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### PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (to Prospectus dated August 22, 2013)

\$36,562,500

# **Oxford Lane Capital Corp.**

# Preferred Stock 1,625,000 Shares, 7.50% Series 2023 Liquidation Preference \$25 per Share

We are a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company that has registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the 1940 Act. Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio s total return. We have initially implemented our investment objective by purchasing portions of equity and junior debt tranches of collateralized loan obligation ( CLO ) vehicles. Structurally, CLO vehicles are entities that were formed to originate and manage a portfolio of loans. The loans within the CLO vehicle are limited to loans which meet established credit criteria and are subject to concentration limitations in order to limit a CLO vehicle s exposure to a single credit.

We are offering 1,625,000 shares of our 7.50% Series 2023 preferred stock, or the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. We pay monthly dividends on the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares at an annual rate of 7.50% of the \$25 liquidation preference per share, or \$1.875 per Series 2023 Term Preferred Share per year, on the last business day of each month. We will pay monthly dividends on the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement, commencing on November 29, 2013.

We are required to redeem all of the outstanding Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares on June 30, 2023 at a redemption price equal to \$25 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, to the date of redemption. We cannot effect any amendment, alteration or repeal of our obligation to redeem all of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares on June 30, 2023 without the prior unanimous consent of the holders of Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. If we fail to maintain an asset coverage ratio of at least 200% (as described in this prospectus supplement), we will redeem a portion of the outstanding Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares in an amount at least equal to the lesser of (1) the minimum number of shares of Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares necessary to cause us to meet our required asset coverage ratio and (2) the maximum number of Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares that we can redeem out of cash legally available for such redemption. At any time on or after June 30, 2016, at our sole option, we may redeem the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares at a redemption price per share equal to the sum of the \$25 liquidation preference per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, on the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares.

Each holder of our Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares together with the holders of our 8.50% Series 2017 preferred

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stock, or the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares, (and any other preferred stock we may issue in the future) will be entitled to one vote for each share held by such holder on any matter submitted to a vote of our stockholders, and the holders of all of our outstanding preferred stock and common stock will vote together as a single class. The holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares together with the holders of our Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares (and any other preferred stock we may issue in the future), voting separately as a class, will elect at least two of our directors and, upon failure to pay dividends for at least two years, will elect a majority of our directors.

The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares rank pari passu, or equally, in right of payment with our Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares and all other shares of preferred stock that we may issue in the future, and rank senior in right of payment to all of our common stock.

Our Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol OXLCO. On November 8, 2013, the last price of our Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$23.66 per share. Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol OXLC. On November 8, 2013, the last sale price of our common stock as reported on NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$15.82 per share. Our Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol OXLCP. On November 7, 2013, the last sale price of our Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares as reported on NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$26.08 per share. The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares are not convertible into our common stock or any other security of our company.

We are required to determine the net asset value per share of our common stock on a quarterly basis. Our net asset value per share of our common stock as of September 30, 2013 was \$16.13.

An investment in our preferred stock is subject to risks and involves a heightened risk of total loss of investment. Common shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. In addition, the CLO securities in which we invest are subject to special risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-<u>16</u> of this prospectus supplement and page <u>17</u> of the accompanying prospectus to read about factors you should consider, including the risk of leverage, before investing in our preferred stock.

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

Please read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before investing in our securities and keep each for future reference. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain important information about us that a prospective investor ought to know before investing in our securities. We file annual, semi-annual and quarterly reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This information is available free of charge by contacting us at 8 Sound Shore Drive, Suite 255, Greenwich, CT 06830 or by telephone at (203) 983-5275, or on our website at *http://www.oxfordlanecapital.com*. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by referenced into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. The Securities and Exchange Commission also maintains a website at *http://www.sec.gov* that contains information about us.

	Per	Share	To	tal
Public Offering Price	\$	22.50	\$	36,562,500
Sales Load (Underwriting Discounts and Commissions)	\$	0.90	\$	1,462,500
Proceeds, before expenses, to Oxford Lane Capital Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	21.60	\$	35,100,000

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Total expenses of the offering payable by us, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions, are estimated to be \$240,000. There will be additional items of value paid in connection with this offering that are viewed by the Financial Regulatory Authority, Inc. as underwriting compensation. Payment of this additional underwriting compensation will reduce the proceeds to us, before expenses. See Underwriting.

We have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 243,750 Series 2023 Term (2) Preferred Shares from us on the same terms and conditions set forth above to cover over-allotments, if any. If such option is exercised in full, the public offering price, underwriting discounts and commissions and proceeds, before expenses, to us would be \$42,046,875, \$1,681,875 and \$40,365,000, respectively. See Underwriting .

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares on or about November 18, 2013.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. In	nc. Barclays Co-Manage	Deutsche Bank Securities
Credit Suisse	BB&T Capital Markets	BTIG
C&Co/PrinceRidge	Maxim Group LLC ML Prospectus Supplement dated	V & Co. National Securities Corporation November 13, 2013.

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# **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

We have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement on Form N-2 (file No. 333-189805) utilizing a shelf registration process relating to the securities described in this prospectus supplement, which registration statement was declared effective on August 22, 2013. This document is in two parts. The first part is the prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of this offering of Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information and disclosure. To the extent the information contained in this prospectus supplement differs from or is additional to the information contained in the accompanying prospectus supplement. Please carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus together with the additional information described under the headings Available Information and Risk Factors included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, before investing in the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares.

Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of any offer to buy any security other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do they constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of the dates on their respective covers. Our financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. To the extent required by law, we will amend or supplement the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or reflect any material changes subsequent to the date of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and prior to the completion of any offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and prior to the completion of any offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and prior to the completion of any offering pursuant to this prospectus

The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares do not represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.

### SUMMARY

The following summary contains basic information about the offering of shares of our Preferred Stock pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of the offering of shares of our Preferred Stock pursuant to this prospectus supplement, we encourage you to read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the Articles Supplementary Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of Oxford Lane Capital Corp. Term Preferred Shares, or the Articles Supplementary, which is attached as Exhibit A to this prospectus supplement, and the documents to which we have referred in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Together, these documents describe the specific terms of the shares we are offering. You should carefully read the section entitled Risk Factors included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the section entitled Business and our consolidated financial statements included in the accompanying prospectus.

Except where the context requires otherwise, the terms Oxford Lane Capital, the Company, we, us and our refer to Oxford Lane Capital Corp.; Oxford Lane Management and investment adviser refer to Oxford Lane Management, LLC; and BDC Partners refers to BDC Partners, LLC.

### **Business Overview**

We are a non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act. Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio s total return.

We have initially implemented our investment objective by purchasing portions of equity and junior debt tranches of collateralized loan obligation (CLO) vehicles. Substantially all of the CLO vehicles in which we may invest would be deemed to be investment companies under the 1940 Act but for the exceptions set forth in section 3(c)(1) or section 3(c)(7). Structurally, CLO vehicles are entities that were formed to originate and manage a portfolio of loans. The loans within the CLO vehicle are limited to loans which meet established credit criteria and are subject to concentration limitations in order to limit a CLO vehicle s exposure to a single credit. A CLO vehicle is formed by raising various classes or tranches of debt (with the most senior tranches being rated AAA to the most junior tranches typically being rated BB or B) and equity. The CLO vehicles which we focus on are collateralized primarily by senior secured loans made to companies whose debt is unrated or is rated below investment grade (Senior Loans), and generally have very little or no exposure to real estate, mortgage loans or to pools of consumer-based debt, such as credit card receivables or auto loans. We may also invest, on an opportunistic basis, in other corporate credits of a variety of types. We expect that each of our investments will range in size from \$2 million to \$15 million, although the investment size may vary consistent with the size of our overall portfolio.

Oxford Lane Management manages our investments and its affiliate arranges for the performance of the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

### **Distributions**

In order to qualify as a regulated investment company, or RIC, and to eliminate our liability for corporate-level tax on the income we distribute to our stockholders, we are required, under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, to distribute to our stockholders on an annual basis at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital gains, if any.

The following table reflects the cash distributions, including dividends and returns of capital, if any, per share that we have declared on our common stock to date:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount <sup>(1)</sup>
Fiscal 2014 November 6, 2013	December 17, 2013	December 31, 2013	\$ 0.55
July 24, 2013	September 16, 2013	September 30, 2013	0.55
May 22, 2013	June 14, 2013	June 28, 2013	0.55
Total (2014)			1.65
Fiscal 2013			1100
February 6, 2013	March 15, 2013	March 29, 2013	0.55
October 23, 2012	December 17, 2012	December 31, 2012	0.55
July 31, 2012	September 14, 2012	September 28, 2012	0.55
May 22, 2012	June 15, 2012	June 29, 2012	0.55
Total (2013)			2.20
Fiscal 2012			
January 25, 2012	March 16, 2012	March 30, 2012	0.55
October 24, 2011	December 16, 2011	December 30, 2011	0.50
July 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 30, 2011	0.50
April 6, 2011	June 16, 2011	June 30, 2011	0.50
Total (2012)			2.05
Fiscal 2011			
March 7, 2011	March 21, 2011	April 1, 2011	0.25
Total (2011)			0.25
			\$ 6.15

All of our cash distributions to date were funded from net investment income, except approximately
\$0.07 per share of the distribution paid on June 29, 2012, which was funded from long term capital gains.

For fiscal year 2013, we paid \$459,222 in preferred dividends on the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares; during the six month period ended September 30, 2013 we paid a total of \$672,042 in such dividends. During the second quarter of fiscal 2014, we paid a total of \$448,956 in preferred dividends on the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. During the third quarter of fiscal 2014, through November 8, 2013 we paid a total of \$112,007 and \$134,688 in preferred dividends on the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares respectively; an additional \$224,014 and \$269,375 is payable during the third quarter of fiscal 2014 on the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares and the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares respectively.

For accounting purposes the distributions declared on our common stock for the fiscal periods ended March 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 were in excess of the reported earnings. However, as a RIC, earnings and distributions are determined on a tax basis. Furthermore, taxable earnings are determined according to tax regulations and differ from reported income for accounting purposes. For the fiscal periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, taxable earnings exceeded our distributions and there was no tax return of capital for these years. Based on current estimates of taxable earnings for fiscal 2013, we do not expect that any portion of the above-referenced dividends will represent a tax return of capital

to our stockholders; however, there can be no assurance that actual results will not differ materially from the projections and assumptions upon which the amount of such dividend was based. To the extent that taxable earnings for any fiscal year are less than the amount of the dividends paid during the year, there would be a tax return of capital to shareholders. Distributions in excess of current and accumulated taxable earnings and profits will generally not be

#### Distributions

taxable to the shareholders, because a tax return of capital represents a return of a portion of a shareholder s original investment in our common stock to the extent of a shareholder s basis in our stock. Generally, a tax return of

capital will reduce an investor s basis in our stock for federal tax purposes, which will result in the shareholder recognizing additional gain (or less loss) when the stock is sold. Assuming that a shareholder holds our stock as a capital asset, any such additional gain would be a capital gain. Shareholders should not assume that the source of all distributions is from our net profits and shareholders may periodically receive the payment of a dividend consisting of a return of capital. The tax character of any distributions will be determined after the end of the fiscal year. Tax matters are very complicated and the tax consequences to an investor of an investment in our shares will depend on the facts of its particular situation. We encourage investors to consult their own tax advisors regarding the specific consequences of such an investment, including tax reporting requirements, the applicability of federal, state, local and foreign tax laws, eligibility for the benefits of any applicable tax treaty and the effect of any possible changes in the tax laws.

### **Use of Proceeds From Prior Offerings**

Since the closing of our initial public offering on January 25, 2011, three subsequent rights offerings on August 26, 2011, April 27, 2012 and February 15, 2013, and preferred stock offerings on November 28, 2012 and June 21, 2013, through November 8, 2013 we have invested approximately \$150 million of the cumulative net proceeds we received from our initial public offering, subsequent rights offerings and preferred stock offerings, representing full investment of those cumulative proceeds, and exclusive of proceeds from sales of investments. Consistent with our investment objective, these investments were made in junior debt and equity tranches of CLOs.

## **Oxford Lane Management**

Our investment activities are managed by Oxford Lane Management, which is an investment adviser that has registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or the Advisers Act. Under our investment advisory agreement with Oxford Lane Management, which we refer to as our Investment Advisory Agreement, we have agreed to pay Oxford Lane Management an annual base management fee based on our gross assets, as well as an incentive fee based on our performance. See Investment Advisory Agreement.

We expect to benefit from the proven ability of our investment adviser s team to identify attractive opportunities, conduct diligence on and value prospective investments, negotiate terms where appropriate, and manage and monitor a diversified portfolio although we do not intend to operate as a diversified investment company within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Our investment adviser s senior investment team members have broad investment backgrounds, with prior experience at investment banks, commercial banks, unregistered investment funds and other financial services companies, and have collectively developed a broad network of contacts to provide us with our principal source of investment opportunities.

Our investment adviser is led by Jonathan H. Cohen, our Chief Executive Officer and Saul B. Rosenthal, our President. Messrs. Cohen and Rosenthal are assisted by Darryl M. Monasebian and Hari Srinivasan, who serve as Executive Vice President and Managing Director for Oxford Lane Management, respectively. We consider Messrs. Cohen, Rosenthal, Monasebian and Srinivasan to be Oxford Lane Management s senior investment team.

Messrs. Cohen and Rosenthal, together with the other members of Oxford Lane Management s investment team, have developed an infrastructure that we believe provides Oxford Lane Capital with a competitive advantage in locating and acquiring attractive Senior Loans and CLO investments.

Charles M. Royce is a non-managing member of Oxford Lane Management. Mr. Royce has served as President since 1972, and a member of the Board of Managers since 2001, of Royce & Associates, LLC (Royce & Associates). He

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also serves as Royce & Associates Co-Chief Investment Officer and manages or co-manages twelve of Royce & Associates open- and closed-end registered funds. Mr. Royce currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Royce Funds and TICC Capital Corp. Mr. Royce is also a non-managing member of TICC Management, LLC, the investment adviser for TICC Capital Corp. Mr. Royce, as a non-managing member of Oxford Lane Management, does not take part in the management or participate in the operations of Oxford Lane Management; however, Mr. Royce may be available from time to time to Oxford Lane Management to provide certain consulting services without compensation. Royce & Associates is a wholly owned subsidiary of Legg Mason, Inc.

In addition, we will pay BDC Partners, an affiliate of Oxford Lane Management, our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by BDC Partners in performing its obligations under an administration agreement by and among us and BDC Partners (the Administration Agreement ), including rent, the fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions, and our allocable portion of the compensation of our Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and any administrative support staff. These arrangements will create conflicts of interest that our Board of Directors must monitor.

### **Investment Focus**

Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio s total return. We have initially implemented our investment objective by investing principally in the equity and junior debt tranches of CLO vehicles, which are collateralized primarily by a diverse portfolio of leveraged corporate loans, and which generally have very little or no exposure to real estate or mortgage loans or to pools of consumer-based debt, such as credit card receivables or auto loans. We may invest in securities issued by foreign entities, including foreign CLO vehicles.

The CLO investments we currently hold in our portfolio generally represent either a residual economic interest, in the case of an equity tranche, or a debt investment collateralized by a portfolio of Senior Loans. The value of our CLO investments generally depend on both the quality and nature of the underlying portfolio it references and also on the specific structural characteristics of the CLO itself, both of which are described below.

### **CLO Structural Elements**

Structurally, CLO vehicles are entities that were formed to originate and manage a portfolio of loans. The loans within the CLO vehicle are limited to loans which meet established credit criteria and are subject to concentration limitations in order to limit a CLO vehicle s exposure to a single credit.

A CLO vehicle is formed by raising multiple tranches of debt (with the most senior tranches being rated AAA to the most junior tranches typically being rated BB or B) and equity. As interest payments are received the CLO vehicle makes contractual interest payments to each tranche of debt based on their seniority. If there are funds remaining after each tranche of debt receives its contractual interest rate and the CLO vehicle meets or exceeds required collateral coverage levels (or other similar covenants) the remaining funds may be paid to the equity tranche. The contractual provisions setting out this order of payments are set out in detail in the CLO vehicle s indenture. These provisions are referred to as the priority of payments or the waterfall and determine any other obligations that may be required to be paid ahead of payments of interest and principal on the securities issued by a CLO vehicle. In addition, for payments to be made to each tranche, after the most senior tranche of debt, there are various tests which must be complied with, which are different for each CLO vehicle.

CLO indentures typically provide for adjustments to the priority of payments in the event that certain cashflow or collateral requirements are not maintained. The collateral quality tests that may divert cashflows in the priority of payments are predominantly determined by reference to the par values of the underlying loans, rather than their current market values. Accordingly, we believe that CLO equity and junior debt investments allow investors to gain diversified exposure to the Senior Loan market on a levered basis without being structurally subject to mark-to-market price fluctuations of the underlying loans. As such, although the current valuations of CLO equity and junior debt tranches are expected to fluctuate based on price changes within the loan market, interest rate movements and other macroeconomic factors, those tranches will generally be expected to continue to receive distributions from the CLO vehicle periodically so long as the underlying portfolio does not suffer defaults, realized losses or other covenant violations sufficient to trigger changes in the waterfall allocations. We therefore believe that an investment portfolio

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consisting of CLO equity and junior debt investments of this type has the ability to provide attractive risk-adjusted rates of return.

The diagram below is for illustrative purposes only. The CLO structure highlighted below is only a hypothetical structure and structures among CLO vehicles in which we may invest may vary substantially from the hypothetical example set forth below.

### The Syndicated Senior Loan Market

We believe that the syndicated leveraged corporate loan market is relatively large and remains largely inaccessible to a significant portion of investors that are not lenders or approved institutions. The CLO market also permits exposure to syndicated Senior Loans, but this market is almost exclusively private and predominantly institutional.

The Senior Loan market is characterized by various factors, including:

*Seniority.* A Senior Loan typically ranks senior in a company s capital structure to all other forms of debt or equity. As such, that loan maintains the senior-most claim on the company s assets and cash flow, and, we believe should, all other things being equal, offer the prospect of a relatively more stable and lower-risk holding.

*Floating rate instruments.* A Senior Loan typically contains a floating versus a fixed interest rate, which we believe provides some measure of protection against the risk of interest rate fluctuation.

*Frequency of interest payments.* A Senior Loan typically provides for scheduled interest payments no less frequently than quarterly.

In the current environment, we believe the above attributes seem particularly desirable.

# **Investment Opportunity**

Despite strength across the credit markets broadly, we believe that the market for CLO-related assets continues to provide us with the opportunity to generate attractive risk adjusted returns within our strategy. We believe that a number of factors support this conclusion, including:

We believe that the long-term and relatively low-cost capital that many CLO vehicles have secured, compared with current asset spreads and associated LIBOR floors, have created opportunities to purchase certain CLO equity and junior debt instruments that may produce attractive risk-adjusted returns. Although yields on Senior Loans have generally decreased since mid-2010, we believe that CLO equity and junior debt instruments still offer attractive risk-adjusted returns.

We believe that CLO equity and junior debt have generally become more liquid since mid-2009. From late 2007 through mid-2009, these assets traded less frequently. We believe that greater liquidity in this market has created more opportunities to select among various CLO debt and equity instruments.

1. The par amount outstanding of the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (which represents a significant amount of the syndicated leveraged corporate loan market) was approximately \$651.1 billion as of November 5, 2013. S-6

We believe that investing in CLO securities, and CLO equity instruments in particular, requires a high level of research and analysis. We believe that typically this analysis can only be adequately conducted by knowledgeable market participants since that analysis tends to be highly specialized.

We believe that a stronger credit market for Senior Loans has reduced the risk of collateral coverage test violations across many CLO structures, thereby reducing the risk that current cash distributions otherwise payable to junior debt tranches and/or equity will be diverted under the priority of payments to pay down the more senior obligations in various CLO structures.

We believe that the US CLO market is relatively large with total capital outstanding of approximately \$269 billion.<sup>(1)</sup> We estimate that the amount outstanding of the junior-most debt tranches (specifically the tranches originally rated BB and B) and equity tranches together are approximately \$45 billion.

In addition to reviewing the junior debt and equity tranches of pre-2008 vintage CLOs, we have analyzed post-2010 CLOs (in both the primary and secondary markets) given the recent increase in new CLO issuance. From January 1, 2013 to September 27, 2013, CLOs closed stood at approximately \$58.6 billion across  $120^{(2)}$  deals (compared to approximately \$54 billion for 2012).<sup>(3)</sup>

While the post-2010 CLOs generally have a higher cost of capital (which may result in lower returns for the equity investors in those CLOs) compared to pre-2008 CLOs, they may offer certain attractive structural features (including, in certain cases, better credit enhancement and lower leverage) and stronger collateral packages. We believe there are currently a significant number of these investment opportunities to consider and we have and continue to make investments in post-2010 CLOs.

We continue to review a large number of CLO investment vehicles in the current market environment, and we expect that the majority of our portfolio holdings, over the near to intermediate-term, will continue to be focused on CLO debt and equity securities, with the more significant focus over the near-term on CLO equity securities.

# **Summary Risk Factors**

The value of our assets, as well as the market price of our securities, will fluctuate. Our investments may be risky, and you may lose all or part of your investment in us. Investing in Oxford Lane Capital involves other risks, including the following:

We have a limited operating history as a closed-end investment company;

We are dependent upon Oxford Lane Management s key personnel for our future success;

Our incentive fee structure and the formula for calculating the fee payable to Oxford Lane Management may incentivize Oxford Lane Management to pursue speculative investments, use leverage when it may be unwise to do so, or refrain from de-levering when it would otherwise be appropriate to do so;

A general increase in interest rates will likely have the effect of making it easier for our investment adviser to receive incentive fees, without necessarily resulting in an increase in our net earnings due to the catch up feature of the incentive fee;

CLO vehicles are very highly levered (typically 10 14 times), and therefore the junior debt and equity instruments in which we invest are subject to a higher degree of risk of total loss;

Our portfolio of investments may lack diversification among CLO vehicles which may subject us to a risk of significant loss if one or more of these CLO vehicles experiences a high level of defaults on its underlying Senior Loans;

As of September 25, 2013. Source: RBS, Intex.

2. Source: Standard & Poor s Rating Services U.S. CLO Transactions Outstanding Report, September 27, 2013.

Summary Risk Factors

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The Senior Loan portfolios of the CLO vehicles in which we will invest may be concentrated in a limited number of industries, which may subject those vehicles, and in turn us, to a risk of significant loss if there is a downturn in a particular industry in which a number of our CLO vehicles investments are concentrated;

Our financial results may be affected adversely if one or more of our significant equity or junior debt investments in such CLO vehicles defaults on its payment obligations or fails to perform as we expect;

Investing in CLO vehicles and other high-yield corporate credits involves a variety of risks, any of which may adversely impact our performance;

A disruption or downturn in the capital markets and the credit markets could impair our ability to raise capital and negatively affect our business;

We may borrow money to leverage our portfolio, which would magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us;

Our investment portfolio will be recorded at fair value, with our Board of Directors having final responsibility for overseeing, reviewing and approving, in good faith, its estimate of fair value and, as a result, there will be uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments;

We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly results;

We will become subject to corporate-level income tax if we are unable to qualify as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code;

Common shares of closed-end management investment companies, including Oxford Lane Capital, have in the past frequently traded at discounts to their net asset values, and we cannot assure you that the market price of shares of our common stock will not decline below our net asset value per share;

Our common stock price may be volatile and may decrease substantially;

There is a risk that our stockholders may not receive distributions or that our distributions may not grow or may be reduced over time, including on a per share basis as a result of the dilutive effects of this offering;

Regulations governing our operation as a registered closed-end management investment company affect our ability to raise additional capital and the way in which we do so. The raising of debt capital may expose us to risks, including the typical risks associated with leverage.

Holders of the Preferred Stock will have the right to elect members of our Board of Directors and will have class voting rights on certain matters.

An investment in term Preferred Stock with a fixed interest rate bears interest rate risk. There will be no initial secondary trading market due to delayed listing, and even after listing a liquid secondary trading market may not develop.

The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will not be rated.

The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will bear a risk of early redemption by us.

Claims of holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will be subject to a risk of subordination relative to holders of our debt instruments. We are subject to risks related to the general credit crisis and related liquidity risks. Holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will bear reinvestment risk.

Holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will bear dividend risk.

There is a risk of delay in our redemption of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, and we may fail to redeem such securities as required by their terms.

See Risk Factors beginning on page <u>S</u>-16 of this prospectus supplement and page 17 of the accompanying prospectus. In addition, the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contains a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our Preferred Stock.

# **Operating and Regulatory Structure**

Oxford Lane Capital is a Maryland corporation that is a non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act. As a registered closed-end fund, we are required to meet regulatory tests. See Regulation as a Registered Closed-End Investment Company. We may also borrow funds to make investments. In addition, we have elected to be treated for federal income tax purposes, and intend to qualify annually, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. See Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

Our investment activities are managed by Oxford Lane Management and supervised by our Board of Directors. Oxford Lane Management is an investment adviser that is registered under the Advisers Act. Under our Investment Advisory Agreement, we have agreed to pay Oxford Lane Management an annual base management fee based on our gross assets as well as an incentive fee based on our performance. See Investment Advisory Agreement. We have also entered into an administration agreement with BDC Partners, which we refer to as the Administration Agreement, under which we have agreed to reimburse BDC Partners for our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by BDC Partners in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including furnishing us with office facilities, equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at such facilities, as well as providing us with other administrative services. See Administration Agreement.

BDC Partners also serves as the managing member of Oxford Lane Management. Messrs. Cohen and Rosenthal, in turn, serve as the managing member and non-managing member, respectively, of BDC Partners.

# **Recent Developments**

### Dividend

On November 6, 2013, our Board of Directors declared a third fiscal quarter dividend of \$0.55 per share, payable on December 31, 2013 to shareholders of record as of December 17, 2013.

On November 6, 2013, our Board of Directors declared the dividends which are payable on the Series 2017 and Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares for the months of December 2013, January 2014 and February 2014.

### Financial Results as of September 30, 2013

The Company s unaudited net asset value per share as of September 30, 2013 stood at \$16.13, based upon net assets of \$123.9 million.

The Company s total assets at September 30, 2013 were \$163.1 million, up from \$145.9 million at March 31, 2013. For the six month period, GAAP net investment income for reporting purposes was \$4.8 million, and its net increase in net assets from operations was \$8.0 million, including realized gains of \$6.1 million and unrealized depreciation of \$2.9 million.

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The Company has accumulated taxable earnings in excess of its cash distributions since inception. For the years ended March 31, 2012 and 2013, respectively, the Company generated taxable earnings of approximately \$6.5 million and \$15.0 million (including net investment income and net realized capital gains) compared to dividend distributions of \$4.7 million and \$12.4 million, respectively.

The Company s dividend distribution policy is based upon its estimates of the ultimate taxable earnings for each respective period, which are based upon the cash flows for each investment. The final taxable amounts cannot be known until the tax return is filed, but the Company s experience has been that cash flows have historically represented a reasonable estimate of taxable earnings.

The Company estimates that its distributable net investment income for the six month period ended September 30, 2013 approximates \$8.0 million, calculated on a taxable basis, compared to dividend distributions of \$8.4 million.

There may be significant differences between the Company s GAAP earnings and its taxable earnings, particularly related to CLO equity investments where its taxable earnings are based upon distributable earnings and GAAP earnings are based upon an effective yield calculation. In general, the Company currently expects its taxable earnings to be higher than its reportable GAAP earnings.

### **GAAP Earnings vs. Taxable Earnings**

(EVE Manch 21 \$ in thousands)	EV	2 2012	EX	7 2012
(FYE March 31, \$ in thousands)		2012	ГІ	2013
GAAP net investment income	\$	2,631		5,925
GAAP realized gain on investments				2,374
Total GAAP earnings	\$	2,631	\$	8,299
Taxable net investment income	\$	6,166	\$	11,278
Taxable realized gain on investments		346		3,761
Total taxable earnings	\$	6,512	\$	15,039
Total dividends paid on common stock	\$	4,736	\$	12,415
Excess of taxable earnings over common stock dividends		37%		21%
Investment Portfolio Update				

As of September 30, 2013, the Company s investment portfolio stood at \$146.8 million, at fair value, composed of 83% CLO equity across 23 different CLO structures and 17% CLO debt across 8 different CLO structures. The top 10 aggregate industry exposures of the CLO vehicles represent approximately 50% of combined investments as of September 30, 2013. The top 10 aggregate single obligor investments represent approximately 6% of combined investments as of September 30, 2013.

During the Company s ownership, each of its CLO investments has been and remains in compliance with those coverage tests necessary for undiverted payments to be made to their respective equity tranches. From inception through September 30, 2013, the Company has invested approximately \$175 million, has received cash flows (including sales) of approximately \$79 million and has current investments of approximately \$147 million at fair value.

The Company had approximately \$114.6 million of cash income producing securities, both debt and equity, which generated approximately \$7.2 million of distributions for the quarter ended September 30, 2013. The Company had approximately \$35.5 million of CLO equity securities which were not cash income producing for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 (due to the ramp up period for those investments), but all of which are currently projected to be cash income producing and to make their inaugural distribution payments no later than the quarter ended March 31, 2014.

From June 2009 through October 2013, the Company s management team has made over \$500 million of aggregate cash investments in over 125 CLO investments with aggregate par value over \$650 million (including investments made at affiliated entities).

### **CLO Equity Investment Highlights**

(FYE March 31, \$ in millions)	Q2-14	Q1-14	Q4-13	Q3-13	Q2-13
Cash income producing CLO equity at cost <sup>(1)</sup>	\$85.2	\$51.8	\$34.6	\$33.4	\$33.4
Non-cash income producing CLO equity at cost <sup>(2)</sup>	35.5	36.9	46.1	4.7	
Total CLO Equity <sup>(1)</sup>	\$120.7	\$88.7	\$80.7	\$38.1	\$33.4
% CLO 2.0 Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	80.9 %	69.6%	65.3%	26.5%	16.0 %
% CLO 1.0 Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	19.1 %	30.4 %	34.7 %	73.5%	84.0 %

### Breakdown of Non-cash Income Producing CLO Equity as of September 30, 2013<sup>(2)</sup>

(\$ in millions)	
Inaugural distribution payment by December 31, 2013	\$ 32.2
Inaugural distribution payment by March 31, 2014	3.3
Total non-cash income producing CLO equity at cost	\$ 35.5

Includes CLO equity investments which made a distribution payment to the Company during the quarter but were (1)sold before quarter end (approximately \$3.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2013 and approximately \$3.5 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2013).

Represents CLO equity investments which did not make a distribution payment to the Company during the quarter. (2) It can generally take up to two quarters to receive the inaugural distribution payment from the time a CLO equity investment is purchased by the Company in the primary market.

(3)

# Percentage as of quarter end at cost. At the Market Offering

We have entered into an equity distribution agreement, dated August 28, 2013, with Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. pursuant to which we may offer and sell shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$45,000,000 from time to time through Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., as our sales agent. Sales of our common stock, if any, under this equity distribution agreement may be made in negotiated transactions or transactions that are deemed to be at the market, as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including sales made directly on the NASDAQ Global Select Market or similar securities exchange or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange, at prices related to the prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. will receive a commission from us equal to 2.0% of the gross sales price of any shares of our common stock sold through Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. under the equity distribution agreement and we have agreed to reimburse Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including fees and disbursements of counsel, incurred by Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. in connection with the at the market offering; provided that such reimbursements shall not exceed \$50,000. As of November 8, 2013, we have not sold any shares through this at the market offering.

## The Offering

The following is a brief summary of the terms of this offering. For a more complete description of the rights, preferences and other terms of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, see Description of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock in this prospectus supplement.

#### Issuer

Listing

Oxford Lane Capital Corp.

Our Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares trade on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol OXLCO. Our Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares are currently listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol OXLCP.

#### **Securities Offered**

1,625,000 shares of 7.50% Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares (1,868,750 shares if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full).

#### **Liquidation Preference**

\$25 per share, plus accrued but unpaid dividends, if any. In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, pari passu, or equally, with the holders of the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares, will be entitled to receive a liquidation distribution per share equal to \$25 per share (which we refer to in this prospectus supplement as the Liquidation Preference), plus an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid dividends, if any, and distributions accumulated to (but excluding) the date fixed for distribution or payment, whether or not earned or declared by us, but excluding interest on any such distribution or payment. See

Description of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock Liquidation Rights.

#### Dividends

The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares pay a monthly dividend at a fixed annual rate of 7.50% of the Liquidation Preference, or \$1.875 per share per year, which we refer to as the Fixed Dividend Rate. The Fixed Dividend Rate is subject to adjustment under certain circumstances, but will not in any case be lower than the Fixed Dividend Rate. Cumulative cash dividends or distributions on each Series 2023 Term Preferred Share are payable monthly, when, as and if declared, or under authority granted, by our Board of Directors out of funds legally available for such payment. We will pay monthly dividends on the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement, commencing on November 29, 2013.

#### Ranking

The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares are senior securities that constitute capital stock of the Company. The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares rank:

senior to the Common Stock in priority of payment of dividends and as to the distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or the winding-up of our affairs; and

equal in priority with the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares and all other future series of Preferred Stock we may issue, which we refer to in this prospectus supplement, collectively with the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, as the Preferred Stock, as well as any other series of Term Preferred Shares (as such term is defined in the Articles Supplementary, the Term

Preferred Stock) as to priority of payment of dividends and as to distributions of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or the winding-up of our affairs.

We may issue additional shares of Preferred Stock, but we may not issue additional classes of capital stock that rank senior or junior to the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares (other than Common Stock) as to priority of payment of dividends and as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding-up of our affairs. We may, however, issue additional Preferred Stock only so long as the ratio of (1) the value of total assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities to (2) the sum of all senior securities representing indebtedness and the outstanding Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares and Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares multiplied by \$25 per share is at least 200%. In addition, we may borrow funds from banks and other lenders so long as the ratio of (1) the value of total assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities represented by senior securities represented by senior securities and indebtedness and other lenders so long as the ratio of (1) the value of total assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities to (2) the sum of all senior securities representing indebtedness is at least 300%.

#### **Term Redemption**

We are required to redeem all outstanding Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares on June 30, 2023 at a redemption price equal to the Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, on such shares (whether or not earned or declared, but excluding interest on such dividends) to, but excluding, the redemption date. We cannot effect any amendment, alteration or repeal of our obligation to redeem all of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares on June 30, 2023 without the prior unanimous vote or consent of holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. See Description of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock Redemption and Voting Rights.

#### Mandatory Redemption for Asset Coverage

If we fail to maintain an asset coverage ratio (as defined below) of at least 200% as of the close of business on any Business Day on which asset coverage is required to be calculated, and such failure is not cured by the close of business on the date that is 30 calendar days following such Business Day (referred to in this prospectus supplement as an Asset Coverage Cure Date), then we are required to redeem, within 90 calendar days of the Asset Coverage Cure Date, shares of Preferred Stock equal to the lesser of (1) the minimum number of shares of Preferred Stock that will result in our having an asset coverage ratio of at least 200% and (2) the maximum number of shares of Preferred Stock that will result in our having an asset coverage ratio of at least 200% and (2) the maximum number of shares of Preferred Stock that will result in our having an asset coverage ratio of up to and including 285%. The Preferred Stock to be redeemed) that will result in our having an asset coverage ratio of up to and including 285%. The Preferred Shares and other series of Preferred Stock. If the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares are to be redeemed in such an event, they will be redeemed at a redemption price equal to their liquidation preference per share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, on such liquidation preference (whether or

not declared, but excluding, interest on accrued but unpaid dividends, if any) to, but excluding, the date fixed for such redemption.

Asset coverage for purposes of our Preferred Stock is a ratio calculated under Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act. We estimate that, on the Date of Original Issue, our asset coverage, based on the composition and value of our portfolio as of March 31, 2013, and after giving effect to (1) the issuance of Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares in June and July 2013, (2) the issuance of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares offered in this offering and (3) the payment of underwriting discounts and commissions of \$1,462,500 and estimated related offering costs payable by us of \$240,000, will be 267%. See Description of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock Asset Coverage.

#### **Optional Redemption**

At any time on or after June 30, 2016, at our sole option, we may redeem, from time to time, the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares in whole or in part, out of funds legally available for such redemption, at a price per share equal to the sum of the Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends, if any, on such shares (whether or not earned or declared, but excluding interest on such dividends) to, but excluding, the date fixed for such redemption. See Description of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock Redemption Optional Redemption. See Description of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock Redemption.

#### **Voting Rights**

Except as otherwise provided in our Articles of Amendment and Restatement to the Articles of Incorporation or as otherwise required by law, (1) each holder of Preferred Stock (including the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares and the Series 2017 Preferred Shares) will be entitled to one vote for each share of Preferred Stock held by such holder on each matter submitted to a vote of our stockholders and (2) the holders of all outstanding Preferred Stock and Common Stock will vote together as a single class; provided that holders of Preferred Stock, voting separately as a class, will elect two of our directors and will be entitled to elect a majority of our directors if we fail to pay dividends on any outstanding shares of Preferred Stock in an amount equal to two full years of dividends and continuing during that period until we correct that failure. Preferred Stock holders will also vote separately as a class on any matter that materially and adversely affects any preference, right or power of holders of Preferred Stock. See

Description of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock Voting Rights.

#### **Conversion Rights**

The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will have no conversion rights.

#### **Use of Proceeds**

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering (after the payment of underwriting discounts and commissions of \$1,462,500 and estimated expenses of the offering of approximately \$240,000) for acquiring investments in accordance with our investment objective and strategies described in this prospectus supplement and for general working capital purposes. See Use of Proceeds.

#### Leverage

Although we have no current intention to do so, we may borrow funds to make investments. In addition, we may issue additional

shares of Preferred Stock, which may be considered a form of leverage, after completion of this offering. As a result, we will be exposed to the risks of leverage, which may be considered a speculative investment technique. In addition, the CLO vehicles in which we invest will be leveraged, which will indirectly expose us to the risks of leverage. The use of leverage magnifies the potential gain and loss on amounts invested and therefore increases the risks associated with investing in our securities. In addition, the costs associated with use of leverage, including any increase in the management fee payable to our investment adviser, Oxford Lane Management, will be borne by our common stockholders. Under the 1940 Act, we are only permitted to incur additional indebtedness to the extent our asset coverage with respect to our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness, as defined under the 1940 Act, is at least 300% immediately after each such borrowing. In addition, we are only permitted to issue additional Preferred Stock to the extent our asset coverage with respect to such Preferred Stock, as defined under the 1940 Act, which also reflects any outstanding borrowings, is at least 200% immediately after each such issuance. See Regulation as a Registered Closed-End Investment Company.

#### **U.S. Federal Income Taxes**

Prospective investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding these matters in light of their personal investment circumstances.

We have elected to be treated, and intend to continue to so qualify each year, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, and we generally do not expect to be subject to U.S. federal income tax.

#### **Risk Factors**

Investing in the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares involves risks. You should carefully consider the information set forth in the sections of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus entitled Risk Factors before deciding whether to invest in our Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. See Risk Factors beginning on page <u>S</u>-16 of this prospectus supplement and page <u>17</u> of the accompanying prospectus.

#### **Information Rights**

During any period in which we are not subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act and any Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, we will provide holders of Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, without cost, copies of our annual, semi-annual and quarterly reports, proxy statements and other information that we would have been required to file with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act if we were subject to such requirements.

#### **Redemption and Paying Agent**

We have entered into an amendment to our Transfer Agency and Service Agreement with Computershare Trust Company, N.A., which we refer to as the Redemption and Paying Agent in this prospectus supplement. Under this amendment, the Redemption and Paying Agent will serve as transfer agent and registrar, dividend disbursing agent and redemption and paying agent with respect to the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares.

## **RISK FACTORS**

You should carefully consider the risks described below, and the risks described in Risk Factors beginning on page <u>17</u> of the accompanying prospectus, before deciding to invest in the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. The risks and uncertainties described below and in the accompanying prospectus are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us, or not presently deemed material by us, may also impair our operations and performance and the value of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. If any of the following risks or the risks described in the accompanying prospectus actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected, and the value of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

### Regulations governing our operation as a registered closed-end management investment company affect our ability to raise additional capital and the way in which we do so. The raising of debt capital may expose us to risks, including the typical risks associated with leverage.

Although we have no current intention to do so, we may in the future issue debt securities or additional shares of Preferred Stock and/or borrow money from banks or other financial institutions, which we refer to collectively as senior securities, up to the maximum amount permitted by the 1940 Act. Under the provisions of the 1940 Act, we will be permitted, as a registered closed-end management investment company, to issue senior securities representing indebtedness so long as our asset coverage ratio with respect thereto, defined under the 1940 Act as the ratio of our gross assets (less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities) to our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness, is at least 300% after each issuance of such senior securities. In addition, we will be permitted to issue additional shares of Preferred Stock so long as our asset coverage ratio with respect thereto, defined under the 1940 Act as the ratio of our gross assets (less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities) to our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness, plus the aggregate involuntary liquidation preference of our outstanding Preferred Stock, is at least 200% after each issuance of such Preferred Stock. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy these test. If that happens, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments and, depending on the nature of our leverage, repay a portion of our indebtedness or redeem outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, in each case at a time when doing so may be disadvantageous. Also, any amounts that we use to service our indebtedness or preferred dividends would not be available for distributions to our common stockholders. Furthermore, as a result of issuing senior securities, we would also be exposed to typical risks associated with leverage, including an increased risk of loss. If we issue additional Preferred Stock, the Preferred Stock would continue to rank senior to common stock in our capital structure, preferred stockholders would continue to have separate voting rights on certain matters and might have other rights, preferences, or privileges more favorable than those of our common stockholders, and the issuance of additional shares of Preferred Stock could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change of control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in your best interest.

We are not generally able to issue and sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share, other than in connection with a rights offering to our existing stockholders. We may, however, sell our common stock at a price below the then-current net asset value per share of our common stock if our Board of Directors determines that such sale is in the best interests of Oxford Lane Capital and our stockholders, and our stockholders approve such sale. In any such case, the price at which our securities are to be issued and sold may not be less than a price that, in the determination of our Board of Directors, closely approximates the market value of such securities (less any

distributing commission or discount). If we raise additional funds by issuing more common stock, then the percentage ownership of our stockholders at that time will decrease, and you may experience dilution.

### We may borrow money and/or issue Preferred Stock to leverage our portfolio, which would magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and will increase the risk of investing in us.

The use of leverage magnifies the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and, therefore, increases the risks associated with investing in our securities. Although we have no current intention to do so, we may borrow from and issue senior securities, including additional shares of Preferred Stock, to banks, insurance

companies and other lenders in the future. Holders of these senior securities will have fixed dollar claims on our assets that are superior to the claims of our common stockholders, and we would expect such lenders to seek recovery against our assets in the event of a default. If the value of our assets decreases, leveraging would cause net asset value to decline more sharply than it otherwise would have had we not leveraged. Similarly, any decrease in our income would cause net income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Such a decline could also negatively affect our ability to make dividend payments on our common stock. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique. Our ability to service any debt that we incur will depend largely on our financial performance and will be subject to prevailing economic conditions and competitive pressures. Moreover, as the management fee payable to our investment adviser, Oxford Lane Management, will be payable based on our gross assets, including those assets acquired through the use of leverage, Oxford Lane Management will have a financial incentive to incur leverage which may not be consistent with our stockholders interests. In addition, our common stockholders will bear the burden of any increase in our expenses as a result of leverage, including any increase in the management fee payable to Oxford Lane Management.

As a registered closed-end management investment company, we will generally be required to meet an asset coverage ratio with respect to our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness, defined under the 1940 Act as the ratio of our gross assets (less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities) to our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness, of at least 300% after each issuance of senior securities representing indebtedness. In addition, we will generally be required to meet an asset coverage ratio with respect to our outstanding Preferred Stock, as defined under the 1940 Act as the ratio of our gross assets (less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities) to our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness, plus the aggregate involuntary liquidation preference of our outstanding Preferred Stock, of at least 200% immediately after each issuance of such Preferred Stock. If this ratio declines, we may not be able to incur additional debt or issue additional shares of Preferred Stock and could be required by law to sell a portion of our investments to repay some debt or redeem some Preferred Stock when it is disadvantageous to do so, which could have a material adverse effect on our operations, and we may not be able to make distributions. The amount of leverage that we employ will depend on our investment adviser s and our Board of Directors assessment of market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain credit at all or on terms acceptable to us.

In addition, any debt facility into which we may enter would likely impose financial and operating covenants that restrict our business activities, including limitations that could hinder our ability to finance additional loans and investments or to make the distributions required to maintain our status as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

# An investment in term Preferred Stock with a fixed interest rate bears interest rate risk.

Term Preferred Stock pays dividends at a fixed dividend rate. Prices of fixed income investments vary inversely with changes in market yields. The market yields on securities comparable to the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares may increase, which would likely result in a decline in the secondary market price of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares prior to the term redemption date. For additional information concerning dividends on the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, see Description of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock Dividends and Dividend Periods.

### A liquid secondary trading market may not develop for the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares.

Although the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares and the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, they have a limited trading market. As a result, we cannot predict the trading

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patterns of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, and a liquid secondary market may not develop. Holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares may be able to sell such shares only at substantial discounts from the Liquidation Preference. There is a risk that the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares may be thinly traded, and the market for such shares may be relatively illiquid compared to the market for other types of securities, with the spread between the bid and asked prices considerably greater than the spreads of other securities with comparable terms and features.

### The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will not be rated.

We do not intend to have the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares rated by any rating agency. Unrated securities usually trade at a discount to similar, rated securities. As a result, there is a risk that the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares may trade at a price that is lower than they might otherwise trade if rated by a rating agency.

# The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will bear a risk of early redemption by us.

We may voluntarily redeem some or all of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares on or after June 30, 2016 and we may be forced to redeem some or all of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares to meet regulatory requirements and the asset coverage requirements of such shares. Any such redemptions may occur at a time that is unfavorable to holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. We may have an incentive to redeem the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares voluntarily before the Term Redemption Date if market conditions allow us to issue other Preferred Stock or debt securities at a rate that is lower than the Fixed Dividend Rate on the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. For further information regarding our ability to redeem the Term Preferred Stock, see Description of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock Redemption and Asset Coverage.

# Claims of holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will be subject to a risk of subordination relative to holders of our debt instruments.

Rights of holders of Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will equal to the rights of holders of Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares. However, rights of holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares and the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares will be subordinated to the rights of holders of our indebtedness. Therefore, dividends, distributions and other payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares in liquidation or otherwise may be subject to prior payments due to the holders of our indebtedness. In addition, under some circumstances the 1940 Act may provide debt holders with voting rights that are superior to the voting rights of holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares.

# We are subject to risks related to a general credit crisis and related liquidity risks.

General market uncertainty and extraordinary conditions in the credit markets may impact the liquidity of our investment portfolio. In turn, during extraordinary circumstances, this uncertainty could impact our distributions and/or ability to redeem the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares in accordance with their terms. Further, there may be market imbalances of sellers and buyers of Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares during periods of extreme illiquidity and volatility in the credit markets. Such market conditions may lead to periods of thin trading in any secondary market for the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares and may make valuation of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares uncertain. As a result, the spread between bid and ask prices is likely to increase significantly such that an investor in the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares may have difficulty selling his or her shares. Less liquid and more volatile trading environments could also result in sudden and significant valuation declines in the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares.

### Holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will bear reinvestment risk.

Given the ten-year term and potential for early redemption of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, holders of such shares may face an increased reinvestment risk, which is the risk that the return on an investment purchased with

The Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will not be rated.

proceeds from the sale or redemption of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares may be lower than the return previously obtained from the investment in such shares.

### Holders of Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will bear dividend risk.

We may be unable to pay dividends on the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares under some circumstances. The Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares are subject to redemption by us approximately eighteen months before the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares are subject to redemption by us. As a result, our redemption of the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares may impact our ability to continue to pay dividends on the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. In addition, the terms of any future indebtedness we may incur could preclude the payment of dividends in respect of equity securities, including the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, under certain conditions.

# There is a risk of delay in our redemption of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, and we may fail to redeem such securities as required by their terms.

We will generally make investments in CLO vehicles whose securities are not traded in any public market. Substantially all of the investments we presently hold and the investments we expect to acquire in the future are, and will be, subject to legal and other restrictions on resale and will otherwise be less liquid than publicly traded securities. The illiquidity of our investments may make it difficult for us to obtain cash equal to the value at which we record our investments quickly if a need arises. If we are unable to obtain sufficient liquidity prior to the Term Redemption Date, we may be forced to engage in a partial redemption or to delay a required redemption. If such a partial redemption or delay were to occur, the market price of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares might be adversely affected.

# Uncertainty relating to the LIBOR calculation process may adversely affect the value of our portfolio of the LIBOR-indexed, floating-rate debt securities.

Concerns have been publicized that some of the member banks surveyed by the British Bankers Association (BBA) in connection with the calculation of LIBOR across a range of maturities and currencies may have been under-reporting or otherwise manipulating the inter-bank lending rate applicable to them in order to profit on their derivatives positions or to avoid an appearance of capital insufficiency or adverse reputational or other consequences that may have resulted from reporting inter-bank lending rates higher than those they actually submitted. A number of BBA member banks have entered into settlements with their regulators and law enforcement agencies with respect to alleged manipulation of LIBOR, and investigations by regulators and governmental authorities in various jurisdictions are ongoing.

Actions by the BBA, regulators or law enforcement agencies may result in changes to the manner in which LIBOR is determined. Uncertainty as to the nature of such potential changes may adversely affect the market for LIBOR-based securities, including our portfolio of LIBOR-indexed, floating-rate debt securities. In addition, any further changes or reforms to the determination or supervision of LIBOR may result in a sudden or prolonged increase or decrease in reported LIBOR, which could have an adverse impact on the market for LIBOR-based securities or the value of our portfolio of LIBOR-indexed, floating-rate debt securities.

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but rather are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our company, our current and prospective portfolio investments, our industry, our beliefs, and our assumptions. Words such as anticipates, will, expects, intends. plans. may. believes. seeks. estimates. would. could. should. targets, projects, and variations of these words a expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus involve risks and uncertainties, including statements as to:

our future operating results;

our business prospects and the prospects of a CLO vehicle s 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 a CLO vehicle s portfolio companies to achieve their objectives;

our expected financings and investments;

the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital; and

the timing of cash flows, if any, from our investments.

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

an economic downturn could impair the ability of a CLO vehicle s portfolio companies to continue to operate, which could lead to the loss of some or all of our investment in such CLO vehicle;

a contraction of available credit and/or an inability to access the equity markets could impair our investment activities; interest rate volatility could adversely affect our results, particularly if we elect to use leverage as part of our investment strategy;

currency fluctuations could adversely affect the results of our investments in foreign companies, particularly to the extent that we receive payments denominated in foreign currency rather than U.S. dollars; and

the risks, uncertainties and other factors we identify in Risk Factors in the accompanying prospectus and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and in our filings with the SEC.

Although we believe that the assumptions on which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate, and as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those assumptions also could be inaccurate. Important assumptions include our ability to originate new loans and investments, certain margins and levels of profitability and the availability of additional capital. In light of these and other uncertainties, the inclusion of a projection or forward-looking statement in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus should not be regarded as a representation by us that our plans and objectives will be achieved. These risks and uncertainties include those described or identified in Risk Factors in the accompanying prospectus and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the respective dates of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to reflect any material changes to the information contained herein. The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that the net proceeds to us from this offering will be approximately \$34,860,000 (or approximately \$40,125,000 if the underwriters fully exercise their overallotment option), after deducting the payment of underwriting discounts and commissions of \$1,462,500 (or approximately \$1,681,875 if the underwriters fully exercise their overallotment option) and estimated offering expenses of \$240,000 payable by us.

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our securities pursuant to this prospectus supplement for acquiring investments in accordance with our investment objective and strategies described in this prospectus supplement and for general working capital purposes. We may also pay operating expenses, including advisory and administrative fees and expenses, from the net proceeds of this offering. We anticipate that substantially all of the net proceeds of this offering will be used for the above purposes within approximately three months from the consummation of such offering, depending on the availability of appropriate investment opportunities consistent with our investment objective and market conditions. We cannot assure you we will achieve our targeted investment pace.

Pending such investments, we will invest the net proceeds primarily in cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high-quality investments that mature in one year or less from the date of investment. The management fee payable by us will not be reduced while our assets are invested in such securities. See Regulation as a Closed-End Investment Company Temporary Investments in the accompanying prospectus for additional information about temporary investments we may make while waiting to make longer-term investments in pursuit of our investment objective.

# CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth:

the actual capitalization of Oxford Lane Capital at March 31, 2013; and

the adjusted capitalization of Oxford Lane Capital, reflecting the sale of 862,000 shares of Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares sold in June and July 2013; and

the adjusted capitalization of Oxford Lane Capital, reflecting the sale of 1,625,000 shares of our Preferred Stock in this offering at a public offering price of \$22.50 per share, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$1,462,500 and estimated offering expenses of approximately \$240,000 payable by us.

This table should be read in conjunction with Use of Proceeds included in this prospectus supplement and our Business section and financial statements and notes thereto included in the accompanying prospectus.

	As of March 31 Actual	As Adjusted <sup>(3)</sup>	
Assets:			
Total assets	\$145,887,289	\$167,437,289	\$203,999,789
Liabilities:			
Mandatory redeemable Preferred Stock, par value			
\$0.01 per share; 5,000,000 shares authorized,	15,811,250	37,361,250	73,923,750
632,450, 1,494,450 and 3,119,450 shares issued and	15,011,250	57,501,250	15,925,150
outstanding, as adjusted, respectively <sup>(1)</sup>			
Other liabilities	6,936,316	6,936,316	6,936,316
Total liabilities	22,747,566	44,297,566	80,860,066
Net Assets	\$123,139,723	\$123,139,723	\$123,139,723
Net Assets consist of:			
Paid in capital	111,742,848	111,742,848	111,742,848
Net realized gain on investments	2,025,556	2,025,556	2,025,556
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	17,760,081	17,760,081	17,760,081
Distributions in excess of net investment income	(8,388,762)	(8,388,762)	(8,388,762)
Total net assets	\$123,139,723	\$123,139,723	\$123,139,723

(1) Actual amount represents 632,450 shares of Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares outstanding as of March 31, 2013.
(2) Increase in assets in the As Adjusted column is due to cash from the proceeds of the sale of 862,000 shares of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares sold in June and July 2013.

(3) Increase in assets in the As Adjusted column is due to cash from the proceeds of this offering, in addition to the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares sold in June and July 2013.

# RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED DIVIDENDS

The following table contains our ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends for the periods indicated, computed as set forth below. You should read these ratios of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends in connection with our financial statements, including the notes to those statements, included in this prospectus.

	For The Year Ended March 31, 2013	For The Year Ended March 31, 2012	For the Period January 25, 2011 (Commencement of Operations) through March 31, 2011
Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends <sup>(1)</sup>	46.4	346.9	55.8

(1) Earnings include net realized and unrealized gains or losses. Net realized and unrealized gains or losses can vary substantially from period to period.

For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends, earnings represent net increase in net assets resulting from operations plus (or minus) income tax expense (benefit) including excise tax expense plus fixed charges. Fixed charges include interest and amortization of debt issuance costs and one-third of rent expense, which management estimates to represent the interest component of rent expense.

# DESCRIPTION OF THE SERIES 2023 TERM PREFERRED STOCK

The following is a brief description of the terms of our Term Preferred Stock, including specific terms of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. This is not a complete description and is subject to, and entirely qualified by reference to, our Articles of Amendment and Restatement to the Articles of Incorporation, the Articles Supplementary, Appendix A to the Articles Supplementary and Appendix B to the Articles Supplementary, dated as of November 13, 2013. The final form of Articles Supplementary and Appendix A, and the draft of Appendix B, as amended, thereto are attached to this prospectus supplement and the final Appendix B, as amended, will be filed with the SEC as an exhibit to our registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are a part. You may obtain copies of these documents as described under Available Information.

### General

We are authorized to issue 5,000,000 shares of Term Preferred Stock. We are designating 1,868,750 of these shares as additional Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. We currently have 862,000 shares of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares outstanding. We currently have 632,450 shares of the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares outstanding. Terms of the Term Preferred Stock are set forth in the Articles Supplementary. Terms of the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares of the Articles Supplementary dated as of November 13, 2013. Terms of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock except as the same as those of the accompanying prospectus are the same as those of the Term Preferred Stock except as set forth in Appendix A to the Articles Supplementary dated as of November 13, 2013. Terms of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock except as set forth in Appendix B to the Articles Supplementary dated as of November 13, 2013.

At the time of issuance, any Term Preferred Stock, including the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, will be fully paid and non-assessable and will have no preemptive, conversion, or exchange rights or rights to cumulative voting. The Term Preferred Stock will rank equally with shares of the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares and all our other Preferred Stock that might be issued in the future, as to payment of dividends and the distribution of our assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of our affairs. The Term Preferred Stock is, and all other Preferred Stock that we may issue in the future will be, senior as to dividends and distributions to the Common Stock. We may issue additional series of Term Preferred Stock or other Preferred Stock in the future.

Except in certain limited circumstances, holders of the Term Preferred Stock will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in such shares, and the shares of Term Preferred Stock will be represented by a global certificate to be held by the Securities Depository for the Term Preferred Stock. The Depository Trust Company will initially act as Securities Depository with respect to the Term Preferred Stock.

# **Dividends and Dividend Periods**

General. The holders of the Term Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends and distributions on such shares, when, as and if declared by, or under authority granted by, our Board of Directors out of funds legally available for payment and in preference to dividends and distributions on Common Stock, calculated separately for each Dividend Period for such Term Preferred Stock at the Dividend Rate for such Term Preferred Stock in effect during such Dividend Period, in an amount equal to the Liquidation Preference for such Term Preferred Stock. The Dividend Rate is computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends so declared and payable will be paid to the extent permitted under state law and our Articles of

Incorporation, and to the extent available, in preference to and priority over any dividend declared and payable on the Common Stock. If we are unable to distribute the full dividend amount due in a Dividend Period on both the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares and the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares, the dividends will be distributed on a pro rata basis among the holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares and the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares.

*Fixed Dividend Rate.* The Fixed Dividend Rate is an annual rate of 7.50% for the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares. The Fixed Dividend Rate for Term Preferred Stock may be adjusted in certain circumstances, including upon the occurrence of certain events resulting in a Default Period (as defined below).

Payment of Dividends and Dividend Periods. The first Dividend Period for the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares commenced on June 21, 2013 and ended on July 31, 2013 and each subsequent Dividend

Period will be a calendar month (or the portion thereof occurring prior to the redemption of such Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares). Dividends will be payable monthly in arrears on the Dividend Payment Date the last Business Day of the month of the Dividend Period and upon redemption of the Term Preferred Stock. Except for the first Dividend Period, dividends with respect to any monthly Dividend Period will be declared and paid to holders of record of Term Preferred Stock as their names shall appear on our registration books at the close of business on the applicable record date, which shall be such date designated by our Board of Directors that is not more than 20, nor less than 10, calendar days prior to such Dividend Payment Date. Dividends with respect to the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement will be paid on November 29, 2013 to holders of record of such Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares as their names appear on our registration books at the close of business on November 18, 2013.

Only holders of Term Preferred Stock on the record date for a Dividend Period will be entitled to receive dividends and distributions payable with respect to such Dividend Period, and holders of Term Preferred Stock who sell shares before such a record date and purchasers of Term Preferred Stock who purchase shares after such a record date should take the effect of the foregoing provisions into account in evaluating the price to be received or paid for such Term Preferred Stock.

Although dividends will accrue and be paid monthly, the record date for holders of Term Preferred Stock entitled to receive dividend payments may vary from month-to-month. We will notify holders of the Term Preferred Stock of each record date by issuance of a quarterly press release.

*Mechanics of Payment of Dividends.* Not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Dividend Payment Date, we are required to deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent sufficient funds for the payment of dividends in the form of Deposit Securities. Deposit Securities will generally consist of (1) cash or cash equivalents; (2) direct obligations of the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities that are entitled to the full faith and credit of the United States, which we refer to as the U.S. Government Obligations; (3) investments in money market funds registered under the 1940 Act that qualify under Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act and certain similar investment vehicles that invest in U.S. Government Obligations or any combination thereof; or (4) any letter of credit from a bank or other financial institution that has a credit rating from at least one ratings agency that is the highest applicable rating generally ascribed by such ratings agency to bank deposits or short-term debt of similar banks or other financial institutions, in each case either that is a demand obligation payable to the holder on any Business Day or that has a maturity date, mandatory redemption date or mandatory payment date, preceding the relevant Redemption Date, Dividend Payment Date or other payment date. We do not intend to establish any reserves for the payment of dividends.

All Deposit Securities paid to the Redemption and Payment Agent for the payment of dividends will be held in trust for the payment of such dividends to the holders of Term Preferred Stock. Dividends will be paid by the Redemption and Payment Agent to the holders of Term Preferred Stock as their names appear on our registration books. Dividends that are in arrears for any past Dividend Period may be declared and paid at any time, without reference to any regular Dividend Payment Date. Such payments are made to holders of Term Preferred Stock as their names appear on our registration books on such date, not exceeding 20 nor less than 10 calendar days preceding the payment date thereof, as may be fixed by our Board of Directors. Any payment of dividends in arrears will first be credited against the earliest accumulated but unpaid dividends. No interest or sum of money in lieu of interest will be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on any Term Preferred Stock which may be in arrears. See Adjustment to Fixed Dividend Rate Default Period.

Upon failure to pay dividends for at least two years, the holders of Term Preferred Stock will acquire certain additional voting rights. See Voting Rights below. Such rights shall be the exclusive remedy of the holders of Term Preferred Stock upon any failure to pay dividends on Term Preferred Stock.

Adjustment to Fixed Dividend Rate Default Period. Subject to the cure provisions below, a Default Period with respect to Term Preferred Stock will commence on a date we fail to deposit the Deposit Securities as required as described above. A Default Period with respect to a Dividend Default or a Redemption Default shall end on the Business Day on which, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and any unpaid redemption price shall have been deposited irrevocably in trust in same-day funds with the Redemption and Paying Agent. In the case of a Default, the applicable dividend rate for each day

during the Default Period will be equal to the Default Rate. The Default Rate for any calendar day will be equal to the applicable Dividend Rate in effect on such day plus two percent (2%) per annum.

No Default Period with respect to a Dividend Default or Redemption Default will be deemed to commence if the amount of any dividend or any redemption price due (if such Default is not solely due to our willful failure) is deposited irrevocably in trust, in same-day funds with the Redemption and Paying Agent by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Business Day that is not later than three Business Days after the applicable Dividend Payment Date or Redemption Date, together with an amount equal to the Default Rate applied to the amount and period of such non-payment based on the actual number of calendar days comprising such period divided by 360.

### Restrictions on Dividend, Redemption, Other Payments and Issuance of Debt

No full dividends and distributions will be declared or paid on Term Preferred Stock for any Dividend Period, or a part of a Dividend Period, unless the full cumulative dividends and distributions due through the most recent dividend payment dates for all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock (including shares of other series of Term Preferred Stock, if any) have been, or contemporaneously are, declared and paid through the most recent dividend payment dates for each share of Preferred Stock. If full cumulative dividends and distributions due have not been paid on all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock of any series, any dividends and distributions being declared and paid on Term Preferred Stock will be declared and paid as nearly pro rata as possible in proportion to the respective amounts of dividends and distributions accumulated but unpaid on the shares of each such series of Preferred Stock on the relevant dividend payment date. No holders of Term Preferred Stock will be entitled to any dividends and distributions in excess of full cumulative dividends as provided in the Articles Supplementary.

For so long as any shares of Term Preferred Stock are outstanding, we will not: (x) declare any dividend or other distribution (other than a dividend or distribution paid in Common Stock) in respect of the Common Stock, (y) call for redemption, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any such Common Stock, or (z) pay any proceeds of the liquidation of the Company in respect of such Common Stock, unless, in each case, (A) immediately thereafter, we will be in compliance with the 200% asset coverage limitations set forth under the 1940 Act with respect to a class of senior security which is stock, after deducting the amount of such dividend or distribution or redemption or purchasing price or liquidation proceeds, (B) all cumulative dividends and distributions of shares of all series of Term Preferred Stock and all other series of Preferred Stock, if any, ranking on parity with the Term Preferred Stock due on or prior to the date of the applicable dividend, distribution, redemption, purchase or acquisition shall have been declared and paid (or shall have been declared and sufficient funds or Deposit Securities as permitted by the terms of such Preferred Stock for the payment thereof shall have been deposited irrevocably with the applicable paying agent) and (C) we have deposited Deposit Securities with the Redemption and Paying Agent in accordance with the requirements described herein with respect to outstanding Term Preferred Stock of any series to be redeemed pursuant to a Term Redemption or asset coverage mandatory redemption resulting from the failure to comply with the asset coverage requirements as described below for which a Notice of Redemption shall have been given or shall have been required to be given in accordance with the terms described herein on or prior to the date of the applicable dividend, distribution, redemption, purchase or acquisition.

Except as required by law, we will not redeem any shares of Term Preferred Stock unless all accumulated and unpaid dividends and distributions on all outstanding shares of Term Preferred Stock and other series of Preferred Stock, if any, ranking on parity with the Term Preferred Stock with respect to dividends and distributions for all applicable past dividend periods (whether or not earned or declared by us) (x) will have been or are contemporaneously paid or (y) will have been or are contemporaneously declared and Deposit Securities or sufficient funds (in accordance with the

terms of such Preferred Stock) for the payment of such dividends and distributions will have been or are contemporaneously deposited with the Redemption and Paying Agent or other applicable paying agent, provided, however, that the foregoing will not prevent the purchase or acquisition of outstanding shares of Term Preferred Stock pursuant to an otherwise lawful purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of Term Preferred Stock and any other series of Preferred Stock, if any, for which all accumulated and unpaid dividends and distributions have not been paid.

We may issue debt in one or more classes or series. Under the 1940 Act, we may not (1) declare any dividend with respect to any Preferred Stock if, at the time of such declaration (and after giving effect thereto), our asset coverage with respect to any of our borrowings that are senior securities representing indebtedness (as determined in accordance with Section 18(h) under the 1940 Act), would be less than 200% (or such other percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring dividends on its Preferred Stock) or (2) declare any other distribution on the Preferred Stock or purchase or redeem Preferred Stock if at the time of the declaration or redemption (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage with respect to such borrowings that are senior securities representing indebtedness would be less than 200% (or such higher percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring distributions, purchases or redemptions of its shares). Senior securities representing indebtedness generally means any bond, debenture, note or similar obligation or instrument constituting a security (other than shares of capital stock) and evidencing indebtedness and could include our obligations under any borrowings. For purposes of determining our asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness in connection with the payment of dividends or other distributions on or purchases or redemptions of stock, the term senior security does not include any promissory note or other evidence of indebtedness issued in consideration of any loan, extension or renewal thereof, made by a bank or other person and privately arranged, and not intended to be publicly distributed. The term senior security also does not include any such promissory note or other evidence of indebtedness in any case where such a loan is for temporary purposes only and in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of our total assets at the time when the loan is made; a loan is presumed under the 1940 Act to be for temporary purposes if it is repaid within 60 calendar days and is not extended or renewed; otherwise such loan is presumed not to be for temporary purposes.

### **Asset Coverage**

If we fail to maintain asset coverage of at least 200% as of the close of business on the last Business Day of a Calendar Quarter, the Term Preferred Stock may become subject to mandatory redemption as provided below. Asset coverage means asset coverage of a class of senior security which is a stock, as defined for purposes of Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act as in effect on the date of the Articles Supplementary. For purposes of this determination, no shares of Term Preferred Stock or other Preferred Stock, if any, will be deemed to be outstanding for purposes of the computation of asset coverage if, prior to or concurrently with such determination, either sufficient Deposit Securities or other sufficient funds (in accordance with the terms of such Preferred Stock) to pay the full redemption price for such Preferred Stock (or the portion thereof to be redeemed) will have been deposited in trust with the paying agent for such Preferred Stock in pay the full redemption price for such Preferred Stock to pay the full redemption price for such Preferred Stock to pay the full redemption price for such Preferred Stock and the requisite notice of redemption for such Preferred Stock (or the portion thereof to be redeemed) will have been given or sufficient Deposit Securities or other sufficient funds (in accordance with the terms of such Preferred Stock (or the portion thereof to be redeemed) will have been segregated by us and our custodian, or Custodian, from our assets, by means of appropriate identification on the Custodian s books and records or otherwise in accordance with the Custodian s normal procedures. In such event, the Deposit Securities or other sufficient funds so deposited or segregated will not be included as our assets for purposes of the computation of asset coverage.

### Redemption

*Term Redemption.* We are required to provide for the mandatory redemption, or the Term Redemption, of all of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares on June 30, 2023, which we refer to as the Term Redemption Date, at a redemption price equal to the Liquidation Preference per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the Term

Redemption Date, which we refer to as the Term Redemption Price.

### Mandatory Redemption for Asset Coverage

Asset Coverage. If we fail to have asset coverage of at least 200% as provided in the Articles Supplementary and such failure is not cured as of the close of business on the Asset Coverage Cure Date, we will fix a redemption date and proceed to redeem the number of shares of Preferred Stock as described below

at a price per share equal to the liquidation price per share of the applicable Preferred Stock, which in the case of the Term Preferred Stock is equal to the Liquidation Preference per share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends and distributions thereon (whether or not earned or declared but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption by our Board of Directors. We will redeem out of funds legally available the number of shares of Preferred Stock (which may include at our sole option any number or proportion of Term Preferred Stock) equal to the lesser of (i) the minimum number of shares of Preferred Stock, the redemption of which, if deemed to have occurred immediately prior to the opening of business on the Asset Coverage Cure Date, would result in us having asset coverage of at least 200% and (ii) the maximum number of shares of Preferred Stock that can be redeemed out of funds expected to be legally available in accordance with our Articles of Incorporation and applicable law. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, in the event that shares of Preferred Stock are redeemed pursuant to the Articles Supplementary, we may at our sole option, but are not required to, redeem a sufficient number of shares of Term Preferred Stock that, when aggregated with other shares of Preferred Stock redeemed by us, permits us to have with respect to the shares of Preferred Stock (including Term Preferred Stock) remaining outstanding after such redemption, asset coverage on such Asset Coverage Cure Date of as much as 285%. We will effect a redemption on the date fixed by us, which date will not be later than 90 calendar days after the Asset Coverage Cure Date, except that if we do not have funds legally available for the redemption of all of the required number of shares of Term Preferred Stock and other shares of Preferred Stock which have been designated to be redeemed or we otherwise are unable to effect such redemption on or prior to 90 calendar days after the Asset Coverage Cure Date, we will redeem those shares of Term Preferred Stock and other shares of Preferred Stock which we were unable to redeem on the earliest practicable date on which we are able to effect such redemption.

*Optional Redemption.* On or after June 30, 2016 (any such date, an Optional Redemption Date), we may redeem in whole or from time to time in part outstanding Term Preferred Stock, at a redemption price equal to the Liquidation Preference, plus an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and distributions accumulated to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date (whether or not earned or declared by us, but excluding interest thereon) (the Optional Redemption Price ).

Subject to the provisions of the Articles Supplementary and applicable law, our Board of Directors will have the full power and authority to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which shares of Term Preferred Stock will be redeemed from time to time.

We may not on any date deliver a notice of redemption to redeem any shares of Term Preferred Stock pursuant to the optional redemption provisions described above unless on such date we have available Deposit Securities for the Optional Redemption Date contemplated by such notice of redemption having a Market Value not less than the amount (including any applicable premium) due to holders of shares of Term Preferred Stock by reason of the redemption of such shares of Term Preferred Stock on such Optional Redemption Date.

*Redemption Procedures.* We will file a notice of our intention to redeem with the SEC so as to provide the 30 calendar day notice period contemplated by Rule 23c-2 under the 1940 Act, or such shorter notice period as may be permitted by the SEC or its staff.

If we shall determine or be required to redeem, in whole or in part, shares of Term Preferred Stock, we will deliver a notice of redemption, or a Notice of Redemption, by overnight delivery, by first class mail, postage prepaid or by electronic means to the holders of such shares of Term Preferred Stock to be redeemed, or request the Redemption and Paying Agent, on our behalf, to promptly do so by overnight delivery, by first class mail or by electronic means. A Notice of Redemption will be provided not more than 45 calendar days prior to the date fixed for redemption in such Notice of Redemption, which we refer to as the Redemption Date. If fewer than all of the outstanding shares of Term Preferred Stock are to be redeemed pursuant to either the asset coverage mandatory redemption provisions or the

optional redemption provisions, the shares of Term Preferred Stock to be redeemed will be selected either (1) pro rata among Term Preferred Stock, (2) by lot or (3) in such other manner as our Board of Directors may determine to be fair and equitable. If fewer than all shares of Term Preferred Stock held by any holder are to be redeemed, the Notice of Redemption mailed to such holder shall also specify the number of shares of Term Preferred Stock to be redeemed from such holder or the method of determining such number. We may provide in any Notice of Redemption relating

redemption contemplated to be effected pursuant to the Articles Supplementary that such redemption is subject to one or more conditions precedent and that we will not be required to effect such redemption unless each such condition has been satisfied. No defect in any Notice of Redemption or delivery thereof will affect the validity of redemption proceedings except as required by applicable law.

If we give a Notice of Redemption, then at any time from and after the giving of such Notice of Redemption and prior to 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Redemption Date (so long as any conditions precedent to such redemption have been met or waived by us), we will (i) deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent Deposit Securities having an aggregate Market Value at the time of deposit no less than the redemption price of the shares of Term Preferred Stock to be redeemed on the Redemption Date and (ii) give the Redemption and Paying Agent irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the applicable redemption price to the holders of shares of Term Preferred Stock called for redemption on the Redemption Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Redemption Date is the Term Redemption Date, then such deposit of Deposit Securities will be made no later than 15 calendar days prior to the Term Redemption Date.

Upon the date of the deposit of Deposit Securities by us for purposes of redemption of shares of Term Preferred Stock, all rights of the holders of Term Preferred Stock so called for redemption shall cease and terminate except the right of the holders thereof to receive the Term Redemption Price, Mandatory Redemption Price or Optional Redemption Price, and such shares of Term Preferred Stock will no longer be deemed outstanding for any purpose whatsoever (other than the transfer thereof prior to the applicable Redemption Date and other than the accumulation of dividends on such stock in accordance with the terms of the Term Preferred Stock up to (but excluding) the applicable Redemption Date). We will be entitled to receive, promptly after the Redemption Date, any Deposit Securities in excess of the aggregate Redemption Price of shares of Term Preferred Stock called for redemption on the Redemption Date. Any Deposit Securities so deposited that are unclaimed at the end of 90 calendar days from the Redemption Date will, to the extent permitted by law, be repaid to us, after which the holders of shares of Term Preferred Stock so called for redemption shall look only to us for payment of the Redemption Price. We will be entitled to receive, from time to time after the Redemption Date, any interest on the Deposit Securities so deposited.

On or after a Redemption Date, each holder of shares of Term Preferred Stock in certificated form (if any) that are subject to redemption will surrender the certificate(s) evidencing such shares of Term Preferred Stock to us at the place designated in the Notice of Redemption and will then be entitled to receive the Redemption Price, without interest, and in the case of a redemption of fewer than all shares of Term Preferred Stock represented by such certificate(s), a new certificate representing shares of Term Preferred Stock that were not redeemed.

If any redemption for which a Notice of Redemption has been provided is not made by reason of the absence of our legally available funds in accordance with the Articles Supplementary and applicable law, such redemption shall be made as soon as practicable to the extent such funds become available. No Redemption Default will be deemed to have occurred if we have failed to deposit in trust with the Redemption and Paying Agent the applicable Redemption Price with respect to any shares where (1) the Notice of Redemption relating to such redemption provided that such redemption was subject to one or more conditions precedent and (2) any such condition precedent has not been satisfied at the time or times and in the manner specified in such Notice of Redemption. Notwithstanding the fact that a Notice of Redemption has been provided with respect to any shares of Term Preferred Stock in accordance with their terms if Deposit Securities for the payment of the Redemption Price of such shares of Term Preferred Stock shall not have been deposited in trust with the Redemption and Paying Agent for that purpose.

We may, in our sole discretion and without a stockholder vote, modify the redemption procedures with respect to notification of redemption for the Term Preferred Stock, provided that such modification does not materially and adversely affect the holders of Term Preferred Stock or cause us to violate any applicable law, rule or regulation.

### **Liquidation Rights**

In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive, pari passu, or equally, with the holders of the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares, out of our assets available for distribution to stockholders, after satisfying claims of creditors but before any distribution or payment will be made in respect of the Common Stock, a liquidation distribution equal to the Liquidation Preference of \$25 per share, plus an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and distributions accumulated to (but excluding) the date fixed for such distribution or payment (whether or not earned or declared by us, but excluding interest thereon), and such holders will be entitled to no further participation in any distribution or payment in connection with any such liquidation, dissolution or winding up. If, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, whether voluntary or involuntary, our assets available for distribution among the holders of all Term Preferred Stock, and any other outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, if any, will be insufficient to permit the payment in full to such holders of Term Preferred Stock of the Liquidation Preference plus accumulated and unpaid dividends and distributions and the amounts due upon liquidation with respect to such other shares of Preferred Stock, then the available assets will be distributed among the holders of such Term Preferred Stock and such other series of Preferred Stock ratably in proportion to the respective preferential liquidation amounts to which they are entitled. In connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs whether voluntary or involuntary, unless and until the Liquidation Preference on each outstanding share of Term Preferred Stock plus accumulated and unpaid dividends and distributions has been paid in full to the holders of Term Preferred Stock, no dividends, distributions or other payments will be made on, and no redemption, repurchase or other acquisition by us will be made by us in respect of, the Common Stock.

Neither the sale of all or substantially all of the property or business of the Company, nor the merger, consolidation or our reorganization into or with any other business or corporation, statutory trust or other entity, nor the merger, consolidation or reorganization of any other business or corporation, statutory trust or other entity into or with us will be a dissolution, liquidation or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary, for purposes of the provisions relating to liquidation set forth in the Articles Supplementary.

### **Voting Rights**

Except as otherwise provided in our Articles of Incorporation, the Articles Supplementary, or as otherwise required by applicable law, each holder of Term Preferred Stock will be entitled to one vote for each share of Term Preferred Stock held by such holder on each matter submitted to a vote of our stockholders and the holders of outstanding shares of any Preferred Stock, including the Term Preferred Stock, will vote together with holders of Common Stock as a single class. Under applicable rules of NASDAQ, we are currently required to hold annual meetings of stockholders.

In addition, the holders of outstanding shares of any Preferred Stock, including the Term Preferred Stock, will be entitled, as a class, to the exclusion of the holders of all other securities and classes of Common Stock, to elect two of our directors at all times (regardless of the total number of directors serving on the Board of Directors). We refer to these directors as the Preferred Directors. The holders of outstanding shares of Common Stock and Preferred Stock, including Term Preferred Stock, voting together as a single class, will elect the balance of our directors. Under our bylaws, our directors are divided into three classes. Each class consists, as nearly as possible, of one-third of the total number of directors, and each class has a three year term. At each annual meeting of our stockholders, the successors to the class of directors whose term expires at such meeting will be elected to hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the third year following the year of their election. One of the Preferred Directors was re-elected in 2013, and the other Preferred Director will be up for election in 2014.

In the event we owe accumulated dividends (whether or not earned or declared) on our Preferred Stock equal to at least two full years of dividends (and sufficient cash or securities have not been deposited with a paying agent for the payment of the accumulated dividends) the number of directors constituting the board will be increased by the number of directors, which we refer to as the New Preferred Directors, that when added to the Preferred Directors will constitute a majority. We will then call a special meeting of shareholders to permit the election of the New Preferred Directors. The term of the New Preferred Directors will last for so long as we are in arrears on our dividends as described above. The ability of the Term Preferred Stockholders

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to elect the New Preferred Directors will also terminate, subject to reinstatement, once we have a Dividend Payment Date on which we are no longer in arrears on our dividends to the extent described above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if (1) at the close of business on any dividend payment date for dividends on any outstanding share of any Preferred Stock, including any outstanding shares of Term Preferred Stock, accumulated dividends (whether or not earned or declared) on the shares of Preferred Stock, including the Term Preferred Stock, equal to at least two full years dividends shall be due and unpaid and sufficient cash or specified securities shall not have been deposited with the Redemption and Paying Agent or other applicable paying agent for the payment of such accumulated dividends; or (2) at any time holders of any shares of Preferred Stock are entitled under the 1940 Act to elect a majority of our directors (a period when either of the foregoing conditions exists, a Voting Period), then the number of members constituting our Board of Directors will automatically be increased by the smallest number that, when added to the two directors elected exclusively by the holders of shares of any Preferred Stock, including the Term Preferred Stock, as described above, would constitute a majority of our Board of Directors as so increased by such smallest number; and the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock, including the Term Preferred Stock, will be entitled as a class on a one-vote-per-share basis, to elect such additional directors. The terms of office of the persons who are directors at the time of that election will not be affected by the election of the additional directors. If we thereafter shall pay, or declare and set apart for payment, in full all dividends payable on all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, including Term Preferred Stock, for all past dividend periods, or the Voting Period is otherwise terminated, (1) the voting rights stated above shall cease, subject always, however, to the revesting of such voting rights in the holders of shares of Preferred Stock upon the further occurrence of any of the events described herein, and (2) the terms of office of all of the additional directors so elected will terminate automatically. Any Preferred Stock, including Term Preferred Stock, issued after the date hereof will vote with Term Preferred Stock as a single class on the matters described above, and the issuance of any other Preferred Stock, including Term Preferred Stock, by us may reduce the voting power of the holders of Term Preferred Stock.

As soon as practicable after the accrual of any right of the holders of shares of Preferred Stock to elect additional directors as described above, we will call a special meeting of such holders and notify the Redemption and Paying Agent and/or such other person as is specified in the terms of such Preferred Stock to receive notice, (i) by mailing or delivery by electronic means or (ii) in such other manner and by such other means as are specified in the terms of such Preferred Stock, a notice of such special meeting to such holders, such meeting to be held not less than 10 nor more than 30 calendar days after the date of the delivery by electronic means or mailing of such notice. If we fail to call such a special meeting, it may be called at our expense by any such holder on like notice. The record date for determining the holders of shares of Preferred Stock entitled to notice of and to vote at such special meeting shall be the close of business on the fifth Business Day preceding the calendar day on which such notice is mailed. At any such special meeting and at each meeting of holders of shares of Preferred Stock held during a Voting Period at which directors are to be elected, such holders, voting together as a class (to the exclusion of the holders of all our other securities and classes of capital stock), will be entitled to elect the number of additional directors prescribed above on a one-vote-per-share basis.

Except as otherwise permitted by the terms of the Articles Supplementary, so long as any shares of Term Preferred Stock are outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of shares of Term Preferred Stock, voting as a separate class, amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the Articles Supplementary, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any preference, right or power of the Term Preferred Stock or the holders thereof; provided, however, that (i) a change in our capitalization as described under the heading Issuance of Additional Preferred Stock will not be considered to materially and adversely affect the rights and preferences of Term Preferred Stock, and (ii) a division of a share of Term Preferred Stock will be deemed to affect such preferences, rights or powers only if the terms of such division materially and adversely affect the holders of Term Preferred Stock. For purposes of the foregoing, no matter shall be deemed to adversely affect any preference, right or power of a share of Term Preferred Stock of such series or the holder thereof unless such matter (i) alters or abolishes any preferential right of such share of Term Preferred Stock, or (ii) creates, alters or abolishes any right in respect of redemption of such Term Preferred Stock (other than

as a result of a division of such Term Preferred Stock). So long as any shares of Term Preferred Stock are outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of at least 66 2/3% of the holders of the shares of Term Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, file a voluntary application for relief under federal bankruptcy law or any similar application under state law for so long as we are solvent and does not foresee becoming insolvent.

The affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the shares of Preferred Stock, including the shares of Term Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, will be required (i) to approve us ceasing to be, or to withdraw our election as, a registered investment company, or (ii) to approve any plan of reorganization (as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(33) of the 1940 Act) adversely affecting such shares of Preferred Stock. For purposes of the foregoing, the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock means the vote at an annual or special meeting duly called of (a) 67% or more of such shares present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of such outstanding shares are present or represented by proxy at such meeting, or (b) more than 50% of such outstanding shares, whichever is less.

For purposes of determining any rights of the holders of Term Preferred Stock to vote on any matter, whether such right is created by the Articles Supplementary, by the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, by statute or otherwise, no holder of Term Preferred Stock will be entitled to vote any shares of Term Preferred Stock and no share of Term Preferred Stock will be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of voting or determining the number of shares required to constitute a quorum if, prior to or concurrently with the time of determination of shares entitled to vote or the time of the actual vote on the matter, as the case may be, the requisite Notice of Redemption with respect to such Term Preferred Stock will have been given in accordance with the Articles Supplementary, and the Redemption Price for the redemption of such shares of Term Preferred Stock will have been irrevocably deposited with the Redemption and Paying Agent for that purpose. No shares of Term Preferred Stock held by us will have any voting rights or be deemed to be outstanding for voting or for calculating the voting percentage required on any other matter or other purposes.

Unless otherwise required by law or the Articles of Incorporation, holders of Term Preferred Stock will not have any relative rights or preferences or other special rights with respect to voting other than those specifically set forth in the Voting Rights section of the Articles Supplementary. The holders of shares of Term Preferred Stock will have no rights to cumulative voting. In the event that we fail to declare or pay any dividends on Term Preferred Stock, the exclusive remedy of the holders will be the right to vote for additional directors as discussed above; provided that the foregoing does not affect our obligation to accumulate and, if permitted by applicable law and the Articles Supplementary, pay dividends at the Default Rate as discussed above.

### **Issuance of Additional Preferred Stock**

So long as any shares of Term Preferred Stock are outstanding, we may, without the vote or consent of the holders thereof, authorize, establish and create and issue and sell shares of one or more series of a class of our senior securities representing stock under Section 18 of the 1940 Act, ranking on parity with the Term Preferred Stock as to payment of dividends and distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or the winding up of our affairs, in addition to then outstanding shares of Term Preferred Stock, including additional series of Term Preferred Stock, and authorize, issue and sell additional shares of any such series of Preferred Stock then outstanding or so established and created, including additional Term Preferred Stock, in each case in accordance with applicable law, provided that we will, immediately after giving effect to the issuance of such additional Preferred Stock and to its receipt and application of the proceeds thereof, including to the redemption of Preferred Stock with such proceeds, have asset coverage of at least 200%.

# Actions on Other than Business Days

Unless otherwise provided in the Articles Supplementary, if the date for making any payment, performing any act or exercising any right is not a Business Day, such payment will be made, act performed or right exercised on the next succeeding Business Day, with the same force and effect as if made or done on the nominal date provided therefor, and, with respect to any payment so made, no dividends, interest or other amount will accrue for the period between such nominal date and the date of payment.

# **Modification**

The Board of Directors, without the vote of the holders of Term Preferred Stock, may interpret, supplement or amend the provisions of the Articles Supplementary or any appendix thereto to supply any omission, resolve any inconsistency or ambiguity or to cure, correct or supplement any defective or inconsistent provision, including any provision that becomes defective after the date hereof because of impossibility of performance or any provision that is inconsistent with any provision of any other Preferred Stock.

# REGULATION AS A REGISTERED CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

### General

We are a non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act. As a registered closed-end investment company, we are subject to regulation under the 1940 Act. Under the 1940 Act, unless authorized by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities, we may not:

change our classification to an open-end management investment company;

except in each case in accordance with our policies with respect thereto set forth in this prospectus, borrow money, issue senior securities, underwrite securities issued by other persons, purchase or sell real estate or commodities or make loans to other persons;

deviate from any policy in respect of concentration of investments in any particular industry or group of industries as recited in this prospectus, deviate from any investment policy which is changeable only if authorized by shareholder vote under the 1940 Act, or deviate from any fundamental policy recited in its registration statement in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act; or

change the nature of our business so as to cease to be an investment company. A majority of the outstanding voting securities of a company is defined under the 1940 Act as the lesser of: (a) 67% or more of such company s voting securities present at a meeting if more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of such company are present or represented by proxy, or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of such company.

As with other companies regulated by the 1940 Act, a registered closed-end management investment company must adhere to certain substantive regulatory requirements. A majority of our directors must be persons who are not interested persons, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act. Additionally, we are required to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company to protect the closed-end management investment company. Furthermore, as a registered closed-end management investment company, we are prohibited from protecting any director or officer against any liability to us or our stockholders arising from willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such person s office. We may also be prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of our directors who are not interested persons and, in some cases, prior approval by the SEC.

As a registered closed-end management investment company, we are generally required to meet an asset coverage ratio with respect to our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness, defined under the 1940 Act as the ratio of our gross assets (less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities) to our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness, of at least 300% after each issuance of senior securities representing indebtedness. In addition, we are generally required to meet an asset coverage ratio with respect to our outstanding Preferred Stock, as defined under the 1940 Act as the ratio of our gross assets (less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities) to our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness not represented by senior securities) to our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness, plus the aggregate involuntary liquidation preference of our outstanding Preferred Stock, of at least 200% immediately after each issuance of such Preferred Stock. We are also prohibited from issuing or selling any senior security if, immediately after such issuance, we would have outstanding more than (i) one class of senior security representing indebtedness,

exclusive of any promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in consideration of any loan, extension, or renewal thereof, made by a bank or other person and privately arranged, and not intended to be publicly distributed, or (ii) one class of senior security which is stock, except that in each case any such class of indebtedness or stock may

be issued in one or more series.

We are generally not able to issue and sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure Regulations governing our operation as a closed-end investment company affect our ability to, and the way in which we, raise additional capital. We may, however, sell our common stock, or at a price below the then-current net asset value of our common

stock if our Board of Directors determines that such sale is in our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders, and our stockholders approve such sale. In addition, we may generally issue new shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value in rights offerings to existing stockholders, in payment of dividends and in certain other limited circumstances.

As a registered closed-end management investment company, we are generally limited in our ability to invest in any portfolio company in which our investment adviser or any of its affiliates currently has an investment or to make any co-investments with our investment adviser or its affiliates without an exemptive order from the SEC, subject to certain exceptions.

Although we do not presently expect to do so, we are authorized to borrow funds up to an amount not to exceed the limitations of the 1940 Act to make investments. We may also borrow funds, consistent with the foregoing limitations of the 1940 Act, in order to make the distributions required to maintain our status as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

We will be periodically examined by the SEC for compliance with the 1940 Act.

As a registered closed-end management investment company, we are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure.

### **Temporary Investments**

Pending investment in portfolio securities consistent with our investment objective and strategies described in this prospectus, our investments may consist of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment, which we refer to, collectively, as temporary investments. Typically, we will invest in U.S. Treasury bills or in repurchase agreements, provided that such agreements are fully collateralized by cash or securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies. A repurchase agreement involves the purchase by an investor, such as us, of a specified security and the simultaneous agreement by the seller to repurchase it at an agreed-upon future date and at a price which is greater than the purchase price by an amount that reflects an agreed-upon interest rate. There is no percentage restriction on the proportion of our assets that may be invested in such repurchase agreements. However, if more than 25% of our gross assets constitute repurchase agreements from a single counterparty, we would not meet the diversification tests in order to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes. Thus, we do not intend to enter into repurchase agreements with a single counterparty in excess of this limit. Our investment adviser will monitor the creditworthiness of the counterparties with which we enter into repurchase agreement transactions.

### **Senior Securities**

We are permitted, under specified conditions, to issue one class of indebtedness and one class of stock senior to our common stock if our asset coverage with respect thereto, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least equal to 300% immediately after each issuance of senior securities representing indebtedness, and 200% immediately after each issuance of senior securities which are stock. We are also permitted to issue promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness in consideration of a loan, extension, or renewal thereof, made by a bank or other person and privately arranged, and not intended to be publicly distributed, provided that our asset coverage with respect to our outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness is at least equal to 300% immediately thereafter. In addition, while any senior securities remain outstanding, we must make provisions to prohibit any distribution to our stockholders or the repurchase of such securities or shares unless we meet the applicable asset coverage ratios at the time of the

distribution or repurchase. We may also borrow amounts up to 5% of the value of our gross assets for temporary or emergency purposes without regard to asset coverage. For a discussion of the risks associated with leverage, see Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure We may borrow money, which would magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us.

# **Code of Ethics**

We and Oxford Lane Management have each adopted a code of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act and Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act, respectively, that establishes procedures for personal investments and restricts certain transactions by our personnel. Our codes of ethics generally do not permit

investments by our employees in securities that may be purchased or held by us. You may read and copy these codes of ethics at the SEC s Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. In addition, each code of ethics is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and is available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC s Internet site at http://www.sec.gov. You may also obtain copies of the codes of ethics, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following Email address: *publicinfo@sec.gov*, or by writing the SEC s Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549.

# **Compliance Policies and Procedures**

We and our investment adviser have adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to detect and prevent violation of the federal securities laws and are required to review these compliance policies and procedures annually for their adequacy and the effectiveness of their implementation and designate a Chief Compliance Officer to be responsible for administering the policies and procedures. Patrick F. Conroy currently serves as our Chief Compliance Officer.

# Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 imposes a wide variety of regulatory requirements on publicly-held companies and their insiders. Many of these requirements affect us. For example:

pursuant to Rule 30a-2 of the 1940 Act, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer must certify the accuracy of the financial statements contained in our periodic reports;

pursuant to Item 11 of Form N-CSR and Item 2 of Form N-Q, our periodic reports must disclose our conclusions about the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures; and

pursuant to Item 11 of Form N-CSR and Item 2 of Form N-Q, our periodic reports must disclose whether there were significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires us to review our current policies and procedures to determine whether we comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. We will continue to monitor our compliance with all regulations that are adopted under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and will take actions necessary to ensure that we are in compliance therewith.

# **Fundamental Investment Policies**

The restrictions identified as fundamental below, along with our investment objective, are our only fundamental policies. Fundamental policies may not be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities, as defined in the 1940 Act. The percentage restrictions set forth below, apply at the time a transaction is effected, and a subsequent change in a percentage resulting from market fluctuations or any cause will not require us to dispose of portfolio securities or to take other action to satisfy the percentage restriction.

As a matter of fundamental policy, we will not: (1) act as an underwriter of securities of other issuers (except to the extent that we may be deemed an underwriter of securities we purchase that must be registered under the Securities Act before they may be offered or sold to the public); (2) purchase or sell real estate or interests in real estate or real estate investment trusts (except that we may (A) purchase and sell real estate or interests in real estate in connection

with the orderly liquidation of investments, or in connection with foreclosure on collateral, or (B) own the securities of companies that are in the business of buying, selling or developing real estate); (3) sell securities short (except with regard to managing the risks associated with publicly-traded securities we may hold in our portfolio); (4) purchase securities on margin (except to the extent that we may purchase securities with borrowed money); or (5) engage in the purchase or sale of commodities or commodity contracts, including futures contracts (except where necessary in working out distressed investment situations or in hedging the risks associated with interest rate fluctuations), and, in such cases, only after all necessary registrations (or exemptions from registration) with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission have been obtained.

We may invest up to 100% of our assets in securities issued by CLO vehicles and in corporate debt instruments, which may be acquired directly in privately negotiated transactions or in secondary market purchases. With respect to securities we acquired directly in privately negotiated transactions, we may, for the purpose of public resale, be deemed an underwriter as that term is defined in the Securities Act. Our intention is to not write (sell) or buy put or call options to manage risks associated with any publicly-traded securities we may hold, except that we may enter into hedging transactions to manage the risks associated with interest rate fluctuations, and, in such cases, only after all necessary registrations (or exemptions from registration) with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission have been obtained. We also do not intend to acquire securities issued by any investment company that exceed the limits imposed by the 1940 Act. Under these limits, unless otherwise permitted by the 1940 Act, we currently cannot acquire more than 3% of the voting securities of any registered investment company, invest more than 5% of the value of our total assets in the securities of one or more investment companies. With regard to that portion of our portfolio invested in securities issued by investment companies, it should be noted that such investments might subject our stockholders to additional expenses.

## **Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures**

We have delegated our proxy voting responsibility to Oxford Lane Management. The Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures of Oxford Lane Management are set forth below. The guidelines will be reviewed periodically by Oxford Lane Management and our non-interested directors, and, accordingly, are subject to change. For purposes of these Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures described below, we, our and us refers to Oxford Lane Management.

### Introduction

An investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act has a fiduciary duty to act solely in the best interests of its clients. As part of this duty, we recognize that we must vote client securities in a timely manner free of conflicts of interest and in the best interests of our clients.

These policies and procedures for voting proxies for our investment advisory clients are intended to comply with Section 206 of, and Rule 206(4)-6 under, the Advisers Act.

### **Proxy Policies**

We will vote proxies relating to our portfolio securities in what we perceive to be the best interest of our clients stockholders. We will review on a case-by-case basis each proposal submitted to a stockholder vote to determine its impact on the portfolio securities held by our clients. Although we will generally vote against proposals that may have a negative impact on our clients portfolio securities, we may vote for such a proposal if there exist compelling long-term reasons to do so.

Our proxy voting decisions will be made by the senior officers who are responsible for monitoring each of our clients investments. To ensure that our vote is not the product of a conflict of interest, we will require that: (1) anyone involved in the decision making process disclose to our managing members any potential conflict that he or she is aware of and any contact that he or she has had with any interested party regarding a proxy vote; and (2) employees involved in the decision making process or vote administration are prohibited from revealing how we intend to vote on a proposal in order to reduce any attempted influence from interested parties.

### **Proxy Voting Records**

You may obtain information about how we voted proxies by making a written request for proxy voting information to: Oxford Lane Management, LLC, 8 Sound Shore Drive, Suite 255, Greenwich, CT 06830.

# **Privacy Policy**

We are committed to protecting your privacy. This privacy notice, which is required by federal law, explains privacy policies of Oxford Lane Capital Corp. and its affiliated companies. This notice supersedes any other privacy notice you may have received from Oxford Lane Capital, and its terms apply both to our current stockholders and to former stockholders as well.

We will safeguard, according to strict standards of security and confidentiality, all information we receive about you. With regard to this information, we maintain procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards.

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