FLEXIBLE CAPITAL FOR THE MIDDLE MARKET

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Stellus Capital Investment Corporation (NYSE: "SCM")

Business
Development
Company (BDC)

- Publicly traded business development company (NYSE: "SCM")
- Investment portfolio of \$640 million as of June 30, 2020
- Externally managed by Stellus Capital Management, LLC, a registered investment advisor with approximately \$1.6 billion in AUM as of June 30, 2020 across the platform.

Provides Direct Investment to the Middle Market

- First lien, second lien, unitranche, mezzanine debt and equity
- \$10 to \$30 million targeted investment size
- Investing in companies with EBITDA of \$5 million to \$50 million

Experienced
Cohesive Team

- Investing together in middle market credit for more than a decade
- Offices in Houston, Washington, D.C. area and Charlotte
- Compliance-oriented culture and robust management infrastructure



Stellus Capital Investment Corporation (NYSE: "SCM")

Strong Origination
Platform and
Selective
Investment
Process

- Closed over 270 direct lending transactions since 2004 with more than 155 different financial sponsors*
- Over 500 middle market opportunities reviewed over the last twelve months and closed approximately 2% of the deals reviewed

Long Term
Shareholder Focus

- Total of \$10.60 dividends declared LTD for an IPO investor
- Incentive fee subject to a total return requirement and an 8% hurdle rate

^{*} Includes transactions closed by the management team prior to forming Stellus Capital Management.



Established Team and Institutional Platform

Stellus Capital Investment Corporation investment committee members have over 155 years of total experience, which includes backgrounds in private credit, private equity, corporate finance, restructuring, management consulting, and accounting.

TOTAL YEARS	25	30	35	PAST EXPERIENCE
Robert Ladd (64) Chairman, President & CEO				The D. E. Shaw group, Duke Capital Partners, Duke Energy North America, Arthur Andersen, First City Bancorporation
Dean D'Angelo (52) Co-Head of Private Credit * & Director		28		The D. E. Shaw group, Allied Capital, Duke Capital Partners, Banc of America Securities, Coopers & Lybrand
Joshua Davis (48) Co-Head of Private Credit *	25			The D. E. Shaw group, Duke Capital Partners, Milestone Merchant Partners, Arthur Andersen
Todd Overbergen (54) Head of Energy *		30		The D. E. Shaw group, Duke Capital Partners, Arthur Andersen
Todd Huskinson (56) Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer & Secretary			33	The D. E. Shaw group, Bearing Point, Arthur Andersen

^{*} Stellus Capital Management, LLC



Stellus Capital Differentiators

All partners have significant experience in restructuring Partners have invested in excess Management team has been investing together for over 20 of \$6 billion over the last 15 years years Stellus Capital Team Relationship-driven team who Have made over 270 investments Differentiators has invested with over 155 in over 20 industries * sponsors *

^{*} Includes transactions closed by the management team prior to forming Stellus Capital Management



Product

SCM provides flexible financing for middle market companies.

Objective

· Provide first lien, second lien, unitranche and mezzanine debt financing, with corresponding equity co-investments

Investment Size

Up to \$30 million

Investment Focus

- Middle market and small cap companies with EBITDA of \$5 million to \$50 million
- Predominantly private companies
- Numerous industry sectors including business services, general industrial, government, healthcare, software, and specialty finance
- Typical transactions include providing financing for leveraged buyouts, acquisitions, recapitalizations, growth opportunities, rescue financings, distressed or turnaround situations, and bridge loans
- Directly originated transactions rather than broadly syndicated financings
- We have developed long-term relationships with middle-market companies, management teams, financial sponsors, lending institutions, and intermediaries, and have completed financing transactions with more than 155 equity sponsors

Geography

• United States and Canada



Diverse Financial Sponsor Relationships *





Arlington Capital Partners







The CapStreet Group



CenterGate Capital





















One Equity Partners



Pamlico Capital



Parthenon Capital Partners





Prophet Equity







Riverside Partners









The Sterling Group















Wind Point Partners

*Logos represent certain private equity firms that members of Stellus Capital have worked with in the past. Inclusion of a firm's logo in this list does not imply that such firm endorses Stellus Capital, its members or advisory services or the Fund. Stellus Capital has no formal sourcing relationships with these firms and cannot guarantee that it will receive opportunities from these firms in the future.



Balance Sheet

(\$ in 000's except per share data)		Q2 2020		Q1 2020		FY 2019	FY 2018			
	Unaudited			Unaudited	Audited			Audited		
Assets										
Cash	\$	23,210	\$	35,025	\$	16,133	\$	17,467		
Investment Portfolio (at fair value)		640,714		609,544		628,948		504,483		
Other Assets		2,732		4,487		3,432		4,337		
Total Assets	\$	666,656	\$	649,056	\$	648,513	\$	526,287		
Liabilities										
Credit Facility	\$	184,075	\$	209,111	\$	160,511	\$	98,237		
Notes Payable		48,140		48,057		47,974		47,642		
SBA Debentures		157,886		157,715		157,544		146,388		
Total Funded Debt	\$	390,101	\$	414,883	\$	366,029	\$	292,267		
Other Liabilities		16,602		9,255		11,913		9,175		
Total Liabilities	\$	406,703	\$	424,138	\$	377,942	\$	301,442		
Total Stockholder Equity		259,953		224,918		270,571		224,845		
Total Capitalization	\$	666,656	\$	649,056	\$	648,513	\$	526,287		
NAV Per Share	\$	13.34	\$	11.55	\$	14.14	\$	14.09		



Income Statement and Distributions

(\$ in 000's except per share data)	 Q2 2020 Jnaudited	Q1 2020 Unaudited		-		 FY 2019 Audited		FY 2018 Audited	
Total Investment Income	\$ 13,841	\$	15,261	\$ 58,912	\$	53,266			
Interest expense and debt financing fees	\$ 4,093	\$	4,292	\$ 14,976	\$	12,339			
Operating Expenses	\$ 4,023	\$	5,414	\$ 19,793	\$	17,934			
Income Tax Expense	\$ 289	\$	197	\$ 904	\$	275			
Capital Gains Incentive (Reversal) Fees	\$ -	\$	(881)	\$ 800	\$	81			
Net Investment Income	\$ 5,436	\$	6,239	\$ 22,439	\$	22,637			
Core Net Investment Income ^(a)	\$ 5,725	\$	5,555	\$ 24,143	\$	22,993			
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	\$ (3,893)	\$	1,297	\$ 19,566	\$	5,273			
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)	\$ 38,329	\$	(51,505)	\$ (15,500)	\$	(1,647)			
Benefit (Provision) for taxes	\$ (59)	\$	29	\$ (67)	\$	(68)			
Change in Net Assets	\$ 39,813	\$	(43,940)	\$ 26,438	\$	26,195			
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	19,484,217		19,429,480	18,275,696		15,953,571			
Net Investment Income Per Share (NII)	\$ 0.28	\$	0.32	\$ 1.23	\$	1.42			
Core NII per Share ^(a)	\$ 0.29	\$	0.29	\$ 1.32	\$	1.44			
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Per Share	\$ 2.04	\$	(2.26)	\$ 1.45	\$	1.64			
Realized Income Per Share	\$ 0.08	\$	0.39	\$ 2.30	\$	1.75			
Distributions Per Share (Regular)	\$ 0.25	\$	0.34	\$ 1.36	\$	1.36			

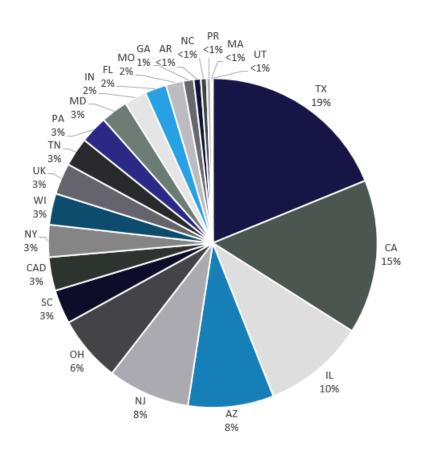
⁽a) Core net investment income, as presented, exludes the impact of capital gains incentive fees and income taxes



Industry Concentration

Consumer goods: Utilities: Oil & Gas 2% non-durable 2%_ Chemicals, Plastics. Construction & & Rubber 1% Building 2% Hotel, Gaming, & Leisure <1% Services: Consumer 2% Energy: Oil & Gas 2%_ Services: Business 15% Environmental Industries 2% Containers, Packaging, & Glass 2% Software 3% Metals & Mining 3% Automotive 3% Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals 13% Transportation & Logistics 3% Capital Equipment 3%_ High Tech_ Industries 3% Aerospace & Defense 8% Retail 3% Media: Advertising, Printing & Publishing 3% Beverage, Food, & Tobacco 7% Education 4% Media: Broadcasting & Consumer Goods: Subscription 5% Finance 4%

Geographic Concentration

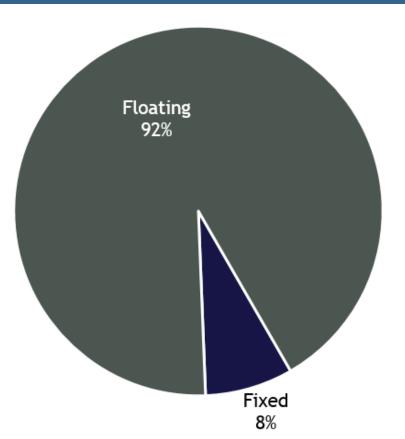


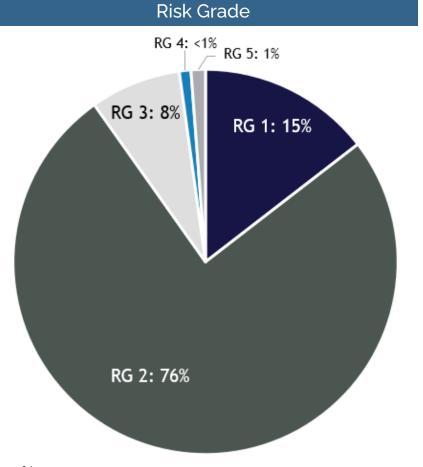
Note: Percentages are based on Market Value

Durable 4%









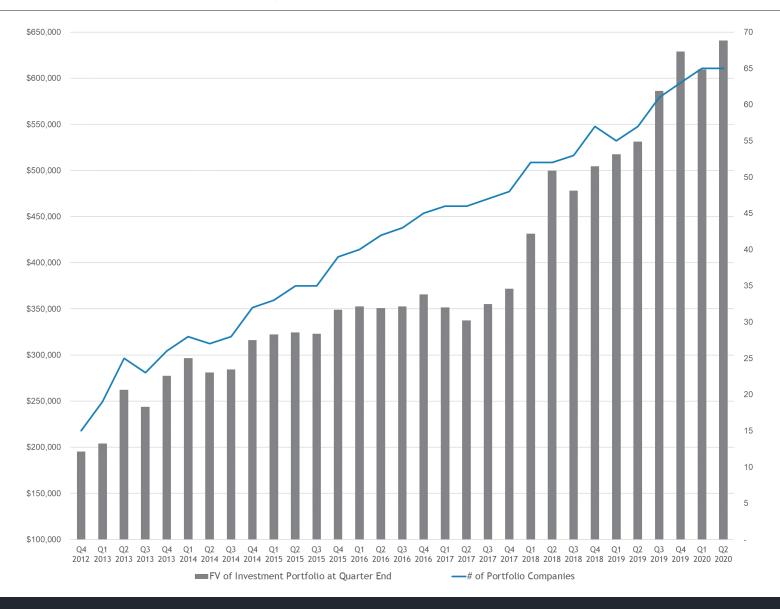
^{*} Subject to LIBOR floors. The weighted average interest rate floor on floating rate loans was 1.20% as of June 30, 2020

Risk Grade Definition:

1 - Exceeding expectations; 2 - Performing in accordance with plan; 3- Requires closer monitoring (no loss of return or principal); 4 - In workout (some loss of return; no loss of principal); 5 - In workout (some loss of principal)



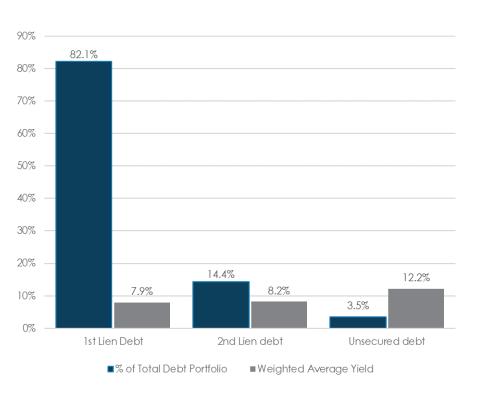
Investment Portfolio Growth (\$'s in 000's)





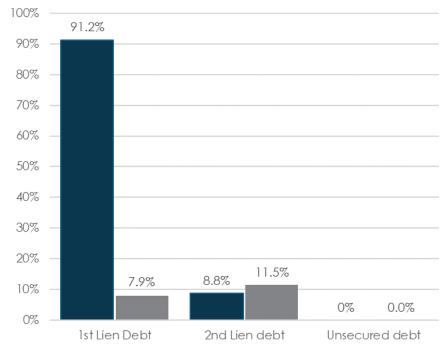
Weighted Average Yields

Debt Investment Portfolio as of June 30, 2020



Note: Reflects percentage of total debt investments at fair value.

New Debt Investments in the Last Four Quarters *



- ■% of total debt portfolio added during the last 4 quarters
- Weighted Average Yield



^{*} Includes follow-on fundings for existing portfolio companies.

Diversified Funding Sources as of June 30, 2020

Diverse sources of long-term, cost-efficient capital

FUNDING SOURCES	FACILITY/ISSUANCE SIZE	OUTSTANDING	INTEREST RATE (3)	MATURITY			
Syndicated Credit Facility led by Amegy ⁽¹⁾	\$230 million	\$181 million (As of 8/6/20)	LIBOR + 2.50%	October 10, 2021			
SBIC I Debentures	\$150 million	\$150 million	3.41%	Varied ⁽²⁾			
SBIC II Debentures	\$20 million	\$11 million (As of 8/6/20)	2.17%	March 25, 2030			
Unsecured Notes	\$48.9 million	\$48.9 million	5.75%	September 15, 2022			

⁽¹⁾Amegy Bank credit facility closed on October 11, 2017, as amended.



 $^{^{(2)}}$ SBA debentures issued to SBIC I mature March 1, 2025 - March 1, 2029

⁽³⁾Does not include amortization of loan fees

Corporate Information

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Chief Executive Officer

W. Todd Huskinson

Chief Financial Officer.

Chief Compliance Officer,

Treasurer and Secretary

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Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer

Dean D'Angelo

Co-Head of Private Credit *

Joshua T. Davis

Co-Head of Private Credit *

W. Todd Huskinson

Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance

Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

Todd A. Overbergen

Head of Energy *
Stellus Capital Management, LLC

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