) $\$ 72.0$ million aggregate principal amount of senior subordinated debt, and (3) \$30.8 million of investments in equity securities.

During the three months ended June 30, 2007, (A) $\$ 36.7$ million aggregate principal amount of senior term debt and (B) $\$ 25.9$ million aggregate principal amount of senior subordinated debt were redeemed. Additionally, $\$ 159.8$ million aggregate principal amount of senior term debt was sold or syndicated. As of June 30, 2007, the Company held investments in 71 portfolio companies compared to 60 portfolio companies as of December 31, 2006. During the three months ended June 30, 2006, (1) $\$ 45.7$ million aggregate principal amount of senior term debt and (2) $\$ 9.0$ million aggregate principal amount of collateralized debt obligation notes were redeemed. Additionally, $\$ 54.4$ million aggregate principal amount of equity securities was sold.

The Investment Adviser employs an investment rating system to categorize our investments. In addition to various risk management and monitoring tools, we grade all loans on a scale of 1 to 4 no less frequently than quarterly. This system is intended to reflect the performance of the borrower s business, the collateral coverage of the loans and other factors considered relevant. Under this system, loans with a grade of 4 involve the least amount of risk in our portfolio. The borrower is performing above expectations and the trends and risk factors are generally favorable (including a potential exit). Loans graded 3 involve a level of risk that is similar to the risk at the time of origination. The borrower is performing as expected and the risk factors are neutral to favorable. All new loans are initially graded 3 . Loans graded 2 involve a borrower performing below expectations and indicates that the loan s risk has increased materially since origination. The borrower may be out of compliance with debt covenants, however, loan payments are generally not more than 120 days past due. For loans graded 2, we increase procedures to monitor the borrower and we will write down the fair value of the investment if it is deemed to be impaired. A loan grade of 1 indicates that the borrower is performing materially below expectations and that the loan risk has substantially increased since origination. Most or all of the debt covenants are out of compliance and payments

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are substantially delinquent. Loans graded 1 are not anticipated to be repaid in full and we will reduce the fair market value of the investment to the amount we anticipate will be recovered. As of June 30, 2007, the weighted average investment grade of the debt in our portfolio was 3.0 and no loans were past due or on non-accrual. The weighted average investment grade of the debt in our portfolio as of December 31, 2006 was 3.0. The following is a distribution of the grades of our portfolio companies as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006:

|  | June 30, 2007 <br> Fair Value | Number of Companies | December 31, 2006 <br> Fair Value | Number of Companies |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade 1 | \$ |  | 504,206 | 1 |
| Grade 2 | 53,840,956 | 4 | 14,206,419 | 1 |
| Grade 3 | 1,457,724,272 | 61 | 1,189,399,643 | 56 |
| Grade 4 | 104,448,014 | 6 | 31,711,568 | 2 |
|  | \$ 1,616,013,242 | 71 | \$ 1,235,821,836 | 60 |

As of June 30, 2007, the weighted average yield of the debt and income producing equity securities in our portfolio was approximately $11.63 \%$. As of June 30, 2007, the weighted average yield on our entire portfolio was $10.25 \%$. The weighted average yield on our senior term debt, senior subordinated debt and income producing equity securities was $11.28 \%, 12.84 \%$ and $9.57 \%$, respectively. Of the senior term debt, the weighted average yield attributable to first lien senior term debt and second lien senior term debt was $11.06 \%$ and $11.71 \%$, respectively.

As of December 31, 2006, the weighted average yield of the debt and income producing equity securities in our portfolio was approximately $11.95 \%$. As of December 31, 2006, the weighted average yield on our entire portfolio was $10.79 \%$. The weighted average yield on our senior term debt, senior subordinated debt and income producing equity securities was $11.52 \%, 13.16 \%$ and $10.00 \%$, respectively. Of the senior term debt, the weighted average yield attributable to first lien senior term debt and second lien senior term debt was $11.22 \%$ and $11.94 \%$, respectively.

The weighted average yield on our debt and income producing equity securities was lower as of June 30, 2007 compared to the weighted average yield on our debt and income producing equity securities as of December 31, 2006 because we added a higher percentage of lower yielding first lien investments during the six months ended June 30, 2007, and the average yield on our exits and repayments was higher than the investments added during the period.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

## For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006

Operating results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006 were as follows:


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## Investment Income

For the three months ended June 30, 2007, total investment income increased $\$ 16.9$ million, or $56 \%$, over the three months ended June 30, 2006. For the three months ended June 30, 2007, total investment income consisted of $\$ 39.8$ million in interest income from investments, $\$ 5.4$ million in capital structuring service fees, $\$ 878,000$ in dividend income, $\$ 703,000$ in other income and $\$ 671,000$ in interest income from cash and cash equivalents. Interest income from investments increased $\$ 16.3$ million, or $69 \%$, to $\$ 39.8$ million for the three months ended June 30 , 2007 from $\$ 23.5$ million for the comparable period in 2006. The increase in interest income from investments was primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio. The average investments, at fair value, for the quarter increased from $\$ 818.1$ million in the three months ended June 30,2006 to $\$ 1.5$ billion in the comparable period in 2007.

For the six months ended June 30, 2007, total investment income increased $\$ 36.4$ million, or $72 \%$, over the six months ended June 30, 2006. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, total investment income consisted of $\$ 73.6$ million in interest income from investments, $\$ 9.7$ million in capital structuring service fees, $\$ 1.1$ million in other income and $\$ 1.5$ million in interest income from cash and cash equivalents. Interest income from investments increased $\$ 32.6$ million, or $79 \%$, to $\$ 73.6$ million for the six months ended June 30,2007 from $\$ 41.0$ million for the comparable period in 2006. The increase in interest income from investments was primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio. The average investments, at fair value, for the period increased from $\$ 730.5$ million in the six months ended June 30,2006 to $\$ 1.3$ billion in the comparable period in 2007. Capital structuring service fees increased $\$ 2.1$ million, or $28 \%$, to $\$ 9.7$ million for the six months ended June 30 , 2007 from $\$ 7.6$ million for the comparable period in 2006. The increase in capital structuring service fees was primarily due to the increased amount of originations. The amount of commitments increased from $\$ 471.9$ million during the six months ended June 30, 2006 to $\$ 757.1$ million during the comparable period in 2007.

## Expenses

For the three months ended June 30, 2007, total expenses increased $\$ 6.2$ million, or $38 \%$, over the three months ended June 30 , 2006. Base management fees increased $\$ 2.7$ million, or $87 \%$, to $\$ 5.8$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007 from $\$ 3.1$ million for the comparable period in 2006, primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio. Incentive fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income increased $\$ 2.1$ million, or $53 \%$, to $\$ 6.2$ million for the three months ended June 30, 2007 from $\$ 4.1$ million for the comparable period in 2006, primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio and the related increase in net investment income. For the three months ended June 30 , 2006 there were $\$ 2.9$ million in incentive fees accrued related to realized gains compared to no incentive fees accrued related to realized gains for the three months ended June 30, 2007, due to higher net realized gains recognized during the three months ended June 30, 2006. Net realized gains for the three months ended June 30, 2006 were $\$ 23.9$ million offset by $\$ 4.2$ million in income tax expense related to realized gains compared to $\$ 7.9$ million in net realized losses for the three months ended June 30, 2007. Interest expense and credit facility fees increased $\$ 2.8$ million, or $59 \%$, to $\$ 7.6$ million for the three months ended June 30,2007 from $\$ 4.8$ million for the comparable period in 2006, primarily due to the significant increase in the borrowings outstanding. There were $\$ 472.4$ million in average outstanding borrowings during the three months ended June 30, 2007 compared to average outstanding borrowings of $\$ 265.7$ million in the comparable period in 2006.

For the six months ended June 30, 2007, total expenses increased $\$ 18.7$ million, or $76 \%$, over the six months ended June 30, 2006. Base management fees increased $\$ 5.2$ million, or $93 \%$, to $\$ 10.9$ million for the six months ended June 30,2007 from $\$ 5.7$ million for the comparable period in 2006, primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio. Incentive fees related to pre-incentive fee net investment income increased $\$ 4.0$ million, or $57 \%$, to $\$ 11.0$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2007 from $\$ 7.0$ million for the comparable period in 2006, primarily due to the increase in the size of the portfolio and the related increase in net investment income. For the six months ended June 30, 2006 there were $\$ 2.9$ million in incentive fees accrued related to realized gains compared to no incentive fees accrued related to realized gains for the six months ended June 30, 2007, due to higher net realized gains recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2006. Interest expense and credit facility fees increased $\$ 9.6$ million, or $148 \%$, to $\$ 16.1$ million for the six months ended June 30,2007 from $\$ 6.5$ million for the comparable period in 2006, primarily due to the significant increase in the borrowings outstanding. The average outstanding borrowings during the six months ended June 30,2007 were $\$ 500.9$ million compared to average outstanding borrowings of $\$ 171.6$ million in the comparable period in 2006.

## Income Tax Expense, Including Excise Tax

The Company has qualified and elected and intends to continue to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to regulated investment companies under the Code, and, among other things, has made and intends to continue to make the requisite distributions to its stockholders which will relieve the Company from federal income taxes.

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Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year dividend distributions into the next tax year and pay a $4 \%$ excise tax on such income, as required. 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, the Company accrues excise tax, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as taxable income is earned. For the three months ended June 30, 2007, the Company recorded a provision of approximately $\$ 34,000$. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, the Company recognized a net benefit of approximately $\$ 30,000$ for federal excise tax which consisted of the current year estimated excise tax expense net of a $\$ 64,000$ tax benefit recognized to reverse an over-accrual of estimated excise tax at December 31, 2006. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, the Company recorded a provision of approximately $\$ 727,000$ and $\$ 826,000$, respectively for federal excise tax.

Certain of our wholly owned subsidiaries are subject to federal and state income taxes. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, we recognized tax benefits of approximately $\$ 77,000$ and $\$ 3,000$, respectively, for these subsidiaries. For the three and six months ended June 30 , 2006, we recorded a tax provision of approximately $\$ 4,244,000$ and $\$ 4,354,000$, respectively, for these subsidiaries.

## Net Unrealized Appreciation on Investments

For the three months ended June 30, 2007, the Company s investments had an increase in net unrealized appreciation of $\$ 16.5$ million, which primarily related to the reversal of prior periods unrealized depreciation of $\$ 8.3$ million for the investment in Berkline/Benchcraft Holdings LLC ( Berkline ), which was realized during the period as well as $\$ 8.9$ million in net unrealized appreciation recognized during the period. The most significant changes in unrealized appreciation were $\$ 6.3$ million for the investment in Reflexite Corporation ( Reflexite ), $\$ 5.6$ million for the investment in The GSI Group, Inc. ( GSI ) and $\$ 1.0$ million for the investment in Waste Pro USA, Inc. ( Waste Pro ), offset by unrealized depreciation of $\$ 3.6$ million for the investment in Universal Trailer Corporation ( UTC ) and $\$ 341,000$ for the investment in Abingdon Investments Limited. For the three months ended June 30, 2006, the Company s investments had a decrease in net unrealized appreciation of $\$ 16.5$ million, which primarily related to the reversal of the prior period s unrealized appreciation of $\$ 13.3$ million for the investment in CICQ, LP, which was realized during the period, and the increase in unrealized depreciation of $\$ 3.7$ million for the investment in Berkline, offset by the increase in unrealized appreciation in Varel Holdings, Inc of $\$ 1.0$ million.

For the six months ended June 30, 2007, the Company s investments had an increase in net unrealized appreciation of $\$ 20.7$ million, which primarily related to the reversal of prior periods unrealized depreciation of $\$ 8.3$ million for the investment in Berkline, and $\$ 13.4$ million in net unrealized appreciation recognized during the period. The most significant changes in unrealized appreciation were $\$ 7.4$ million for the investment in Reflexite, $\$ 5.6$ million for the investment in GSI, $\$ 3.6$ million for the investment in Daily Candy, Inc., $\$ 1.9$ million for the investment in Waste Pro and $\$ 1.7$ million for the investment in Industrial Container Services, Inc., offset by unrealized depreciation of $\$ 3.6$ million for the investment in UTC and $\$ 3.0$ million for the investment in Diversified Collection Services, Inc. For the six months ended June 30 , 2006, the Company s investments had a decrease in net unrealized appreciation of $\$ 14.9$ million, which primarily related to the reversal of the prior period unrealized appreciation of $\$ 9.3$ million for the investment in CICQ, LP, which was realized during the period, and the increase in unrealized depreciation of $\$ 3.7$ million for the investment in Berkline and $\$ 2.4$ million for the investment in Making Memories Wholesale, Inc.

## Net Realized Gains/Losses

During the three months ended June 30, 2007, the Company had $\$ 222.8$ million of sales and repayments resulting in $\$ 7.9$ million of net realized losses. The most significant realized loss during the three months ended June 30, 2007 was the $\$ 8.3$ million loss for the investment in Berkline. During the three months ended June 30, 2006, the Company had $\$ 133.1$ million of sales and repayments resulting in $\$ 23.9$ million of net realized gains. The most significant realized gains during the three months ended June 30, 2006 were the sales of the investments in CICQ, LP and United Site Services, Inc. of $\$ 18.6$ million and $\$ 4.7$ million, respectively.

During the six months ended June 30, 2007, the Company had $\$ 341.0$ million of sales and repayments resulting in $\$ 7.5$ million of net realized losses. During the six months ended June 30, 2006, the Company had $\$ 170.4$ million of sales and repayments resulting in $\$ 24.5$ million of net realized gains.

## Net Increase in Stockholders Equity Resulting From Operations

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Net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 was approximately $\$ 33.6$ million and $\$ 57.2$ million, respectively. Based on the weighted average shares outstanding during the

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three and six months ended June 30, 2007, our net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations per common share was $\$ 0.49$ and $\$ 0.93$, respectively.

Net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2006 was approximately $\$ 16.7$ million and $\$ 30.5$ million, respectively. Based on the weighted average shares outstanding during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, our net increase in stockholders equity resulting from operations per common share was $\$ 0.44$ and $\$ 0.80$, respectively.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Since the Company s inception, the Company s liquidity and capital resources have been generated primarily from the net proceeds of its initial public offering and subsequent add-on public offerings of common stock, the Debt Securitization, advances from the CP Funding Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility (each as defined in Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements), as well as cash flows from operations. During 2007, we received $\$ 7.5$ million in proceeds net of underwriting and offering costs related to the underwriter s exercise of the over-allotment option granted to it in connection with the December 19, 2006 add-on public offering, $\$ 27.2$ million in proceeds net of underwriting and offering costs from our February 9, 2007 add-on public offering and $\$ 267.2$ million in proceeds net of underwriting and offering costs from our April 4, 2007 add-on public offering. As of June 30, 2007 total market capitalization for the Company was $\$ 1.2$ billion compared to $\$ 994.4$ million as of December 31, 2006.

A portion of the proceeds from our public offerings in 2007 were used to repay outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Credit Facility. The remaining unused portion of the proceeds from our public offerings was used to fund investments in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objectives and strategies.

The weighted average stated interest rate of all our outstanding borrowings for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006 was $6.03 \%$ and $6.32 \%$, respectively. As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the weighted average maturity of all our outstanding borrowings was 8.1 years and 9.0 years, respectively. As of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the fair value of investments and cash and cash equivalents, and the outstanding borrowings under the Debt Securitization, CP Funding Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility were as follows:

|  | June 30, 2007 |  | December 31, 2006 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 61,543,795 | \$ | 91,538,878 |
| Senior term debt |  | 5,888 |  | ,723 |
| Senior notes |  |  |  |  |
| Senior subordinated debt |  | ,842 |  | ,755 |
| Equity securities |  | 512 |  | ,358 |
| Total | \$ | 1,677,557,037 | \$ | 1,327,360,714 |
| Outstanding borrowings | \$ | 552,000,000 | \$ | 482,000,000 |

The available amount for borrowing under the CP Funding Facility is $\$ 350.0$ million (see Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for more detail on the CP Funding Facility arrangement). As of June 30, 2007, there was $\$ 85.0$ million outstanding under the CP Funding Facility. The CP Funding Facility expires on October 31, 2007 unless extended prior to such date with the consent of the lenders. The available outstanding committed amount for borrowing under the Revolving Credit Facility is $\$ 350.0$ million (see Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements for more detail on the Revolving Credit Facility arrangement). As of June 30, 2007, there was $\$ 153.0$ million outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility. The Revolving Credit Facility expires on December 28, 2010. As part of the Debt Securitization, $\$ 314.0$ million principal amount of asset-backed notes (including $\$ 50.0$ million revolving notes all of which had been drawn as of June 30 , 2007) were issued to third parties and secured by a pool of middle market loans that had been purchased or originated by the Company. We retained approximately $\$ 86.0$ million of certain BBB and non-rated securities in the Debt Securitization. As of June 30, 2007, there was $\$ 314.0$ million aggregate principal amount of CLO Notes (as defined in Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements) outstanding. The CLO Notes mature on December 20, 2019.

For the three months ending June 30, 2007, average total assets were $\$ 1.5$ billion. The ratio of total debt outstanding to stockholders equity as of June 30, 2007 was 0.50:1.00 compared to 0.61:1.00 as of December 31, 2006.

## OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

As of June 30, 2007, the Company had committed to make a total of approximately $\$ 260.6$ million of investments in various revolving senior secured and subordinated loans. As of June 30, 2007, $\$ 181.4$ million was unfunded. Additionally, \$216.2

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million of the $\$ 260.6$ million in commitments extend beyond the maturity date of our Revolving Credit Facility. Included within the $\$ 260.6$ million in commitments in revolving senior secured and subordinated loans are commitments to issue up to $\$ 9.9$ million in standby letters of credit through a financial intermediary on behalf of certain portfolio companies. 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. As of June 30, 2007, the Company had $\$ 9.2$ million in standby letters of credit issued and outstanding on behalf of the portfolio companies, of which no amounts were recorded as a liability. Of these letters of credit, $\$ 500,000$ expire on August $31,2010, \$ 6.1$ million expire on February 28, 2009 and $\$ 2.6$ million expire on September 30, 2007. These letters of credit may be extended under substantially similar terms for additional one-year terms at the Company s option until the Revolving Credit Facility, under which the letters of credit were issued, matures on December 28, 2010.

As of June 30, 2007, the Company was subject to a subscription agreement to fund up to $\$ 6.8$ million of equity commitments in a private equity investment partnership. As of June 30, 2007, $\$ 1.2$ million was funded to this partnership.

As of December 31, 2006, the Company had committed to make a total of approximately $\$ 174.0$ million of investments in various revolving senior secured and subordinated loans. As of December 31, 2006, $\$ 117.0$ million was unfunded. Additionally, $\$ 129.8$ million of the $\$ 174.0$ million in commitments extended beyond the maturity date of our Revolving Credit Facility. Included within the $\$ 174.0$ million in commitments in revolving secured and subordinated loans were commitments to issue up to $\$ 3.8$ million in standby letters of credit through a financial intermediary on behalf of certain portfolio companies. 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. As of December 31, 2006, the Company had $\$ 2.8$ million in standby letters of credit issued and outstanding on behalf of the portfolio companies, of which no amounts were recorded as a liability.

As of December 31, 2006, the Company was subject to a subscription agreement to fund up to $\$ 10.0$ million of equity commitments in a private equity investment partnership. As of December 31, 2006, $\$ 225,000$ was funded to this partnership.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On July 31, 2007, the Company announced that Moody s Investors Service assigned the Company a long-term issuer rating of Baa3 and Standard \& Poor s Ratings Service assigned the Company a long-term counterparty credit rating of BBB.

In addition to $\$ 47.7$ million of investments that the Company has made since June 30, 2007, we have outstanding commitments to fund an aggregate of approximately $\$ 240.0$ million of investments. The Company expects to syndicate a portion of these commitments to third parties. In addition, the Company has an investment pipeline of approximately $\$ 519.0$ million. The consummation of any of the investments in this backlog and pipeline depends upon, among other things, one or more of the following: satisfactory completion of our due diligence investigation of the prospective portfolio company, our acceptance of the terms and structure of such investment and the execution and delivery of satisfactory transaction documentation. The Company cannot assure you that we will make any of these investments.

## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in interest rates and the valuations of our investment portfolio.

## Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate sensitivity refers to the change in earnings that may result from changes in the level of interest rates. Because we fund a portion of our investments with borrowings, our net investment income is affected by the spread between the rate at which we invest and the rate at which we borrow. 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.

As of June 30, 2007, approximately $37 \%$ of the investments at fair value in our portfolio were at fixed rates while approximately $51 \%$ were at variable rates and $12 \%$ were non-interest earning. In addition, the Debt Securitization, the CP Funding Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility all feature variable rates.

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We regularly measure our exposure to interest rate risk. We assess interest rate risk and manage our interest rate exposure on an ongoing basis by comparing our interest rate sensitive assets to our interest rate sensitive liabilities. Based on that review, we determine whether or not any hedging transactions are necessary to mitigate exposure to changes in interest rates.

On January 7, 2005, we entered into a costless collar agreement in order to manage the exposure to changing interest rates related to the Company s fixed rate investments. The costless collar agreement was for a notional amount of $\$ 20$ million, has a cap of $6.5 \%$, a floor of $2.72 \%$ and matures in 2008. The costless collar agreement allows us to receive an interest payment when the 3-month LIBOR exceeds $6.5 \%$ and obligates us to pay an interest payment when the 3 -month LIBOR is less than $2.72 \%$. The costless collar resets quarterly based on the 3-month LIBOR. As of June 30, 2007, the 3-month LIBOR was $5.36 \%$. As of June 30, 2007, this agreement had no fair value.

While hedging activities may mitigate our exposure to adverse fluctuations in interest rates, certain hedging transactions that we may enter into in the future, such as interest rate swap agreements, may also limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to our portfolio investments.

Based on our June 30, 2007 balance sheet, the following table shows the impact on net income of base rate changes in interest rates assuming no changes in our investment and borrowing structure.

| Basis Point Change | Interest Income |  | Interest Expense |  | Net Income |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Up 300 basis points | $\$$ | $24,551,072$ | $\$$ | $16,560,000$ | $\$$ | $7,991,072$ |  |
| Up 200 basis points | $\$$ | $16,367,382$ | $\$$ | $11,040,000$ | $\$$ | $5,327,382$ |  |
| Up 100 basis points | $\$$ | $8,183,691$ | $\$$ | $5,520,000$ | $\$$ | $2,663,691$ |  |
| Down 100 basis points | $\$$ | $(8,183,691$ | $)$ | $\$$ | $(5,520,000$ | $)$ | $\$$ |
| Down 200 basis points | $\$$ | $(16,367,382$ | $)$ | $\$$ | $(11,040,000$ | $)$ | $\$$ |
| Down 300 basis points | $\$$ | $(24,551,072$ | $)$ | $\$$ | $(16,560,000$ | $)$ | $\$$ |

## Portfolio Valuation

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at such market quotations. Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market price is not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors based on the input of our management and audit committee. In addition, the board of directors currently receives input from independent valuation firms that have been engaged at the direction of the board to assist in the valuation of each portfolio investment at least once during a trailing 12 month period. The valuation process is conducted at the end of each fiscal quarter, with approximately a quarter of our valuations of portfolio companies subject to review by an independent valuation firm each quarter. The types of factors that the board may take into account in fair value valuation of our investments include, as relevant, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company s ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flow, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparison to publicly traded securities and other relevant factors.

When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, we use the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate our valuation. Because there is not a readily available market value for most of the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our board under a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that we may ultimately realize.

In addition, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the valuations currently assigned.

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

- Our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment.
- Preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with our management.
- The audit committee of our board of directors reviews these preliminary valuations, as well as the input of an independent valuation firm with respect to the valuations of approximately a quarter of our portfolio companies.
- The board of directors discusses valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of our management and audit committee and independent valuation firms.


## Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our President and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based on that evaluation, our President and our Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our current disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them of material information relating to the Company that is required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended June 30, 2007 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

We are not subject to any pending legal proceeding, and no such proceedings are known to be contemplated.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors.

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or operating results. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ are not the only risks facing our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

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

We did not sell any securities during the period covered in this report that were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933.

We did not repurchase any shares issued during the period covered in this report.

## Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

Not applicable.

## Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 30, 2007, we held our Annual Meeting of Stockholders in Los Angeles, California. Stockholders voted on two matters. The substance of these matters and the results of voting on them are described below.

1. Election of Directors. Stockholders elected two Class III independent directors of the Company, who will each serve for a term of three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualify. Votes were cast as follows:

|  | For | Withheld |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Frank E. O Bryan | $64,307,210$ | 941,168 |
| Eric B. Siegel | $63,967,764$ | $1,280,614$ |

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The following directors are continuing as directors of the Company for their respective terms Douglas E. Coltharp, Robert L. Rosen and Bennett Rosenthal.
2. Ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP to serve as independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2007. Votes were cast as follows:

| For | Against | Withheld |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $63,415,101$ | $1,576,315$ | 256,962 |

## Item 5. Other Information.

None.

## Item 6. Exhibits.

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Number Description
3.1 Articles of Amendment and Restatement (1)
3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws (1)
4.1 Form of Stock Certificate (2)
10.1 Amended and Restated Administration Agreement, dated June 1, 2007, between Ares Capital Corporation and Ares Operations LLC*
31.1 Certification by President pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
31.2 Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
32.1 Certification by President and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*

* Filed herewith.
(1) Previously filed with the Registrant s pre-effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on Form N-2, filed on September 17, 2004.
(2) Previously filed with the Registrant s pre-effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on Form N-2, filed on September 28, 2004.


## SIGNATURES

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

## ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

Dated: August 9, 2007

| By | /s/ Michael J. Arougheti <br> Michael J. Arougheti <br> President |
| :--- | :--- |
| By | /s/ Richard S. Davis <br> Richard S. Davis <br> Chief Financial Officer |

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