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REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

(Check appropriate box or boxes)

Pre-Effective Amendment No.

Post-Effective Amendment No.

GSV CAPITAL CORP.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

2925 Woodside Road
Woodside, CA 94062

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Approximate date of proposed public offering: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If any securities being registered on this form will be offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box. x

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box):

when declared effective pursuant to section 8(c).

Title of Securities Being Registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price ⁽¹⁾	Amount of Registration Fee ⁽¹⁾⁽⁷⁾
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾		
Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share ⁽²⁾		
Subscription Rights ⁽²⁾		
Debt Securities ⁽⁴⁾		
Warrants ⁽⁵⁾		
Total ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 284,160,703.81	\$ 38,759.52

(1) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933 solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee. The proposed maximum offering price per security will be determined, from time to time, by the Registrant in connection with the sale by the Registrant of the securities registered under this Registration Statement.

(2) Subject to Note 6 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, or subscription rights to purchase shares of common stock as may be sold, from time to time.

(3) Includes such indeterminate number of shares of common stock as may, from time to time, be issued upon conversion or exchange of other securities registered hereunder, to the extent any such securities are, by their terms, convertible or exchangeable for common stock.

(4) Subject to Note 6 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of debt securities as may be sold, from time to time. If any debt securities are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering price shall be in such greater principal amount as shall result in an aggregate price to investors not to exceed \$284,160,703.81.

(5) Subject to Note 6 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of warrants as may be sold, from time to time.

(6) In no event will the aggregate offering price of all securities issued from time to time pursuant to this registration statement exceed \$284,160,703.81.

(7) \$38,760 is being paid in connection with the registration of \$284,160,703.81 aggregate principal amount of securities. Prior to the initial filing of this registration statement, \$137,875,000 aggregate principal amount of securities remained registered and unsold pursuant to Registration Statement No. 333-180416, which was initially filed by the Registrant on March 28, 2012. Pursuant to Rule 457(p), \$15,800.48 of the total filing fee of \$54,560 required in connection with the initial registration of \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of securities under this registration statement will be offset against the

\$15,800.48 filing fee associated with the unsold securities registered under Registration Statement No. 333-180416, and an additional \$38,760 is being paid in connection herewith.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

PROSPECTUS



\$400,000,000

GSV Capital Corp.

**Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Subscription Rights
Debt Securities
Warrants**

We are an externally managed non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the "1940 Act." Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio's total return, principally by seeking capital gains on our equity investments. We invest principally in the equity securities of rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies. We may also invest on an opportunistic basis in select publicly-traded equity securities of rapidly growing companies that otherwise meet our investment criteria. In addition, while we invest primarily in U.S. companies, we may invest on an opportunistic basis in certain non-U.S. companies that otherwise meet our investment criteria, although in no event will the aggregate value of our non-U.S. investments exceed 30% of the aggregate value of our total investment portfolio. We acquire our investments through secondary marketplaces for private companies, negotiations with selling stockholders and direct investments with prospective portfolio companies. Our investment activities are managed by GSV Asset Management, LLC. GSV Capital Service Company, LLC provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

We seek to deploy capital primarily in the form of equity and equity-related investments, including common stock, warrants, preferred stock and similar forms of senior equity, which may or may not be convertible into a portfolio company's common equity, and convertible debt securities with a high equity component. Our investments generally do not produce current income. We will seek to deploy capital primarily in the form of non-controlling investments in our portfolio companies.

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings, up to \$400,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights to purchase shares of our common stock, debt securities, and warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, which we refer to, collectively, as our "securities." The preferred stock, subscription rights, warrants and debt securities offered hereby may be convertible or exchangeable into shares of our common stock. The securities may be offered at prices and on terms to be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus.

The offering price per share of our common stock less any underwriting commissions or discounts will generally not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time we make the offering. However, we may in the future seek to issue shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus at a price per share that is less than our net asset value per share (i) with the prior approval of the majority of our common stockholders or (ii) under such other circumstances as the SEC may permit. In addition, even if we seek and obtain shareholder approval to sell our common stock at a price below our net asset value per share, we cannot do so unless our Board of Directors determines that it would be in our and our stockholders' best interests to do so.

Our securities may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, or through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to an offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our securities, and will disclose any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters or among our underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See "Plan of Distribution." We may not sell any of our securities through agents, underwriters or dealers or otherwise without delivery of this prospectus and a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of securities.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "GSVC." As of June 30, 2013 our net asset value was approximately \$12.87 per share. On September 19, 2013 the last reported sales price on the NASDAQ Capital Market for our common stock was \$13.28 per share.

This prospectus, and any accompanying prospectus supplement, contains important information about us that a prospective investor should know before investing in our securities. Please read this prospectus, and any accompanying prospectus supplement, before investing and keep it for future reference. We will file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information about us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the "SEC." This information will be available free of charge by contacting us by mail at 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062, by telephone at (650) 235-4769 or on our website at <http://www.gsvcap.com>. The SEC also maintains a website at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains such information. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you should not consider that information to be part of this prospectus.

An investment in our securities is subject to risks and involves a heightened risk of total loss of investment. In particular, shares of closed-end investment companies, including business development companies, such as our company, frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. In addition, the companies in which we invest are subject to special risks. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page [19](#) to read about factors you should consider, including the risk of leverage, before investing in our securities.

Neither the SEC 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.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2013.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using the “shelf” registration process. Under the shelf registration process, which constitutes a delayed offering in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, we may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings, up to \$400,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights to purchase shares of our common stock, debt securities, and warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities on such terms to be determined at the time of the offering. Our securities may be offered at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. This prospectus provides you with a general description of our securities. Each time we use this prospectus to offer our securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of such offering. In particular, such prospectus supplement will include updated risk factors, financial data, portfolio holdings and their respective valuations, and other disclosure that will be tailored to address the pertinent market and other conditions that are prevalent at the time of such offering. Such disclosure will include, for example, the per share dollar amount of dilution, if any, that investors in such offering will incur. A prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between information in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement, you should rely only on the information contained in the accompanying prospectus supplement. Please carefully read this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement together with any exhibits and the additional information described under the headings “Summary,” “Risk Factors” and “Available Information” before you make an investment decision.

You should rely on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to provide you with different information or to make representations as to matters not stated in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus, and any accompanying prospectus supplement, does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of any offer to buy any security other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do they constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement. We will amend or supplement this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement in the event of any material change to the information contained herein or therein during any applicable distribution period.

SUMMARY

This summary, including the **Risk Factors** summary beginning on page [19](#), highlights some of the information in this prospectus. This summary is not complete and may not contain all of the information that you may want to consider. **You should read carefully the more detailed information set forth under “Risk Factors” beginning on page [19](#) and the other information included in this prospectus.**

Except where the context suggests otherwise, the terms “we,” “us,” “our” and “GSV Capital” refer to GSV Capital Corp. In addition, the terms “GSV Asset Management” or “investment adviser” refer to GSV Asset Management, LLC, and “GSV Capital Service Company” or the “administrator” refer to GSV Capital Service Company, LLC.

In May 2011 we completed our initial public offering of 3,335,000 shares of our common stock at an offering price of \$15.00 per share.

We completed a follow-on offering of 2,185,000 shares of our common stock in September 2011 at an offering price of \$14.15 per share, a following-on offering of 6,900,000 shares of our common stock in February 2012 at an offering price of \$15.00 per share and a follow-on offering of 6,900,000 shares of our common stock in May 2012 at an offering price of \$16.25 per share. In the aggregate, we have raised approximately \$277.7 million in equity capitalization.

Since the closing of our third follow-on offering on May 16, 2012 through September 19, 2013, our stock price has fluctuated from a high of \$18.50 (on May 16, 2012) to a low of \$6.84 (on November 14, 2012). Our stock price has not again closed at or above \$16.25. On September 19, 2013, the last reported sales price on the NASDAQ Capital Market for our common stock was \$13.28 per share.

As of September 19, 2013, we have invested substantially all of the combined net proceeds from our public offerings. To the extent that we have uninvested cash, we may make temporary investments in U.S. government securities, money market funds, or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment. Such temporary investments will likely produce a return that is significantly less than the 2.00% base management fee on such assets that we will pay to our investment adviser.

GSV Capital

We are an externally managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio’s total return, principally by seeking capital gains on our equity and equity-related investments. We invest principally in the equity securities of what we believe are rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies. We acquire our investments through direct investments with prospective portfolio companies, secondary market places for private companies and negotiations with selling stockholders. We may also invest on an opportunistic basis in select publicly-traded equity securities or certain non-U.S. companies that otherwise meet our investment criteria. Our investment activities are managed by GSV Asset Management, and GSV Capital Service Company provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

Our investment philosophy is premised on a disciplined approach of identifying potentially high-growth emerging companies across several key industry themes which may include, among others, social mobile, cloud computing and big data, internet commerce, sustainability and education technology. Our investment adviser’s investment decisions are based on a disciplined analysis of available information regarding each potential portfolio company’s business operations, focusing on the company’s growth potential, the quality of recurring revenues and cash flow and cost structures, as well as an understanding of key market fundamentals. Venture capital funds or other financial or strategic sponsors have invested in the vast majority of the companies that our investment adviser evaluates.

We seek to deploy capital primarily in the form of non-controlling equity and equity-related investments, including common stock, warrants, preferred stock and similar forms of senior equity, which may or may not be convertible into a portfolio company’s common equity, and convertible debt securities with a significant equity component.

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We have limited information about the financial performance and profitability of our portfolio companies. While according to public filings with the SEC, certain of our portfolio companies have earned net income in recent periods, we believe that many of our portfolio companies are currently experiencing operating losses. There can be no assurance when or if such companies will operate at a profit. In addition, our current portfolio company investments are also concentrated in a limited number of companies. As of September 19, 2013, over half of our portfolio company investments were comprised of investments in ten companies.

As of June 30, 2013, we have completed investments in the companies identified below. Amounts include transaction fees and costs. Fair value was determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Recent Developments” for more information about these investments.

Portfolio Company	Cost	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾	% of Net Asset Value
Twitter			
<i>Common</i>	\$ 31,755,821	\$ 36,351,602	14.62%
<i>Preferred</i>	1,235,290	1,287,238	0.52%
Palantir			
<i>Common</i>	20,051,479	21,994,434	8.85%
<i>Preferred</i>	1,008,968	1,012,664	0.41%
Dropbox			
<i>Common</i>	8,641,153	8,740,000	3.52%
<i>Preferred</i>	5,015,333	6,353,589	2.56%
Violin Memory			
<i>Preferred D</i>	10,018,370	9,999,996	4.02%
<i>Preferred B</i>	4,800,798	4,360,000	1.75%
Chegg			
<i>Common</i>	10,014,248	9,571,313	3.85%
<i>Preferred</i>	4,008,654	4,478,523	1.80%
Solexel	11,016,624	10,999,998	4.42%
2U			
<i>Common</i>	8,757,668	9,247,603	3.72%
<i>Preferred</i>	1,273,125	1,344,272	0.54%
Avenues	10,026,005	10,395,159	4.18%
Coursera	9,999,999	9,999,999	4.02%
Kno			
<i>Preferred C-1</i>	7,510,334	7,500,000	3.02%
<i>Preferred C</i>	2,262,006	2,249,999	0.91%
<i>Common</i>	214,681	172,914	0.07%
Facebook	10,472,294	8,708,000	3.50%
Control4	7,011,025	7,518,198	3.02%
SugarCRM			
<i>Common</i>	5,192,673	5,180,459	2.08%
<i>Preferred</i>	1,500,522	1,652,476	0.66%
ZocDoc			
<i>Preferred</i>	3,563,178	3,100,000	1.25%
<i>Common</i>	1,734,878	1,733,923	0.70%
Bloom	3,855,601	4,008,093	1.61%

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Portfolio Company	Cost	Fair Value ⁽¹⁾	% of Net Asset Value
Gilt	6,594,433	3,841,793	1.55%
Spotify	3,598,472	3,682,927	1.48%
StormWind	2,019,687	3,667,495	1.48%
Grokit			
<i>Preferred D</i>	2,005,945	2,018,906	0.82%
<i>Preferred E</i>	1,503,670	1,427,558	0.57%
Fullbridge	3,260,465	3,289,115	1.32%
CUX			
<i>Preferred C</i>	2,006,077	2,483,986	1.00%
<i>Preferred D</i>	778,607	775,861	0.31%
Warrants	—	—	0%
Global Ed	2,999,998	3,187,140	1.28%
Parchment	3,000,000	3,040,167	1.22%
Whittle Schools	3,000,000	3,000,000	1.21%
Dataminr	2,063,356	2,972,849	1.20%
Totus	5,023,748	2,586,345	1.04%
Dailybreak	2,430,950	2,422,788	0.97%
SharesPost			
<i>Preferred</i>	2,258,328	2,232,283	0.90%
Warrants	23,128	138,768	0.06%
Silver Spring	5,145,271	2,366,472	0.95%
TrueCar	2,014,863	2,305,338	0.93%
Maven			
<i>Preferred C</i>	1,999,998	1,828,817	0.74%
<i>Preferred B</i>	217,206	232,971	0.09%
S-3			
<i>Preferred</i>	989,058	1,123,622	0.45%
Warrants	31,354	—	0%
NestGSV	1,021,778	1,093,866	0.44%
rSmart (preferred)	1,266,940	933,381	0.38%
DreamBox	758,017	828,257	0.33%
AlwaysOn			
<i>Preferred A-1</i>	624,783	600,000	0.08%
<i>Preferred A</i>	1,027,391	203,011	0.24%
AliphCom, Inc. d/b/a Jawbone	793,152	750,000	0.30%
SinoLending	501,998	604,859	0.24%
NestGSV Silicon Valley	500,000	514,084	0.21%
Ozy Media	500,000	513,725	0.21%
Starfish (preferred + warrants)	2,177,461	500,000	0.20%
Echo			
<i>Preferred</i>	1,436,404	379,150	0.15%
Warrants	75,988	—	0%
NewZoom	260,476	262,500	0.11%
Neuron Fuel	262,530	250,000	0.10%
oDesk Corporation	183,269	180,000	0.07%
Total	\$ 245,295,528	\$ 244,198,486	98.23%

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(1) Fair value was determined in good faith by our board of directors as of June 30, 2013

From June 30, 2013 through September 19, 2013, we closed on investments of \$4,674,997, plus transaction costs in six portfolio investments. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Recent Developments” for more information about these investments.

Our investment advisers track a broad list of potential investment opportunities based on fit with our key investment themes and financial characteristics. Within our broad list, we identify a subset of the opportunities that we believe provide the most attractive prospects for future investment. We generally have approximately 30 investments actively under evaluation at any given time. We devote most of our research efforts to understanding, analyzing and valuing these top 30 companies. Our investment adviser actively seeks opportunities to invest in these potential portfolio companies at pre-determined target prices. At any time, we may be in negotiations or in a pre-closing escrow period with several of the companies in our pipeline.

Risk Factors

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

- Our investments in the rapidly growing venture capital backed emerging companies that we are targeting may be extremely risky and we could lose all or part of our investments;
- Because our investments are generally not in publicly traded securities, there will be uncertainty regarding the value of our portfolio investments;
- We may not realize gains from our equity investments and, because certain of our portfolio companies may incur substantial debt to finance their operations, we may experience a complete loss on our equity investment in the event of a bankruptcy or liquidation of any of our portfolio companies;
- Many of our portfolio companies are currently experiencing operating losses, which may be substantial, and there can be no assurance when or if such companies will operate at a profit;
- The lack of liquidity in, and potentially extended duration of, many of our investments may adversely affect our business and will delay any distributions of gains, if any;
- Our portfolio may be concentrated in a limited number of portfolio companies or market sectors, which will subject us to a risk of significant loss if the business or market position of these companies deteriorates or market sectors experience a market downturn;
- Technology-related sectors in which we invest are subject to many risks, including volatility, intense competition, decreasing life cycles, product obsolescence, changing consumer preferences and periodic downturns;
- We may be limited in our ability to make follow-on investments, for a number of reasons, including financial or regulatory restrictions, and our failure to make follow-on investments in our portfolio companies could impair the value of our portfolio;
- We have only a limited operating history;
- Our inability to maintain our status as a business development company;
- We are dependent upon GSV Asset Management’s senior investment personnel for our future success;
- We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly results and we may be unable to replicate past investment opportunities or make the types of investments we have made to date in future periods;
- Risk associated with transacting on secondary marketplaces, including the limited availability and reliability of information relating to prospective investments and legal and regulatory risks;

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- We operate in a highly competitive market for direct equity investment opportunities;
- We will generally make non-controlling investments and are subject to the risks that other significant shareholders may have interests that differ from those of the portfolio company or minority investors;
- There are significant potential conflicts of interest, which could impact our investment returns and limit the flexibility of our investment policies;
- Regulations governing our operation as a business development company affect our ability to and the way in which we raise additional capital, which may expose us to risks;
- We will be subject to corporate-level income tax if we are profitable and we are unable to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we will be unable to do for the 2013 taxable year unless the SEC certifies us as being principally engaged in the furnishing of capital to certain types of developmental corporations, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial performance;
- Our common stock price may be volatile and may decrease substantially;
- Our common stock has recently traded, and may in the future trade, at premiums that may prove to be unsustainable or at discounts from net asset value; and
- There is a risk that you may not receive dividends or that our dividends may not grow over time, particularly since we invest primarily in securities that do not produce current income.

See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 19 and the other information included in this prospectus for additional discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our securities.

About GSV Asset Management

Our investment activities are managed by GSV Asset Management, an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, or the “Advisers Act.” GSV Asset Management is led by Michael T. Moe, our president, chief executive officer and chairman of our Board of Directors. Mr. Moe is assisted by Stephen D. Bard, our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, treasurer and corporate secretary and David V. Crowder, our Executive Vice President, whom we refer to collectively as GSV Asset Management’s senior investment professionals. Mr. Moe co-founded and previously served as chairman and chief executive officer of ThinkEquity Partners, an asset management and investment banking firm focusing on venture capital, entrepreneurial and emerging private companies. Prior to founding ThinkEquity, Mr. Moe served as Head of Global Growth Research at Merrill Lynch and before that served as Head of Growth Research and Strategy at Montgomery Securities.

We believe we benefit from the ability of our investment adviser’s senior investment professionals and Board of advisers (the “Advisory Board”) to identify attractive investment opportunities, conduct diligence on and value prospective investments, negotiate terms, and manage and monitor a portfolio of those investments. See “Portfolio Management — Advisory Board to GSV Asset Management.” Our investment adviser’s senior investment professionals and Advisory Board 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 that provides us with an important source of investment opportunities.

We pay GSV Asset Management a fee for its services under an investment advisory agreement (the “Investment Advisory Agreement”) consisting of two components — a base management fee and an incentive fee. The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 2.00% of our gross assets, which is our total assets as reflected on our balance sheet (with no deduction for liabilities). The incentive fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Investment Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), commencing on December 31, 2011, and will equal the lesser of (i) 20% of our realized capital gains during such calendar year, if any, calculated on an investment-by-investment basis, subject to a non-compounded preferred return, or “hurdle,” and a “catch-up” feature, and (ii) 20% of our realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the

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end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fees. See “Investment Advisory Agreement.” The terms for calculating the management fee create an incentive for our investment adviser to utilize leverage in the future because our management fee is based on our gross assets, including issuances of preferred stock and borrowings for investment purposes, rather than our net assets. We will be required, however, to obtain the approval of our Board of Directors before we incur any future indebtedness.

Investment Opportunity

We believe that the technology industry is experiencing a convergence of numerous disruptive trends, producing new high-growth markets. The growth of both social networking and connected mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets, has opened up new channels for communication and real-time collaboration. The number of devices and people that regularly connect to the Internet has increased dramatically in recent years, generating significant demand for always accessible, personalized and localized content and real-time online interactivity. These factors are creating opportunities for new market participants and significant growth for established companies with leading positions capitalizing on these trends.

At the same time, we believe that the initial public offering, or “IPO,” markets have experienced substantial structural changes which have made it significantly more challenging for private companies to go public. Volatile equity markets, a lack of investment research coverage for private and smaller companies and investor demand for a longer history of revenue and earnings growth have resulted in companies staying private significantly longer than in the past. In addition, increased public company compliance obligations such as those imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 have made it more costly and less attractive to become a public company. As a result, there are significantly fewer IPOs today than there were during the 1990’s, with prospective public companies taking longer to come to market. For example, from 1991 – 2000, there were 4,361 IPOs in the United States, of which 1,701 were venture-capital backed. From 2001 – 2011, there were 1,286 IPOs, of which 600 were venture-capital backed. In 2012, there were 128 IPOs, of which 49 were venture backed.

Investment Strategy

We seek to add to our portfolio of potentially high-growth emerging private companies via a repeatable and disciplined investment approach, as well as to provide investors with access to such companies through our publicly traded common stock.

Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio’s total return, principally by seeking capital gains on our equity and equity-related investments. We have adopted the following business strategies to achieve our investment objective:

- **Identify high quality growth companies.** Based on our extensive experience in analyzing technology trends and markets, we have identified the technology sub-sectors of social mobile, cloud computing and big data, internet commerce, sustainability and education technology, as opportunities where we believe companies are capable of producing substantial growth. We rely on our collective industry knowledge as well as an understanding of where leading venture capitalists are investing.

We leverage a combination of our relationships throughout Silicon Valley and our independent research to identify leaders in our targeted sub-sectors that we believe are differentiated and best positioned for sustained growth. Our evaluation process is based on what we refer to as “the four Ps”:

- People — Organizations led by strong management teams with in-depth operational focus
- Product — Differentiated and disruptive products with leading market positioning
- Potential — Large addressable markets
- Predictability — Ability to forecast and drive predictable and sustainable growth

We consider these to be the core elements for identifying rapidly growing emerging companies.

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- **Acquire positions in targeted investments.** We seek to add to our portfolio by sourcing investments at an acceptable price through our disciplined investing strategy. To this end, we utilize multiple methods to acquire equity stakes in private companies that are not available to many individual investors.

Direct equity investments. We seek direct investments in private companies. There is a large market among emerging private companies for equity capital investments. Many of these companies, particularly within the technology sector, lack the necessary cash flows to sustain substantial amounts of debt, and therefore have viewed equity capital as a more attractive long-term financing tool. We seek to be a source of such equity capital as a means of investing in these companies and look for opportunities to invest alongside other venture capital and private equity investors with whom we have established relationships.

Private secondary marketplaces and direct share purchases. We also utilize private secondary marketplaces as a means to acquire equity and equity-related interests in privately-held companies that meet our investment criteria and that we believe are attractive candidates for investment. We believe that such markets offer new channels for access to equity investments in private companies and provide a potential source of liquidity should we decide to exit an investment. In addition, we also purchase shares directly from stockholders, including current or former employees. As certain companies grow and experience significant increased value while remaining private, employees and other stockholders may seek liquidity by selling shares directly to a third party or to a third party via a secondary marketplace. Sales of shares in private companies are typically restricted by contractual transfer restrictions and may be further restricted by provisions in company charter documents, investor rights of first refusal and co-sale and company employment and trading policies, which may impose strict limits on transfer. We believe that our investment professionals' reputation within the industry and history of investing affords us a favorable position when seeking approval for a purchase of shares subject to such limitations.

- **Create access to a diverse investment portfolio.** We seek to hold a diverse portfolio of non-controlling equity investments, which we believe will minimize the impact on our portfolio of a negative downturn at any one specific company. We believe that our relatively diversified portfolio will provide a convenient means for accredited and non-accredited individual investors to obtain access to an asset class that has generally been limited to venture capital, private equity and similar large institutional investors.

Competitive Advantages

We believe that we will benefit from the following competitive advantages in executing our investment strategy:

- **Experienced team of investment professionals.** Our investment adviser's senior investment professionals, its Advisory Board and our Board of Directors have significant experience researching and investing in the types of potentially rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies we are targeting for investment. Through our proprietary company evaluation process, including our identification of technology trends and themes and company research, we believe we have developed important insight into identifying and valuing emerging private companies.
- **Disciplined and repeatable investment process.** We have established a disciplined and repeatable process to locate and acquire available shares at attractive valuations by utilizing multiple sources. In contrast to industry "aggregators" that accumulate stock at market prices, we conduct valuation analyses and make acquisitions only when we can invest at valuations that we believe are attractive to our investors. Following this process, we have completed investments in the 50 companies in our portfolio as of June 30, 2013.
- **Deep relationships with significant credibility to source and complete transactions.** GSV Asset Management and its senior investment professionals are strategically located in the heart of Silicon Valley in Woodside, California. During the course of over two decades of researching and investing in emerging private companies, our investment adviser's senior investment professionals have

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developed strong reputations within the investing community, particularly within technology-related sectors. Our investment adviser's Advisory Board members and our Board of Directors have also developed strong relationships in the financial, investing and technology-related sectors.

- **Source of permanent investing capital.** As a publicly-traded corporation, we have access to a source of permanent equity capital which we can use to invest in portfolio companies. This permanent equity capital is a significant differentiator from other potential investors that may be required to return capital to stockholders on a defined schedule. We believe that our ability to invest on a long-term time horizon makes us attractive to companies looking for strong, stable owners of their equity.
- **Early mover advantage.** We believe we are one of the few publicly traded business development companies with a specific focus on investing in potentially rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies. The transactions that we have executed to date since our IPO have helped to establish our reputation with the types of secondary sellers and emerging companies that we target for investment. We have leveraged a number of relationships and channels to acquire the equity of private companies. As we continue to grow our portfolio with attractive investments, we believe that our reputation as a committed partner will be further enhanced, allowing us to source and close investments that would otherwise be unavailable. We believe that these factors collectively differentiate us from other potential investors in private company securities and will serve our goal to complete equity transactions in compelling private companies at attractive valuations.

Operating and Regulatory Structure

GSV Capital was formed as a Maryland corporation that is an externally managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company. We completed our initial public offering in May 2011 and have elected to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. As a business development company, we are required to meet regulatory tests, including the requirement to invest at least 70% of our gross assets in "qualifying assets." Qualifying assets generally include, among other things, securities of "eligible portfolio companies." "Eligible portfolio companies" generally include U.S. companies that are not investment companies and that do not have securities listed on a national exchange. If at any time less than 70% of our gross assets are comprised of qualifying assets, including as a result of an increase in the value of any non-qualifying assets or decrease in the value of any qualifying assets, we would generally not be permitted to acquire any additional non-qualifying assets until such time as 70% of our then current gross assets were comprised of qualifying assets. We would not be required, however, to dispose of any non-qualifying assets in such circumstances. See "Regulation as a Business Development Company." We were taxed as a regular corporation (a "C corporation") under subchapter C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), for our 2012 taxable year. We may elect to be treated as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under subchapter M of the Code, if management determines that it is in the best interests of the Company to do so and the Company is able to satisfy the requirements under subchapter M of the Code., which we will be unable to do for the 2013 taxable year unless the SEC certifies us as being principally engaged in the furnishing of capital to certain types of developmental corporations. See "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations."

Our investment activities are managed by GSV Asset Management and supervised by our Board of Directors. GSV Asset Management is an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act. Under our investment advisory agreement, which we refer to as the Investment Advisory Agreement, we have agreed to pay GSV Asset 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, which we refer to as the Administration Agreement, under which we have agreed to reimburse GSV Capital Service Company for our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred.

Recent Developments

Convertible Senior Notes

On September 17, 2013, we completed a private placement of 5-year unsecured 5.25% Senior Convertible Notes due 2018 (the "Convertible Senior Notes"). A total of \$69.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Senior Notes were issued at the closing. The Convertible Senior Notes are convertible into shares of our common stock based on an initial conversion rate of 61.5091 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Senior Notes, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$16.26 per share of common stock. The conversion price for the Convertible Senior Notes will be reduced or adjusted for, among other things, annual cash dividends paid to common shares. The Convertible Senior Notes bear interest at an annual rate of 5.25%, payable semiannually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning March 15, 2014. The Convertible Senior Notes mature on September 15, 2018, unless previously converted in accordance with their terms. The Convertible Senior Notes are our general unsecured obligations, rank equally in right of payment with our future senior unsecured debt, and rank senior in right of payment to any potential subordinated debt, should any be issued in the future

Our Corporate Information

Our principal office is located at 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062, and our telephone number is (650) 235-4769.

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OFFERINGS

We may offer, from time to time, up to \$400,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights to purchase shares of our common stock, debt securities, and warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities on terms to be determined at the time of the offering and set forth in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The offering price per share of our common stock, less any underwriting commissions or discounts, generally will not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time of an offering. However, we may in the future seek to issue shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus at a price per share that is less than our net asset value per share (i) with the prior approval of the majority of our common stockholders or (ii) under such other circumstances as the SEC may permit. In addition, even if we seek and obtain shareholder approval to sell our common stock at a price below our net asset value per share, we cannot do so unless our Board of Directors determines that it would be in our and our stockholders' best interests to do so.

Our securities may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, or through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to an offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our securities, and will disclose any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters or among our underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See "Plan of Distribution." We may not sell our securities through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of this prospectus and a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of our securities.

Set forth below is additional information regarding offerings of our securities:

Use of Proceeds	Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we plan to invest the net proceeds from the sale of our securities pursuant to this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective and strategies described in this prospectus. We will also use a portion of any such net proceeds to pay operating expenses, and other expenses such as due diligence expenses relating to potential new investments. We anticipate that substantially all of the net proceeds of any such offering will be used for the above purposes within six to 12 months, depending on the availability of investment opportunities that are consistent with our investment objectives and market conditions, except for such amounts as may be retained for purposes of funding our ongoing operations subsequent to the completion of such offering. Each supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of the proceeds from such offering. See "Use of Proceeds."
NASDAQ Capital Market symbol	Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "GSVC."
Distributions	The timing and amount of our dividends, if any, will be determined by our Board of Directors. Any dividends to our stockholders will be declared out of assets legally available for distribution. As we focus on making primarily capital gains-based investments in equity securities, we do not anticipate that we will pay dividends on a quarterly basis or become a predictable distributor of dividends, and we expect that our dividends, if any, will be less consistent than the dividends of other business development companies that primarily make debt investments.
Taxation	The Company was taxed as a C corporation for its 2012 taxable year. Beginning with its 2013 taxable year, the Company may elect to be treated as a RIC under subchapter the Code, if management determines that it is in the best interests of the Company to do so

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and the Company is able to satisfy the requirements under subchapter M of the Code. As a RIC, we generally will not be required to pay corporate-level federal income taxes on any ordinary income or capital gains that we distribute to our stockholders as dividends. To obtain and maintain our RIC tax treatment, we must meet specified source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and distribute annually at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any. See “Distributions” and “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.”

Investment Advisory Fees

We pay GSV Asset Management a fee for its services under the Investment Advisory Agreement consisting of two components — a base management fee and an incentive fee. The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 2.00% of our gross assets, which is our total assets as reflected on our balance sheet (with no deduction for liabilities). The incentive fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Investment Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), commencing on December 31, 2011, and will equal the lesser of (i) 20% of our realized capital gains during such calendar year, if any, calculated on an investment-by-investment basis, subject to a non-compounded preferred return, or “hurdle,” and a “catch-up” feature, and (ii) 20% of our realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fees. See “Investment Advisory Agreement.” The terms for calculating the management fee create an incentive for our investment adviser to utilize leverage because our management fee is based on our gross assets, including borrowings for investment purposes, rather than our net assets. We will be required, however, to obtain the approval of our Board of Directors before we incur any additional indebtedness.

Administration Agreement

We reimburse GSV Capital Service Company for our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses it incurs 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. In addition, we reimburse GSV Capital Service Company for 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 other staff providing administrative services. Additionally, GSV Capital Service Company may outsource some of its duties. While there is no limit on the total amount of expenses we may be required to reimburse to GSV Capital Service Company, our administrator will only charge us for the actual expenses it incurs on our behalf, or our allocable portion thereof, without any profit to GSV Capital Service Company. See “Administration Agreement.”

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Leverage	We borrow for investment purposes and as a result are exposed to the risks of leverage, which may be considered a speculative investment technique. The use of leverage magnifies the potential for gain and loss on amounts invested and therefore increases the risks associated with investing in our securities. In addition, the costs associated with our borrowings, including any increase in the management fee payable to our investment adviser, GSV Asset Management, will be borne by our security holders.
Trading	Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. The risk that our shares may trade at a discount to our net asset value is separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value per share may decline. We cannot predict whether our shares will trade above, at or below net asset value.
License Agreement	We have entered into a license agreement with GSV Asset Management, pursuant to which GSV Asset Management has agreed to grant us a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name “GSV.” See “License Agreement.”
Dividend Reinvestment Plan	We have adopted an “opt out” dividend reinvestment plan. If your shares of common stock are registered in your own name, your distributions will automatically be reinvested under our dividend reinvestment plan in additional whole and fractional shares of common stock, unless you “opt out” of our dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash dividends by delivering a written notice to our dividend paying agent. If your shares are held in the name of a broker or other nominee, you should contact the broker or nominee for details regarding opting out of our dividend reinvestment plan. Stockholders who receive distributions in the form of stock will be subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as stockholders who elect to receive their distributions in cash. See “Dividend Reinvestment Plan.”
Certain Anti-Takeover Measures	Our charter and bylaws, as well as certain statutory and regulatory requirements, contain certain provisions that may have the effect of discouraging a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us. These anti-takeover provisions may inhibit a change in control in circumstances that could give the holders of our securities the opportunity to realize a premium over the market price for our securities. See “Description of Our Securities.”
Risk Factors	Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the information found under the heading “Risk Factors.” We have only a limited operating history as a business development company and as a regulated investment company. If we fail to qualify as a regulated investment company, we could become subject to federal income tax on all of our income, which would have a material adverse effect on our financial performance. We invest in rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies. These activities may involve a high degree of business and financial risk. We are also subject to risks associated with access to additional capital, fluctuating quarterly results and variation in our portfolio value.

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Available Information

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form N-2 together with all amendments and related exhibits under the Securities Act. The registration statement contains additional information about us and the securities being offered by this prospectus.

We are required to file periodic reports, current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. This information is available at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549 and on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The public may obtain information on the operation of the SEC's public reference room by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. This information is also available free of charge by contacting us at GSV Capital Corp., 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062, by telephone at (650) 235-4769, or on our website at <http://www.gsvcap.com>.

FEES AND EXPENSES

The following table is intended to assist you in understanding the costs and expenses that you will bear directly or indirectly on an as-converted basis. We caution you that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary. The following table should not be considered a representation of our future expenses. Actual expenses may be greater or less than shown. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever this prospectus contains a reference to fees or expenses paid by “us” or “GSV Capital,” or that “we” will pay fees or expenses, you will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as an investor in GSV Capital Corp. However, you will not be required to deliver any money or otherwise bear personal liability or responsibility for such fees or expenses.

Stockholder transaction expenses:

Sales load (as a percentage of offering price)	(1)
Offering expenses (as a percentage of offering price)	(2)
Dividend reinvestment plan expenses	None
Total stockholder transaction expenses (as a percentage of offering price)	0.00 ⁽²⁾
Annual expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock):⁽⁵⁾⁽⁸⁾	
Base management fee	2.38% ⁽³⁾
Incentive fees payable under our investment advisory agreement (20%)	0.00% ⁽⁴⁾
Interest payments on borrowed funds	1.00% ⁽⁵⁾
Other expenses	1.34% ⁽⁶⁾
Acquired fund fees and expenses	0.00% ⁽⁷⁾
Total annual expenses	4.72%

Example

The following example demonstrates the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses that would be incurred over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in our common stock. In calculating the following expense amounts, we have assumed that our annual operating expenses would remain at the levels set forth in the table above. See Note 7 below for additional information regarding certain assumptions regarding our level of leverage subsequent to this offering.

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a 5% annual return	\$ 57	\$ 171	\$ 282	\$ 555

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- (1) In the event that our securities are sold to or through underwriters, a corresponding prospectus supplement will disclose the applicable sales load.
 - (2) In the event that we conduct an offering of our securities, a corresponding prospectus supplement will disclose the estimated offering expenses. Our common stockholders will bear, directly or indirectly, the expenses of any offering of our securities, including debt securities.
 - (3) Reflects our base management fee as a percentage of our net assets. Our base management fee under the Investment Advisory Agreement is based on our gross assets, which is our total assets as reflected on our balance sheet (with no deduction for liabilities), including those acquired using borrowings for investment purposes. See “Investment Advisory Agreement.” As a result, to the extent we elect to utilize additional leverage in the future, our base management fee as a percentage of our net assets would increase.
 - (4) The incentive fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Investment Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), commencing on December 31, 2011, and will equal the lesser of (i) 20% of our realized capital gains during such calendar year, if any, calculated on an investment-by-investment basis, subject to a non-compounded preferred return, or “hurdle,” and a “catch-up” feature, and (ii) 20% of our realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fees. For a more detailed discussion of the calculation of this fee, see “Investment Advisory Agreement.” For accounting purposes, in order to reflect the theoretical capital gains incentive fee that would be payable for a given period as if all unrealized gains were realized, we

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are required to accrue a capital gains incentive fee based upon realized capital gains and losses during the current calendar year through the end of the period, plus any unrealized capital appreciation and depreciation as of the end of the period. It should be noted that a fee so calculated and accrued would not necessarily be payable under the Investment Advisory Agreement, and may never be paid based upon the computation of capital gains incentive fees in subsequent periods. Amounts paid under the Investment Advisory Agreement will be consistent with the formula reflected in the Investment Advisory Agreement. As of June 30, 2013, we had no accrued incentive fees.

- (5) We are exposed to the risks of leverage, which may be considered a speculative investment technique. The use of leverage magnifies the potential for gain and loss on amounts invested and therefore increases the risks associated with investing in our securities. In addition, the costs associated with our borrowings, including any increase in the management fee payable to our investment adviser, GSV Asset Management, are borne by our common stockholders. For purposes of this section, we have assumed that we will borrow for investment purposes an amount equal to \$69 million at an annual interest rate of 5.25%.
- (6) "Other expenses" (\$5,111,272) are based upon estimates for the 12 months ending November 30, 2014.
- (7) Amount reflects our estimated expenses for the 12 months ending November 30, 2014 relating to the temporary investment of proceeds in money market funds pending our investment of such proceeds in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective and strategies described in this prospectus.
- (8) Net assets attributable to common stock, (as used to calculate the annual expense ratios) reflect our June 30, 2013 net asset value adjusted for the impact of the Senior Convertible Notes issuance and assumed future common stock offerings. Assumed common stock offerings, for purposes of this calculation, are \$50 million each, occurring, respectively, on November 30, 2013; February 28, 2014; May 31, 2014; August 31, 2014.

The example and the expenses in the tables above should not be considered a representation of our future expenses, and actual expenses may be greater or less than those shown. While the example assumes, as required by the SEC, a 5.0% annual return, our performance will vary and may result in a return greater or less than 5.0%. As the incentive fee under the Investment Advisory Agreement is payable only on realized capital gains, this illustration assumes that the entire 5.0% annual return is in the form of realized capital gains (computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation) in each of the indicated time periods, and that we will be required to pay an incentive fee on the full amount of the annual return. If we achieve a greater realization of realized capital gains than the assumed 5.0% annual return, our expenses and returns to our investors would be higher. Also, while the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends at net asset value, participants in our dividend reinvestment plan will receive a number of shares of our common stock, determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the dividend payable to a participant by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of trading on the dividend payment date, which may be at, above or below net asset value. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan" for additional information regarding our dividend reinvestment plan.

SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA

The selected financial and other data below should be read in conjunction with our “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the financial statements and notes thereto. The selected financial data at December 31, 2012, and for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011 have been derived from financial statements that have been audited by Grant Thornton LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. Quarterly financial information is derived from unaudited financial data, but in the opinion of management, reflects all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) which are necessary to present fairly the results for such interim periods. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” below for more information.

	Six months ended June 30, 2013 (unaudited)	At and For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012	At and For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011 ⁽¹⁾
Income Statement Data:			
Total investment income	\$ 20,258	\$ 248,077	\$ 162,328
Total operating expenses	4,974,894	8,530,958	2,196,192
Net investment loss	(4,954,636)	(8,282,881)	(2,033,864)
Net realized loss on investments	(9,674,524)	(1,380,519)	—
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	10,653,608	(10,170,850)	(1,579,800)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(3,975,552)	(19,834,250)	(3,613,664)
Balance Sheet Data:			
Total assets	249,158,994	253,130,728	91,798,242
Total liabilities	551,745	547,927	20,294,994
Total net assets	248,607,249	252,582,801	71,503,248
Per Common Share Data:			
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations per average share ⁽²⁾ .	(0.21)	(1.23)	(1.07)
Net asset value per share	12.87	13.07	12.95

(1) Includes the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011.

(2) Weighted average common shares for the six months ended June 30, 2013, were 19,320,100. Weighted average common shares for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, were 16,096,330. Weighted average common shares for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011 were 3,377,429, which was calculated starting from the issuance on February 28, 2011 of 100 shares.

SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA

The following table sets forth certain quarterly financial information for each quarter in the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012, and for the six months ended June 30, 2013. This information was derived from our unaudited financial statements. Results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year or for any future quarter.

At and For the Three Months Ended (in thousands, except per share data)	June 30, 2013	March 31, 2013	December 30, 2012	September 30, 2012	June 30, 2012	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	September 30, 2011	June 30, 2011	March 31, 2011 ⁽¹⁾
Total investment income	\$ 16	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 14	\$ 110	\$ 118	\$ 109	\$ 53	\$ —	\$ —
Total operating expenses	2,403	2,572	2,780	2,348	2,190	1,212	787	733	565	111
Net investment loss	(2,387)	(2,568)	(2,774)	(2,335)	(2,080)	(1,094)	(678)	(680)	(565)	(111)
Net realized loss on investments	(6,328)	(3,347)	—	—	(1,380)	—	—	—	—	—
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	12,230	(1,577)	(4,502)	(4,665)	(2,015)	1,011	(1,026)	(494)	(60)	—
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	3,516	(7,491)	(7,276)	(7,000)	(5,475)	(83)	(1,704)	(1,174)	(625)	(111)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations per average share⁽²⁾	0.18	(0.38)	(0.38)	(0.36)	(0.34)	(0.01)	(0.31)	(0.34)	(0.27)	(1,108.08)
Net asset value per share	12.87	12.69	13.07	13.45	13.81	13.47	12.95	13.26	13.57	(1,093.08)

(1) Includes the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) through March 31, 2011, which preceded the completion of our initial public offering in May 2011.

(2) Weighted average common shares were 100, 2,345,595, 3,430,100, 5,520,100, 9,387,133, 16,287,133, 19,320,100, 16,096,330, 19,320,100 and 19,320,100 for the three months ended March 31, 2011, June 30, 2011, September 30, 2011, December 31, 2011, March 31, 2012, June 30, 2012, September 30, 2012, December 31, 2012, March 31, 2013 and June 30, 2013, respectively.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a number of significant risks. In addition to the other information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, you should consider carefully the following information before making an investment in our securities. Although the risks described below represent our material risks, they are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us might also impair our operations and performance. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In such case, our net asset value and the trading price of our securities could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Relating To Our Investments

Our investments in the rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies that we are targeting may be extremely risky and we could lose all or part of our investments.

Investment in the rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies that we are targeting involves a number of significant risks, including:

- these companies may have limited financial resources and may be unable to meet their obligations under their existing debt, which may lead to equity financings, possibly at discounted valuations, in which we could be substantially diluted if we do not or cannot participate, bankruptcy or liquidation and the reduction or loss of our equity investment;
- they typically have limited operating histories, narrower, less established product lines and smaller market shares than larger businesses, which tend to render them more vulnerable to competitors' actions, market conditions and consumer sentiment in respect of their products or services, as well as general economic downturns;
- they generally have less predictable operating results, may from time to time be parties to litigation, may be engaged in rapidly changing businesses with products subject to a substantial risk of obsolescence, and may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, finance expansion or maintain their competitive position;
- because they are privately owned, there is generally little publicly available information about these businesses; therefore, although our investment adviser's agents will perform due diligence investigations on these portfolio companies, their operations and their prospects, we may not learn all of the material information we need to know regarding these businesses and, in the case of investments we acquire on private secondary transactions, we may be unable to obtain financial or other information regarding the companies with respect to which we invest. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that the information that we do obtain with respect to any investment is reliable; and
- they are more likely to depend on the management talents and efforts of a small group of persons; therefore, the death, disability, resignation or termination of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse impact on our portfolio company and, in turn, on us.

A portfolio company's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by its lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, termination of its loans and foreclosure on its assets, which could trigger cross-defaults under other agreements and jeopardize our equity investment in such portfolio company. We may incur expenses to the extent necessary to seek recovery of our equity investment or to negotiate new terms with a financially distressed portfolio company.

Because our investments are generally not in publicly traded securities, there will be uncertainty regarding the value of our investments, which could adversely affect the determination of our net asset value.

Our portfolio investments will generally not be in publicly traded securities. As a result, although we expect that some of our equity investments may trade on private secondary marketplaces, the fair value of our direct investments in portfolio companies will often not be readily determinable. Under the 1940 Act, for our investments for which there are no readily available market quotations, including securities that while listed

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on a private securities exchange, have not actively traded, we will value such securities at fair value quarterly as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors based upon the recommendation of the Board of Director's Valuation Committee in accordance with our written valuation policy. In connection with that determination, members of our investment adviser's portfolio management team will prepare portfolio company valuations using, where available, the most recent portfolio company financial statements and forecasts. The Valuation Committee intends to utilize the services of an independent valuation firm, which will prepare valuations for each of our portfolio investments that are not publicly traded or for which we do not have readily available market quotations, including securities that while listed on a private securities exchange, have not actively traded. However, the Board of Directors will retain ultimate authority as to the appropriate valuation of each such investment. The types of factors that the Valuation Committee will take into account in providing its fair value recommendation to the Board of Directors with respect to such non-traded investments will include, as relevant and, to the extent available, the portfolio company's earnings, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, comparison to valuations of publicly traded companies, comparisons to recent sales of comparable companies, the discounted value of the cash flows of the portfolio company and other relevant factors. This information may not be available because it is difficult to obtain financial and other information with respect to private companies, and even where we are able to obtain such information, there can be no assurance that it is complete or accurate. Because such valuations are inherently uncertain and may be based on estimates, our determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would be assessed if a readily available market for these securities existed. Due to this uncertainty, our fair value determinations with respect to any non-traded investments we hold may cause our net asset value on a given date to materially understate or overstate the value that we may ultimately realize on one or more of our investments. As a result, investors purchasing our common stock based on an overstated net asset value would pay a higher price than the value of our investments might warrant. Conversely, investors selling shares during a period in which the net asset value understates the value of our investments will receive a lower price for their shares than the value of our investments might warrant.

We may not realize gains from our equity investments and, because certain of our portfolio companies may incur substantial debt to finance their operations, we may experience a complete loss on our equity investment in the event of a bankruptcy or liquidation of any of our portfolio companies.

We invest principally in the equity and equity-related securities of rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies. However, the equity interests we acquire may not appreciate in value and, in fact, may decline in value. For example, for the three months ended June 30, 2013, we recognized a loss on investments in Top Hat 430, Inc. Serious Energy, Inc. and AltEgo, LLC in an aggregate amount of \$6,327,632. In addition, we recognized a loss on the sales of our investments in Zynga, Inc. and Groupon, Inc.

In addition, the private company securities we acquire are often subject to drag-along rights, which could permit other stockholders, under certain circumstances, to force us to liquidate our position in a subject company at a specified price, which could be, in our opinion, inadequate or undesirable or even below our cost basis. In this event, we could realize a loss or fail to realize gain in an amount that we deem appropriate on our investment. Further, capital market volatility and the overall market environment may preclude our portfolio companies from realizing liquidity events and impede our exit from these investments. Accordingly, we may not be able to realize gains from our equity interests, and any gains that we do realize on the disposition of any equity interests may not be sufficient to offset any other losses we experience. We will generally have little, if any, control over the timing of any gains we may realize from our equity investments unless and until the portfolio companies in which we invest become publicly traded. In addition, the companies in which we invest may have substantial debt loads. In such cases, we would typically be last in line behind any creditors in a bankruptcy or liquidation, and would likely experience a complete loss on our investment.

Many of our portfolio companies are currently experiencing operating losses, which may be substantial, and there can be no assurance when or if such companies will operate at a profit.

We have limited information about the financial performance and profitability of some of our portfolio companies. While according to public filings with the SEC, certain of our portfolio companies have earned net income in recent periods, we believe that many of our portfolio companies are currently experiencing operating losses. There can be no assurance when or if such companies will operate at a profit.

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The lack of liquidity in, and potentially extended holding period of, our many investments may adversely affect our business, and will delay any distributions of gains, if any.

Our investments will generally not be in publicly traded securities. Although we expect that some of our equity investments will trade on private secondary marketplaces, certain of the securities we hold will be subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or will otherwise be less liquid than publicly traded securities. In addition, while some portfolio companies may trade on private secondary marketplaces, we can provide no assurance that such a trading market will continue or remain active, or that we will be able to sell our position in any portfolio company at the time we desire to do so and at the price we anticipate. The illiquidity of our investments, including those that are traded on private secondary marketplaces, may make it difficult for us to sell such investments if the need arises. Also, if we are required to liquidate all or a portion of our portfolio quickly, we may realize significantly less than the value at which we have previously recorded our investments. We will have no limitation on the portion of our portfolio that may be invested in illiquid securities, and a substantial portion or all of our portfolio may be invested in such illiquid securities from time to time.

In addition, because we will generally invest in equity and equity-related securities, with respect to the majority of our portfolio companies, we do not expect regular realization events, if any, to occur in the near term. We expect that many of our holdings of equity securities may require several years to appreciate in value, and we can offer no assurance that such appreciation will occur. Even if such appreciation does occur, it is likely that initial purchasers of our shares could wait for an extended period of time before any appreciation or sale of our investments, and any attendant distributions of gains, may be realized.

Our portfolio may be concentrated in a limited number of portfolio companies or market sectors, which will subject us to a risk of significant loss if the business or market position of these companies deteriorates or market sectors experiences a market downturn.

A consequence of our limited number of investments is that the aggregate returns we realize may be significantly adversely affected if a small number of investments perform poorly or if we need to write down the value of any one investment. For example, as of December 31, 2012, over half of our portfolio company investments were comprised of investments in ten portfolio companies. Beyond the asset diversification requirements necessary to qualify as a RIC, we have general guidelines for diversification, however our investments could be concentrated in relatively few issuers. In addition, our investments may be concentrated in a limited number of market sectors, including in technology-related sectors. As a result, a downturn in any market sector in which a significant number of our portfolio companies operate, or the deterioration of the market position of any portfolio company in which we have a material position, could materially adversely affect us.

Technology-related sectors in which we invest are subject to many risks, including volatility, intense competition, decreasing life cycles, product obsolescence, changing consumer preferences and periodic downturns.

Given the experience of our investment adviser's senior investment professionals and its Advisory Board members within the technology space, we expect that a number of the companies with respect to which we invest will operate in technology-related sectors. The revenues, income (or losses) and valuations of technology-related companies can and often do fluctuate suddenly and dramatically. In addition, because of rapid technological change, the average selling prices of products and some services provided by technology-related sectors have historically decreased over their productive lives. As a result, the average selling prices of products and services offered by our portfolio companies that operated in technology-related sectors may decrease over time, which could adversely affect their operating results and, correspondingly, the value of any equity securities that we may hold. This could, in turn, materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may be limited in our ability to make follow-on investments, and our failure to make follow-on investments in our portfolio companies could impair the value of our portfolio.

Following an initial investment in a portfolio company, we may make additional investments in that portfolio company as "follow-on" investments, in order to: (1) increase or maintain in whole or in part our

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equity ownership percentage; (2) exercise warrants, options or convertible securities that were acquired in the original or subsequent financing; or (3) attempt to preserve or enhance the value of our investment.

We may elect not to make follow-on investments, or may otherwise lack sufficient funds to make those investments or lack access to desired follow-on investment opportunities. We have the discretion to make any follow-on investments, subject to the availability of capital resources and of the investment opportunity. The failure to make follow-on investments may, in some circumstances, jeopardize the continued viability of a portfolio company and our initial investment, or may result in a missed opportunity for us to increase our participation in a successful operation. Even if we have sufficient capital to make a desired follow-on investment, we may elect not to make a follow-on investment because we may not want to increase our concentration of risk, because we prefer other opportunities, or because we are inhibited by compliance with business development company requirements or the desire to qualify to maintain our status as a RIC or lack access to the desired follow-on investment opportunity.

In addition, we may be unable to complete follow-on investments in our portfolio companies that have conducted an initial public offering as a result of regulatory or financial restrictions.

Because we will generally not hold controlling equity interests in our portfolio companies, we will likely not be in a position to exercise control over our portfolio companies or to prevent decisions by substantial shareholders or management of our portfolio companies that could decrease the value of our investments.

Generally, we will not take controlling equity positions in our portfolio companies. As a result, we will be subject to the risk that a portfolio company may make business decisions with which we disagree, and the stockholders and management of a portfolio company may take risks or otherwise act in ways that are adverse to our interests. In addition, other shareholders, such as venture capital and private equity sponsors, that have substantial investments in our portfolio companies may have interests that differ from that of the portfolio company or its minority shareholders, which may lead them to take actions that could materially and adversely affect the value of our investment in the portfolio company. Due to the lack of liquidity for the equity and equity-related investments that we will typically hold in our portfolio companies, we may not be able to dispose of our investments in the event we disagree with the actions of a portfolio company or its substantial shareholders, and may therefore suffer a decrease in the value of our investments.

Investments in foreign companies may involve significant risks in addition to the risks inherent in U.S. investments.

While we invest primarily in U.S. companies, we may invest on an opportunistic basis in certain non-U.S. companies, including those located in emerging markets, that otherwise meet our investment criteria, although in no event will the aggregate value of our non-U.S. investments exceed 30% of the aggregate value of our total investment portfolio. Investing in foreign companies, and particularly those in emerging markets, may expose us to additional risks not typically associated with investing in U.S. issues. These risks include changes in exchange control regulations, political and social instability, expropriation, imposition of foreign taxes, less liquid markets and less available information than is generally the case in the United States, higher transaction costs, less government supervision of exchanges, brokers and issuers, less developed bankruptcy laws, difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations, lack of uniform accounting and auditing standards and greater price volatility. Further, we may have difficulty enforcing our rights as equity holders in foreign jurisdictions. In addition, to the extent we invest in non-U.S. companies, we may face greater exposure to foreign economic developments.

Although we expect that most of our investments will be U.S. dollar-denominated, any investments denominated in a foreign currency will be subject to the risk that the value of a particular currency will change in relation to one or more other currencies. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, the level of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation, and political developments.

We may expose ourselves to risks if we engage in hedging transactions.

If we engage in hedging transactions, we may expose ourselves to risks associated with such transactions. We may utilize instruments such as forward contracts, currency options and interest rate swaps, caps, collars and floors to seek to hedge against fluctuations in the relative values of our portfolio positions from changes

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in currency exchange rates and market interest rates. Hedging against a decline in the values of our portfolio positions does not eliminate the possibility of fluctuations in the values of such positions or prevent losses if the values of such positions decline. However, such hedging can establish other positions designed to gain from those same developments, thereby offsetting the decline in the value of such portfolio positions. Such hedging transactions may also limit the opportunity for gain if the values of the underlying portfolio positions should increase. It may not be possible to hedge against an exchange rate or interest rate fluctuation that is so generally anticipated that we are not able to enter into a hedging transaction at an acceptable price. Moreover, for a variety of reasons, we may not seek to establish a perfect correlation between such hedging instruments and the portfolio holdings being hedged. Any such imperfect correlation may prevent us from achieving the intended hedge and expose us to risk of loss. In addition, it may not be possible to hedge fully or perfectly against currency fluctuations affecting the value of securities denominated in non-U.S. currencies because the value of those securities is likely to fluctuate as a result of factors not related to currency fluctuations.

Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure

We are a relatively new company with little operating history, and our investment adviser has only a limited history of investing experience.

We were initially formed in September 2010 and completed our initial public offering in May 2011. As a result, we have relatively limited financial information on which you can evaluate an investment in our company or our prior performance. In addition, our investment adviser, GSV Asset Management, was formed in November 2009, and has only a limited history of investing experience managing a pool of assets substantially smaller in size than the net proceeds that were received in the initial public offering. We are subject to all of the business risks and uncertainties associated with any new business, including the risk that we will not achieve our investment objective and that the value of your investment could decline substantially or fall to zero.

Any failure on our part to maintain our status as a business development company would reduce our operating flexibility.

We intend to continue to qualify as a business development company under the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act imposes numerous constraints on the operations of business development companies. For example, business development companies are required to invest at least 70% of their gross assets in specified types of securities, primarily in private companies or thinly-traded U.S. public companies, cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. Furthermore, any failure to comply with the requirements imposed on business development companies by the 1940 Act could cause the SEC to bring an enforcement action against us and/or expose us to claims of private litigants. In addition, upon approval of a majority of our stockholders, we may elect to withdraw our status as a business development company. If we decide to withdraw our election, or if we otherwise fail to qualify, or maintain our qualification, as a business development company, we may be subject to the substantially greater regulation under the 1940 Act as a closed-end investment company. Compliance with such regulations would significantly decrease our operating flexibility, and could significantly increase our costs of doing business. If we do not remain a business development company, we might be regulated as a closed-end investment company under the 1940 Act, which would subject us to substantially more regulatory restrictions under the 1940 Act and correspondingly decrease our operating flexibility.

We are dependent upon GSV Asset Management's senior investment professionals for our future success, particularly Michael T. Moe, Mark W. Flynn, David V. Crowder, Stephen D. Bard, Luben Pampoulov and Matthew Hanson. If we lose any of our investment adviser's senior investment professionals, our ability to implement our business strategy could be significantly harmed.

We depend on the diligence, skill and network of business contacts of the GSV Asset Management's senior investment professionals. These senior investment professionals, together with other investment professionals employed by GSV Asset Management, evaluate, negotiate, structure, close, monitor and service our investments. Our future success will depend to a significant extent on the continued service and coordination of our investment adviser's senior investment professionals, particularly Michael T. Moe, Mark W. Flynn, David V. Crowder, Stephen D. Bard, Luben Pampoulov and Matthew Hanson. None of

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Messrs. Moe, Flynn, Crowder, Bard, Pampoulov, or Hanson is subject to an employment contract, and none receive any compensation from us. None of Messrs. Moe, Flynn, Crowder, Bard, Pampoulov or Hanson devote all of their business time to our operations, and each have other demands on their time as a result of their other activities. The departure of any of these individuals could have a material adverse effect on our ability to achieve our investment objective.

None of the GSV Asset Management's senior investment professionals or Advisory Board members, including Michael T. Moe, Mark W. Flynn, Stephen D. Bard, David V. Crowder, Luben Pampoulov and Matthew Hanson, are subject to employment agreements, and there can be no assurance that our investment adviser will be successful in retaining its senior investment professionals.

None of the members of GSV Asset Management's senior investment professionals or its Advisory Board members, including Michael T. Moe, Mark W. Flynn, Stephen D. Bard, David V. Crowder, Luben Pampoulov and Matthew Hanson, are subject to employment agreements. As a result, although Messrs. Moe, Flynn, Bard, Crowder, Pampoulov and Hanson comprise the principals of GSV Asset Management, they are free to terminate their employment with GSV Asset Management at any time. In addition, none of our investment adviser's senior investment professionals or the Advisory Board members, including Messrs. Moe, Flynn, Bard, Crowder, Pampoulov and Hanson, are subject to any non-compete agreements that would restrict their ability to provide investment advisory services to an entity with an investment objective similar to our own in the event they were to terminate their employment with GSV Asset Management, or if GSV Asset Management were to no longer serve as our investment adviser. There can be no assurance that our investment adviser will be successful in retaining its senior investment professionals or the Advisory Board members, including Messrs. Moe, Flynn, Bard, Crowder, Pampoulov and Hanson. The departure of any of Messrs. Moe, Flynn, Bard, Crowder, Pampoulov or Hanson could have a material adverse effect on our ability to achieve our investment objective.

Our growth will require that GSV Asset Management retain and attract new investment and administrative personnel in a competitive market. Its ability to attract and retain personnel with the requisite credentials, experience and skills will depend on several factors including, but not limited to, its ability to offer competitive wages, benefits and professional growth opportunities. Many of the entities with which GSV Asset Management will compete for experienced personnel, including investment funds (such as private equity funds and mezzanine funds) and traditional financial services companies, will have greater resources than it.

Our financial condition and results of operations will depend on our ability to achieve our investment objective.

We are a relatively new company. As such, we are subject to the business risks and uncertainties associated with any new business enterprise. Our ability to achieve our investment objective will depend on our investment adviser's ability to identify, analyze and invest in companies that meet our investment criteria. Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis is largely a function of our investment adviser's structuring of the investment process and its ability to provide competent, attentive and efficient services to us. We seek a specified number of investments in rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies, which may be extremely risky. There can be no assurance that GSV Asset Management will be successful in identifying and investing in companies that meet our investment criteria, or that we will achieve our investment objective.

In addition to monitoring the performance of our existing investments, GSV Asset Management is required to offer, and may be called upon, to provide, managerial assistance to some of our portfolio companies. GSV Asset Management also currently manages GSV X Fund, LP ("GSV X Fund"), a global long/short absolute return fund, in which we have no economic interest, and may manage one or more additional vehicles with alternative investment strategies in the future. These demands on their time may distract them or slow the rate of investment. Even if we are able to grow and build upon our investment operations, any failure to manage our growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. The results of our operations will depend on many factors, including the availability of opportunities for investment, readily accessible short and long-term funding alternatives in the financial markets and economic conditions. Furthermore, if we cannot successfully

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operate our business or implement our investment policies and strategies as described herein, it could negatively impact our ability to pay dividends.

We will likely experience fluctuations in our quarterly results and we may be unable to replicate past investment opportunities or make the types of investments we have made to date in future periods.

We will likely experience fluctuations in our quarterly operating results due to a number of factors, including the rate at which we make new investments, the level of our expenses, changes in the valuation of our portfolio investments, variations in and the timing of the recognition of realized and unrealized gains or losses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets and general economic conditions. These fluctuations may in certain cases be exaggerated as a result of our focus on realizing capital gains rather than current income from our investments. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to locate or acquire investments that are of a similar nature to those currently in our portfolio. As a result of these factors, results for any period should not be relied upon as being indicative of performance in future periods.

Our business model depends upon the development and maintenance of strong referral relationships with private equity, venture capital funds and investment banking firms.

We are substantially dependent on our informal relationships, which we use to help identify and gain access to investment opportunities. If we fail to maintain our relationships with key firms, or if we fail to establish strong referral relationships with other firms or other sources of investment opportunities, we will not be able to grow our portfolio of equity investments and achieve our investment objective. In addition, persons with whom we have informal relationships are not obligated to inform us of investment opportunities, and therefore such relationships may not lead to the origination of equity or other investments. Any loss or diminishment of such relationships could effectively reduce our ability to identify attractive portfolio companies that meet our investment criteria, either for direct equity investments or for investments through private secondary market transactions or other secondary transactions.

There are significant potential risks relating to investing in securities traded on private secondary marketplaces.

We have utilized and expect to continue to utilize private secondary marketplaces, such as SharesPost, Inc. and SecondMarket, to acquire investments in our portfolio. When we purchase secondary shares we may have little or no direct access to financial or other information from these portfolio companies. As a result, we are dependent upon the relationships and contacts of our investment adviser's senior investment professionals, its Advisory Board members and our Board of Directors to obtain the information for our investment adviser to perform research and due diligence, and to monitor our investments after they are made. There can be no assurance that our investment adviser will be able to acquire adequate information on which to make its investment decision with respect to any private secondary marketplace purchases, or that the information it is able to obtain is accurate or complete. Any failure to obtain full and complete information regarding the portfolio companies with respect to which we invest through private secondary marketplaces could cause us to lose part or all of our investment in such companies, which would have a material and adverse effect on our net asset value and results of operations.

In addition, while we believe the ability to trade on private secondary marketplaces provides valuable opportunities for liquidity, there can be no assurance that the portfolio companies with respect to which we invest through private secondary marketplaces will have or maintain active trading markets, and the prices of those securities may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods, which may cause an inability for us to realize full value on our investment. In addition, wide swings in market prices, which are typical of irregularly traded securities, could cause significant and unexpected declines in the value of our portfolio investments. Further, prices in private secondary marketplaces, where limited information is available, may not accurately reflect the true value of a portfolio company, and may overstate a portfolio company's actual value, which may cause us to realize future capital losses on our investment in that portfolio company. If any of the foregoing were to occur, it would likely have a material and adverse effect on our net asset value and results of operations.

Investments in private companies, including through private secondary marketplaces, also entail additional legal and regulatory risks which expose participants to the risk of liability due to the imbalance of

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information among participants and participant qualification and other transactional requirements applicable to private securities transactions, the non-compliance with which could result in rescission rights and monetary and other sanctions. The application of these laws within the context of private secondary marketplaces and related market practices are still evolving, and, despite our efforts to comply with applicable laws, we could be exposed to liability. The regulation of private secondary marketplaces is also evolving. Additional state or federal regulation of these markets could result in limits on the operation of or activity on those markets. Conversely, deregulation of these markets could make it easier for investors to invest directly in private companies and affect the attractiveness of our company as an access vehicle for investment in private shares. Private companies may also increasingly seek to limit secondary trading in their stock, such as through contractual transfer restrictions, and provisions in company charter documents, investor rights of first refusal and co-sale and/or employment and trading policies further restricting trading. To the extent that these or other developments result in reduced trading activity and/or availability of private company shares, our ability to find investment opportunities and to liquidate our investments could be adversely affected.

Due to transfer restrictions and the illiquid nature of our investments, we may not be able to purchase or sell our investments when we wish to do so.

Most of our investments are or will be in equity or equity-related securities of privately-held companies. The securities we acquire in private companies are typically subject to contractual transfer limitations, which may include prohibitions on transfer without the company's consent, may require that shares owned by us are held in escrow and may include provisions in company charter documents, investor rights of first refusal and co-sale and/or employment or trading policies further restricting trading. In order to complete a purchase of shares we may need to, among other things, give the issuer, its assignees or its stockholders a particular period of time, often 30 days or more, in which to exercise a veto right, or a right of first refusal over, the sale of such securities. We may be unable to complete a purchase transaction if the subject company or its stockholders chooses to exercise a veto right or right of first refusal. When we complete an investment, we generally become bound to the contractual transfer limitations imposed on the subject company's stockholders as well as other contractual obligations, such as co-sale or tag-along rights. These obligations generally expire only upon an IPO by the subject company. As a result, prior to an IPO, our ability to liquidate may be constrained. Transfer restrictions could limit our ability to liquidate our positions in these securities if we are unable to find buyers acceptable to our portfolio companies, or where applicable, their stockholders. Such buyers may not be willing to purchase our investments at adequate prices or in volumes sufficient to liquidate our position, and even where they are willing, other stockholders could exercise their co-sale or tag-along rights to participate in the sale, thereby reducing the number of shares sellable by us. Furthermore, prospective buyers may be deterred from entering into purchase transactions with us due to the delay and uncertainty that these transfer and other limitations create.

Although we believe that secondary marketplaces may offer an opportunity to liquidate our private company investments, there can be no assurance that a trading market will develop for the securities that we wish to liquidate or that the subject companies will permit their shares to be sold through such marketplaces. Even if some of our portfolio companies complete IPOs, we are typically subject to lock-up provisions that prohibit us from selling our investments into the public market for specified periods of time after IPOs. As a result, the market price of securities that we hold may decline substantially before we are able to sell these securities following an IPO.

Due to the illiquid nature of most of our investments, we may not be able to sell these securities at times when we deem it advantageous to do so, or at all. Because our net asset value is only determined on a quarterly basis and due to the difficulty in assessing this value, our net asset value may not fully reflect the illiquidity of our portfolio, which may change on daily basis, depending on many factors, including the status of the private secondary markets and our particular portfolio at any given time.

There are significant potential risks associated with investing in venture capital companies with complex capital structures.

We invest primarily in rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies, either through private secondary transactions or other secondary transactions or direct investments in companies. Such private companies frequently have much more complex capital structures than traditional publicly-traded

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companies, and may have multiple classes of equity securities with differing rights, including with respect to voting and distributions. In addition, it is often difficult to obtain financial and other information with respect to private companies, and even where we are able to obtain such information, there can be no assurance that it is complete or accurate. In certain cases, such private companies may also have senior or pari passu preferred stock or senior debt outstanding, which may heighten the risk of investing in the underlying equity of such private companies, particularly in circumstances when we have limited information with respect to such capital structures. Although we believe that our investment adviser's senior investment professionals, our Advisory Board members and our Board of Directors have extensive experience evaluating and investing in private companies with such complex capital structures, there can be no assurance that we will be able to adequately evaluate the relative risks and benefits of investing in a particular class of a portfolio company's equity securities. Any failure on our part to properly evaluate the relative rights and value of a class of securities in which we invest could cause us to lose part or all of our investment, which in turn could have a material and adverse effect on our net asset value and results of operations.

A disruption in the capital markets or the credit markets could negatively affect our business.

As a business development company, we need the ability to raise additional capital for investment purposes. Without sufficient access to the capital markets, we may be forced to curtail our business operations or we may not be able to pursue new business opportunities. Disruptive conditions in the financial industry and any new legislation in response to those conditions could restrict our business operations and could adversely impact our results of operations and financial condition.

To the extent we do utilize leverage and the fair value of our assets declines substantially, we may fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios imposed upon us by the 1940 Act. Any such failure would affect our ability to issue senior securities, including borrowings, and pay dividends, which could materially impair our business operations. Our liquidity could be impaired further by an inability to access the capital markets. For example, we cannot be certain that we will be able to raise additional equity capital to provide funding for normal operations, including new investments. Reflecting concern about the stability of the financial markets, many institutional investors have reduced or ceased providing funding to certain borrowers. This market turmoil has led to increased market volatility and widespread reduction of business activity generally.

We operate in a highly competitive market for direct equity investment opportunities.

A large number of entities compete with us to make the types of direct equity investments that we target as part of our business strategy. We compete for such investments with a large number of private equity and venture capital funds, other equity and non-equity based investment funds, investment banks and other sources of financing, including traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks and specialty finance companies. Many of our competitors are substantially larger than us and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. For example, some competitors may have a lower cost of funds and access to funding sources that are not available to us. In addition, some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments, which could allow them to consider a wider variety of investments and establish more relationships than us. Furthermore, many of our competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a business development company. There can be no assurance that the competitive pressures we face will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Also, as a result of this competition, we may not be able to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities from time to time, and we can offer no assurance that we will be able to identify and make direct equity investments that are consistent with our investment objective.

The incentive fee may induce GSV Asset Management to make speculative investments.

The incentive fee payable by us to GSV Asset Management may create an incentive for GSV Asset Management to make investments on our behalf that are risky or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of such compensation arrangement. The way in which the incentive fee payable to GSV Asset Management is determined, which is calculated as a percentage of the return on invested capital, may encourage GSV Asset Management to use leverage to increase the return on our investments. In addition, the fact that our base management fee is payable based upon our gross assets, which is our total assets as reflected on our balance sheet (with no deduction for liabilities), may encourage GSV Asset Management to

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use leverage to make additional investments. On September 17, 2013, we completed a private placement of 5-year unsecured 5.25% Convertible Senior Notes. A total of \$69.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Senior Notes were issued at the closing. We will be required, however, to obtain the approval of our Board of Directors before we incur any additional indebtedness. Under certain circumstances, the use of leverage may increase the likelihood of default, which would disfavor holders of our common stock. Such a practice could result in our investing in more speculative securities than would otherwise be the case, which could result in higher investment losses, particularly during cyclical economic downturns.

In addition, our investment adviser has control over the timing of the acquisition and dispositions of our investments, and therefore over when we realize gains and losses on our investments. As a result, our investment adviser may face a conflict of interest in determining when it is appropriate to dispose of a specific investment to the extent doing so may serve to maximize its incentive fee at a point where disposing of such investment may not necessarily be in the best interests of our stockholders. Our Board of Directors monitors such conflicts of interest in connection with its review of the performance of our investment adviser under our Investment Advisory Agreement, as well as during its quarterly review of our financial performance and results of operations.

Borrowings, such as the Convertible Senior Notes, can magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us.

Borrowings, also known as leverage, magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and, therefore, increase the risks associated with investing in our securities. In addition to the Convertible Senior Notes, we may borrow from and issue senior debt securities to banks, insurance companies and other lenders. Lenders of such senior securities would have fixed dollar claims on our assets that are superior to the claims of our common stockholders. If the value of our assets increases, then leveraging would cause the net asset value attributable to our common stock to increase more sharply than it would have had we not leveraged. Conversely, if the value of our assets decreases, leveraging would cause net asset value to decline more sharply than it otherwise would have had we not leveraged. Similarly, any increase in our income in excess of interest payable on the borrowed funds would cause our net income to increase more than it would without the leverage, while any decrease in our income would cause net income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique. Our ability to service the Convertible Senior Notes and any future 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 GSV Asset Management will be payable on our gross assets, including those assets acquired through the use of leverage, GSV Asset Management may have a financial incentive to incur additional 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 such leverage, including any increase in the management fee payable to GSV Asset Management.

There are significant potential conflicts of interest, which could impact our investment returns and limit the flexibility of our investment policies.

We have entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement with GSV Asset Management. GSV Asset Management is controlled by Michael T. Moe, our president, chief executive officer and chairman of our Board of Directors and Stephen D. Bard, our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, treasurer and corporate secretary. Messrs. Moe and Bard, as principals of GSV Asset Management, collectively manage the business and internal affairs of GSV Asset Management. In addition, GSV Capital Service Company provides us with office facilities and administrative services pursuant to an Administration Agreement. Mr. Bard is the managing member of and controls GSV Capital Service Company. While there is no limit on the total amount of expenses we may be required to reimburse to GSV Capital Service Company, our administrator will only charge us for the actual expenses it incurs on our behalf, or our allocable portion thereof, without any profit to GSV Capital Service Company.

In addition, our executive officers and directors, and the principals of our investment adviser, GSV Asset Management, serve or may serve as officers and directors of entities that operate in a line of business similar to our own, including new entities that may be formed in the future. Accordingly, they may have obligations

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to investors in those entities, the fulfillment of which might not be in the best interests of us or our stockholders, such as, for example, the management of GSV X Fund by GSV Asset Management.

While the investment focus of each of these entities may be different from our investment objective, it is likely that new investment opportunities that meet our investment objective will come to the attention of one of these entities, or new entities that will likely be formed in the future in connection with another investment advisory client or program, and, if so, such opportunity might not be offered, or otherwise made available, to us. However, our executive officers, directors and investment adviser intend to treat us in a fair and equitable manner consistent with their applicable duties under law so that we will not be disadvantaged in relation to any other particular client. In addition, while GSV Asset Management anticipates that it will from time to time identify investment opportunities that are appropriate for both GSV Capital and the other funds that are currently or in the future may be managed by GSV Asset Management, to the extent it does identify such opportunities, GSV Asset Management has established an allocation policy to ensure that GSV Capital has priority over such other funds. Our Board of Directors will monitor on a quarterly basis any such allocation of investment opportunities between GSV Capital and any such other funds.

GSV Asset Management is the owner of the “GSV” name and marks, which we are permitted to use pursuant to a non-exclusive license agreement between us and GSV Asset Management. GSV Asset Management and its principals also use and may permit other entities to use the “GSV” name and marks in connection with businesses and activities unrelated to our operations. The use of the “GSV” name and marks in connection with businesses and activities unrelated to our operations may not be in the best interest of us or our stockholder and may result in actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

In the ordinary course of business, we may enter into transactions with portfolio companies that may be considered related party transactions. In order to ensure that we do not engage in any prohibited transactions with any persons affiliated with us, we have implemented certain written policies and procedures whereby our executive officers screen each of our transactions for any possible affiliations between the proposed portfolio investment, us, companies controlled by us and our executive officers and directors. We will not enter into any agreements unless and until we are satisfied that doing so will not raise concerns under the 1940 Act or, if such concerns exist, we have taken appropriate actions to seek Board review and approval or exemptive relief for such transaction. Our Board of Directors will review these procedures on an annual basis.

We have also adopted a Code of Ethics which applies to, among others, our senior officers, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as well as all of our officers, directors and employees. Our officers and directors also remain subject to the fiduciary obligations imposed by both the 1940 Act and applicable state corporate law. Our Code of Ethics requires that all employees and directors avoid any conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between an individual’s personal interests and our interests. Pursuant to our Code of Ethics, each employee and director must disclose any conflicts of interest, or actions or relationships that might give rise to a conflict, to our chief compliance officer. Our Board of Directors is charged with approving any waivers under our Code of Ethics. As required by the NASDAQ corporate governance listing standards, the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors is also required to review and approve any transactions with related parties, as such term is defined in Item 404 of Regulation S-K. In accordance with Item 404, related parties generally include our directors and executive officers, any nominees for director, any immediate family member of a director or executive officer or nominee for director, and any other person sharing the household of such director, executive officer or nominee for director.

Finally, we pay GSV Capital Service Company our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by GSV Capital Service Company in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including a portion of the rent and the compensation of our chief financial officer and chief compliance officer and other staff providing administrative services, which creates conflicts of interest that our Board of Directors must monitor.

Our investment adviser has the right to resign on 60 days’ notice, and we may not be able to find a suitable replacement within that time, resulting in a disruption in our operations that could adversely affect our financial condition, business and results of operations.

Our investment adviser has the right, under the Investment Advisory Agreement, to resign at any time upon not more than 60 days’ written notice, whether we have found a replacement or not. If our investment

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adviser resigns, we may not be able to find a new investment adviser or hire internal management with similar expertise and ability to provide the same or equivalent services on acceptable terms within 60 days, or at all. If we are unable to do so quickly, our operations are likely to experience a disruption, our financial condition, business and results of operations as well as our ability to pay distributions are likely to be adversely affected and the market price of our shares may decline. In addition, the coordination of our internal management and investment activities is likely to suffer if we are unable to identify and reach an agreement with a single institution or group of executives having the expertise possessed by our investment adviser and its affiliates. Even if we are able to retain comparable management, whether internal or external, the integration of such management and their lack of familiarity with our investment objective may result in additional costs and time delays that may adversely affect our financial condition, business and results of operations.

The lack of experience of our investment adviser and its management in operating under the constraints imposed on us as a business development company may hinder the achievement of our investment objectives.

The 1940 Act imposes numerous constraints on the operations of business development companies. For example, business development companies are required to invest at least 70% of their total assets primarily in securities of U.S.-based private companies or public companies with market capitalizations of less than \$250 million, cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high quality debt instruments that mature in one year or less. In addition, qualification for taxation as a RIC requires satisfaction of source-of-income, diversification and distribution requirements. GSV Asset Management has limited experience investing under these constraints. These constraints, among others, may hinder GSV Asset Management's ability to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities and to achieve our investment objective.

We may have difficulty paying our required distributions if we recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income.

Although we focus on achieving capital gains from our investments, in certain cases we may receive current income, such as interest or dividends, on our investments. Because in certain cases we may recognize such current income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty satisfying the annual distribution requirement applicable to RICs. Accordingly, if we qualify and elected to be taxed as a RIC, we may have to sell some of our investments at times we would not consider advantageous, raise additional debt or equity capital or reduce new investments to meet these distribution requirements. If we are not able to obtain cash from other sources, we may fail to qualify for RIC tax treatment and thus would be subject to corporate-level income tax.

Regulations governing our operation as a business development company affect our ability to, and the way in which we raise additional capital, which may expose us to risks, including the typical risks associated with leverage.

We may in the future issue additional debt securities or preferred stock and/or borrow money from banks or other financial institutions, which we refer to collectively (along with the Convertible Senior Notes) as "senior securities," up to the maximum amount permitted by the 1940 Act. Under the provisions of the 1940 Act, are permitted, as a business development company, to issue senior securities in amounts such that our asset coverage ratio, as defined in the 1940 Act, equals at least 200% of gross assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, after each issuance of senior securities. If the value of our assets declines, we may be unable to satisfy this 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 at a time when such sales may be disadvantageous. Furthermore, any amounts that we use to service our indebtedness would not be available for distributions to our common stockholders.

All of the costs of offering and servicing the Convertible Senior Notes and any additional debt or preferred stock we may issue in the future, including interest or preferential dividend payments thereon, will be borne by our common stockholders. The interests of the holders of the Convertible Senior Notes any additional debt or preferred stock we may issue will not necessarily be aligned with the interests of our common stockholders. In particular, the rights of holders of the Convertible Senior Notes and our debt or

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preferred stock to receive interest, dividends or principal repayment will be senior to those of our common stockholders. Also, in the event we issue preferred stock, the holders of such preferred stock will have the ability to elect two members of our Board of Directors. In addition, we may grant a lender a security interest in a significant portion or all of our assets, even if the total amount we may borrow from such lender is less than the amount of such lender's security interest in our assets. In no event, however, will any lender to us have any veto power over, or any vote with respect to, any change in our, or approval of any new, investment objective or investment policies or strategies.

We are not generally able to issue and sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share. We may, however, sell our common stock, or warrants, options or rights to acquire our common stock, 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 the best interests of GSV Capital and its 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 which, in the determination of our Board of Directors, closely approximates the market value of such securities (less any distributing commission or discount). We are also generally prohibited under the 1940 Act from issuing securities convertible into voting securities without obtaining the approval of our existing stockholders.

In addition to regulatory requirements that restrict our ability to raise capital, the Convertible Senior Notes contain various covenants which, if not complied with, could require us to repurchase the Convertible Senior Notes thereby materially and adversely affecting our liquidity, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay dividends.

The Convertible Senior Notes require us to comply with certain financial and operational covenants. These covenants require us to, among other things, maintain certain financial ratios, including asset coverage, debt to equity and interest coverage. Our ability to continue to comply with these covenants in the future depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control. There are no assurances that we will be able to comply with these covenants. Failure to comply with these covenants would result in a default which, if we were unable to obtain a waiver from the lenders under the Convertible Senior Notes and accelerate repurchase of the Convertible Senior Notes and thereby have a material adverse impact on our liquidity, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay dividends. In addition, holders of the Convertible Senior Notes will have the right to require us to repurchase the Convertible Senior Notes upon the occurrence of a fundamental change at a repurchase price equal to 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. We may not have enough available cash or be able to obtain financing at the time we are required to make repurchases.

We will be subject to corporate-level income tax if we are profitable and we are unable to qualify as a RIC, which could have a material adverse effect on us and our stockholders.

We were taxed as a regular C corporation under the Code for our 2012 taxable year, but we did not have any taxable income. We may elect to be treated as a RIC under subchapter M of the Code for our 2013 taxable year if management determines that it is in our interests to do so and we are able to satisfy the requirements under subchapter M of the Code. However, for our 2013 taxable year, if we are not certified by the SEC as "principally engaged in the furnishing of capital to other corporations which are principally engaged in the development or exploitation of inventions, technological improvements, new processes, or products not previously generally available," we will not be eligible to elect to be treated as a RIC. We currently intend to apply for this certification for our 2013 taxable year, but no assurance can be given that we will receive it, that Management will determine it is in our best interests to qualify as a RIC for our 2013 taxable year, or if we intend to elect to be treated as a RIC, that we will be able to do so. See "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations — Taxation of the Company — Taxation of the Company as a RIC."

Management generally believes that it will be in our best interests to be treated a RIC in any year in which we are profitable. If we fail to qualify as a RIC for any year in which we are profitable and such profits exceed certain loss carry forwards that we are entitled to utilize, we will be subject to corporate-level tax on our income, which could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution or reinvestment and the amount of our distributions. Such a failure could have a material adverse effect on us and our stockholders.

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In any year in which we intend to be treated as a RIC, we may be forced to dispose of investments at times when our investment advisor would not otherwise do so or raise additional capital at times when we would not otherwise do so, in each case in order to qualify for the special tax treatment accorded to RICs.

In order to qualify for the special treatment accorded to RICs, we must meet certain income source, asset diversification and annual distribution requirements. In order to satisfy the income source requirement, we must derive in each taxable year at least 90% of our gross income from dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, gains from the sale of stock or other securities or foreign currencies, other income derived with respect to our business of investing in such stock or securities or income from “qualified publicly traded partnerships.” To qualify as a RIC, we must also meet certain asset diversification requirements at the end of each quarter of our taxable year. Failure to meet these tests in any year in which we intend to be treated as a RIC may result in our having to dispose of certain investments quickly in order to prevent the loss of RIC status. Because most of our investments are in private companies, any such dispositions could be made at disadvantageous prices and could result in substantial losses. In addition, in order to satisfy the annual distribution requirement for a RIC, we must distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, to our stockholders on an annual basis. We will be subject to certain asset coverage ratio requirements under the 1940 Act and financial covenants under the terms of our indebtedness, including the notes, that could, under certain circumstances, restrict us from making distributions necessary to satisfy the annual distribution requirement. If we are unable to dispose of investments quickly enough to meet the asset diversification requirements at the end of a quarter or obtain cash from other sources in order to meet the annual distribution requirement, we may fail to qualify for special tax treatment accorded to RICs and, thus, be subject to corporate-level income tax on our income.

We may in the future choose to pay dividends in our common stock, in which case you may be required to pay tax in excess of the cash you receive.

We may distribute taxable dividends that are payable in part in our common stock. In accordance with certain applicable Treasury regulations and private letter rulings issued by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”), a RIC may treat a distribution of its own common stock as fulfilling the RIC distribution requirements if each stockholder may elect to receive his or her entire distribution in either cash or common stock of the RIC, subject to a limitation that the aggregate amount of cash to be distributed to all stockholders must be at least 20% of the aggregate declared distribution. If too many stockholders elect to receive cash, each stockholder electing to receive cash must receive a pro rata amount of cash (with the balance of the distribution paid in common stock). In no event will any stockholder, electing to receive cash, receive less than 20% of his or her entire distribution in cash. If these and certain other requirements are met, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the amount of the dividend paid in common stock will be equal to the amount of cash that could have been received instead of common stock. Taxable stockholders receiving such dividends will be required to include the full amount of the dividend as ordinary income (or as long-term capital gain to the extent such distribution is properly reported as a capital gain dividend) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, a U.S. stockholder may be required to pay tax with respect to such dividends in excess of any cash received. If a U.S. stockholder sells the stock it receives as a dividend in order to pay this tax, the sales proceeds may be less than the amount included in income with respect to the dividend, depending on the market price of our common stock at the time of the sale. Furthermore, with respect to Non-U.S. stockholders, we may be required to withhold U.S. tax with respect to such dividends, including in respect of all or a portion of such dividend that is payable in common stock. In addition, if a significant number of our stockholders determine to sell shares of our common stock in order to pay taxes owed on dividends, it may put downward pressure on the trading price of our common stock.

Even in the event the value of your investment declines, the base management fee will still be payable.

The base management fee will be calculated at an annual rate of 2.0% of the value of our gross assets, which we pay monthly in arrears. The base management fee is payable regardless of whether the value of our gross assets or your investment declines. As a result, we will owe GSV Asset Management a base management fee regardless of whether we incurred significant realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation (losses) during the period for which the base management fee is paid.

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We incur significant costs as a result of being a publicly traded company.

As a publicly traded company, we incur legal, accounting and other expenses, including costs associated with the periodic reporting requirements applicable to a company whose securities are registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, as well as additional corporate governance requirements, including requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and other rules implemented by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Our Board of Directors is authorized to reclassify any unissued shares of stock into one or more classes of preferred stock, which could convey special rights and privileges to its owners.

Our charter permits our Board of Directors to reclassify any authorized but unissued shares of stock into one or more classes of preferred stock. Our Board of Directors will generally have broad discretion over the size and timing of any such reclassification, subject to a finding that the reclassification and issuance of such preferred stock is in the best interests of GSV Capital and our existing common stockholders. Any issuance of preferred stock would be subject to certain limitations imposed under the 1940 Act, including the requirement that such preferred stock have equal voting rights with our outstanding common stock. See “Description of Securities — Preferred Stock.” We are authorized to issue up to 100,000,000 shares of common stock. In the event our Board of Directors opts to reclassify a portion of our unissued shares of common stock into a class of preferred stock, those preferred shares would have a preference over our common stock with respect to dividends and liquidation. The cost of any such reclassification would be borne by our existing common stockholders. In addition, the 1940 Act provides that holders of preferred stock are entitled to vote separately from holders of common stock to elect two directors. As a result, our preferred stockholders will have the ability to reject a director that would otherwise be elected by our common stockholders. In addition, while Maryland law generally requires directors to act in the best interests of all of a corporation’s stockholders, there can be no assurance that a director elected by our preferred stockholders will not choose to act in a manner that tends to favor our preferred stockholders, particularly where there is a conflict between the interests of our preferred stockholders and our common stockholders. The class voting rights of any preferred shares we may issue could make it more difficult for us to take some actions that may, in the future, be proposed by the Board of Directors and/or the holders of our common stock, such as a merger, exchange of securities, liquidation, or alteration of the rights of a class of our securities, if these actions were perceived by the holders of preferred shares as not in their best interests. The issuance of preferred shares convertible into shares of common stock might also reduce the net income and net asset value per share of our common stock upon conversion. These effects, among others, could have an adverse effect on your investment in our common stock.

Our Board of Directors may change our investment objective, operating policies and strategies without prior notice or stockholder approval, the effects of which may be adverse.

Our Board of Directors has the authority to modify or waive our investment objective, current operating policies, investment criteria and strategies without prior notice and without stockholder approval. We cannot predict the effect any changes to our current operating policies, investment criteria and strategies would have on our business, net asset value, operating results and value of our stock. However, the effects might be adverse, which could negatively impact our ability to pay you dividends and cause you to lose all or part of your investment.

Changes in laws or regulations governing our operations may adversely affect our business.

We and our portfolio companies are subject to regulation by laws at the local, state and federal levels. These laws and regulations, as well as their interpretation, may be changed from time to time. Any change in these laws or regulations could have a material adverse effect on our business and the value of your investment.

Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and of our charter and bylaws could deter takeover attempts and have an adverse impact on the price of our common stock.

Our charter and bylaws, as well as certain statutory and regulatory requirements, contain certain provisions that may have the effect of discouraging a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us.

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Our bylaws contain a provision exempting any and all acquisitions by any person of our shares of stock from the Control Share Act under the Maryland General Corporation Law. If our Board of Directors does not otherwise approve a business combination, the Control Share Act (if we amend our bylaws to be subject to that Act) may discourage others from trying to acquire control of us and increase the difficulty of consummating any offer. Additionally, under our charter, our Board of Directors is divided into three classes serving staggered terms; our Board of Directors may, without stockholder action, authorize the issuance of shares of stock in one or more classes or series, including preferred stock; and our Board of Directors may, without stockholder action, amend our charter to increase the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue. These antitakeover provisions may inhibit a change of control in circumstances that could otherwise give the holders of our common stock the opportunity to realize a premium over the market price for our common stock.

Risks Relating to Offerings Pursuant to this Prospectus

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

The trading price of our common stock may fluctuate substantially. The price of our common stock that will prevail in the market after any future offering may be higher or lower than the price you pay, depending on many factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be directly related to our operating performance. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market from time to time;
- investor demand for our shares;
- significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of regulated investment companies, business development companies or other financial services companies;
- changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines with respect to regulated investment companies or business development companies;
- failure to qualify as a RIC for a particular taxable year, or the loss of RIC status;
- actual or anticipated changes in our earnings or fluctuations in our operating results or changes in the expectations of securities analysts;
- general economic conditions and trends;
- fluctuations in the valuation of our portfolio investments;
- operating performance of companies comparable to us;
- market sentiment against technology-related companies; or
- departures of any of the senior investment professionals or Advisory Board members of GSV Asset Management.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been brought against that company. Due to the potential volatility of our stock price, we may therefore be the target of securities litigation in the future. Securities litigation could result in substantial costs and divert management's attention and resources from our business.

Our shares have at times traded, and may in the future trade at premiums that may prove to be unsustainable or at discounts from net asset value.

Shares of business development companies like us may, during some periods, trade at prices higher than their net asset value per share and, during other periods, as frequently occurs with closed-end investment companies, trade at prices lower than their net asset value per share. The perceived value of our investment portfolio may be affected by a number of factors including perceived prospects for individual companies we invest in, market conditions for common stock generally, for initial public offerings and other exit events for venture capital-backed companies, and the mix of companies in our investment portfolio over time. Negative or unforeseen developments affecting the perceived value of companies in our investment portfolio could result in a decline in the trading price of our common stock relative to our net asset value per share.

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The possibility that our shares will trade at a discount from net asset value or at premiums that are unsustainable are risks separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value per share will decrease. The risk of purchasing shares of a business development company that might trade at a discount or unsustainable premium is more pronounced for investors who wish to sell their shares in a relatively short period of time because, for those investors, realization of a gain or loss on their investments is likely to be more dependent upon changes in premium or discount levels than upon increases or decreases in net asset value per share. As of September 19, 2013, the closing price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market was \$13.28 per share, which represented an approximately 3.2% premium to our net asset value per share as of June 30, 2013.

There is a risk that you may not receive dividends or that our dividends may not grow over time, particularly since we invest primarily in securities that do not produce current income.

We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results or maintain a tax status that will allow or require any specified level of cash distributions or year-to-year increases in cash distributions. As we intend to focus on making primarily capital gains-based investments in equity securities, which generally will not be income producing, we do not anticipate that we will pay dividends on a quarterly basis or become a predictable issuer of dividends, and we expect that our dividends, if any, will be less consistent than other business development companies that primarily make debt investments.

We will have broad discretion over the use of proceeds from any future offering pursuant to this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, to the extent any such offering is successful, and will use proceeds in part to satisfy operating expenses.

We will have significant flexibility in applying the proceeds of this offering and may use the net proceeds from any future offering pursuant to this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement in ways with which you may not agree, or for purposes other than those contemplated at the time of any such offering. We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully utilize the proceeds within the timeframe contemplated. We will also pay operating expenses, and may pay other expenses such as due diligence expenses of potential new investments, from the net proceeds of any such offering. Our ability to achieve our investment objective may be limited to the extent that the net proceeds of any such offering, pending full investment, are used to pay operating expenses. In addition, we can provide you no assurance that any future offering will be successful, or that by increasing the size of our available equity capital our aggregate expenses, and correspondingly, our expense ratio, will be lowered.

Investors in any future offering pursuant to this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement may incur immediate and substantial dilution.

Commissions and discounts payable to any underwriters, together with our organization expense and other expenses of any future offering, will reduce the net proceeds of any such offering available for us to invest. As of June 30, 2013 our net asset value was \$248,607,249 or \$12.87 per share. Depending upon the public offering price, and after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and the related offering expenses payable by us, in connection with any offering pursuant to this prospectus, investors in any such offering may be subject to an immediate and substantial dilution.

Our stockholders may experience dilution upon the conversion of the Convertible Senior Notes.

The Convertible Senior Notes are convertible into shares of our common stock beginning September 15, 2018, or, under certain circumstances, earlier. The current conversion price of the Convertible Senior Notes is approximately \$16.26 per share of common stock, in each case subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. If we elect to deliver shares of common stock upon a conversion at the time our tangible book value per share exceeds the conversion price in effect at such time, our stockholders may incur dilution. In addition, our stockholders will experience dilution in their ownership percentage of common stock upon our issuance of common stock in connection with the conversion of the Convertible Senior Notes and any dividends paid on our common stock will also be paid on shares issued in connection with such conversion after such issuance.

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Your interest in us may be diluted if you do not fully exercise your subscription rights in any rights offering.

In the event we issue subscription rights to purchase shares of our common stock, stockholders who do not fully exercise their rights should expect that they will, at the completion of the offer, own a smaller proportional interest in us than would otherwise be the case if they fully exercised their rights. We cannot state precisely the amount of any such dilution in share ownership because we do not know at this time what proportion of the shares will be purchased as a result of the offer.

In addition, if the subscription price is less than our net asset value per share, then our stockholders would experience an immediate dilution of the aggregate net asset value of their shares as a result of the offer. The amount of any decrease in net asset value is not predictable because it is not known at this time what the subscription price and net asset value per share will be on the expiration date of the rights offering or what proportion of the shares will be purchased as a result of the offer. Such dilution could be substantial.

If we issue preferred stock, the net asset value and market value of our common stock will likely become more volatile.

We cannot assure you that the issuance of preferred stock would result in a higher yield or return to the holders of the common stock. The issuance of preferred stock would likely cause the net asset value and market value of the common stock to become more volatile. If the dividend rate on the preferred stock were to approach the net rate of return on our investment portfolio, the benefit of leverage to the holders of the common stock would be reduced. If the dividend rate on the preferred stock were to exceed the net rate of return on our portfolio, the leverage would result in a lower rate of return to the holders of common stock than if we had not issued preferred stock. Any decline in the net asset value of our investments would be borne entirely by the holders of common stock. Therefore, if the market value of our portfolio were to decline, the leverage would result in a greater decrease in net asset value to the holders of common stock than if we were not leveraged through the issuance of preferred stock. This greater net asset value decrease would also tend to cause a greater decline in the market price for the common stock. We might be in danger of failing to maintain the required asset coverage of the preferred stock or of losing our ratings, if any, on the preferred stock or, in an extreme case, our current investment income might not be sufficient to meet the dividend requirements on the preferred stock. In order to counteract such an event, we might need to liquidate investments in order to fund a redemption of some or all of the preferred stock. In addition, we would pay (and the holders of common stock would bear) all costs and expenses relating to the issuance and ongoing maintenance of the preferred stock, including higher advisory fees if our total return exceeds the dividend rate on the preferred stock. Holders of preferred stock may have different interests than holders of common stock and may at times have disproportionate influence over our affairs.

Holders of any preferred stock we might issue would have the right to elect members of our Board of Directors and class voting rights on certain matters.

Holders of any preferred stock we might issue, voting separately as a single class, would have the right to elect two members of our Board of Directors at all times and in the event dividends become two full years in arrears would have the right to elect a majority of the directors until such arrearage is completely eliminated. In addition, preferred stockholders have class voting rights on certain matters, including changes in fundamental investment restrictions and conversion to open-end status, and accordingly can veto any such changes. Restrictions imposed on the declarations and payment of dividends or other distributions to the holders of our common stock and preferred stock, both by the 1940 Act and by requirements imposed by rating agencies, if any, or the terms of our credit facilities, if any, might impair our ability to maintain our qualification as a RIC for federal income tax purposes. While we would intend to redeem our preferred stock to the extent necessary to enable us to distribute our income as required to maintain our qualification as a RIC, there can be no assurance that such actions could be effected in time to meet the tax requirements.

Risks Related to Our Convertible Notes

Our stockholders may experience dilution upon the conversion of our convertible notes.

Our convertible notes are convertible into shares of our common stock beginning January 1, 2016 or, under certain circumstances, earlier. Upon conversion, we must deliver shares of our common stock. The

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conversion rate of our convertible notes was initially, and currently is, 61.5091 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of our convertible notes (equivalent to a conversion price of approximately \$16.26 per share of common stock), subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. Based on the current conversion rate, the maximum number of shares of common stock that would be issued upon conversion of the \$69.0 million convertible debt currently outstanding is 4,244,128. If we deliver shares of common stock upon a conversion at the time our net asset value per share exceeds the conversion price in effect at such time, our stockholders may incur dilution. In addition, our stockholders will experience dilution in their ownership percentage of our common stock upon our issuance of common stock in connection with the conversion of our convertible notes and any dividends paid on our common stock will also be paid on shares issued in connection with such conversion after such issuance.

We may not have, or have the ability to raise, the funds necessary to repurchase our convertible notes upon a fundamental change, and our debt may contain limitations on our ability to deliver shares of our common stock upon conversion or pay cash upon repurchase of our convertible notes.

Holders of our convertible notes will have the right to require us to repurchase their notes upon the occurrence of certain significant corporate events involving us, including if our common stock ceases to trade on any national securities exchange or we consolidate or merge into another entity in certain circumstances, at a repurchase price equal to 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. We refer to such a corporate event as a “fundamental change.” However, we may not have enough available cash or be able to obtain financing at the time we are required to make repurchases of convertible notes surrendered therefor. In addition, our ability to repurchase our convertible notes or deliver shares of our common stock upon conversions of the convertible notes may be limited by law, by regulatory authority or by agreements governing our indebtedness, including our credit facilities. In this regard, the ING facility prohibits us from repurchasing our convertible notes in certain circumstances upon the occurrence of a fundamental change. Our failure to repurchase the notes at a time when the repurchase is required by the indenture relating to the convertible notes or to deliver any shares of our common stock deliverable on future conversions of the convertible notes as required by the indenture would constitute a default under the indenture. A default under the indenture or the occurrence of a fundamental change itself could also lead to a default under agreements governing our indebtedness. If the repayment of the related indebtedness were to be accelerated after any applicable notice or grace periods, we may not have sufficient funds to repay the indebtedness and repurchase our convertible notes.

Provisions of our convertible notes could discourage an acquisition of us by a third party.

Certain provisions of our convertible notes could make it more difficult or more expensive for a third party to acquire us. Upon the occurrence of a fundamental change, the holders of our convertible notes will have the right, at their option, to require us to repurchase all or a portion of their convertible notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest. We may also be required to increase the conversion rate of the convertible notes in certain other circumstances, including in the event of certain fundamental changes. These provisions could discourage an acquisition of us by a third party.

Certain adverse consequences could result if our convertible notes are treated as equity interests in us for purposes of regulations under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Pursuant to regulations under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), it is possible that, due to their convertibility feature, our convertible notes could be treated as equity interests in us. In that event, if employee benefit plans subject to Title I of ERISA, plans that are not subject to ERISA but that are subject to Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”), such as individual retirement accounts, and entities that are deemed to hold the assets of such plans or accounts (such plans, accounts, and entities, “Benefit Plan Investors”) were to acquire 25% or more of the aggregate value of our convertible notes, among other consequences, we and our management would be subject to ERISA fiduciary duties, and certain transactions we might enter into, or may have entered into, in the ordinary course of our business might constitute non-exempt “prohibited transactions” under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code and might have to be rescinded at significant cost to us. Moreover, if our underlying assets were deemed to be assets constituting plan assets, (i) our assets could be subject to ERISA’s reporting and disclosure

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requirements, (ii) a fiduciary causing a Benefit Plan Investor to make an investment in our equity interests could be deemed to have delegated its responsibility to manage the assets of the Benefit Plan Investor, and (iii) various providers of fiduciary or other services to us, and any other parties with authority or control with respect to our assets, could be deemed to be plan fiduciaries or otherwise parties in interest or disqualified persons by virtue of their provision of such services.

We do not believe that our convertible notes should be treated as equity interests in us for purposes of ERISA in light of the relevant regulations. No assurance can be given, however, that our convertible notes will not be so treated.

The accounting for convertible debt securities is complex and subject to uncertainty.

The accounting for convertible debt securities is complex and subject to frequent scrutiny by the accounting regulatory bodies and is subject to change. The issuance of our convertible notes may have an accounting effect on our earnings per share on a fully diluted basis. Further, we cannot predict if or when changes in the accounting for convertible debt securities could be made and whether any such change could have an adverse impact on our reported or future financial results. Any such impacts could adversely affect the market price or value of our common stock.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This 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 GSV Capital, our current and prospective portfolio investments, our industry, our beliefs, and our assumptions. Words such as “anticipates,” “expects,” “intends,” “plans,” “will,” “may,” “continue,” “believes,” “seeks,” “estimates,” “would,” “could,” “should,” “targets,” “projects,” and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus involve risks and uncertainties, including statements as to:

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

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 our portfolio companies’ ability to continue to operate, which could lead to the loss of some or all of our investments in such portfolio companies;
- a contraction of available credit and/or an inability to access the equity markets could impair our investment activities;
- the risks, uncertainties and other factors we identify in “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in this 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 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 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” and elsewhere in this prospectus. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this prospectus. However, we will update this prospectus to reflect any material changes to the information contained herein. The forward-looking statements in this prospectus are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We plan to invest the net proceeds from the sale of our securities pursuant to this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement in portfolio companies in accordance with our investment objective and strategies described in this prospectus. We will also use a portion of any such proceeds to pay operating expenses, and other expenses such as due diligence expenses relating to potential new investments. We anticipate that substantially all of the net proceeds of any such offering will be used for the above purposes within six to 12 months, depending on the availability of investment opportunities that are consistent with our investment objectives and market conditions, except for such amounts as may be retained for purposes of funding our ongoing operations subsequent to the completion of any such offering. We cannot assure you we will achieve our targeted investment pace. Pending such investments, we will invest the net proceeds of any such offering primarily in cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high-quality debt 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 Business Development Company — Temporary Investments” for additional information about temporary investments we may make while waiting to make longer-term investments in pursuit of our investment objective.

PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “GSVC”. The following table sets forth, for each fiscal quarter since our initial public offering on April 28, 2011, the net asset value, or “NAV,” per share of our common stock, the high and low sales prices for our common stock, and such sales prices as a percentage of NAV per share.

	NAV ⁽¹⁾	Price Range		High Sales Price as a Premium (Discount) to NAV ⁽²⁾	Low Sales Price as a Premium (Discount) to NAV ⁽²⁾
		High	Low		
Fiscal 2013					
Third Quarter (through September 19, 2013)	\$ *	\$ 14.43	\$ 7.82	*%	*%
Second Quarter	12.87	8.44	7.42	(34.4)	(42.3)
First Quarter	12.69	9.14	7.79	(28.0)	(38.6)
Fiscal 2012					
Fourth Quarter	\$ 13.07	\$ 8.99	\$ 6.84	(31.2)%	(47.7)%
Third Quarter	13.45	10.38	8.29	(22.8)	(38.4)
Second Quarter	13.81	20.25	8.83	46.6	(36.1)
First Quarter	13.47	20.89	13.03	55.1	(3.3)
Fiscal 2011					
Fourth Quarter	\$ 12.95	\$ 17.23	\$ 12.10	33.1%	(6.6)%
Third Quarter	13.26	19.97	12.09	50.6	(8.8)
Second Quarter (from April 28, 2011 through June 30, 2011)	13.57	15.35	9.75	13.1	(28.2)

(1) NAV per share is determined as of the last day in the relevant quarter and therefore may not reflect the NAV per share on the date of the high and low sales prices. The NAV per share figures shown are based on outstanding shares at the end of each period.

(2) Calculated as the respective high or low sales price less NAV per share, divided by NAV per share.

* Not determinable as of the date of this prospectus.

On September 19, 2013, the last reported sales price of our common stock was \$13.28 per share.

Shares of business development companies may trade at a market price that is less than the value of the net assets attributable to those shares. The possibility that our shares of common stock will trade at premiums that are unsustainable over the long term or at a discount from net asset value are separate and distinct from the risk that our net asset value will decrease. Since our initial public offering on April 28, 2011, our shares of common stock have traded at both a discount and a premium to the net assets attributable to those shares. As of September 11, 2013, our shares of common stock traded at a discount equal to approximately 4.66% of the net assets attributable to those shares based upon our \$12.87 NAV per share as of June 30, 2013. It is not possible to predict whether the notes offered hereby will trade at, above, or below net asset value.

The timing and amount of our dividends, if any, will be determined by our Board of Directors. Any dividends to our stockholders will be declared out of assets legally available for distribution. We intend to focus on making capital gains-based investments from which we will derive primarily capital gains. As a consequence, we do not anticipate that we will pay dividends on a quarterly basis or become a predictable distributor of dividends, and we expect that our dividends, if any, will be much less consistent than the dividends of other business development companies that primarily make debt investments. However, if there are earnings or realized capital gains to be distributed, we intend to declare and pay a dividend at least annually.

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During the taxable year ended December 31, 2012, we were taxed as a C corporation subject to federal and state corporate income taxes. However, we may elect to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, beginning with our 2013 taxable year if management determines that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Company is able to satisfy the requirements to be treated as a RIC. If we are not certified by the SEC as “principally engaged in the furnishing of capital to other corporations which are principally engaged in the development or exploitation of inventions, technological improvements, new processes, or products not previously generally available” for our 2013 taxable year, we will not be eligible to elect to be treated as a RIC for our 2013 taxable year. We currently intend to apply for this certification, but no assurance can be given that we will receive it, or that we will otherwise qualify as a RIC for our 2013 taxable year. If we opt not to elect to be taxed as a RIC or are unable to qualify as a RIC, we will continue to be taxed as a C corporation under the Code for our 2013 taxable year. To obtain and maintain RIC tax treatment, we must, among other things, distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, for each taxable year. See “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.” There is no assurance that we will achieve results that will permit the payment of any cash distributions and we will be prohibited from making distributions if doing so causes us to fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios stipulated by the 1940 Act or if distributions are limited by the terms of any of our borrowings.

Our current intention is to make any distributions out of assets legally available therefrom in additional shares of our common stock under our dividend reinvestment plan, unless you elect to receive your dividends and/or long-term capital gains distributions in cash. Under the dividend reinvestment plan, if a stockholder owns shares of common stock registered in its own name, the stockholder will have all cash distributions automatically reinvested in additional shares of common stock unless the stockholder opts out of our dividend reinvestment plan by delivering a written notice to our dividend paying agent prior to the record date of the next dividend or distribution. See “Dividend Reinvestment Plan.” Any distributions reinvested under the plan will nevertheless be treated as received by the U.S. stockholder for U.S. federal income tax purposes, although no cash distribution has been made. As a result, if you do not elect to opt out of the dividend reinvestment plan, you may be required to pay applicable federal, state and local taxes on any reinvested dividends even though you will not receive a corresponding cash distribution. In addition, reinvested dividends have the effect of increasing our gross assets, which may correspondingly increase the management fee payable to our investment adviser. If you hold shares in the name of a broker or financial intermediary, you should contact the broker or financial intermediary regarding your election to receive distributions in cash.

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

Overview

We are an externally managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio's total return, principally by seeking capital gains on our equity and equity-related investments. We invest principally in the equity securities of what we believe to be rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies. We acquire our investments through direct investments with prospective portfolio companies, secondary marketplaces for private companies and negotiations with selling stockholders. We may also invest on an opportunistic basis in select publicly-traded equity securities or certain non-U.S. companies that otherwise meet our investment criteria. Our investment activities are managed by GSV Asset Management, and GSV Capital Service Company provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

Our investment philosophy is premised on a disciplined approach of identifying high-growth emerging companies across several key industry themes which may include, among others, social mobile, cloud computing and big data, internet commerce, sustainability and education technology. Our investment adviser's investment decisions are based on a disciplined analysis of available information regarding each potential portfolio company's business operations, focusing on the company's growth potential, the quality of recurring revenues and cash flow and cost structures, as well as an understanding of key market fundamentals. Many of the companies that our investment adviser evaluates have financial backing from top tier venture capital funds or other financial or strategic sponsors.

We seek to deploy capital primarily in the form of non-controlling equity and equity-related investments, including common stock, warrants, preferred stock and similar forms of senior equity, which may or may not be convertible into a portfolio company's common equity, and convertible debt securities with a significant equity component. We used substantially all of the net proceeds of our initial public offering and follow-on offerings for the above purposes.

In May 2011 we completed our initial public offering of 3,335,000 shares of our common stock at an offering price of \$15.00 per share. We completed a follow-on offering of 2,185,000 shares of our common stock in September 2011 at an offering price of \$14.15 per share, a follow-on offering of 6,900,000 shares of our common stock in February 2012 at an offering price of \$15.00 per share and a follow on offering of 6,900,000 shares of our common stock in May 2012 at an offering price of \$16.25 per share. In the aggregate, we have raised approximately \$277.7 million in equity capitalization. Our shares are currently listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "GSVC".

Investments

The fair value of our investments can be expected to fluctuate in future periods due to changes in our investments and changes in the fair value of the investments. The investments made during the six months ended June 30, 2013 include:

Investments totaling \$2,879,293 in SugarCRM Inc., a customer relationship management company, comprising an investment of \$1,499,999, plus transaction costs, on January 16, 2013 and an investment of \$1,379,294, plus transaction costs, on April 1, 2013.

Investments totaling \$599,999 in AlwaysOn, Inc., a social media company, comprising an investment of \$200,000, plus transaction costs, on February 4, 2013, an investment of \$200,000, plus transaction costs, on February 28, 2013, an investment of \$24,999, plus transaction costs, on April 26, 2013 and an investment of \$175,000, plus transaction costs, on May 24, 2013.

Investments totaling \$775,863 in CUX, Inc. (d/b/a CorpU), a corporate education company, comprising an investment of \$517,244, plus transaction costs, on February 25, 2013 and an investment of \$258,619, plus transaction costs, on May 31, 2013.

An investment of \$1,000,000, plus transaction costs, in Fullbridge, Inc., a business education company, on March 22, 2013.

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An investment of \$1,733,923, plus transaction costs, in ZocDoc Inc., an online medical scheduling company, on April 4, 2013.

An investment of \$750,000, plus transaction costs, in AliphCom, Inc. (d/b/a Jawbone), an audio electronics company, on May 17, 2013.

An investment of \$430,950, plus transaction costs, in Dailybreak, Inc., a social advertising company, on May 31, 2013.

An investment of \$1,000,000, plus transaction costs, in Solexel, Inc., a solar power company, on June 6, 2013.

An investment of \$180,000, plus transaction costs, in oDesk Corporation, an online marketplace company, on June 11, 2013.

An investment of \$9,999,999, plus transaction costs, in Coursera Inc., an online education company, on June 18, 2013.

The fair value, as of June 30, 2013, of all of our portfolio investments was \$244,198,486. We also held \$4,634,110 in unrestricted cash on June 30, 2013.

The investments made during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 include:

Investments totaling \$983,493 in AlwaysOn, LLC, a social media company, comprising an investment of \$100,000, plus transaction costs, in, on January 10, 2012, an investment of \$150,000, plus transaction costs, on March 9, 2012 and an investment of \$733,493, plus transaction costs, on September 7, 2012.

Investments totaling \$2,199,998 in Maven Research, Inc., a global knowledge marketplace, comprising an investment of \$200,000, plus transaction costs, on February 28, 2012 and an investment of \$1,999,998, plus transaction costs, on July 2, 2012.

Investments totaling \$1,400,000 in AltEgo, LLC, an avatar technology and games developer, comprising an investment of \$500,000, plus transaction costs, on February 29, 2012, an investment of \$200,000, plus transaction costs, on May 11, 2012, an investment of \$300,000, plus transaction costs, on June 15, 2012 and an investment of \$400,000, plus transaction costs, on August 7, 2012.

Investments totaling \$8,000,000 in Chegg, Inc., an online textbook rental company, comprising investments of \$4,000,000, plus transaction costs, on March 7, 2012 and investments of \$2,400,000 and \$1,600,000, plus transaction costs, on June 20, 2012 and June 25, 2012, respectively.

Investments totaling \$1,000,000 in The Echo System Corp., a social analytics company, comprising an investment of \$250,000, plus transaction costs, on March 21, 2012 and an investment of \$750,000, plus transaction costs, on March 30, 2012.

An investment of \$1,000,000, plus transaction costs, in StormWind, LLC, an electronic marketing and business services platform, on March 23, 2012.

Investments totaling \$1,998,800 in Bloom Energy Corporation, a fuel cell energy company, comprising an investment of \$855,000, plus transaction costs, on March 28, 2012 and an investment of \$1,143,800, plus transaction costs, on April 4, 2012.

An investment of \$2,000,000, plus transaction costs, in CUX, Inc. (d/b/a CorpU), a corporate education company, on March 29, 2012.

An investment of \$750,000, plus transaction costs, in The rSmart Group, Inc., a higher education learning platform, on March 30, 2012.

Investments totaling \$14,799,996 in Violin Memory, Inc., a flash memory company, comprising an investment of \$9,999,996, plus transaction costs, on April 11, 2012, and an investment of \$4,800,000, plus transaction costs, on May 22, 2012.

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Investments totaling \$4,150,000 in Top Hat, Inc., an internet commerce company, comprising an investment of \$4,000,000, plus transaction costs, on April 13, 2012 and an investment of \$150,000, plus transaction costs, on November 2, 2012.

Investments totaling \$5,922,000 in Control4 Corporation, a smart home automation company, comprising investments of \$2,369,500, \$1,277,500 and \$350,000, plus transaction costs, on April 18, 2012, April 19, 2012 and April 20, 2012, respectively, an investment of \$1,190,000, plus transaction costs, on August 15, 2012 and an investment of \$735,000, plus transaction costs, on October 19, 2012.

An investment of \$2,999,998, plus transaction costs, in Global Education Learning (Holdings) Ltd., an Asia-focused education technology company, on April 19, 2012.

Investments totaling \$20,602,500 in Twitter, Inc., a social communication company, comprising investments of \$5,312,492, \$4,875,010 and \$7,312,498, plus transaction costs, on April 25, 2012, April 27, 2012, and April 30, 2012, respectively, an investment of \$1,900,000, plus transaction costs, on June 1, 2012 and an investment of \$1,202,500, plus transaction costs, on July 10, 2012.

An investment of \$3,800,000, plus transaction costs, in Silver Spring Networks, Inc., a smart grid company, on May 1, 2012.

Investments totaling \$2,250,001 in Fullbridge, Inc., a business education company, comprising an investment of \$1,969,996, plus transaction costs, on May 4, 2012 and an investment of \$280,005, plus transaction costs, on May 15, 2012.

Investments totaling \$21,017,501 in Palantir Technologies, Inc., a cyber-security company, comprising investments of \$888,384 and \$2,674,048, plus transaction costs, on May 7, 2012 and May 11, 2012, respectively, investments of \$40,500, \$67,500 and \$540,000, plus transaction costs, on May 16, 2012, May 21, 2012 and May 22, 2012, respectively, investments of \$999,999, \$15,228,070 and \$135,000, plus transaction costs, on July 24, 2012, July 27, 2012 and July 31, 2012, respectively, an investment of \$174,000, plus transaction costs, on August 24, 2012 and an investment of \$270,000, plus transaction costs, on October 17, 2012.

An investment of \$10,000,000, plus transaction costs, in Avenues World Holdings LLC, a globally-focused private school, on May 9, 2012.

Investments totaling \$3,000,000 in Whittle Schools, LLC, an affiliate of Avenues World Holdings LLC, comprising an investment of \$1,500,000, plus transaction costs, on September 6, 2012 and an investment of \$1,500,000, plus transaction costs, on December 3, 2012.

Investments totaling \$8,618,500 in Dropbox, Inc., an online storage service, comprising an investment of \$6,858,500, plus transaction costs, on May 11, 2012 and an investment of \$1,760,000, plus transaction costs, on September 4, 2012.

Investments totaling \$1,500,000 in NestGSV, Inc., an entrepreneurial education company, comprising an investment of \$1,000,000, plus transaction costs, on May 25, 2012 and an investment of \$500,000, plus transaction costs, on July 10, 2012.

An investment of \$10,000,000, plus transaction costs, in Solexel, Inc., a solar power company, on June 18, 2012.

An investment of \$7,500,000, plus transaction costs, in Kno, Inc., an education software company, on June 27, 2012.

An investment of \$2,000,000, plus transaction costs, in Dailybreak, Inc., a social advertising company, on June 29, 2012.

An investment of \$1,999,999, plus transaction costs, in Dataminr, Inc., a social media analytics company, on July 2, 2012.

An investment of \$10,000,000, plus transaction costs, in 2U, Inc. (f/k/a 2tor, Inc.), an online education company, on July 16, 2012.

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An investment of \$5,000,000, plus transaction costs, in Totus Solutions, Inc., an LED lighting company, on July 20, 2012.

An investment of \$1,001,000, plus transaction costs, in Gilt Groupe, Inc., an eCommerce platform, on July 27, 2012.

An investment of \$500,000, plus transaction costs, in SinoLending Ltd, a Chinese P2P lending platform, on August 7, 2012.

An investment of \$3,589,659, plus transaction costs, in Spotify Technology S.A., a music streaming service, on August 7, 2012.

An investment of \$250,000, plus transaction costs in Neuron Fuel, Inc. (d/b/a Tynker), a computer software company, on August 8, 2012.

An investment of \$500,000, plus transaction costs, in Strategic Sports Solutions, LLC, a sports analytics company, on August 31, 2012.

Investments totaling \$3,801,165 in SugarCRM Inc., a customer relationship management company, comprising an investment of \$1,513,750, plus transaction costs, on September 12, 2012, an investment of \$171,353, plus transaction costs, on November 15, 2012, an investment of \$1,225,000, plus transaction costs, on November 27, 2012 and an investment of \$891,062, plus transaction costs, on December 28, 2012.

An investment of \$3,000,000, plus transaction costs, in Parchment, Inc., an education data company, on October 1, 2012.

An investment of \$500,000, plus transaction costs, in Ozy Media, Inc., a social media company, on November 2, 2012.

An investment of \$2,000,000, plus transaction costs, in Starfish Holdings, Inc. (d/b/a YourOffers), a marketing platform, on November 13, 2012.

An investment of \$500,000, plus transaction costs, in S3 Digital Corp. (d/b/a S3i), a sports analytics company, on November 21, 2012.

An investment of \$1,499,999, plus transaction costs in Grockit Inc., an online test preparation company, on December 19, 2012.

The fair value, as of December 31, 2012, of all of our portfolio investments was \$225,397,085. In addition, we held \$16,000,000 in two money market funds as of December 31, 2012. We also held \$11,318,525 in unrestricted cash on December 31, 2012.

Results of Operations

Comparison of the three months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012

Investment Income

For the three months ended June 30, 2013, we had investment income of \$15,723, or \$0.00 per share, which consisted of \$0 of interest income from our portfolio investments and \$15,723 of dividend income primarily from our CUX, Inc preferred shares as well as our money market investments.

For the three months ended June 30, 2012, we had investment income of \$110,354, or \$0.01 per share, which consisted of \$102,883 of interest income from our portfolio investments and \$7,471 of dividend income from our money market investments.

The decrease in investment income for the three months ended June 30, 2013 relative to the three months ended June 30, 2012 was primarily due to us no longer carrying fixed income investments during the three months ended June 30, 2013.

Operating Expenses

For the three months ended June 30, 2013, we had \$2,402,634 in total operating expenses consisting primarily of investment management fees and administration fees, in addition to legal, audit and consulting fees. The investment advisory fee for the three months ended June 30, 2013, was \$1,246,378, representing the

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base management fee as provided in our investment advisory agreement. Costs incurred under our administration agreement for the three months ended June 30, 2013, were \$709,885. Professional fees, consisting of legal, valuation, audit and consulting fees, were \$220,978 for the three months ended June 30, 2013.

For the three months ended June 30, 2012, we had \$2,190,473 in total operating expenses consisting primarily of investment management fees and administration fees, in addition to legal, audit and consulting fees. The investment advisory fee for the three months ended June 30, 2012, was \$1,126,091, representing the base management fee as provided in our investment advisory agreement. Costs incurred under our administration agreement for the three months ended June 30, 2012, were \$602,201. Professional fees, consisting of legal, valuation, audit and consulting fees, were approximately \$222,561 for the three months ended June 30, 2012.

The increase in total operating expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2013 relative to the three months ended June 30, 2012 was mostly due to an increase in management fees as well as administration fees incurred. These fees increased due to an increase in our gross and net asset values during the same periods, which impact the fees incurred. Refer to note 2 for further details regarding the calculations of these fees.

Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets

For the three months ended June 30, 2013, we had a net change in unrealized appreciation of \$12,230,246, or \$0.63 per share, resulting from appreciation of our investments, including our investments in Palantir Technologies, Inc., Twitter, Inc. and Dataminr, Inc., as well as the reclassification of the losses on our investments in Top Hat 430, Inc., Serious Energy, Inc., and AltEgo, LLC from unrealized loss to realized loss on investments. Net realized loss was \$6,327,632, or \$0.33 per share during the three months ended June 30, 2013 as a result of the write-off of our investments in Top Hat 430, Inc., Serious Energy, Inc., and AltEgo, LLC. Net investment loss was \$2,386,911, or \$0.12 per share, for the three months ended June 30, 2013, resulting primarily from operating expenses incurred during the quarter. Net increase in net assets resulting from operations was \$3,515,703, or \$0.18 per share, for the three months ended June 30, 2013.

For the three months ended June 30, 2012, we had a net change in unrealized depreciation of \$2,014,512, or \$0.12 per share. The change in unrealized depreciation is primarily a result of our investment in Facebook, Inc. We had a net realized loss of \$1,380,263, or \$0.08 per share, for the three months ended June 30, 2012, resulting from our investment in PJB Fund LLC, which resulted from fluctuating share prices of Zynga, Inc. Net investment loss was \$2,080,119, or \$0.13 per share, for the three months ended June 30, 2012, resulting primarily from operating expenses incurred during the quarter. Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations was \$5,474,894, or \$0.34 per share, for the three months ended June 30, 2012.

The per share figures noted above are based on a weighted-average of 19,320,100 and 16,287,133 shares outstanding for the three months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Comparison of the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012

Investment Income

For the six months ended June 30, 2013, we had investment income of \$20,258, or \$0.00 per share, which consisted of \$0 of interest income from our portfolio investments and \$20,258 of dividend income primarily from our CUX, Inc preferred shares as well as our money market investments.

For the six months ended June 30, 2012, we had investment income of \$228,159, or \$0.02 per share, which consisted of \$214,984 of interest income from our portfolio investments and \$13,175 of dividend income from our money market investments.

The decrease in investment income for the six months ended June 30, 2013 relative to the six months ended June 30, 2012 was primarily due to us no longer carrying fixed income investments during the six months ended June 30, 2013.

Operating Expenses

For the six months ended June 30, 2013, we had \$4,974,894 in total operating expenses consisting primarily of investment management fees and administration fees, in addition to legal, audit and consulting

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fees. The investment advisory fee for the six months ended June 30, 2013, was \$2,529,977, representing the base management fee as provided in our investment advisory agreement. Our base management fee was significantly higher than during the same period in 2012 as a result of the increase in our gross assets. Costs incurred under our administration agreement for the six months ended June 30, 2013, were \$1,597,869. Professional fees, consisting of legal, valuation, audit and consulting fees, were \$457,864 for the six months ended June 30, 2013.

For the six months ended June 30, 2012, we had \$3,402,280 in total operating expenses consisting primarily of investment management fees and administration fees, in addition to legal, audit and consulting fees. The investment advisory fee for the six months ended June 30, 2012, was \$1,748,017, representing the base management fee as provided in our investment advisory agreement. Costs incurred under our administration agreement for the six months ended June 30, 2012, were \$947,795. Professional fees, consisting of legal, valuation, audit and consulting fees, were approximately \$354,406 for the six months ended June 30, 2012.

The increase in total operating expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2013 relative to the six months ended June 30, 2012 was mostly due to an increase in management fees as well as administration fees incurred. These fees increased due to an increase in our gross and net asset values during the same periods, which impact the fees incurred. Refer to note 2 for further details regarding the calculations of these fees.

Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets

For the six months ended June 30, 2013, we had a net change in unrealized appreciation of \$10,653,608, or \$0.55 per share, resulting from appreciation of our investments, including our investments in Palantir Technologies, Inc., Twitter, Inc., Stormwind, LLC, and Dataminr, Inc., as well as the reclassification of the losses on our investments in Top Hat 430, Inc., Serious Energy, Inc., and AltEgo, LLC from unrealized loss to realized loss on investments. Net realized loss was \$9,674,524, or \$0.50 per share, and resulted from sales of investments in Zynga, Inc. and Groupon Inc., as well as the write-off of our investments in Top Hat 430, Inc., Serious Energy, Inc., and AltEgo, LLC. Net investment loss was \$4,954,636, or \$0.26 per share, for the six months ended June 30, 2013, resulting primarily from operating expenses incurred during the quarter. Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations was \$3,975,552, or \$0.21 per share, for the six months ended June 30, 2013.

For the six months ended June 30, 2012, we had a net change in unrealized depreciation of \$1,003,317, or \$0.08 per share. The change in unrealized depreciation is primarily a result of our investment in Facebook, Inc. We had a net realized loss of \$1,380,519, or \$0.11 per share, resulting primarily from our investment in PJB Fund LLC, which resulted from fluctuating share prices of Zynga, Inc. Net investment loss was \$3,174,121, or \$0.25 per share, for the six months ended June 30, 2012, resulting primarily from operating expenses incurred during the period. Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations was \$5,557,957, or \$0.43 per share, for the six months ended June 30, 2012.

The per share figures noted above are based on a weighted-average of 19,320,100 and 12,837,133 shares outstanding for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Comparison of the year ended December 31, 2012 and the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011.

As January 6, 2011 was our date of inception and April 28, 2011 was the date of our initial public offering, the period from January 6, 2011 to December 31, 2011 is not a directly comparable period to the year ended December 31, 2012.

Investment Income

For the year ended December 31, 2012, we had investment income of \$248,077, or \$0.02 per share, which consisted of \$222,047 of interest income from our portfolio investments and \$26,030 of dividend income from our money market investments.

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For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, we had investment income of \$162,328, or \$0.05 per share, which consisted of \$158,389 of interest income and \$3,939 of dividend income.

The increase in investment income for the year ended December 31, 2012 relative to the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, was primarily due to us holding more fixed income investments during the year ended December 31, 2012.

Operating Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2012, we had \$8,530,958 in total operating expenses consisting primarily of investment management fees and administration fees, in addition to legal, audit and consulting fees. The investment advisory fee for the year ended December 31, 2012, was \$4,419,345, representing the base management fee as provided in our investment advisory agreement. Our base management fee was significantly higher than during the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011 as a result of the increase in our gross assets. Costs incurred under our administration agreement for the year ended December 31, 2012, were \$2,384,764. Professional fees, consisting of legal, valuation, audit and consulting fees, were approximately \$959,604 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, we had \$2,196,192 in total operating expenses consisting primarily of legal, audit and consulting fees, in addition to organizational expenses, investment management fees and administration fees. The investment advisory fee for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, was \$618,865, representing the base fee as provided for in our investment advisory agreement. Costs incurred under our administration agreement for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, were \$554,232. Professional fees, consisting of legal, valuation, audit, and consulting fees, were approximately \$409,983 for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011.

The increase in our total operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2012 as compared to the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011 is primarily a result of increased investment management fees and administration fees due to the growth of our portfolio.

Net Decrease in Net Assets

For the year ended December 31, 2012, we had a net change in unrealized depreciation of \$10,170,850, or \$0.63 per share. The change in unrealized depreciation is primarily a result of our investments in Top Hat 430, Inc., Silver Spring Networks, Inc., Gilt Groupe, Inc., Zynga, Inc., and Facebook, Inc. We had a net realized loss of \$1,380,519, or \$0.09 per share, resulting primarily from our investment in PJB Fund LLC, which resulted from fluctuating share prices of Zynga, Inc. Net investment loss was \$8,282,881, or \$0.51 per share, for the year ended December 31, 2012, resulting primarily from operating expenses incurred during the year. Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations was \$19,834,250, or \$1.23 per share, for the year ended December 31, 2012.

For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, we had a net change in unrealized depreciation of \$1,579,800, or \$0.47 per share. Net investment loss was \$2,033,864, or \$0.60 per share, for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, resulting primarily from operating expenses incurred during the period. Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations was \$3,613,664, or \$1.07 per share, for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011.

The per share figures noted above are based on a weighted-average of 16,096,330 and 3,377,429 shares outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2012 and for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, respectively.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At June 30, 2013, we had investments in 45 portfolio companies with costs totaling \$245,295,528, and cash in the amount of \$4,634,110.

At December 31, 2012, we had investments in 47 portfolio companies with costs totaling \$237,147,735, two money market funds totaling \$16,000,000 and cash in the amount of \$11,318,525.

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We completed a follow-on offering of 6,900,000 shares of our common stock in February 2012 at an offering price of \$15.00 per share and a follow on offering of 6,900,000 shares of our common stock in May 2012 at an offering price of \$16.25 per share, resulting in an aggregate of approximately \$201.6 million in equity capitalization. Our shares are currently listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "GSVC".

Our primary use of cash is to make investments and to pay our operating expenses. We used substantially all of the proceeds of the offerings to invest in portfolio companies as of June 30, 2013, except for amounts retained for purposes of funding our ongoing expenses.

Our current policy is to maintain cash and marketable security reserves in an amount sufficient to pay our operating expenses, including investment management fees, incentive fees and costs incurred under the administration agreement, for approximately two years. For a description of the investment advisory and administration services we receive, see "Related Party Transactions and Certain Relationships". We incurred approximately \$1,246,378 and \$2,529,977 in investment management fees and \$709,885 and \$1,597,869 in costs incurred under the administration agreement for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively. We incurred approximately \$1,126,091 and \$1,748,017 in investment management fees and \$602,201 and \$947,795 in costs incurred under the administration agreement for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, respectively. We incurred approximately \$4,419,345 in investment management fees and \$2,384,764 in costs incurred under the administration agreement for the year ended December 31, 2012.

As of June 30, 2013, the fair value of our portfolio investments was equal to the cost of the investments, net of unrealized depreciation representing transaction costs and any fair value adjustments. Fair value adjustments may include subsequent financing rounds, discounts due to lack of marketability, senior management changes or any other developments that factor into our valuations. The fair value of our investments can be expected to fluctuate in future periods due to changes in our investments and changes in the fair value of the investments.

On August 6, 2013, we executed a non-binding term sheet with SVB for the Proposed SVB Facility of \$18 million. As set forth in the term sheet, the Proposed SVB Facility would be secured by substantially all of our assets, including interests in our portfolio companies, and have a three-year term with an interest rate of WSJ Prime plus 4.75%, with an interest rate floor of 8.00%. Our term sheet with SVB is non-binding, and the final terms and conditions of the Proposed SVB Facility, including term and interest rate, remain subject to satisfactory completion of SVB's due diligence and credit approval process and the negotiation of final definitive agreements acceptable to both parties. We cannot be certain when or if we will be successful in closing on the proposed credit facility contemplated in the term sheet. SVB's obligation to lend under the Proposed SVB Facility would terminate if we compete with SVB in providing loans, directly or indirectly, to our portfolio companies or any of their subsidiaries.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of June 30, 2013, we had no off-balance sheet arrangements, including any risk management of commodity pricing or other hedging practices. However, we may employ hedging and other risk management techniques in the future.

Distribution Policy

The timing and amount of our dividends, if any, will be determined by our Board of Directors. Any dividends to our stockholders will be declared out of assets legally available for distribution. We intend to focus on making capital gains-based investments from which we will derive primarily capital gains. As a consequence, we do not anticipate that we will pay dividends on a quarterly basis or become a predictable distributor of dividends, and we expect that our dividends, if any, will be much less consistent than the dividends of other business development companies that primarily make debt investments. However, if there are earnings or realized capital gains to be distributed, we intend to declare and pay a dividend at least annually.

During the taxable year ended December 31, 2012, we were taxed as a C corporation subject to federal and state corporate income taxes. We may elect to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, beginning with our 2013 taxable year if management determines that it is in the best interests of the Company

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and the Company is able to satisfy the requirements to be treated as a RIC. However, if we are not certified by the SEC as “principally engaged in the furnishing of capital to other corporations which are principally engaged in the development or exploitation of inventions, technological improvements, new processes, or products not previously generally available” for our 2013 taxable year, we will not be eligible to elect to be treated as a RIC for our 2013 taxable year. We currently intend to apply for this certification, but no assurance can be given that we will receive it, or that we will otherwise qualify as a RIC for our 2013 taxable year. If we opt not to elect to be taxed as a RIC or are unable to qualify as a RIC, we will continue to be taxed as a C corporation under the Code for our 2013 taxable year. To obtain and maintain RIC tax treatment, we must, among other things, distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, for each taxable year. See “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.” There is no assurance that we will achieve results that will permit the payment of any cash distributions, and we will be prohibited from making distributions if doing so causes us to fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios stipulated by the 1940 Act or if distributions are limited by the terms of any of our borrowings.

Our current intention is to make any distributions out of assets legally available therefrom in additional shares of our common stock under our dividend reinvestment plan, unless stockholders elect to receive dividends and/or long-term capital gains distributions in cash. Under the dividend reinvestment plan, if a stockholder owns shares of common stock registered in its own name, the stockholder will have all cash distributions automatically reinvested in additional shares of common stock unless the stockholder opts out of our dividend reinvestment plan by delivering a written notice to our dividend paying agent prior to the record date of the next dividend or distribution. See “Dividend Reinvestment Plan.” Any distributions reinvested under the plan will nevertheless be treated as received by to the U.S. stockholder for U.S. federal income tax purposes, although no cash distribution has been made. As a result, if stockholders do not elect to opt out of the dividend reinvestment plan, such holders may be required to pay applicable federal, state and local taxes on any reinvested dividends even though they will not receive a corresponding cash distribution. In addition, reinvested dividends have the effect of increasing our gross assets, which may correspondingly increase the management fee payable to our investment adviser. If stockholders hold shares in the name of a broker or financial intermediary, they should contact the broker or financial intermediary regarding an election to receive distributions in cash.

Borrowings

We had no borrowings outstanding as of June 30, 2013. On September 17, 2013, we completed a private placement of 5-year unsecured 5.25% Convertible Senior Notes. A total of \$69.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Senior Notes were issued at the closing. See “— Recent Developments.”

Related Party Transactions

We entered into the Investment Advisory Agreement with GSV Asset Management in connection with our initial public offering. Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement, GSV Asset Management will be paid a base annual fee of 2.00% of gross assets, and an annual incentive fee equal to the lesser of (i) 20% of the GSV Capital’s realized capital gains during each calendar year, if any, calculated on an investment-by-investment basis, subject to a non-compounded preferred return, or “hurdle,” and a “catch-up” feature, and (ii) 20% of the GSV Capital’s realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fees. GSV Asset Management earned \$1,246,378 and \$2,529,977 in base management fees and \$0 in incentive fees for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively. GSV Asset Management earned \$1,126,091 and \$1,748,017 in base fees and \$0 in incentive fees for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, respectively.

As of June 30, 2013, we were owed \$2,606 from GSV Asset Management for reimbursement of expenses paid for by us that were the responsibility of GSV Asset Management.

In addition as of June 30, 2013, we owed GSV Asset Management \$438,848, of which \$415,459 relates to accrued management fees, and \$20,783 is for reimbursement of expenses paid for by GSV Asset Management that were the responsibility of the Company.

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As of June 30, 2012, we were owed \$5,901 from GSV Asset Management for reimbursement of legal fees paid for by us that were the responsibility of GSV Asset Management.

In addition as of June 30, 2012, we owed GSV Asset Management \$17,159 for reimbursement of travel-related and other expenses. We owed certain officers and directors \$12,717 in reimbursements for travel-related and other expenses.

We entered into an Administration Agreement with GSV Capital Service Company (the "Administration Agreement") to provide administrative services, including furnishing us with office facilities, equipment, clerical, bookkeeping services and other administrative services, in connection with our initial public offering. We reimburse GSV Capital Service Company an allocable portion of overhead and other expenses in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement. There were \$709,885 and \$1,597,869 in such costs incurred under the Administration Agreement for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively. There were \$602,201 and \$947,795 in such costs incurred under the Administration Agreement for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, respectively.

We also adopted a Code of Ethics which applies to, among others, our senior officers, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as well as all of our officers, directors and employees. Our Code of Ethics requires that all employees and directors avoid any conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between an individual's personal interests and our interests. Pursuant to our Code of Ethics, each employee and director must disclose any conflicts of interest, or actions or relationships that might give rise to a conflict, to our Chief Compliance Officer. Our Board of Directors is charged with approving any waivers under our Code of Ethics. As required by the NASDAQ corporate governance listing standards, the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors is also required to review and approve any transactions with related parties (as such term is defined in Item 404 of Regulation S-K).

In April 2012, in connection with our investment in Top Hat, Inc., Cherry Tree & Associates, LLC, an investment banking firm, received a fee of approximately \$259,000 for its representation of Top Hat, Inc. Mark Moe, who is the brother of our Chief Executive Officer, Michael Moe, served as a Managing Director of Cherry Tree & Associates, LLC, and may therefore be deemed to have had an indirect material interest in such transaction. In February 2013, Mark Moe joined NestGSV, Inc., one of our portfolio companies, as a Vice President of Business Development, Global Expansion.

Critical Accounting Policies

Valuation of Investments at Fair Value

We carry our investments at fair value, as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors, in accordance with GAAP. Fair value is the price that one would receive upon selling an investment or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment or liability. GAAP emphasizes that valuation techniques should maximize the use of observable market inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the entity and should not be limited to information that is only available to the entity making the fair value determination, or to a small group of users. Observable market inputs should be readily available to participants in that market. In addition, observable market inputs should include a level of transparency that is reliable and verifiable.

GAAP fair value measurement guidance classifies the inputs used to measure these fair values into the following hierarchy:

Level 1. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that we have the ability to access.

Level 2. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets;

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- c) Pricing models whose inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and
- d) Pricing models whose inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or other means for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability.

An asset's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Securities that are publicly traded are generally valued at the close price on the valuation date; however, if they remain subject to lock-up restrictions they are discounted accordingly. Securities that are not publicly traded or for which there are no readily available market quotations are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors.

In connection with that determination, portfolio company valuations are prepared using the most currently available data. As appropriate, we obtain updates on each portfolio company's financial performance, including information such as economic and industry trends, new product development, and other operational issues.

In making our good faith determination of the fair value of investments, we consider valuation methodologies consistent with industry practice, including but not limited to (i) publicly available information regarding the valuation of the securities based on recent sales in comparable transactions of private companies, (ii) when management believes there are comparable companies that are publicly traded, a review of these publicly traded companies and applicable market multiples of their equity securities and, (iii) an income approach that estimates value based on the expectation of future cash flows that an asset or business will generate.

We engage independent valuation firms to perform valuations of our investments that are not publicly traded or for which there are no readily available market quotations. We also engage independent valuation firms to perform valuations of any securities that trade on private secondary markets, but are not otherwise publicly traded, where there is a lack of appreciable trading or a wide disparity in recently reported trades. We consider the independent valuations, among other factors, in making our fair value determinations.

Recent Developments

On July 12, 2013, July 15, 2013, and July 24, 2013, the Company sold a total of 175,000 shares of its investment in Facebook, Inc. in three transactions for \$1,282,663, \$657,521, and \$3,133,395, respectively. The Company continues to hold 175,000 shares of Facebook, Inc.

Subsequent to June 30, 2013, the Company closed on investments of \$4.7 million, plus transaction costs as follows:

An investment of \$600,000, plus transaction costs, in NestGSV, Inc., an incubator company, on July 15, 2013.

An investment of \$1,099,997, plus transaction costs, in Dataminr, Inc., a Social Media Analytics company, on July 26, 2013.

An investment of \$225,000 in the form of a promissory note, plus transaction costs, in Kno, Inc., a digital textbooks company, on August 1, 2013.

An investment of \$1,000,000, plus transaction costs, in Strategic Data Command, LLC, a software development company, on August 15, 2013.

An investment of \$1,500,000, plus transaction costs, in Whittle Schools, an education technology company, on August 30, 2013.

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An investment of \$250,000, plus transaction costs, in Sinolending Ltd, a Chinese P2P lending company, on September 4, 2013.

On July 31, 2013, Grockit, Inc. sold its test preparation business and related assets, including the Grockit name, to Kaplan. Concurrently, Grockit, Inc. changed its name to Learnist Inc and has refocused its business plan as a social learning platform.

August 6, 2013, we executed a non-binding term sheet with SVB for the Proposed SVB Facility of \$18 million. As set forth in the term sheet, the Proposed SVB Facility would be secured by substantially all of our assets, including interests in our portfolio companies, and would have a three-year term with an interest rate of WSJ Prime plus 4.75%, with an interest rate floor of 8.00%. Our term sheet with SVB is non-binding, and the final terms and conditions of the Proposed SVB Facility, including term and interest rate, remain subject to satisfactory completion of SVB's due diligence and credit approval process and the negotiation of final definitive agreements acceptable to both parties. We cannot be certain when or if we will be successful in closing on the proposed credit facility contemplated in the term sheet. The Proposed SVB Facility, if consummated, is expected to be effectively senior to the Convertible Senior Notes described in this prospectus to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness (other than to the extent of the interest escrow).

On August 7, 2013, Control4 Corporation completed its initial public offering, selling 4,600,000 shares and received net proceeds of approximately \$65.9 million. GSV Capital Corp.'s shares in Control4 Corporation are subject to a lock-up agreement.

Convertible Senior Notes

On September 17, 2013, we completed a private placement of 5-year unsecured 5.25% Senior Convertible Notes due 2018 (the "Convertible Senior Notes"). A total of \$69.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Senior Notes were issued at the closing. The Convertible Senior Notes are convertible into shares of our common stock based on an initial conversion rate of 61.5091 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Senior Notes, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$16.26 per share of common stock. The conversion price for the Convertible Senior Notes will be reduced or adjusted for, among other things, annual cash dividends paid to common shares. The Convertible Senior Notes bear interest at an annual rate of 5.25%, payable semiannually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning March 15, 2014. The Convertible Senior Notes mature on September 15, 2018, unless previously converted in accordance with their terms. The Convertible Senior Notes are our general unsecured obligations, rank equally in right of payment with our future senior unsecured debt, and rank senior in right of payment to any potential subordinated debt, should any be issued in the future

The Company is presently in the final stages of negotiations with respect to several private company investments that it anticipates entering into within the next 30 to 60 days, subject to satisfaction of applicable closing conditions. In the case of secondary market transactions, such closing conditions may include approval of the issuer, waiver or failure to exercise rights of first refusal by the issuer and/or its stockholders and termination rights by the seller or the Company. Equity investments made through the secondary market may involve making deposits in escrow accounts until the applicable closing conditions are satisfied, at which time the escrow accounts will close and such equity investments will be effectuated. Subsequent to June 30, 2013, the Company has not made any such escrow deposits.

BUSINESS

GSV Capital

We are an externally managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio's total return, principally by seeking capital gains on our equity and equity-related investments. We invest principally in the equity securities of what we believe are rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies. We acquire our investments through direct investments with prospective portfolio companies, secondary marketplaces for private companies and negotiations with selling stockholders. We may also invest on an opportunistic basis in select publicly-traded equity securities or certain non-U.S. companies that otherwise meet our investment criteria. Our investment activities are managed by GSV Asset Management, and GSV Capital Service Company provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

Our investment philosophy is premised on a disciplined approach of identifying potentially high-growth emerging companies across several key industry themes which may include, among others, social mobile, cloud computing and big data, internet commerce, sustainability and education technology. Our investment adviser's investment decisions are based on a disciplined analysis of available information regarding each potential portfolio company's business operations, focusing on the company's growth potential, the quality of recurring revenues and cash flow and cost structures, as well as an understanding of key market fundamentals. Venture capital funds or other financial or strategic sponsors have invested in the vast majority of the companies that our investment adviser evaluates.

We seek to deploy capital primarily in the form of non-controlling equity and equity-related investments, including common stock, warrants, preferred stock and similar forms of senior equity, which may or may not be convertible into a portfolio company's common equity, and convertible debt securities with a significant equity component.

About GSV Asset Management

Our investment activities are managed by GSV Asset Management, an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, or the "Advisers Act." GSV Asset Management is led by Michael T. Moe, our president, chief executive officer and chairman of our Board of Directors. Mr. Moe is assisted by Stephen D. Bard, our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, treasurer and corporate secretary and David V. Crowder, our Executive Vice President, whom we refer to collectively as GSV Asset Management's senior investment professionals. Mr. Moe co-founded and previously served as chairman and chief executive officer of ThinkEquity Partners, an asset management and investment banking firm focusing on venture capital, entrepreneurial and emerging private companies. Prior to founding ThinkEquity, Mr. Moe served as Head of Global Growth Research at Merrill Lynch and before that served as Head of Growth Research and Strategy at Montgomery Securities.

We believe we benefit from the ability of our investment adviser's senior investment professionals and Board of advisers (the "Advisory Board") to identify attractive investment opportunities, conduct diligence on and value prospective investments, negotiate terms, and manage and monitor a portfolio of those investments. See "Portfolio Management — Advisory Board to GSV Asset Management." Our investment adviser's senior investment professionals and Advisory Board 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 that provides us with an important source of investment opportunities.

We pay GSV Asset Management a fee for its services under an investment advisory agreement (the "Investment Advisory Agreement") consisting of two components — a base management fee and an incentive fee. The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 2.00% of our gross assets, which is our total assets as reflected on our balance sheet (with no deduction for liabilities). The incentive fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Investment Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), commencing on December 31, 2011, and will equal the lesser of (i) 20% of our realized capital gains during such calendar year, if any, calculated on an

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investment-by-investment basis, subject to a non-compounded preferred return, or “hurdle,” and a “catch-up” feature, and (ii) 20% of our realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fees. See “Investment Advisory Agreement.” The terms for calculating the management fee create an incentive for our investment adviser to utilize leverage because our management fee is based on our gross assets, including issuances of preferred stock and borrowings for investment purposes, rather than our net assets. We will be required, however, to obtain the approval of our Board of Directors before we incur any future indebtedness. We have obtained approval from our Board of Directors to issue the notes.

Investment Opportunity

We believe that the technology industry is experiencing a convergence of numerous disruptive trends, producing new high-growth markets. The growth of both social networking and connected mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets, has opened up new channels for communication and real-time collaboration. The number of devices and people that regularly connect to the Internet has increased dramatically in recent years, generating significant demand for always accessible, personalized and localized content and real-time online interactivity. These factors are creating opportunities for new market participants and significant growth for established companies with leading positions capitalizing on these trends.

At the same time, we believe that the initial public offering, or “IPO,” markets have experienced substantial structural changes which have made it significantly more challenging for private companies to go public. Volatile equity markets, a lack of investment research coverage for private and smaller companies and investor demand for a longer history of revenue and earnings growth have resulted in companies staying private significantly longer than in the past. In addition, increased public company compliance obligations such as those imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 have made it more costly and less attractive to become a public company. As a result, there are significantly fewer IPOs today than there were during the 1990’s, with prospective public companies taking longer to come to market. For example, from 1991 – 2000, there were 4,361 IPOs in the United States, of which 1,701 were venture-capital backed. From 2001 – 2011, there were 1,286 IPOs, of which 600 were venture-capital backed. In 2012, there were 128 IPOs, of which 49 were venture backed.

Investment Strategy

We seek to add to our portfolio of potentially high-growth emerging private companies via a repeatable and disciplined investment approach, as well as to provide investors with access to such companies through our publicly traded common stock.

Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio’s total return, principally by seeking capital gains on our equity and equity-related investments. We have adopted the following business strategies to achieve our investment objective:

- **Identify high quality growth companies.** Based on our extensive experience in analyzing technology trends and markets, we have identified the technology sub-sectors of social mobile, cloud computing and big data, internet commerce, sustainability and education technology as opportunities where we believe companies are capable of producing substantial growth. We rely on our collective industry knowledge as well as an understanding of where leading venture capitalists are investing.

We leverage a combination of our relationships throughout Silicon Valley and our independent research to identify leaders in our targeted sub-sectors that we believe are differentiated and best positioned for sustained growth. Our evaluation process is based on what we refer to as “the four Ps”:

- **People** — Organizations led by strong management teams with in-depth operational focus
- **Product** — Differentiated and disruptive products with leading market positioning
- **Potential** — Large addressable markets
- **Predictability** — Ability to forecast and drive predictable and sustainable growth

We consider these to be the core elements for identifying rapidly growing emerging companies.

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- **Acquire positions in targeted investments.** We seek to add to our portfolio by sourcing investments at an acceptable price through our disciplined investing strategy. To this end, we utilize multiple methods to acquire equity stakes in private companies that are not available to many individual investors.

Direct equity investments. We also seek direct investments in private companies. There is a large market among emerging private companies for equity capital investments. Many of these companies, particularly within the technology sector, lack the necessary cash flows to sustain substantial amounts of debt, and therefore have viewed equity capital as a more attractive long-term financing tool. We seek to be a source of such equity capital as a means of investing in these companies and look for opportunities to invest alongside other venture capital and private equity investors with whom we have established relationships.

Private secondary marketplaces and direct share purchases. We also utilize private secondary marketplaces as a means to acquire equity and equity-related interests in privately-held companies that meet our investment criteria and that we believe are attractive candidates for investment. We believe that such markets offer new channels for access to equity investments in private companies and provide a potential source of liquidity should we decide to exit an investment. In addition, we also purchase shares directly from stockholders, including current or former employees. As certain companies grow and experience significant increased value while remaining private, employees and other stockholders may seek liquidity by selling shares directly to a third party or to a third party via a secondary marketplace. Sales of shares in private companies are typically restricted by contractual transfer restrictions and may be further restricted by provisions in company charter documents, investor rights of first refusal and co-sale and company employment and trading policies, which may impose strict limits on transfer. We believe that our investment professionals' reputation within the industry and history of investing affords us a favorable position when seeking approval for a purchase of shares subject to such limitations.

- **Create access to a diverse investment portfolio.** We seek to hold a diverse portfolio of non-controlling equity investments, which we believe will minimize the impact on our portfolio of a negative downturn at any one specific company. We believe that our relatively diversified portfolio will provide a convenient means for accredited and non-accredited individual investors to obtain access to an asset class that has generally been limited to venture capital, private equity and similar large institutional investors.

Competitive Advantages

We believe that we will benefit from the following competitive advantages in executing our investment strategy:

- **Experienced team of investment professionals.** Our investment adviser's senior investment professionals, its Advisory Board and our Board of Directors have significant experience researching and investing in the types of potentially rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies we are targeting for investment. Through our proprietary company evaluation process, including our identification of technology trends and themes and company research, we believe we have developed important insight into identifying and valuing emerging private companies.
- **Disciplined and repeatable investment process.** We have established a disciplined and repeatable process to locate and acquire available shares at attractive valuations by utilizing multiple sources. In contrast to industry "aggregators" that accumulate stock at market prices, we conduct valuation analyses and make acquisitions only when we can invest at valuations that we believe are attractive to our investors. Following this process, we have completed investments in the 50 companies in our portfolio as of June 30, 2013.
- **Deep relationships with significant credibility to source and complete transactions.** GSV Asset Management and its senior investment professionals are strategically located in the heart of Silicon Valley in Woodside, California. During the course of over two decades of researching and investing in emerging private companies, our investment adviser's senior investment professionals have

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developed strong reputations within the investing community, particularly within technology-related sectors. Our investment adviser's Advisory Board members and our Board of Directors have also developed strong relationships in the financial, investing and technology-related sectors.

- **Source of permanent investing capital.** As a publicly-traded corporation, we have access to a source of permanent equity capital which we can use to invest in portfolio companies. This permanent equity capital is a significant differentiator from other potential investors that may be required to return capital to stockholders on a defined schedule. We believe that our ability to invest on a long-term time horizon makes us attractive to companies looking for strong, stable owners of their equity.
- **Early mover advantage.** We believe we are one of the few publicly traded business development companies with a specific focus on investing in potentially rapidly growing venture capital-backed emerging companies. The transactions that we have executed to date since our IPO have helped to establish our reputation with the types of secondary sellers and emerging companies that we target for investment. We have leveraged a number of relationships and channels to acquire the equity of private companies. As we continue to grow our portfolio with attractive investments, we believe that our reputation as a committed partner will be further enhanced, allowing us to source and close investments that would otherwise be unavailable. We believe that these factors collectively differentiate us from other potential investors in private company securities and will serve our goal to complete equity transactions in compelling private companies at attractive valuations.

Operating and Regulatory Structure

GSV Capital was formed as a Maryland corporation that is an externally managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company. We completed our initial public offering in May 2011 and have elected to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. As a business development company, we are required to meet regulatory tests, including the requirement to invest at least 70% of our gross assets in "qualifying assets." Qualifying assets generally include, among other things, securities of "eligible portfolio companies." "Eligible portfolio companies" generally include U.S. companies that are not investment companies and that do not have securities listed on a national exchange. If at any time less than 70% of our gross assets are comprised of qualifying assets, including as a result of an increase in the value of any non-qualifying assets or decrease in the value of any qualifying assets, we would generally not be permitted to acquire any additional non-qualifying assets until such time as 70% of our then current gross assets were comprised of qualifying assets. We would not be required, however, to dispose of any non-qualifying assets in such circumstances. See "Regulation as a Business Development Company." We were taxed as a regular corporation (a "C corporation") under subchapter C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") for our 2012 taxable year. We may elect to be treated as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under subchapter M of the Code, if management determines that it is in the best interests of the Company to do so and the Company is able to satisfy the requirements under subchapter M of the Code, which we will be unable to do for the 2013 taxable year unless the SEC certifies us as being principally engaged in the furnishing of capital to certain types of developmental corporations. See "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations."

Our investment activities are managed by GSV Asset Management and supervised by our Board of Directors. GSV Asset Management is an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act. Under our investment advisory agreement, which we refer to as the Investment Advisory Agreement, we have agreed to pay GSV Asset 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, which we refer to as the Administration Agreement, under which we have agreed to reimburse GSV Capital Service Company for our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred.

Investment Process

Concentrated Technology-related Focus

During the course of over two decades of researching and investing in non-public companies, we have identified five areas from which we expect to see significant numbers of high-growth companies emerge: new media, communication, alternative energy, education technology, and the consumerization of information technology. These broad markets have the potential to produce disruptive technologies, reach a large addressable market and provide significant commercial opportunities. Within these areas we have identified broad trends that could create significant positive effects on growth such as globalization, consolidation, branding, convergence and network effects. From within these broad technology themes, we have selected five sub-segments in which we target companies for investment: social mobile, cloud computing and big data, internet commerce, sustainability and education technology. We remain focused on selecting market leaders within the sub-segments we have identified, while continuing to review our pipeline to ensure we are tracking the next phase of leaders.

Investment Targeting and Screening

We identify prospective portfolio companies through an extensive network of relationships developed by our investment professionals, supplemented by the knowledge and relationships of our investment adviser's Advisory Board and our Board of Directors. Investment opportunities that fall within our identified themes are validated against the observed behavior of leading venture capitalists and through our own internal and external research. We evaluate potential portfolio companies across a spectrum of criteria, including "the four Ps", industry positioning and leadership, stage of growth, and several other factors that collectively characterize our proprietary investment process. We typically seek to invest approximately 90% of our portfolio in well-established, late stage companies and the remaining approximately 10% in emerging companies that fit within our targeted areas, where we see the potential for higher returns from early investment. Based on our initial screening, we identify a select set of companies which we evaluate in greater depth.

Research and Due Diligence Process

Once we identify those companies that we believe warrant more in-depth analysis, we focus on their revenue growth, revenue quality and sustainability and earnings growth, as well as other metrics that may be strongly correlated with higher valuations. We also focus on the company's management team and any significant financial sponsor, the current business model, competitive positioning, regulatory and legal issues, the quality of any intellectual property and other investment-specific due diligence. Each prospective portfolio company that passes our initial due diligence review is given a qualitative ranking to allow us to evaluate it against others in our pipeline, and we review and update these companies on a regular basis.

Our due diligence process will vary depending on whether we are investing through a private secondary transaction on a marketplace or with a selling stockholder or by direct equity investment. We access information on our potential investments through a variety of sources, including information made available on secondary marketplaces, publications by private company research firms, industry publications, commissioned analysis by third-party research firms, and, to a limited extent, directly from the company or financial sponsor. We utilize a combination of each of these sources to help us set a target value for the companies we ultimately select for investment.

Portfolio Construction and Sourcing

Upon completion of our research and due diligence process, we select investments for inclusion in our portfolio based on their relative qualitative ranking, fundamentals and valuation. We seek to create a relatively diversified portfolio that we expect will include investments in companies representing a broad range of investment themes. We generally choose to pursue specific investments based on the availability of shares and valuation expectations. We utilize a combination of secondary marketplaces, direct purchases from stockholders and direct equity investments in order to make investments in our portfolio companies. Once we have established an initial position in a portfolio company, we may choose to increase our stake through subsequent purchases. Maintaining a balanced portfolio is a key to our success, and as a result we constantly evaluate the composition of our investments and our pipeline to ensure we are exposed to a diverse set of companies within our target segments.

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Transaction Execution

We enter into purchase agreements for each of our private company portfolio investments. Private company securities are typically subject to contractual transfer limitations, which may, among other things, give the issuer, its assignees and/or its stockholders a particular period of time, often 30 days or more, in which to exercise a veto right, or a right of first refusal over, the sale of such securities. Accordingly, the purchase agreements we enter into for secondary transactions typically require the lapse or satisfaction of these rights as a condition to closing. Under these circumstances, we may be required to deposit the purchase price into escrow upon signing with the funds released to the seller at closing or returned to us if the closing conditions are not met.

Risk Management and Monitoring

We monitor the financial trends of each portfolio company to assess our exposure to individual companies as well as to evaluate overall portfolio quality. We establish valuation targets at the portfolio level and for gross and net exposures with respect to specific companies and industries within our overall portfolio. In cases where we make a direct investment in a portfolio company, we may also obtain Board positions, Board observation rights and/or information rights from that portfolio company in connection with our equity investment. We regularly monitor our portfolio for compliance with the diversification requirements for purposes of maintaining our status as a 1940 Act business development company and a RIC for tax purposes.

Portfolio Overview

At June 30, 2013, our portfolio was invested approximately 53.80% in common shares, 45.90% in preferred shares, 0.20% in membership interests, and 0.10% in equity warrants. Such percentages are not inclusive of our holdings in money market funds.

Our ten largest portfolio company investments as of June 30, 2013, based on the combined fair value of the securities we hold in each portfolio company, were as follows:

Portfolio Company	Industry	At June 30, 2013		
		Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Asset Value
Twitter, Inc.	Social Communication	\$ 32,991,111	\$ 37,638,840	15.1
Palantir Technologies, Inc.	Cyber Security	21,060,447	23,007,098	9.3
Dropbox, Inc.	Online Storage	13,656,486	15,093,589	6.1
Violin Memory, Inc.	Memory Flash	14,819,168	14,359,996	5.8
Chegg, Inc.	Textbook Rental	14,022,902	14,049,836	5.6
Solexel, Inc.	Solar Power	11,016,624	10,999,998	4.4
2U, Inc. (f/k/a 2tor, Inc.)	Online Education	10,030,793	10,591,875	4.3
Avenues World Holdings LLC	Globally-Focused Private School	10,026,005	10,395,159	4.2
Coursera, Inc.	Online Education	9,999,999	9,999,999	4.0
Kno Inc.	Digital	9,987,021	9,922,913	4.0
Total		\$147,610,556	\$156,059,303	62.8%

Set forth below are descriptions of the ten largest portfolio investments as of June 30, 2013:

Twitter, Inc.

Twitter is a social networking company. Twitter is a real-time information network that allows users to send and receive information.

Palantir Technologies, Inc.

Palantir solves critical intelligence and security issues for government agencies, banks, and large institutions.

Dropbox, Inc.

Dropbox is a provider of cloud storage that enables users to store and share files across the internet.

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Violin Memory Inc.

Violin Memory provides scalable flash memory which improves the performance of memory on computers by reducing the power and space requirements in a data center.

Chegg, Inc.

Chegg is an online textbook rental company with a leading market presence in the online education industry. Chegg has built a social education learning platform that assists students by providing course planning and selection services, textbooks, study materials and homework assistance.

Solexel, Inc.

Solexel is developing high-efficiency, low-cost, crystalline silicon solar cells and modules for photovoltaic electricity generation

2U, Inc. (f/k/a 2tor, Inc.)

2U partners with universities, providing technology solutions to manage students from recruitment to post-graduation job placement, as well as develop and deliver curriculum in a virtual environment.

Avenues World Holdings LLC

Avenues is a private pre-K through 12th grade school that aspires to ultimately become a single school with multiple integrated global campuses, raising the global standard for top-tier private schools.

Coursera, Inc.

Coursera is an online open course provider that partners with universities and organizations in the world to offer courses online for anyone to take, for free.

Kno, Inc.

Kno is a provider of education software, digital textbooks and social engagement tools for students.

Managerial Assistance

As a business development company, we are required to offer, and in some cases may provide and be paid for, significant managerial assistance to portfolio companies. This assistance typically involves monitoring the operations of portfolio companies, participating in their Board and management meetings, consulting with and advising their officers and providing other organizational and financial guidance.

Competition

Our primary competitors include specialty finance companies including late stage venture capital funds, private equity funds, other crossover funds, public funds investing in private companies and business development companies. Many of these entities have greater financial and managerial resources than we will have. For additional information concerning the competitive risks we face, see “Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure.”

Employees

While we have executive officers, they receive no direct compensation from us, and we have no direct employees. Our day-to-day investment operations are managed by our investment adviser. In addition, we reimburse GSV Capital Service Company for an allocable portion of expenses incurred by it in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including a portion of the rent and the compensation of our chief financial officer and chief compliance officer and other staff providing administration services. See “Investment Advisory Agreement.”

Properties

Our principal office is located at 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, California, in the offices of GSV Capital Service Company. We do not own or lease any office space directly; however, we will pay a portion of the rent as allocated to us by GSV Capital Service Company. Our office facilities are suitable and adequate for our business as it is presently conducted.

Legal Proceedings

We are not currently subject to any material legal proceedings, nor, to our knowledge, is any material legal proceeding threatened against us. From time to time, we may be a party to certain legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business, including proceedings relating to the enforcement of our rights under contracts with our portfolio companies. While the outcome of these legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not expect that these proceedings will have a material effect upon our financial condition or results of operations.

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PORTFOLIO COMPANIES

The following table sets forth certain information as of June 30, 2013 for each portfolio company in which we had an investment. The general terms of our investments are described in “Business — Investment Process.” Other than these investments, our only formal relationships with our portfolio companies are the managerial assistance we may provide upon request and the Board observer or participation rights we may receive in connection with our investment. We do not “control” and are not an “affiliate” of any of our portfolio companies, each as defined in the 1940 Act, other than as indicated in the table below. In general, under the 1940 Act, we would “control” a portfolio company if we owned more than 25% of its voting securities and would be an “affiliate” of a portfolio company if we owned more than 5% of its voting securities.

Name and Address of Portfolio Company	Industry	Investment	% of Class Held⁽¹⁾	Number of Shares Held	Cost⁽²⁾	Fair Value⁽³⁾
Twitter, Inc. (San Francisco, CA)	Social Communication	Common shares	0.36%	1,835,600	31,755,821	36,351,602
Twitter, Inc. (San Francisco, CA)	Social Communication	Preferred shares, Series A	0.36%	65,000	1,235,290	1,287,238
Palantir Technologies, Inc. (Palo Alto, CA)	Cyber Security	Common shares, Class A	57%	7,145,690	20,051,479	21,994,434
Palantir Technologies, Inc. (Palo Alto, CA)	Cyber Security	Preferred shares, Series G	57%	326,797	1,008,968	1,012,664
Dropbox, Inc. (San Francisco, CA)	Online Storage	Common share	26%	760,000	8,641,153	8,740,000
Dropbox, Inc. (San Francisco, CA)	Online Storage	Preferred shares, Series A-1	26%	552,486	5,015,333	6,353,589
Violin Memory, Inc. (Mountain View, CA)	Memory Flash	Preferred shares, Series D	1.44%	1,666,666	10,018,370	9,999,996
Violin Memory, Inc. (Mountain View, CA)	Memory Flash	Preferred shares, Series B	1.44%	800,000	4,800,798	4,360,000
Chegg, Inc. (Santa Clara, CA)	Textbook Rental	Common shares	1.65%	1,274,193	10,014,248	9,571,313
Chegg, Inc. (Santa Clara, CA)	Textbook Rental	Preferred shares, Series F	1.65%	500,000	4,008,654	4,478,523
Solexel, Inc. (Milpitas, CA)	Solar Power	Preferred shares, Series C	3.40%	5,034,324	11,016,624	10,999,998
2U, Inc. (f/k/a 2tor, Inc.) (Landover, MD)	Online Education	Common shares	3.73%	1,151,802	8,757,668	9,247,603
2U, Inc. (f/k/a 2tor, Inc.) (Landover, MD)	Online Education	Preferred shares, Series A	3.73%	167,431	1,273,125	1,344,272
Avenues World Holdings LLC (New York, NY)	Globally-focused Private School	Preferred shares, Class A-1	3.87%	5,000,000	10,026,005	10,395,159
Coursera, Inc. (Mountain View, CA)	Online Education	Preferred shares, Series B	3.20%	2,039,609	9,999,999	9,999,999
Kno, Inc. (Santa Clara, CA)	Digital	Preferred shares, Series C	1.18%	440,313	2,262,006	2,249,999
Kno, Inc. (Santa Clara, CA)	Textbooks	Preferred shares, Series C-1	1.18%	1	7,510,334	7,500,000
Kno, Inc. (Santa Clara, CA)	Textbooks	Common shares	1.18%	50,000	214,681	172,914
Facebook, Inc. (Menlo Park, CA)	Social Networking	Common shares, Class A	0.02%	350,000	10,472,294	8,708,000
Control4 Corporation (Salt Lake City, UT)	Home Automation	Common shares	3.31%	782,821	7,011,025	7,518,198
SugarCRM, Inc. (Cupertino, CA)	Customer Relationship Manager	Common shares	3.45%	1,480,131	5,192,673	5,180,459
SugarCRM, Inc. (Cupertino, CA)	Customer Relationship Manager	Preferred shares, Series E	3.45%	373,134	1,500,522	1,652,476
ZocDoc Inc. (New York, NY)	Online Medical Scheduling	Preferred shares, Series A	0.56%	200,000	3,563,178	3,100,000
ZocDoc Inc. (New York, NY)	Online Medical Scheduling	Common Stock	0.56%	111,866	1,734,878	1,733,923
Bloom Energy Corporation (Sunnyvale, CA)	Fuel Cell Energy	Common shares	0.17%	201,589	3,855,601	4,008,093

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Name and Address of Portfolio Company	Industry	Investment	% of Class Held⁽¹⁾	Number of Shares Held	Cost⁽²⁾	Fair Value⁽³⁾
Gilt Groupe, Inc. (New York, NY)	e-Commerce Flash Sales	Common shares	0.60%	248,600	6,594,433	3,841,793
Spotify Technology S.A. (Stockholm, Sweden)	Music Streaming Service	Common shares	0.12%	3,658	3,598,472	3,682,927
StormWind, LLC (Scottsdale, AZ)	Interactive Learning Platform	Preferred shares, Series B	16.08%	3,279,629	2,019,687	3,667,495
Learnist Inc. (f/k/a Grockit, Inc.) (San Francisco, CA)	Online Test Preparation	Preferred shares, Series D	7.50%	2,728,252	2,005,945	2,018,906
Learnist Inc. (f/k/a Grockit, Inc.) (San Francisco, CA)	Online Test Preparation	Preferred shares, Series E	7.50%	1,731,501	1,503,670	1,427,558
Fullbridge, Inc (Cambridge, MA)	Business Education	Preferred shares, Series C	9.22%	1,728,724	3,260,465	3,289,115
Fullbridge, Inc (Cambridge, MA)	Business Education	Warrants	0.99%	186,170	—	—
CUX, Inc. (d/b/a CorpU) (San Francisco, CA)	Corporate Education	Common Stock	31.22%	615,763	2,006,077	2,483,986
CUX, Inc. (d/b/a CorpU) (San Francisco, CA)	Corporate Education	Convertible preferred shares, Series D	31.22%	169,033	778,607	775,861
CUX, Inc. (d/b/a CorpU) (San Francisco, CA)	Corporate Education	Warrants	31.22%	16,903	—	—
Global Education Learning (Holdings) Ltd. (Hong Kong)	Education Technology	Preferred shares, Series A	17.96%	1,472,175	2,999,998	3,187,140
Parchment, Inc. (Scottsdale, AZ)	E-Transcript Exchange	Preferred shares, Series D	3.43%	2,400,384	3,000,000	3,040,167
Whittle Schools, LLC (New York, NY)	Globally-focused Private School	Preferred shares, Series B	18.51%	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Dataminr, Inc. (New York, NY)	Social Media Analytics	Preferred shares, Series B	3.42%	904,977	2,063,356	2,972,849
Totus Solutions, Inc. (Carrollton, TX)	LED Lighting	Common shares	18.59%	20,000,000	5,023,748	2,586,345
Dailybreak, Inc. (Boston, MA)	Social Advertising	Preferred shares, Series A-1	15.53%	1,878,129	2,430,950	2,422,788
SharesPost, Inc. (San Bruno, CA)	Online Marketplace (Finance)	Preferred shares, Series B	4.49%	1,771,653	2,258,328	2,232,283
SharesPost, Inc. (San Bruno, CA)	Online Marketplace (Finance)	Common warrants	4.49%	770,934	23,128	138,768
Silver Spring Networks, Inc. (Redwood City, CA)	Smart Grid	Common shares	0.06%	102,028	5,145,271	2,366,472
TrueCar, Inc. (Santa Monica, CA)	Online Marketplace	Common shares	0.31%	377,358	2,014,863	2,305,338
Maven Research, Inc. (San Francisco, CA)	Knowledge Networks	Preferred shares, Series C	16.50%	318,979	1,999,998	1,828,817
Maven Research, Inc. (San Francisco, CA)	Knowledge Networks	Preferred shares, Series B	16.50%	49,505	217,206	232,971
S3 Digital Corp. (d/b/a S3i) (New York, NY)	Sports Analytics	Preferred shares, Class A1	20.36%	1,033,452	989,058	1,123,622
S3 Digital Corp. (d/b/a S3i) (New York, NY)	Sports Analytics	Preferred warrants	20.36%	500,000	31,354	—
NestGSV, Inc. (Redwood City, CA)	Incubator	Preferred shares, Series A	16.67%	1,000,000	1,021,778	1,093,866
The rSmart Group, Inc. (Scottsdale, AZ)	Higher Education Learning Platform	Preferred shares, Series B	4.71%	1,201,923	1,266,940	933,381
DreamBox Learning, Inc. (Bellevue, WA)	Education	Preferred shares, Series A	1.47%	3,579,610	758,017	828,257
AlwaysOn, Inc. (Woodside, CA)	Social Media	Preferred shares, Series A	22.93%	1,066,626	1,027,391	600,000
AlwaysOn, Inc. (Woodside, CA)	Social Media	Preferred shares, Series A-1	22.93%	3,152,417	624,783	203,011
AliphCom, Inc. (d/b/a Jawbone) (San Francisco, CA)	Smart Device Company	Common Stock	0.07%	150,000	793,152	750,000

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Name and Address of Portfolio Company	Industry	Investment	% of Class Held ⁽¹⁾	Number of Shares Held	Cost ⁽²⁾	Fair Value ⁽³⁾
SinoLending Ltd. (Shanghai, China)	Chinese P2P Lending	Preferred shares, Class A	5%	6,414,368	501,998	604,859
NestGSV Silicon Valley, LLC (Redwood City, CA)	Incubator	Common membership interest	13.33%	500,000	500,000	514,084
Ozy Media, Inc. (Mountain View, CA)	Social Media	Preferred shares, Series Seed	4.55%	500,000	500,000	513,725
Starfish Holdings, Inc. (d/b/a YourOffers) (Beverly Hills, CA)	Marketing Platform	Preferred shares, Series A	11.77%	43,878,894	2,177,461	500,000
Starfish Holdings, Inc. (d/b/a YourOffers) (Beverly Hills, CA)	Marketing Platform	Common warrants	11.77%	144,800,351	—	—
The Echo System Corp. (New York, NY)	Social Analytics	Preferred shares, Series A	17.84%	512,365	1,436,404	379,150
The Echo System Corp. (New York, NY)	Social Analytics	Preferred warrants	0%	68,359	75,988	—
NewZoom, Inc. (d/b/a ZoomSystems) (San Francisco, CA)	Smart e-tail (Retail)	Preferred shares, Series A	0.29%	1,250,000	260,476	262,500
Neuron Fuel, Inc. (San Jose, CA)	Computer Software	Preferred shares, Series AAI	1.21%	250,000	262,530	250,000
Odesk Corporation (Redwood City, CA)	Online Workplace Platform	Common Stock	0.04%	30,000	183,269	180,000

* Represents less than 1% of the class held.

(1) Information regarding percentage of class held is based on information available to us with respect to the capitalization and capital structure of the company. There can be no assurance that such information is complete or accurate.

(2) Amounts include transaction fees and costs.

(3) Fair value was determined in good faith by our Board of Directors as of March 31, 2012.

From June 30, 2013 through September 19, 2013, we closed on investments of \$4,674,997, plus transaction costs in six portfolio investments. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Recent Developments” for more information about these investments. Set forth below is a brief description of each portfolio company in which we have made an investment that represents greater than 5% of the fair value of our investment portfolio as of June 30, 2013.

Twitter, Inc.

Twitter is a social networking company. Twitter is a real-time information network that allows users to send and receive information.

Palantir Technologies, Inc.

Palantir solves critical intelligence and security issues for government agencies, banks, and large institutions.

Dropbox, Inc.

Dropbox is a provider of cloud storage that enables users to store and share files across the internet.

Violin Memory Inc.

Violin Memory provides scalable flash memory which improves the performance of memory on computers by reducing the power and space requirements in a data center.

Chegg, Inc.

Chegg is an online textbook rental company with a leading market presence in the online education industry. Chegg has built a social education learning platform that assists students by providing course planning and selection services, textbooks, study materials and homework assistance.

MANAGEMENT

Our Board of Directors oversees our management. The Board of Directors currently consists of seven members, four of whom are not “interested persons” of GSV Capital as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. We refer to these individuals as our independent directors. Our Board of Directors elects our officers, who serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The responsibilities of each director will include, among other things, the oversight of our investment activity, the quarterly valuation of our assets, and oversight of our financing arrangements. The Board of Directors has also established an audit committee, a nominating and corporate governance committee and a valuation committee, and may establish additional committees in the future.

Board of Directors and Executive Officers

Directors

Information regarding the Board of Directors is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Director Since</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Interested Directors				
Michael T. Moe	50	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors	2010	2015
Mark W. Flynn	57	Director	2011	2015
Mark D. Klein	51	Director	2011	2014
Independent Directors				
Leonard A. Potter	50	Director	2011	2016
R. David Spreng	52	Director	2011	2014
William V. Campbell	73	Director	2012	2016
Catherine J. Friedman	53	Director	2013	2016

The address for each of our directors is 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062.

Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Executive Officer Since</u>
David V. Crowder	47	Executive Vice President	2012
Stephen D. Bard	54	Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Treasurer and Corporate Secretary	2011

Biographical Information

Directors

Our directors have been divided into two groups — interested directors and independent directors. An interested director is an “interested person” as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act.

Interested Directors

Mr. Moe is an “interested person” of GSV Capital as defined in the 1940 Act due to his positions as President and Chief Executive Officer of GSV Capital and as a principal of and Chief Investment Officer for GSV Asset Management. Mr. Klein is an “interested person” of GSV Capital as defined in the 1940 Act due to his financial relationship as a consultant for GSV Asset Management. Mr. Flynn is an “interested person” of GSV Capital as defined in the 1940 Act due to his position as Co-Managing Partner of GSV Asset Management.

Michael T. Moe has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of our Board of Directors since 2010 and is primarily responsible for overall investment strategies and portfolio management. In addition, Mr. Moe has served as Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of GSV

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Asset Management since 2010. Mr. Moe previously co-founded and served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ThinkEquity Partners, an investment banking firm focusing on venture capital, entrepreneurial and emerging growth companies, from 2001 to 2008. Prior to founding ThinkEquity, Mr. Moe served as head of Global Growth Research at Merrill Lynch from 1998 to 2001, and before that served as head of Growth Research and Strategy at Montgomery Securities from 1995 to 1998. In 2006, Mr. Moe published his critically acclaimed book *Finding the Next Starbucks: How to Identify and Invest in the Hot Stocks of Tomorrow* (Penguin/Portfolio Books, 2006). Mr. Moe is currently a member of the Board of Directors of SharesPost, a private secondary market, and ePals, the world's largest K-12 social learning network. He is also a member of the advisory Board of Institutional Venture Partners (IVP). Mr. Moe earned his BA in Political Science and Economics at the University of Minnesota and is a CFA charter holder. Our Board of Directors has concluded that Mr. Moe's depth of experience in managerial positions in investment management, securities research and financial services, as well as his intimate knowledge of our business and operations, gives the Board of Directors valuable industry-specific knowledge and expertise on these and other matters, and that therefore he is qualified to serve as a member of our Board of Directors.

Mark D. Klein has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 2011. Mr. Klein also served as a director of New University Holdings Corp., ("NUH") a capital pool company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange, since its inception in 2010 through August 2011, when NUH merged with ePals, Inc., the world's largest K-12 learning network provider. In addition, from April 2010 until May 2011, Mr. Klein served as the Chief Executive Officer, President and a Director of 57th Street General Acquisition Corp, a special purpose acquisition company, until it completed a merger with Crumbs Bake Shop. Mr. Klein continues to serve as a Director of Crumbs. Between 2007 and 2009, Mr. Klein served as the Chief Executive Officer, President and a Director of Alternative Asset Management Acquisition Corporation, a special purpose acquisition company he helped form in 2007, and which completed a merger with Great American Group LLC. Mr. Klein continues to serve on the Board of Directors of Great American Group. From 2007 until 2008, Mr. Klein served as the Chief Executive Officer of Hanover Group US LLC, an indirect US subsidiary of the Hanover Group. Prior to joining Hanover in 2007, Mr. Klein served as Chairman of Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. From March 2005 to September 2006, he was Chief Executive Officer and President of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services, Inc., the parent of Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., and Chief Executive Officer of Ladenburg Thalmann Asset Management Inc., a subsidiary of Ladenburg Financial Services, Inc. Prior to joining Ladenburg Thalmann, from June 2000 to March 2005, Mr. Klein served as the Chief Executive Officer and President of NBGI Asset Management, Inc. and NBGI Securities, which were the US subsidiaries of the National Bank of Greece. Mr. Klein has been a registered representative at Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. since 2005, and a portfolio manager of the LTAM Titan Fund, a fund of funds hedge fund, since 2004. Mr. Klein is also a Managing Member and Majority Partner of M. Klein & Company, LLC, which owns the Klein Group, LLC, a registered broker dealer. Mr. Klein also maintains registration with the Klein Group, LLC as a registered representative and Principal. Mr. Klein is a graduate of the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, with a Masters of Management Degree, and also received a Bachelor's of Business Administration Degree with high distinction from Emory University. Our Board of Directors has concluded that Mr. Klein's extensive familiarity with the financial and investment banking industries and experience as a director of other publicly-traded companies provides our Board of Directors with valuable insight and perspective, and that therefore he is qualified to serve as a member of our Board of Directors.

Mark W. Flynn has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 2011 and has served as Co-Managing Partner of GSV Asset Management since 2013. Mr. Flynn has managed Trilogy Capital Partners ("Trilogy"), a Menlo Park, California based private investment firm, since its formation in 1997. Prior to forming Trilogy, Mr. Flynn worked in various capacities in the investment banking groups at Salomon Brothers and Volpe, Brown & Whelan. During his investment-banking career Mr. Flynn primarily worked with technology and health care companies. At Salomon Brothers, he was responsible for the Global Software and Internet investment banking activities. Previously Mr. Flynn worked for Arthur Young and Company in the High Technology practice. Mr. Flynn previously served as a regent at St. John's University and as Chairman of The Preserve Company. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the DAPER Fund at Stanford University as well as a number of privately held companies. He is a graduate of Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota and received an MBA from Harvard Business School. Our Board of Directors has

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concluded that Mr. Flynn’s extensive familiarity with the financial and investment management industries and experience evaluating technology-related companies provides our Board of Directors with valuable insight and perspective, and that therefore he is qualified to serve as a member of our Board of Directors.

Independent Directors

The following directors are not “interested persons” of GSV Capital, as defined in the 1940 Act.

Leonard A. Potter has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 2011. Mr. Potter is currently the President of a private family investment office. From August 2009 through August 2011, Mr. Potter served as the Chief Investment Officer of Salt Creek Hospitality, a private acquirer and owner of hospitality related assets. From December 2002 through July 2009, Mr. Potter was a Managing Director — Soros Private Equity at Soros Fund Management LLC (“SFM”) where, from May 2005 through July 2009, Mr. Potter served as co-head of the Private Equity group and a member of the Private Equity Investment Committee. From September 1998 until joining SFM in 2002, Mr. Potter was a Managing Director of Alpine Consolidated LLC, a private merchant bank, and from April 1996 through September 1998, Mr. Potter founded and served as a Managing Director of Capstone Partners LLC, a private merchant bank. Prior to founding Capstone Partners, Mr. Potter was an attorney specializing in mergers, acquisitions and corporate finance at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius and Willkie Farr & Gallagher. Mr. Potter is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Solar Senior Capital, Ltd. (“SUNS”), Solar Capital Ltd. (“SLRC”) and GSV Capital, each a business development company, and 57th Street General Acquisition Corp., the owner of Crumbs Holdings LLC (“CRMB”), and has previously served as a Board member of several other public companies. He also serves on the Boards of three private companies, including Hilton Worldwide. Mr. Potter has a B.A. from Brandeis University and a J.D. from the Fordham University School of Law. Our Board of Directors has concluded that Mr. Potter’s experience practicing as a corporate lawyer provides valuable insight to the Board of Directors on regulatory and risk management issues, and that his tenure in private equity investments and service as a director of both public and private companies provides industry-specific knowledge and expertise to our Board of Directors, and that therefore he is qualified to serve as a member of our Board of Directors.

R. David Spreng has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 2011. Mr. Spreng is the founder and has served as Managing General Partner of Crescendo Ventures, a venture capital firm, since its formation in 1998. Mr. Spreng has been active in the formation and development of nearly 50 technology companies, 17 of which have completed initial public offerings. Mr. Spreng has been a participant and a panelist at the World Economic Forum’s annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland, and is a member of the World Economic Forum’s Technology Pioneers selection committee and on the World Economic Forum’s Steering Committee for Entrepreneurship and Successful Growth Strategies. Mr. Spreng also presently sits on the Advisory Board of the Silicon Valley Executive Network, is a member of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and previously served as a member of the Board of, and Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee of, the National Venture Capital Association (NVCA). Mr. Spreng currently serves on the Board of Directors of a number of private technology-focused companies. In addition, Mr. Spreng previously served on the Board of Directors of Compellent Technologies, a publicly-traded provider of enterprise-class network solutions, from 2006 to 2011, prior to its acquisition by Dell. Mr. Spreng has previously been named as a defendant in several cases arising out of his service as a member of the Board of Directors of three public companies. Mr. Spreng is a graduate, with distinction, of the University of Minnesota. Our Board of Directors has concluded that Mr. Spreng’s extensive familiarity with the venture capital industry and experience as a director of other publicly traded companies, provides our Board of Directors with valuable insight and perspective, and that therefore he is qualified to serve as a member of our Board of Directors.

William V. Campbell has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 2012. Mr. Campbell has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Intuit Inc. since 1998 and has served on the Board of Directors of Apple Inc. since 1997. Mr. Campbell previously served as Intuit’s president and CEO from 1994 to 1998 and as CEO from 1999 until 2000. Mr. Campbell is also the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Columbia University and a director of The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame, Inc. Mr. Campbell has a bachelor’s degree in economics and a Master of Science from Columbia University. Our Board of Directors has concluded that Mr. Campbell brings extensive qualifications and acumen to the Board as a result of his executive leadership experience, including his service as a Chairman of a public company,

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along with extensive financial expertise and technological and industry experience, and that therefore he is qualified to serve as a member of our Board of Directors.

Catherine J. Friedman has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 2013. Ms. Friedman has served as an independent consultant serving public and private growth companies since 2006. Prior to that, Ms. Friedman held the position of Managing Director at Morgan Stanley from 1997 to 2006 and Head of West Coast Healthcare and Co-Head of the Biotechnology Practice at Morgan Stanley from 1993 to 2006. Ms. Friedman has served on the Board of Directors of XenoPort Inc., a publicly traded biopharmaceutical company, since 2007 and also serves on its Audit and Governance Committees. Ms. Friedman joined the Board of Enteromedics, a publicly traded medical device company in 2007 and also serves as the Chair of its Audit Committee. She has been a Board member of the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula for seven years, where she serves on the Executive and Program committees. Ms. Friedman is a member of the Board of Trustees for Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton. She has a B.A. from Harvard University and received an MBA from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business. Our Board of Directors has concluded that Ms. Friedman's experience as an independent consultant to growth companies in both private and public markets, along with her extensive experience in the financial sector, provides valuable expertise to the Board of Directors, and that therefore, she is qualified to serve as a member of our Board of Directors.

Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors

Stephen D. Bard has served as our Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Treasurer and Corporate Secretary since 2011. In addition, Mr. Bard has served as a principal and Managing Member of GSV Asset Management since 2010. Mr. Bard co-founded GSV Asset Management in 2010, and he is the firm's Chief Operating Officer. From 2001 to 2009, Mr. Bard served as Chief Operating Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of Fuller & Thaler Asset Management ("Fuller & Thaler"), an institutional investment firm. As Chief Operating Officer of Fuller & Thaler, Mr. Bard built out and managed the firm's non-investment team and infrastructure. From 1998 to 2001, Mr. Bard managed the West Coast for Fidelity Management Trust Company (now Pyramis Global Advisors). Mr. Bard has also held senior consultant and business development roles at Hewitt Associates from 1988 to 1996 and New York Life Investment Management from 1996 to 1998. Mr. Bard is currently a Board and Executive Committee member of the CFA Society of San Francisco, where he chairs the Investment Committee. Mr. Bard's other Board and committee service includes work with Purisima West Funds, Crystal Springs Uplands School, the Hillsborough Schools Foundation, The Olympic Club Investment & Endowment Committee and Blue Chip Exec. Mr. Bard earned his BS from Duke University and his MBA from the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Bard is also a CFA charter holder.

David V. Crowder has served as our Executive Vice President since 2012. Mr. Crowder has been an Advisory Board Member at GSV Asset Management since 2011, where he has focused primarily on sourcing and managing investments. Before he joined GSV Asset Management, Mr. Crowder was a General Partner of Thomas Weisel Venture Partners, which he co-founded in 2000. During that time, Mr. Crowder played a key role in raising the funds, recruiting the team, and managing the fund's investments, while also serving on the Boards of several portfolio companies. Prior to his time at Thomas Weisel Venture Partners, Mr. Crowder was a founding partner of Thomas Weisel Partners, a Senior Managing Director and head of the Software and Internet Group at Montgomery Securities, and an investment banker at Goldman, Sachs & Co. Mr. Crowder received his BA in Finance from the University of Utah and his MBA from Harvard Business School.

Board Leadership Structure

Our Board of Directors monitors and performs an oversight role with respect to the business and affairs of GSV Capital, including with respect to investment practices and performance, compliance with regulatory requirements and the services, expenses and performance of service providers to GSV Capital. Among other things, our Board of Directors approves the appointment of our investment adviser and officers, reviews and monitors the services and activities performed by our investment adviser and executive officers and approves the engagement, and reviews the performance of, our independent public accounting firm.

Under GSV Capital's bylaws, our Board of Directors may designate a Chairman to preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the stockholders and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board. We do not have a fixed policy as to whether the Chairman of the Board

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should be an independent director and believe that we should maintain the flexibility to select the Chairman and reorganize the leadership structure, from time to time, based on the criteria that is in the best interests of GSV Capital and its stockholders at such times.

Presently, Mr. Moe serves as the Chairman of our Board of Directors. Mr. Moe is an “interested person” of GSV Capital as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act because he is the President and Chief Executive Officer of GSV Capital and a principal of and the Chief Investment Officer for GSV Asset Management. Mr. Moe’s history with the GSV Asset Management, familiarity with GSV Asset Management’s investment platform, and extensive knowledge of the financial services industry and the investment valuation process in particular qualify him to serve as the Chairman of our Board of Directors. Our view is that GSV Capital is best served through this existing leadership structure, as Mr. Moe’s relationship with GSV Capital’s investment adviser provides an effective bridge and encourages an open dialogue between management and the Board of Directors, ensuring that both groups act with a common purpose.

Our Board of Directors does not currently have a designated lead independent director. We are aware of the potential conflicts that may arise when a non-independent director is Chairman of the Board, but believe these potential conflicts are offset by our strong corporate governance policies. Our corporate governance policies include regular meetings of the independent directors in executive session without the presence of interested directors and management, the establishment of audit, valuation and nominating and corporate governance committees comprised solely of independent directors and the appointment of a Chief Compliance Officer, with whom the independent directors meet regularly without the presence of interested directors and other members of management, for administering our compliance policies and procedures.

We recognize that different Board leadership structures are appropriate for companies in different situations. We intend to re-examine our corporate governance policies on an ongoing basis to ensure that they continue to meet GSV Capital’s needs.

Board’s Role In Risk Oversight

Our Board of Directors performs its risk oversight function primarily through (a) its three standing committees, which report to the entire Board of Directors and are comprised solely of independent directors, and (b) active monitoring of our chief compliance officer and our compliance policies and procedures.

As described below in more detail under “Committees of the Board of Directors,” the audit committee, nominating and corporate governance committee and valuation committee assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its risk oversight responsibilities. The audit committee’s risk oversight responsibilities include overseeing GSV Capital’s accounting and financial reporting processes, GSV Capital’s systems of internal controls regarding finance and accounting, and audits of GSV Capital’s financial statements. The nominating and corporate governance committee’s risk oversight responsibilities include selecting, researching and nominating directors for election by our stockholders, developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles and overseeing the evaluation of the Board and our management. The valuation committee’s risk oversight responsibilities include establishing guidelines and making recommendations to our Board of Directors regarding the valuation of our investments.

Our Board of Directors also performs its risk oversight responsibilities with the assistance of the Chief Compliance Officer. The Board of Directors will annually review a written report from the Chief Compliance Officer discussing the adequacy and effectiveness of the compliance policies and procedures of GSV Capital and its service providers. The Chief Compliance Officer’s annual report will address, at a minimum, (a) the operation of the compliance policies and procedures of GSV Capital and its service providers since the last report; (b) any material changes to such policies and procedures since the last report; (c) any recommendations for material changes to such policies and procedures as a result of the Chief Compliance Officer’s annual review; and (d) any compliance matter that has occurred since the date of the last report about which the Board of Directors would reasonably need to know to oversee our compliance activities and risks. In addition, the Chief Compliance Officer will meet separately in executive session with the independent directors at least once each year.

Our Board’s role in risk oversight is effective, and appropriate given the extensive regulation to which we are already subject as a business development company. As a business development company, we are required

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to comply with certain regulatory requirements that control the levels of risk in our business and operations. For example, our ability to incur indebtedness is limited such that our asset coverage must equal at least 200% immediately after each time we incur indebtedness, we generally have to invest at least 70% of our gross assets in “qualifying assets” and we are not generally permitted to invest in any portfolio company in which one of our affiliates currently has an investment.

We recognize that different Board roles in risk oversight are appropriate for companies in different situations. We intend to re-examine the manners in which the Board administers its oversight function on an ongoing basis to ensure that they continue to meet GSV Capital’s needs.

Committees of the Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors has established an Audit Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and a Valuation Committee. During 2012, our Board of Directors held four Board meetings, four Audit Committee meetings, seven Valuation Committee meetings and one Nominating and Corporate Governance Meetings. With the exception of Mr. Campbell, all directors attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of our Board of Directors and of the respective committees on which they served. We require each director to make a diligent effort to attend all Board and committee meetings, as well as each annual meeting of stockholders.

Audit Committee

The audit committee operates pursuant to a charter approved by our Board of Directors, which sets forth the responsibilities of the audit committee. The audit committee’s responsibilities include selecting the independent registered public accounting firm for GSV Capital, reviewing with such independent registered public accounting firm the planning, scope and results of their audit of GSV Capital’s financial statements, pre-approving the fees for services performed, reviewing with the independent registered public accounting firm the adequacy of internal control systems, reviewing GSV Capital’s annual financial statements and periodic filings and receiving GSV Capital’s audit reports and financial statements. The audit committee is currently composed of Ms. Friedman and Messrs. Potter, and Spreng, all of whom are considered independent under the rules of the NASDAQ Capital Market and are not “interested persons” of GSV Capital as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Ms. Friedman serves as Chair of the audit committee. Our Board of Directors has determined that Ms. Friedman is an “audit committee financial expert” as that term is defined under Item 407 of Regulation S-K, as promulgated under the Exchange Act. Ms. Friedman meets the current independence and experience requirements of Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The nominating and corporate governance committee operates pursuant to a charter approved by our Board of Directors. The members of the nominating and corporate governance committee are Ms. Friedman and Messrs. Potter and Spreng, all of whom are considered independent under the rules of the NASDAQ Capital Market and are not “interested persons” of GSV Capital as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Mr. Potter serves as Chairman of the nominating and corporate governance committee. The nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for selecting, researching and nominating directors for election by our stockholders, selecting nominees to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or a committee thereof, developing and recommending to the Board of Directors a set of corporate governance principles and overseeing the evaluation of the Board of Directors and our management. The nominating and corporate governance committee currently does not consider nominees recommended by our stockholders.

The nominating and corporate governance committee seeks candidates who possess the background, skills and expertise to make a significant contribution to the Board of Directors, GSV Capital and its stockholders. In considering possible candidates for election as a director, the nominating and corporate governance committee takes into account, in addition to such other factors as it deems relevant, the desirability of selecting directors who:

- are of high character and integrity;
- are accomplished in their respective fields, with superior credentials and recognition;

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- have relevant expertise and experience upon which to be able to offer advice and guidance to management;
- have sufficient time available to devote to the affairs of GSV Capital;
- are able to work with the other members of the Board of Directors and contribute to the success of GSV Capital;
- can represent the long-term interests of GSV Capital's stockholders as a whole; and
- are selected such that the Board of Directors represents a range of backgrounds and experience.

The nominating and corporate governance committee has not adopted a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees. In determining whether to recommend a director nominee, the nominating and corporate governance committee considers and discusses diversity, among other factors, with a view toward the needs of the Board of Directors as a whole. The nominating and corporate governance committee generally conceptualizes diversity expansively to include, without limitation, concepts such as race, gender, national origin, differences of viewpoint, professional experience, education, skill and other qualities that contribute to the Board of Directors, when identifying and recommending director nominees. The nominating and corporate governance committee believes that the inclusion of diversity as one of many factors considered in selecting director nominees is consistent with the nominating and corporate governance committee's goal of creating a Board of Directors that best serves the needs of GSV Capital and the interests of its stockholders.

Valuation Committee

The valuation committee establishes guidelines and makes recommendations to our Board of Directors regarding the valuation of our investments. The Board of Directors and valuation committee utilize the services of nationally recognized third-party valuation firms to help determine the fair value of our securities that are not publicly traded and for which there are no readily available market quotations including securities that, while listed on a private securities exchange, have not actively traded. The valuation committee is presently composed of Ms. Friedman and Messrs. Potter, and Spreng, all of whom are considered independent under the rules of the NASDAQ Capital Market and are not "interested persons" of GSV Capital as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Mr. Spreng serves as Chairman of the valuation committee.

Compensation Committee

We do not have a compensation committee and do not engage any compensation consultants because our executive officers do not receive any direct compensation from us.

Compensation of Directors

The following table sets forth compensation of the Company's directors for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash ⁽¹⁾	All Other Compensation ⁽²⁾	Total
Interested Directors			
Michael T. Moe	—	—	—
Mark D. Klein	—	—	—
Mark W. Flynn ⁽³⁾	\$ 82,500	—	\$ 82,500
Independent Directors			
Leonard A. Potter	\$ 77,500	—	\$ 77,500
R. David Spreng	\$ 77,500	—	\$ 77,500
William V. Campbell	—	—	—
Catherine J. Friedman	—	—	—

- (1) For a discussion of the independent directors' compensation, see below.
- (2) We do not maintain a stock or option plan, non-equity incentive plan or pension plan for our directors.
- (3) Mr. Flynn became an interested director, effective March 9, 2013, as a result of his new position as Co-Managing Partner of GSV Asset Management.

Our independent directors currently receive an annual fee of \$80,000. They also receive reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending each Board and committee meeting attended in person. In addition, the Chairman of the audit committee receives an annual fee of \$10,000 and each Chairman of any other committee receives an annual fee of \$5,000 for their additional services, if any, in these capacities. No compensation is paid to directors who are "interested persons" of GSV Capital, as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act.

Compensation of Executive Officers

None of our officers receives direct compensation from the Company. As a result, we do not have a compensation committee and do not engage any compensation consultants. Mr. Moe, our Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Bard, our Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Treasurer and Secretary, through their ownership interests in GSV Asset Management, LLC, our investment adviser, are entitled to a portion of any profits earned by GSV Asset Management, LLC in performing its services under the Investment Advisory Agreement, which includes any fees payable to GSV Asset Management under the terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement, less expenses incurred by GSV Asset Management in performing its services under the Investment Advisory Agreement. The compensation of our finance, compliance, operations and administrative staff is paid by our administrator, GSV Capital Service Company, under the terms of the Administration Agreement, subject to reimbursement by us of an allocable portion of such compensation for services rendered to GSV Capital. During 2012, pursuant to our Administration Agreement, we reimbursed GSV Capital Service Company approximately \$1.6 million for overhead expenses, which includes the allocable portion of compensation expenses incurred by GSV Capital Service Company on our behalf for our finance, compliance, operations and administrative staff, as well rent, the fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions for GSV Asset Management, and its allocable portion of the compensation of any administrative support staff.

Indemnification Agreements

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors. The indemnification agreements are intended to provide our directors the maximum indemnification permitted under Maryland law and the 1940 Act. Each indemnification agreement provides that GSV Capital shall indemnify the director who is a party to the agreement (an "Indemnitee"), including the advancement of legal expenses, if, by reason of his or her corporate status, the Indemnitee is, or is threatened to be, made a party to or a witness in any threatened, pending, or completed proceeding, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and the 1940 Act.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

The management of our investment portfolio is the responsibility of our investment adviser, GSV Asset Management, and its investment committee, composed of Messrs. Moe, Bard, Flynn Pampoulov and Hanson. For more information regarding the business experience of Messrs. Moe, Flynn and Bard, see “Management — Board of Directors and Executive Officers.” Biographical information for Messrs. Pampoulov and Hanson are set forth below. GSV Asset Management’s investment committee must approve each new investment that we make. Messrs. Moe, Bard, Flynn, Pampoulov and Hanson are not employed by us, and receive no compensation from us in connection with their portfolio management activities. However, Messrs. Moe, Bard, Flynn Pampoulov and Hanson, through their financial interests in GSV Asset Management, are entitled to a portion of any investment advisory fees paid by GSV Capital to GSV Asset Management.

Investment Personnel

Our investment adviser is led by Michael T. Moe, our president and chief executive officer, chairman of our Board of Directors and co-founder, chief executive officer and chief investment officer of GSV Asset Management, Stephen D. Bard, our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, treasurer and corporate secretary and co-founder and chief operating officer of GSV Asset Management, David V. Crowder, our Executive Vice President, Mark W. Flynn, our co-managing partner, Luben Pampoulov, co-founder, co-portfolio manager and managing director of GSV Asset Management and Matthew Hanson, managing director of GSV Asset Management. We consider Messrs. Moe, Bard, Flynn, Pampoulov and Hanson, who are the members of our investment adviser’s investment committee, to be our portfolio managers.

Our portfolio managers are currently providing management and advisory services to the following other entities:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Investment Focus</u>	<u>Total Assets⁽¹⁾</u>
GSV X Fund	private fund	global long/short absolute return fund	\$ 505,435

(1) Total assets are calculated as of June 30, 2013. GSV X Fund, which was launched in September 2009, currently remains in its incubation stage.

The table below shows the dollar range of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by each of our portfolio managers as of September 19, 2013.

<u>Name of Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities in GSV Capital⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾</u>
Michael T. Moe	\$ 100,000 – 500,000
Stephen D. Bard	\$ 500,001 – \$1,000,000
David V. Crowder	\$ 100,000 – 500,000
Mark W. Flynn	None
Luben Pampoulov	None
Matthew Hanson	None

(1) The dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned in us is based on a price per share of our common stock of \$13.63, the highest reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on September 19, 2013.

(2) The dollar ranges are: None, \$1 – \$10,000, \$10,001 – \$50,000, \$50,001 – \$100,000, \$100,001 – \$500,000, \$500,001 – \$1,000,000, or Over \$1,000,000.

The following information pertains to the members of GSV Asset Management’s investment team who are not executive officers or directors of GSV Capital Corp.:

Luben Pampoulov is a co-founder and has served as co-portfolio manager of GSV Asset Management since 2010. Mr. Pampoulov also co-founded GSV Media, a research firm focused on private rapidly-growing

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companies, in 2009. Prior to joining GSV Asset Management, Mr. Pampoulov served as an analyst and co-portfolio manager at ThinkEquity Partners from 2006 to 2008. Mr. Pampoulov earned his BA from UCLA in 2006.

Matthew Hanson joined GSV Asset Management as a New York-based Partner in 2012. Prior to joining GSV Asset Management, Mr. Hanson served as Head of Corporate Finance for ThinkEquity Partners, where he worked from 2005 to 2011. From 2003 to 2004, Mr. Hanson was an investment banker in the Global Corporate & Investment Banking Division at Banc of America Securities, LLC, and was a financial analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co., from 2001 to 2003. Mr. Hanson earned his BA in Economics (General Honors) from the University of Chicago in 2001. Mr. Hanson is a CFA charterholder, holds FINRA Series 24, 79, 7 and 66 licenses, and is a member of the New York Society of Securities Analysts and the Manhattan Institute Young Leaders Circle.

Compensation

None of the members of GSV Asset Management's investment team receive any direct compensation from us in connection with the management of our portfolio. Messrs. Moe, Bard, Flynn Pampoulov and Hanson, through their financial interests in GSV Asset Management, are entitled to a portion of any profits earned by GSV Asset Management, which includes any fees payable to GSV Asset Management under the terms of our Investment Advisory Agreement, less expenses incurred by GSV Asset Management in performing its services under our Investment Advisory Agreement. The compensation paid by GSV Asset Management to its other investment personnel includes: (i) annual base salary; (ii) annual cash bonus; (iii) portfolio-based performance award; and (iv) individual performance award and/or individual performance bonus.

Advisory Board to GSV Asset Management

GSV Asset Management has access to an Advisory Board that consists of investment professionals with extensive experience within the financial, investing and technology-related sectors. None of the members of the Advisory Board will be compensated by us. Set forth below are the current members of our investment adviser's Advisory Board.

Scott A. Bedford founded Peninsula Capital Management, Inc. in 1989 and serves as the firm's President, Chief Investment Officer and the lead Portfolio Manager of Peninsula Master Fund, Ltd. Prior to Peninsula, Mr. Bedford was a General Partner of Volpe Welty & Co. He also was Vice President in Institutional Sales in the investment banking department of L.F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin. Mr. Bedford has a B.S. in Finance from California State University, Chico.

Todd Bradley has been executive vice president of Personal Systems Group worldwide at Hewlett-Packard Co., since June 2005. Mr. Bradley also serves as a member of HP's Executive Council. He served as Chief Executive Officer of the Solutions Group of Palm Inc., since June 2002. Mr. Bradley served as the Chief Executive Officer of Palm, and also served as its President since April 30, 2004 and its Advisor since 2005. He served as the President and the Chief Operating Officer of the Solutions Group since May 2002. From June 2001 to May 2002, Mr. Bradley served as an Executive Vice President and the Chief Operating Officer of the Solutions Group. From September 1998 to January 2001, Mr. Bradley held several Executive positions at Gateway Corporation, serving most recently as a Senior Vice President of Consumer and Executive Vice President of global operations. From February 1997 to September 1998, he served as the President and the Chief Executive Officer of Transport International Pool, a GE Capital Services company that is a global transportation equipment leasing and rental business. From September 1993 to February 1997, Mr. Bradley was with Dun & Bradstreet, most recently serving as the President of NCH Promotional Services, a Dun & Bradstreet subsidiary. Mr. Bradley previously held various management positions within logistics, production and quality control at Federal Express Corporation and the Miller Brewing Company. He has been Director of LiveOps Inc. since January 30, 2008. He serves as Director of Challenger Capital Group, Ltd. He served as a Director of Palm since July 2002. Mr. Bradley also serves on the Advisory Boards of the Consumer Electronics Association of America and Sonic Wall Corporation. He serves as a Trustee of the American Film Institute. He is a member of the University of Maryland's Board of Visitors. Mr. Bradley holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Towson State University.

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Robert E. Grady is a managing director and partner at Cheyenne Capital Fund, L.P. He joined the firm in 2009 and has 17 years of experience in private equity. Prior to joining the firm, he was a partner and member of Management Committee of The Carlyle Group for nine years from 2000 through 2009. Mr. Grady joined Carlyle in 2000 as Global Head of Venture Capital and served as a Member of Carlyle's Management Committee. At Carlyle, Mr. Grady served as the global coordinator of venture and growth capital (which had \$5 billion in assets under management), Chairman and Fund Head of Carlyle Venture Partners I, II, and III, and on the investment committees of Carlyle Venture Partners, Carlyle Asia Growth Partners, and Carlyle Europe Technology Partners. He focused on investments in the technology and business services sectors and was based in San Francisco. Mr. Grady was the Managing Partner and Chairman of Carlyle Venture Partners. Mr. Grady is on the Board of Directors of The Carlyle Group's portfolio companies including: Secure Elements Inc, eScreen, The Health Central Network, Choice Media, Keen.com, Panasas Inc., Verari Systems Inc., USBX Inc., Viator, Inc., Eleutian Technology, Symbio, and Wall Street Institute, as well as Maxim Integrated Products. He has been a Director of The Symbio Group since 19 August, 2008. Mr. Grady serves on the Investment Committees of CVP, Carlyle Asia Growth Partners, and Carlyle Europe Technology Partners. He is the Chairman of Resources for the Future, is a Member of Advisory Board of RBC Venture Partners and Strategic Technology Fund and the National Commission on Energy Policy, and a Trustee of Environmental Defense. He is also a Director of Stifel Financial Corp. since August 3, 2010. Mr. Grady serves on the Boards of Directors of the Environmental Defense Fund, TechNet, Asia America Multi-Industry Association, the Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the Pardee RAND Graduate School. He is a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Grady was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to be a Member of Advisory Committee on Trade and Policy Negotiations and by the Administrator of NASA to be a Member of the NASA Advisory Council's Task Force on the cost and management of the International Space Station. Prior to this, he served in the White House from 1989 to 1993 as a Deputy Assistant to President George H.W. Bush and as an Executive Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Grady received a B.A. from Harvard College and an M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Marc B. Mazur is the Chairman of Elsworthy Capital Management Ltd. a London based European Equity Long/Short hedge fund. Mr. Mazur was previously the CEO of Brevan Howard U.S. Asset Management, the U.S. arm of Europe's largest hedge fund. His experience includes management positions at Salomon Brothers, Swiss Bank Corporation and Goldman Sachs, where he was responsible for businesses in the international fixed income and credit areas. Mr. Mazur has been a Senior Advisor to both Tsinghua Venture Capital Company and Think Equity Partners LLC. In 1998, Mr. Mazur was named Vice President for strategic business development at CareInsite (subsequently acquired by WebMD). He has been an advisor to leading private equity firms and serves on a number of private company Boards. He is currently a member of the Board of Fibrocell Science Inc (FCSC). He has also been an active angel and venture investor. Mr. Mazur's non-profit Board affiliations include the executive committee of the Columbia College Alumni Association, The Jed Foundation which works to prevent college suicide, East Palo Alto-based College Track which provides educational and mentoring support for economically challenged youth in the San Francisco Bay Area as well as New Orleans and Aurora, CO, and the National Association on Drug Abuse Problems.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

Management Services

GSV Asset Management serves as our investment adviser. GSV Asset Management is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act. Subject to the overall supervision of our Board of Directors, GSV Asset Management manages the day-to-day operations of, and provides investment advisory services to, GSV Capital. Under the terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement, GSV Asset Management:

- determines the composition of our portfolio, the nature and timing of the changes to our portfolio and the manner of implementing such changes;
- determines what securities we will purchase, retain or sell;
- identifies, evaluates and negotiates the structure of the investments we make; and
- closes, monitors and services the investments we make.

GSV Asset Management's services under the Investment Advisory Agreement are not exclusive, and it is free to furnish similar services to other entities so long as its services to us are not impaired. GSV Asset Management currently serves as the investment adviser for GSV X Fund, a global long/short absolute return fund. GSV Asset Management does not anticipate that it will ordinarily identify investment opportunities that are appropriate for both GSV Capital and the other funds that are currently or in the future may be managed by GSV Asset Management. However, to the extent it does identify such opportunities, GSV Asset Management will allocate such opportunities between GSV Capital and such other funds pursuant to an established procedure that is designed to ensure that such allocation is fair and equitable.

Management Fees

We pay GSV Asset Management a fee for its services under the Investment Advisory Agreement consisting of two components — a base management fee and an incentive fee. The cost of both the base management fee payable to GSV Asset Management, and any incentive fees earned by GSV Asset Management, are ultimately borne by our common stockholders.

The base management fee (the "Base Fee") is calculated at an annual rate of 2.00% of our gross assets, which is our total assets as reflected on our balance sheet (with no deduction for liabilities). For the period from the close of our initial public offering through and including December 31, 2011, the Base Fee was payable monthly in arrears, and was calculated based on the initial value of our assets upon the closing of our initial public offering. For services rendered after December 31, 2011, the Base Fee will be payable monthly in arrears, and will be calculated based on the average value of our gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters, and appropriately adjusted for any equity or debt capital raises, repurchases or redemptions during the current calendar quarter. The Base Fee for any partial month or quarter will be appropriately prorated.

The incentive fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Investment Advisory Agreement, as of the termination date), commencing on December 31, 2011, and will equal the lesser of:

- 20% of our realized capital gains during such calendar year, if any, calculated on an investment-by-investment basis, subject to a non-compounded preferred return, or "hurdle," and a "catch-up" feature, and
- 20% of our realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fees.

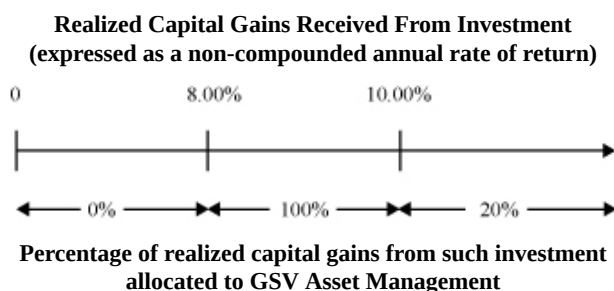
Our realized capital gains from each investment, expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since we initially acquired it, will be compared to a hurdle rate of 8.00% per year. We will only pay an incentive fee on any realized capital gains from an investment that exceeds the hurdle rate. We will pay GSV Asset Management an incentive fee with respect to our realized capital gains from each investment as follows:

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- No incentive fee will be payable on the amount of any realized capital gains from an investment that, when expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since we initially acquired it, does not exceed the hurdle rate of 8.00% per year.
- We will pay as an incentive fee 100% of the amount of any realized capital gains from an investment that, when expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since we initially acquired it, exceeds the hurdle rate of 8.00% per year but is less than a rate of 10.00% per year. We refer to this portion of our realized capital gains from each investment (which exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 10.00%) as the “catch-up.” The “catch-up” is meant to provide our investment adviser with 20% of the amount of our realized capital gains from an investment that, when expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since we initially acquired it, exceeds a rate of 10.00% per year.
- We will pay as an incentive fee 20% of the amount of any realized capital gains from an investment that, when expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since we initially acquired it, exceeds a rate of 10.00% per year.

In no event, however, will we pay an incentive fee for any calendar year that exceeds 20% of our realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of such calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fees.

The following is a graphical representation of the calculation of our incentive fee with respect to a single investment:



For accounting purposes, in order to reflect the theoretical capital gains incentive fee that would be payable for a given period as if all unrealized gains were realized, we are required to accrue a capital gains incentive fee based upon realized capital gains and losses during the current calendar year through the end of the period, plus any unrealized capital appreciation and depreciation as of the end of the period. It should be noted that a fee so calculated and accrued would not necessarily be payable under the Investment Advisory Agreement, and may never be paid based upon the computation of capital gains incentive fees in subsequent periods. Amounts paid under the Investment Advisory Agreement will be consistent with the formula reflected in the Investment Advisory Agreement.

Example: Calculation of incentive fee

Alternative 1:

Assumptions

- Hurdle rate = 8.00% non-compounded annual rate of return
- Hurdle rate = (purchase price) × (8% × (days owned/365))
- Catch-up rate = 10.00% non-compounded annual rate of return
- Catch-up rate = (purchase price) × (10% × (days owned/365))
- Year 1: \$20,000,000 investment made on March 15 in Company A (“Investment A”), and \$30,000,000 investment made on February 1 in Company B (“Investment B”)

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- Year 2: Investment A is sold on September 15 for \$25,000,000, and fair market value (“FMV”) of Investment B is determined to be \$28,000,000
- Year 3: FMV of Investment B is determined to be \$28,000,000
- Year 4: Investment B is sold on March 1 for \$38,000,000

The incentive fee would be calculated as follows:

- Year 1: None
- Year 2: Incentive fee calculation:
 - Hurdle rate for Investment A = $(\$20,000,000) \times (8\% \times (550 \text{ days}/365))$
 - Hurdle rate for Investment A = \$2,410,959
 - Catch-up rate for Investment A = $(\$20,000,000) \times (10\% \times (550 \text{ days}/365))$
 - Catch-up rate for Investment A = \$3,013,699
 - Incentive fee on Investment A = $20\% \times \$5,000,000$ (since the hurdle rate has been satisfied and the catch up has been fully achieved)
 - Incentive fee on Investment A = \$1,000,000
 - Maximum incentive fee = $20\% \times (\text{cumulative realized capital gains} - (\text{cumulative realized losses} + \text{cumulative net unrealized depreciation})) - (\text{previously paid incentive fees})$
 - Maximum incentive fee = $20\% \times (\$5,000,000 - \$2,000,000 \text{ (unrealized depreciation on Investment B)})$
 - Maximum incentive fee = $20\% \times \$3,000,000$
 - Maximum incentive fee = \$600,000
 - Incentive fee paid = \$600,000 (because the incentive fee payable on Investment A exceeds the maximum incentive fee, the maximum incentive fee applies)
- Year 3: None
- Year 4: Incentive fee calculation:
 - Hurdle rate for Investment B = $(\$30,000,000) \times (8\% \times (1,124 \text{ days}/365))$
 - Hurdle rate for Investment B = \$7,390,685
 - Catch-up rate for Investment B = $(\$30,000,000) \times (10\% \times (1,124 \text{ days}/365))$
 - Catch-up rate for Investment B = \$9,238,356
 - Incentive fee on Investment B = $100\% \times (\$8,000,000 - \$7,390,685)$ (since the hurdle rate has been satisfied, but the catch up has not been fully achieved)
 - Incentive fee on Investment B = \$609,315
 - Maximum incentive fee = $20\% \times (\text{cumulative realized capital gains} - (\text{cumulative realized losses} + \text{cumulative net unrealized depreciation})) - (\text{previously paid incentive fees})$
 - Maximum incentive fee = $(20\% \times \$13,000,000) - (\$600,000 \text{ (previously paid incentive fees)})$
 - Maximum incentive fee = \$2,000,000
 - Incentive fee paid = \$609,315 (because the incentive fee payable on Investment B does not exceed the maximum incentive fee)

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Alternative 2:

Assumptions

- Hurdle rate = 8.00% non-compounded annual rate of return
- Hurdle rate = (purchase price) \times (8% \times (days owned/365))
- Catch-up rate = 10.00% non-compounded annual rate of return
- Catch-up rate = (purchase price) \times (10% \times (days owned/365))
- Year 1: \$20 million investment made on March 15 in Company A (“Investment A”), \$30 million investment made on February 1 in Company B (“Investment B”), and \$25 million investment made on September 1 in Company C (“Investment C”)
- Year 2: Investment A is sold on September 15 for \$50 million, FMV of Investment B is determined to be \$25 million, and FMV of Investment C is determined to be \$25 million
- Year 3: FMV of Investment B is determined to be \$27 million and Investment C is sold on December 1 for \$30 million
- Year 4: FMV of Investment B is determined to be \$35 million
- Year 5: Investment B is sold on March 1 for \$20 million

The incentive fee would be calculated as follows:

- Year 1: None
- Year 2: Incentive fee calculation:
 - Hurdle rate for Investment A = $(\$20,000,000) \times (8\% \times (550 \text{ days}/365))$
 - Hurdle rate for Investment A = \$2,410,959
 - Catch-up rate for Investment A = $(\$20,000,000) \times (10\% \times (550 \text{ days}/365))$
 - Catch-up rate for Investment A = \$3,013,699
 - Incentive fee on Investment A = 20% \times \$30,000,000 (since the hurdle rate has been satisfied and the catch up has been fully achieved)
 - Incentive fee on Investment A = \$6,000,000
 - Maximum incentive fee = 20% \times (cumulative realized capital gains - (cumulative realized losses + cumulative net unrealized depreciation)) - (previously paid incentive fees)
 - Maximum incentive fee = 20% \times (\$30,000,000 - \$5,000,000 (unrealized depreciation on Investment B))
 - Maximum incentive fee = \$5,000,000
 - Incentive fee paid = \$5,000,000 (because the incentive fee payable on Investment A exceeds the maximum incentive fee, the maximum incentive fee applies)
- Year 3: Incentive fee calculation:
 - Hurdle rate for Investment C = $(\$25,000,000) \times (8\% \times (822 \text{ days}/365))$
 - Hurdle rate for Investment C = \$4,504,110
 - Catch-up rate for Investment C = $(\$25,000,000) \times (10\% \times (822 \text{ days}/365))$
 - Catch-up rate for Investment C = \$5,630,137
 - Incentive fee on Investment C = 100% \times (\$5,000,000 - \$4,504,110 (since the hurdle rate has been satisfied, but the catch up has not been fully achieved))

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- Incentive fee on Investment C = \$495,890
- Maximum incentive fee = $20\% \times (\text{cumulative realized capital gains} - (\text{cumulative realized losses} + \text{cumulative net unrealized depreciation})) - (\text{previously paid incentive fees})$
- Maximum incentive fee = $20\% \times (\$35,000,000 - \$3,000,000 (\text{unrealized depreciation on Investment B})) - (\$5,000,000 (\text{previously paid incentive fees}))$
- Maximum incentive fee = \$1,400,000
- Incentive fee paid = \$495,890 (because the incentive fee payable on Investment C does not exceed the maximum incentive fee)
- Year 4: None
- Year 5: None

We seek to deploy capital primarily in the form of non-controlling investments in our portfolio companies. Although we primarily invest through private secondary markets, to the extent we make a direct minority investment in a portfolio company, neither we, nor our investment adviser, GSV Asset Management, may have the ability to control the timing of when we realize capital gains or losses with respect to such investment. We expect the timing of such realization events to be determined by our portfolio companies in such cases. To the extent we have non-minority investments, or the securities we hold are traded on a private secondary market or public securities exchange, GSV Asset Management will have greater control over the timing of a realization event. In such cases, our Board of Directors will monitor such investments in connection with their general oversight of the investment management services provided by GSV Asset Management. In addition, as of the end of each fiscal quarter, we will evaluate whether the cumulative aggregate unrealized appreciation on our portfolio would be sufficient to require us to pay an incentive fee to our investment adviser if such unrealized appreciation were actually realized as of the end of such quarter, and if so, we will accrue an expense equal to the amount of such incentive fee. Any such accrual of incentive fees will be reflected in the calculation of our net asset value.

Payment of our Expenses

All personnel of our investment adviser when and to the extent engaged in providing investment advisory services, and the compensation and expenses of such personnel allocable to such services, are provided and paid for by GSV Asset Management. We are responsible for all other costs and expenses of our operations and transactions, including (without limitation) the cost of calculating our net asset value; the cost of effecting sales and repurchases of shares of our common stock and other securities; investment advisory fees; fees payable to third parties relating to, or associated with, making investments, including fees and expenses associated with performing due diligence reviews of prospective investments (in each case subject to approval of our Board of Directors); transfer agent and custodial fees; fees and expenses associated with marketing efforts (including attendance at investment conference and similar events); federal and state registration fees; any exchange listing fees; federal, state and local taxes; independent directors' fees and expenses; brokerage commissions; costs associated with our reporting and compliance obligations under the 1940 Act and applicable federal and state securities laws including costs of proxy statements, stockholders' reports and notices; fidelity bond, directors and officers/errors and omissions liability insurance and other insurance premiums; direct costs such as printing, mailing, long distance telephone, staff, independent audits and outside legal costs and all other expenses incurred by either GSV Capital Service Company or us in connection with administering our business, including payments under the administration agreement that will be based upon our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by GSV Capital Service Company in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including a portion of the rent and the compensation of our chief financial officer and chief compliance officer and other staff providing administrative services. All of these expenses are ultimately borne by our common stockholders.

Duration and Termination

The Investment Advisory Agreement was initially approved by our Board of Directors on March 28, 2011 and was reapproved by our Board of Directors on March 8, 2013. Unless earlier terminated as described below, the Investment Advisory Agreement will remain in effect from year to year if approved annually by

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our Board of Directors or by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities, including, in either case, approval by a majority of our directors who are not interested persons of any such party, as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. The Investment Advisory Agreement will automatically terminate in the event of its assignment. The Investment Advisory Agreement may be terminated by either party without penalty upon not more than 60 days' written notice to the other. The Investment Advisory Agreement may also be terminated, without penalty, upon the vote of a majority of our outstanding voting securities.

Indemnification

The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, GSV Asset Management and its officers, managers, partners, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from us for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of GSV Asset Management's services under the Investment Advisory Agreement or otherwise as our investment adviser.

Organization of the Investment Adviser

GSV Asset Management is a Delaware limited liability company. The principal executive offices of GSV Asset Management are located at 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062.

Board Approval of the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement

A discussion regarding the basis for our Board of director's approval of our Investment Advisory Agreement will be included in our first annual report on Form 10-K filed subsequent to any such Board approval, or incorporated by reference therein.

ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

Pursuant to a separate Administration Agreement, GSV Capital Service Company, a Delaware limited liability company, furnishes us with office facilities, together with equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at such facilities. The principal executive offices of GSV Capital Service Company are located at 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062. Under the Administration Agreement, GSV Capital Service Company also performs, or oversees the performance of, our required administrative services, which includes being responsible for the financial records which we are required to maintain and preparing reports to our stockholders and reports filed with the SEC. In addition, GSV Capital Service Company assists us in determining and publishing our net asset value, overseeing the preparation and filing of our tax returns and the printing and dissemination of reports to our stockholders, and generally overseeing the payment of our expenses and the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to us by others. Payments under the Administration Agreement are based upon our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by GSV Capital Service Company in performing its obligations under the administration agreement, including a portion of the rent and the compensation of our chief financial officer and chief compliance officer and other staff providing administrative services. While there is no limit on the total amount of expenses we may be required to reimburse to GSV Capital Service Company, our administrator will only charge us for the actual expenses it incurs on our behalf, or our allocable portion thereof, without any profit to GSV Capital Service Company. The Administration Agreement may be terminated by either party without penalty upon 60 days' written notice to the other party.

The Administration Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of their respective duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of their respective duties and obligations, GSV Capital Service Company and its officers, manager, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from us for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of GSV Capital Service Company's services under the Administration Agreement or otherwise as our administrator.

GSV Capital Service Company also provides administrative services to our investment adviser, GSV Asset Management. As a result, GSV Asset Management also reimburses GSV Capital Service Company for its allocable portion of GSV Capital Service Company's overhead, including rent, the fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions for GSV Asset Management, and its allocable portion of the compensation of any administrative support staff. We estimate that we will incur approximately \$2.4 million in aggregate expenses under our Administration Agreement during the 12 months of operations following the date of this prospectus.

LICENSE AGREEMENT

We have entered into a license agreement with GSV Asset Management pursuant to which GSV Asset Management has agreed to grant us a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name "GSV." Under this agreement, we have a right to use the GSV name for so long as the Investment Advisory Agreement with GSV Asset Management is in effect. Other than with respect to this limited license, we will have no legal right to the "GSV" name.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS

We have entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement with GSV Asset Management. GSV Asset Management is controlled by Michael T. Moe, our president, chief executive officer and chairman of our Board of Directors and Stephen D. Bard, our chief financial officer, chief compliance officer, treasurer and corporate secretary. Messrs. Moe and Bard, as principals of GSV Asset Management, collectively manage the business and internal affairs of GSV Asset Management. Mr. Klein or entities he controls may receive fees from GSV Asset Management in connection with this offering and, from time to time, subsequent thereto for non-investment advisory services he may provide. In addition, GSV Capital Service Company provides us with office facilities and administrative services pursuant to an Administration Agreement. Mr. Moe is the managing member of and controls GSV Capital Service Company. While there is no limit on the total amount of expenses we may be required to reimburse to GSV Capital Service Company, our administrator will only charge us for the actual expenses it incurs on our behalf, or our allocable portion thereof, without any profit to GSV Capital Service Company.

In April 2012, in connection with our investment in Top Hat, Inc., Cherry Tree & Associates, LLC, an investment banking firm, received a fee of approximately \$259,000 for its representation of Top Hat, Inc. Mark Moe, who is the brother of our Chief Executive Officer, Michael Moe, presently serves as a Managing Director of Cherry Tree & Associates, LLC, and may therefore be deemed to have an indirect material interest in such transaction. In February 2013, Mark Moe joined NestGSV, Inc., one of our portfolio companies, as a Vice President of Business Development, Global Expansion. Mark Moe receives no compensation from NestGSV for serving in such capacity.

In addition, our executive officers and directors, and the principals of our investment adviser, GSV Asset Management, serve or may serve as officers and directors of entities that operate in a line of business similar to our own, including new entities that may be formed in the future. Accordingly, they may have obligations to investors in those entities, the fulfillment of which might not be in the best interests of us or our stockholders. For example, GSV Asset Management currently manages GSV X Fund, a global long/short absolute return fund, and will likely manage one or more private funds in the future.

While the investment focus of each of these entities may be different from our investment objective, it is likely that new investment opportunities that meet our investment objective will come to the attention of one of these entities, or new entities that will likely be formed in the future in connection with another investment advisory client or program, and, if so, such opportunity might not be offered, or otherwise made available, to us. However, our executive officers, directors and investment adviser intend to treat us in a fair and equitable manner consistent with their applicable duties under law so that we will not be disadvantaged in relation to any other particular client. In addition, while GSV Asset Management anticipates that it will from time to time identify investment opportunities that are appropriate for both GSV Capital and the other funds that are currently or in the future may be managed by GSV Asset Management, to the extent it does identify such opportunities, GSV Asset Management has established an allocation policy to ensure that GSV Capital has priority over such other funds. Our Board of Directors will monitor on a quarterly basis any such allocation of investment opportunities between GSV Capital and any such other funds.

GSV Asset Management is the owner of the “GSV” name and marks, which we are permitted to use pursuant to a non-exclusive license agreement between us and GSV Asset Management. GSV Asset Management and its principals also use and may permit other entities to use the “GSV” name and marks in connection with businesses and activities unrelated to our operations. The use of the “GSV” name and marks in connection with businesses and activities unrelated to our operations may not be in the best interest of us or our stockholder and may result in actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

In the ordinary course of business, we may enter into transactions with portfolio companies that may be considered related party transactions. In order to ensure that we do not engage in any prohibited transactions with any persons affiliated with us, we have implemented certain written policies and procedures whereby our executive officers screen each of our transactions for any possible affiliations between the proposed portfolio investment, us, companies controlled by us and our executive officers and directors. We will not enter into any agreements unless and until we are satisfied that doing so will not raise concerns under the 1940 Act or, if

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such concerns exist, we have taken appropriate actions to seek Board review and approval or exemptive relief for such transaction. Our Board of Directors will review these procedures on an annual basis.

We have also adopted a Code of Ethics which applies to, among others, our senior officers, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as well as all of our officers, directors and employees. Our officers and directors also remain subject to the fiduciary obligations imposed by both the 1940 Act and applicable state corporate law. Our Code of Ethics requires that all employees and directors avoid any conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between an individual's personal interests and our interests. Pursuant to our Code of Ethics, each employee and director must disclose any conflicts of interest, or actions or relationships that might give rise to a conflict, to our chief compliance officer. Our Board of Directors is charged with approving any waivers under our Code of Ethics. As required by the NASDAQ corporate governance listing standards, the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors is also required to review and approve any transactions with related parties (as such term is defined in Item 404 of Regulation S-K).

Finally, we pay GSV Capital Service Company our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by GSV Capital Service Company in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including a portion of the rent and the compensation of our chief financial officer and chief compliance officer and other staff providing administrative services, which creates conflicts of interest that our Board of Directors must monitor. We estimate that we will incur approximately \$2.5 million in aggregate expenses under our Administration Agreement during the 12 months of operations following the date of this prospectus.

CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth certain ownership information as of September 19, 2013 with respect to our common stock for those persons who directly or indirectly own, control or hold with the power to vote, 5% or more of our outstanding common stock and all officers and directors, as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to the securities. Ownership information for those persons who beneficially own 5% or more of our shares of common stock, if any, is based upon Schedule 13G and Schedule 13D filings by such persons with the SEC and other information obtained from such persons, if available.

Unless otherwise indicated, the Company believes that each beneficial owner set forth in the table has sole voting and investment power and has the same address as the Company. Our address is 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Owned Beneficially ⁽¹⁾	Percentage of Class ⁽²⁾
Interested Directors		
Michael T. Moe	12,600	*
Mark D. Klein	27,667 ⁽³⁾	*
Mark W. Flynn	None	*
Independent Directors		
Leonard A. Potter	20,333	*
R. David Spreng	1,666	*
William V. Campbell	None	*
Catherine J. Friedman	None	*
Executive Officers		
Stephen D. Bard	61,536 ⁽⁴⁾	*
David Crowder	13,550 ⁽⁵⁾	*
Executive officers and directors as a group	137,352	*

* Represents less than one percent

(1) Beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(2) Based on a total of 19,320,100 shares of the Company's common stock issued and outstanding on the Record Date.

(3) Includes 1,667 shares owned by Mr. Klein's spouse, which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Klein.

(4) Includes 867 shares owned by Mr. Bard's spouse, 6,668 shares owned by Mr. Bard's daughters and 22,334 shares owned by Mr. Bard's family trust, which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Bard.

(5) Includes 50 shares owned by Mr. Crowder's son, which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Crowder.

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The following table sets forth the dollar range of our equity securities that are beneficially owned by each of our directors as of September 19, 2013.

Name of Director	Dollar Range of Equity Securities Beneficially Owned ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Interested Directors	
Michael T. Moe	Over \$100,000
Mark D. Klein	Over \$100,000
Mark W. Flynn	None
Independent Directors	
Leonard A. Potter	Over \$100,000
R. David Spreng	\$ 10,001 – \$50,000
William V. Campbell	None
Catherine J. Friedman	None

(1) Dollar ranges are as follows: None, \$1 – \$10,000, \$10,001 – \$50,000, \$50,001 – \$100,000, or Over \$100,000.

(2) The dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned in us is based on a price per share of our common stock of \$13.63, the highest reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on September 19, 2013. Beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act.

REGULATION AS A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

General

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

We may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or withdraw our election as, a business development company unless authorized by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities, as required by the 1940 Act. 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. We do not anticipate any substantial change in the nature of our business.

As with other companies regulated by the 1940 Act, a business development company must adhere to certain substantive regulatory requirements. A majority of our directors must be persons who are not interested persons, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act. Additionally, we are required to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company to protect the business development company. Furthermore, as a business development 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.

As a business development company, we are generally required to meet an asset coverage ratio, 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, of at least 200% after each issuance of senior securities. 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.

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 business development company affect our ability to, and the way in which we, raise additional capital." We may, however, sell our common stock, or warrants, options or rights to acquire our common stock, 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 business development 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.

We are subject to periodic examination by the SEC for compliance with the 1940 Act.

As a business development company, we are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. See "Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure."

Qualifying Assets

Under the 1940 Act, a business development company may not acquire any asset other than assets of the type listed in Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act, which are referred to as qualifying assets, unless, at the time the acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the business development company's gross assets. The principal categories of qualifying assets relevant to our business are the following:

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1. Securities purchased in transactions not involving any public offering from the issuer of such securities, which issuer (subject to certain limited exceptions) is an eligible portfolio company, or from any person who is, or has been during the preceding 13 months, an affiliated person of an eligible portfolio company, or from any other person, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the SEC. An eligible portfolio company is defined in the 1940 Act as any issuer which:
 - a. is organized under the laws of, and has its principal place of business in, the United States;
 - b. is not an investment company (other than a small business investment company wholly owned by the business development company) or a company that would be an investment company but for certain exclusions under the 1940 Act; and
 - c. satisfies any of the following:
 - i. does not have any class of securities that is traded on a national securities exchange;
 - ii. has a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange, but has an aggregate market value of outstanding voting and non-voting common equity of less than \$250 million;
 - iii. is controlled by a business development company or a group of companies including a business development company and the business development company has an affiliated person who is a director of the eligible portfolio company; or
 - iv. is a small and solvent company having gross assets of not more than \$4.0 million and capital and surplus of not less than \$2.0 million.
2. Securities of any eligible portfolio company which we control.
3. Securities purchased in a private transaction from a U.S. issuer that is not an investment company or from an affiliated person of the issuer, or in transactions incident thereto, if the issuer is in bankruptcy and subject to reorganization or if the issuer, immediately prior to the purchase of its securities, was unable to meet its obligations as they came due without material assistance other than conventional lending or financing arrangements.
4. Securities of an eligible portfolio company purchased from any person in a private transaction if there is no ready market for such securities and we already own 60% of the outstanding equity of the eligible portfolio company.
5. Securities received in exchange for or distributed on or with respect to securities described in 1 through 4 above, or pursuant to the exercise of warrants or rights relating to such securities.
6. Cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment.

If at any time less than 70% of our gross assets are comprised of qualifying assets, including as a result of an increase in the value of any non-qualifying assets or decrease in the value of any qualifying assets, we would generally not be permitted to acquire any additional non-qualifying assets, other than office furniture and equipment, interests in real estate and leasehold improvements and facilities maintained to conduct the business operations of the business development company, deferred organization and operating expenses, and other noninvestment assets necessary and appropriate to its operations as a business development company, until such time as 70% of our then current gross assets were comprised of qualifying assets. We would not be required, however, to dispose of any non-qualifying assets in such circumstances.

Managerial Assistance to Portfolio Companies

In addition, a business development company must have been organized and have its principal place of business in the United States and must be operated for the purpose of making investments in the types of securities described above in Qualifying Assets categories 1, 2 or 3. However, in order to count portfolio securities as qualifying assets for the purpose of the 70% test, the business development company must either control the issuer of the securities or must offer to make available to the issuer of the securities (other than small and solvent companies described above in Qualifying Assets category 1.c.iv.) significant managerial

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assistance; except that, where the business development company purchases such securities in conjunction with one or more other persons acting together, one of the other persons in the group may make available such managerial assistance. Making available managerial assistance means, among other things, any arrangement whereby the business development company, through its directors, officers or employees, offers to provide, and, if accepted, does so provide, significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company.

Temporary Investments

Pending investment in other types of “qualifying assets,” as described above, 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, so that 70% of our assets are qualifying assets. 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 multiple classes of indebtedness and one class of stock senior to our common stock if our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least equal to 200% immediately after each such issuance. 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 GSV Asset 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 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. Stephen D. Bard currently serves as our chief compliance officer.

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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 13a-14 of the Exchange 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 307 of Regulation S-K, our periodic reports must disclose our conclusions about the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures;
- pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act, our management must prepare an annual report regarding its assessment of our internal control over financial reporting and must obtain an audit of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting performed by our independent registered public accounting firm should we become an accelerated filer; and
- pursuant to Item 308 of Regulation S-K and Rule 13a-15 of the 1934 Act, 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.

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

We have delegated our proxy voting responsibility to GSV Asset Management. The Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures of GSV Asset Management are set forth below. The guidelines will be reviewed periodically by GSV Asset 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 GSV Asset 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: GSV Asset Management, 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062.

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Privacy Principles

We are committed to maintaining the privacy of our stockholders and to safeguarding their non-public personal information. The following information is provided to help you understand what personal information we collect, how we protect that information and why, in certain cases, we may share information with select other parties.

Generally, we do not receive any non-public personal information relating to our stockholders, although certain non-public personal information of our stockholders may become available to us. We do not disclose any non-public personal information about our stockholders or former stockholders to anyone, except as permitted by law or as is necessary in order to service stockholder accounts (for example, to a transfer agent or third party administrator).

We restrict access to non-public personal information about our stockholders to employees of our investment adviser and its affiliates with a legitimate business need for the information. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards designed to protect the non-public personal information of our stockholders.

Periodic Reporting and Audited Financial Statements

We have registered our common stock under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and have reporting obligations thereunder, including the requirement that we file annual and quarterly reports with the SEC. In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this prospectus contains financial statements audited and reported on by our independent registered public accounting firm. You may obtain our annual reports on Form 10-K, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and our current reports on Form 8-K on our website at <http://www.gsvcap.com> free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable after we file such reports electronically with the SEC.

NASDAQ Capital Market Requirements

We have adopted certain policies and procedures intended to comply with the NASDAQ Capital Market's corporate governance rules. We will continue to monitor our compliance with all future listing standards that are approved by the SEC and will take actions necessary to ensure that we are in compliance therewith.

DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

We determine the net asset value of our investment portfolio after the conclusion of each fiscal quarter in connection with the preparation of our annual and quarterly reports filed under the Exchange Act, or more frequently if required under the 1940 Act.

Securities that are publicly traded are generally valued at the close price on the valuation date; however, if they remain subject to lock-up restrictions, they are discounted accordingly. Securities that are not publicly traded or for which there are no readily available market quotations, including securities that trade on secondary markets for private securities, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. In connection with that determination, members of our investment adviser's portfolio management team will prepare portfolio company valuations using, where available, the most recent portfolio company financial statements and forecasts. We also engage an independent valuation firm to perform independent valuations of our investments that are not publicly traded or for which there are no readily available market quotations. We may also engage an independent valuation firm to perform independent valuations of any securities that trade on private secondary markets, but are not otherwise publicly traded, where there is a lack of appreciable trading or a wide disparity in recently reported trades.

For those securities that are not publicly traded or for which there are no readily available market quotations, our Board of Directors, with the assistance of our Valuation Committee, will use the recommended valuations as prepared by management and the independent valuation firm, respectively, as a component of the foundation for its final fair value determination. Due to the uncertainty inherent in the valuation process, such estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the values that would have resulted had others made the determination using the same or different procedures or had a readily available market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material. Additionally, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the gains or losses implied by the valuation currently assigned to such investments. For those investments that are publicly traded, we generally record unrealized appreciation or depreciation based on changes in the market value of the securities as of the valuation date. Publicly traded securities that remain subject to lock-up restrictions are discounted accordingly. For those investments that are not publicly traded and for which there are no readily available market quotations, we record unrealized depreciation if the underlying portfolio company has depreciated in value and our equity security has also depreciated in value, and record unrealized appreciation if the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and our equity security has also appreciated in value. Changes in fair value are recorded in the statement of operations as the net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

We generally determine the fair value of our investments by considering a number of factors. The following represent factors that could impact our fair value determinations:

1. Public trading of our portfolio securities, taking into consideration lock-up requirements and liquidity;
2. Active trading of our portfolio securities on a private secondary market, where we have determined that there is meaningful volume and the transactions are considered arm's length by sophisticated investors;
3. Qualified funding rounds in the companies in which we are invested, where there is meaningful and reputable information available on size, valuation and investors; and
4. Additional investments by us in current portfolio companies, where the price of the new investment differs materially from prior investments.

There is inherent subjectivity in determining the fair value of our investments. We expect that most of our portfolio investments, other than those for which market quotations are readily available and that may be sold without restriction, will be valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors, with the assistance of our valuation committee.

Determinations in Connection with Offerings

In connection with each offering of shares of our common stock, our Board of Directors or a committee thereof will be required to make the determination that we are not selling shares of our common stock at a price below the then current net asset value of our common stock at the time at which the sale is made. Our Board of Directors or a committee thereof will consider the following factors, among others, in making such determination:

- the net asset value of our common stock disclosed in the most recent periodic report we filed with the SEC;
- our management's assessment of whether any material change in the net asset value of our common stock has occurred (including through the realization of gains on the sale of our portfolio securities) from the period beginning on the date of the most recently disclosed net asset value of our common stock to the period ending two days prior to the date of the sale of our common stock; and
- the magnitude of the difference between the net asset value of our common stock disclosed in the most recent periodic report we filed with the SEC and our management's assessment of any material change in the net asset value of our common stock since the date of the most recently disclosed net asset value of our common stock, and the offering price of the shares of our common stock in the proposed offering.

Importantly, this determination will not require that we calculate the net asset value of our common stock in connection with each offering of shares of our common stock, but instead it will involve the determination by our Board of Directors or a committee thereof that we are not selling shares of our common stock at a price below the then current net asset value of our common stock at the time at which the sale is made.

Moreover, to the extent that there is even a remote possibility that we may (1) issue shares of our common stock at a price below the then current net asset value of our common stock at the time at which the sale is made or (2) trigger the undertaking (which we provided to the SEC in the registration statement to which this prospectus is a part) to suspend the offering of shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus if the net asset value of our common stock fluctuates by certain amounts in certain circumstances until the prospectus is amended, our Board of Directors will elect, in the case of clause (1) above, either to postpone the offering until such time that there is no longer the possibility of the occurrence of such event or to undertake to determine the net asset value of our common stock within two days prior to any such sale to ensure that such sale will not be below our then current net asset value, and, in the case of clause (2) above, to comply with such undertaking or to undertake to determine the net asset value of our common stock to ensure that such undertaking has not been triggered.

These processes and procedures are part of our compliance policies and procedures. Records will be made contemporaneously with all determinations described in this section and these records will be maintained with other records we are required to maintain under the 1940 Act.

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan, through which all dividends are paid to stockholders in the form of additional shares of our common stock, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash as provided below. In this way, a stockholder can maintain an undiluted investment in us and still allow us to pay out the required distributable income.

No action is required on the part of a registered stockholder to receive a distribution in shares of our common stock. A registered stockholder may elect to receive an entire distribution in cash by notifying American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, the plan administrator and our transfer agent and registrar, in writing so that such notice is received by the plan administrator no later than 10 days prior to the record date for distributions to stockholders. The plan administrator will set up an account for shares acquired through the plan for each stockholder who has not elected to receive distributions in cash and hold such shares in non-certificated form. Upon request by a participant, received in writing not less than 10 days prior to the record date, the plan administrator will, instead of crediting shares to the participant's account, issue a certificate registered in the participant's name for the number of whole shares of our common stock and a check for any fractional share.

Those stockholders whose shares are held by a broker or other financial intermediary may receive distributions in cash by notifying their broker or other financial intermediary of their election.

We use only newly-issued shares to implement the plan, whether our shares are trading at a premium or at a discount to net asset value. The number of shares to be issued to a stockholder is determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the distribution payable to such stockholder by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of regular trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market on the valuation date for such distribution. Market price per share on that date will be the closing price for such shares on the NASDAQ Capital Market or, if no sale is reported for such day, at the average of their electronically-reported bid and asked prices. The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after giving effect to payment of the distribution cannot be established until the value per share at which additional shares will be issued has been determined and elections of our stockholders have been tabulated.

There is no charge to stockholders for receiving their distributions in the form of additional shares of our common stock. The plan administrator's fees for handling distributions in stock are paid by us. There are no brokerage charges with respect to shares we have issued directly as a result of distributions payable in stock. If a participant elects by written or telephonic notice to the plan administrator to have the plan administrator sell part or all of the shares held by the plan administrator in the participant's account and remit the proceeds to the participant, the plan administrator is authorized to deduct a \$15 transaction fee plus brokerage commissions from the proceeds.

Stockholders who receive distributions in the form of stock are subject to the same federal, state and local tax consequences as are stockholders who elect to receive their distributions in cash. A stockholder's basis for determining gain or loss upon the sale of stock received in a distribution from us will be equal to the total dollar amount of the distribution payable to the stockholder. As a result, if you do not elect to opt out of the dividend reinvestment plan, you will be required to pay applicable federal, state and local taxes on any reinvested dividends even though you will not receive a corresponding cash distribution. In addition, reinvested dividends have the effect of increasing our gross assets, which may correspondingly increase the management fee payable to our investment adviser.

The plan may be terminated by us upon notice in writing mailed to each participant at least 30 days prior to any record date for the payment of any dividend or distribution by us. All correspondence concerning the plan should be directed to the plan administrator by mail at 59 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038 or by phone at (800) 937-5449.

MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion is a general summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to our qualification and taxation as a regulated investment company “RIC” under subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our common stock. This summary does not purport to be a complete description of the income tax considerations applicable to such an investment. For example, we have not described all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to certain types of holders subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws, including stockholders subject to the alternative minimum tax, tax-exempt organizations, insurance companies, dealers in securities, traders in securities that elect to use a market-to-market method of accounting for their securities holdings, pension plans and trusts, and financial institutions. This summary is limited to beneficial owners of our common stock that will hold such common stock as capital assets (within the meaning of the Code). The discussion is based upon the Code, Treasury regulations, and administrative and judicial interpretations, each as of the date of this prospectus and all of which are subject to change, possibly retroactively, which could affect the continuing validity of this discussion. We have not sought and will not seek any ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) regarding the offering of the common stock. This summary does not discuss any aspects of U.S. estate or gift tax or foreign, state or local tax. It does not discuss the special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws that could result if we invested in tax-exempt securities or certain other investment assets.

Tax matters are complicated and the tax consequences to an investor of an investment in our common stock will depend on the facts of his, her or its particular situation. We encourage investors to consult their own tax advisers 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.

This summary does not discuss the consequences of an investment in our preferred stock, subscription rights to purchase shares of our common stock, debt securities or warrants representing rights to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities. The U.S. federal income tax consequences of such an investment will be discussed in the relevant prospectus supplement.

If a partnership (including an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds the shares of our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner, the activities of the partnership and certain determinations made at the partner level. Investors treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes (or investors that are partners in such a partnership), are encouraged to consult with their own tax advisers with respect to the tax consequences relating to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our common stock.

A “U.S. stockholder” generally is a beneficial owner of common stock who is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- a corporation created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- a citizen or individual resident of the United States;
- a trust, if a court within the United States has primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions, or if the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person; or
- an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

As used herein, the term “Non-U.S. stockholder” means a beneficial owner of common stock that is not a U.S. stockholder or a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A “Non-U.S. stockholder” does not include an individual present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of disposition of the common stock. Such a stockholder is encouraged to consult his or her own tax advisor regarding U.S. federal income tax consequences of the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of the common stock.

Taxation of the Company

Election to Be Taxed as RIC

We were taxed as a regular corporation (a “C corporation”) under subchapter C of the Code, for our 2012 taxable year.

Beginning with our 2013 taxable year, we may elect to be treated as a regulated investment company (“RIC”) under subchapter M of the Code, if management determines that it is in our best interests to do so and we are able to satisfy the requirements under subchapter M of the Code. If we are not certified by the SEC as “principally engaged in the furnishing of capital to other corporations which are principally engaged in the development or exploitation of inventions, technological improvements, new processes, or products not previously generally available” (an “SEC Certification”) for our 2013 taxable year, in which case certain of the asset diversification requirements will be modified as described below, we will not be eligible to elect to be treated as a RIC for our 2013 taxable year. We currently intend to apply for an SEC Certification for our 2013 taxable year, but no assurance can be given that we will receive an SEC Certification or that we will otherwise qualify as a RIC for our 2013 taxable year.

To qualify as a RIC, we must, among other things, meet certain source-of-income and asset diversification requirements (as described below). In addition, in order to qualify for the special treatment accorded to RICs, we are required to distribute to our stockholders on a timely basis each year at least 90% of “investment company taxable income,” which is generally our net ordinary income plus the excess of realized net short-term capital gains over realized net long-term capital losses (the “Annual Distribution Requirement”), and to meet certain asset diversification requirements on a quarterly basis. Although it is currently our intention to do so, at the present time, we cannot assure you whether we will elect to be treated as a RIC for our 2013 taxable year. If we opt not to do so or are unable to qualify, we will continue to be taxed as a C corporation under the Code for our 2013 taxable year.

Taxation of the Company as a RIC

If we:

- qualify as a RIC; and
- satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement,

then the following rules will apply to us. We will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of our income we distribute (or are deemed to distribute) to stockholders. We will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the regular corporate rates on any income, including capital gains not distributed (or deemed distributed) to our stockholders.

We will be subject to a 4% nondeductible U.S. federal excise tax on certain undistributed income unless we distribute in a timely manner an amount at least equal to the sum of (1) 98% of our net ordinary income for each calendar year, (2) 98.2% of our capital gains in excess of capital losses for the one-year period ending October 31 in that calendar year and (3) any ordinary income and net capital gains for preceding years that were not distributed during such years (the “Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement”). We generally will endeavor in each year to make sufficient distributions to our stockholders to avoid any U.S. federal excise tax on our earnings.

In order to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes, we must, among other things:

- have in effect an election to be treated as a business development company under the 1940 Act at all times during each taxable year;
- derive in each taxable year at least 90% of our gross income from dividends, interest, payments with respect to loans of certain securities, gains from the sale of stock or other securities or foreign currencies, other income derived with respect to our business of investing in such stock or securities and net income from “qualified publicly traded partnerships” (the “90% Income Test”); and

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- diversify our holdings so that at the end of each quarter of the taxable year:
 - at least 50% of the value of our assets consists of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. Government securities, securities of other RICs, and other securities if such other securities of any one issuer do not represent more than 5% of the value of our assets or more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer (the “50% Diversification Test”); and
 - no more than 25% of the value of our assets is invested in the securities, other than U.S. Government securities or securities of other RICs, of one issuer, of two or more issuers that are controlled, as determined under applicable Code rules, by us and that are engaged in the same or similar or related trades or businesses, or of “qualified publicly traded partnerships” (the “25% Diversification Test,” and together with the 50% Diversification Test, the “Diversification Tests”).

Provided that we satisfy the Diversification Tests as of the close of any quarter, we will not fail the Diversification Tests as of the close of a subsequent quarter as a consequence of a discrepancy between the value of our assets and the requirements of the Diversification Tests that is attributable solely to fluctuations in the value of our assets. Rather, we will fail the Diversification Tests as of the end of a subsequent quarter only if such a discrepancy existed immediately after our acquisition of any asset and such discrepancy is wholly or partly the result of that acquisition. In addition, if we fail the Diversification Tests as of the end of any quarter, we will not lose our status as a RIC if we eliminate the discrepancy within thirty days of the end of such quarter and, if we eliminate the discrepancy within that thirty-day period, we will be treated as having satisfied the Diversification Tests as of the end of such quarter for purposes of applying the rule described in the preceding sentence.

An alternative 50% Diversification Test applies to certain RICs that obtain SEC Certification for the applicable taxable year. Such SEC Certification may not be received earlier than 60 days prior to the close of the taxable year to which it applies. If a RIC has received this certification, then, for purposes of the 50% Diversification Test, securities of an issuer will be treated as good investments as long as the RIC’s basis in the securities of such issuer did not exceed 5% of the RIC’s total assets when acquired whether or not the RIC owns more than 10% of the voting securities of such issuer. This alternative test does not apply to the securities of any issuer if the RIC has continuously held securities of the issuer for 10 or more years preceding the applicable quarter end. The 25% Diversification Test is not affected by this alternative 50% Diversification Test. We currently intend to apply for SEC Certification for our 2013 taxable year. We can provide no assurance that we will receive such certification. If we fail to receive this certification, we will not be eligible to make an election to be treated as a RIC for our 2013 taxable year.

We may be required to recognize taxable income in circumstances in which we do not receive cash. For example, if we hold debt obligations that are treated under applicable tax rules as having original issue discount (which may arise if we receive warrants in connection with the origination of a loan or if we receive contractual payment-in-kind, or PIK, interest (which represents contractual interest added to the loan balance and due at the end of the loan term) or possibly in other circumstances), we must include in income each year a portion of the original issue discount that accrues over the life of the obligation, regardless of whether we receive cash representing such income in the same taxable year. We may also have to include in income other amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as dividends and deferred loan origination fees that are paid after origination of the loan or are paid in non-cash compensation such as warrants or stock. Because any original issue discount or other amounts accrued will be included in our investment company taxable income for the year of accrual, we may be required to make a distribution to our stockholders in order to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement and the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement, even though we will not have received any corresponding cash amount.

We will be subject to certain asset coverage ratio requirements under the 1940 Act and financial covenants under loan and credit agreements that could, under certain circumstances, restrict us from making distributions necessary to satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement. See “Regulation as a Business Development Company — Senior Securities.” Moreover, our ability to dispose of assets to meet our distribution requirements may be limited by (1) the illiquid nature of our portfolio and/or (2) other requirements relating to our status as a RIC, including the Diversification Tests. If we dispose of assets in

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order to meet the Annual Distribution Requirement or the Excise Tax Avoidance Requirement, we may make such dispositions at times that, from an investment standpoint, are not advantageous.

Certain of our investment practices may be subject to special and complex U.S. federal income tax provisions that may, among other things: (i) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions; (ii) convert lower-taxed long-term capital gain into higher-taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income; (iii) convert an ordinary loss or a deduction into a capital loss (the deductibility of which is more limited); (iv) cause us to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash; (v) adversely affect the time as to when a purchase or sale of securities is deemed to occur; (vi) adversely alter the characterization of certain complex financial transactions; and (vii) produce income that will not be qualifying income for purposes of the 90% Income Test described above. We will monitor our transactions and may make certain tax elections in order to mitigate the potential adverse effect of these provisions.

Gain or loss that we realize from the sale or exchange of warrants acquired by us, as well as any loss attributable to the lapse of such warrants, generally will be treated as capital gain or loss. The treatment of such gain or loss as long-term or short-term will depend on how long we held a particular warrant. Upon the exercise of a warrant acquired by us, our tax basis in the stock purchased under the warrant will equal the sum of the amount paid for the warrant plus the strike price paid on the exercise of the warrant.

The remainder of this discussion assumes that we will qualify as a RIC and satisfy the Annual Distribution Requirement for the 2013 taxable year and each future taxable year.

Taxation of U.S. Stockholders

Distributions by us generally are taxable to U.S. stockholders as ordinary income or capital gains. Distributions of our “investment company taxable income” (which is, generally, our net ordinary income plus realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses) will be taxable as ordinary income to U.S. stockholders to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional common stock. To the extent such distributions paid by us to non-corporate U.S. stockholders (including individuals) are attributable to dividends from U.S. corporations and certain qualified foreign corporations, such distributions (“Qualifying Dividends”) may be eligible for a maximum tax rate of 20%. In this regard, it is anticipated that distributions paid by us generally will not be attributable to dividends and, therefore, generally will not qualify for the 20% maximum rate applicable to Qualifying Dividends. Distributions of our net capital gains (which are generally our realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses) properly reported by us as “capital gain dividends” will be taxable to a U.S. stockholder as long-term capital gains which are currently taxable at a maximum rate of 20% in the case of individuals or estates, regardless of the U.S. stockholder’s holding period for his, her or its common stock and regardless of whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional common stock. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits first will reduce a U.S. stockholder’s adjusted tax basis in such U.S. stockholder’s common stock and, after the adjusted basis is reduced to zero, will constitute capital gains to such U.S. stockholder.

Under the dividend reinvestment plan, our U.S. stockholders who have not “opted out” of our dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash distributions automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, rather than receiving the cash distributions. Any distributions reinvested under the plan will nevertheless be treated as received by the U.S. stockholders for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A U.S. stockholder will have an adjusted basis in the additional common stock purchased through the plan equal to the amount of the reinvested distribution. The additional shares will have a new holding period commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the U.S. stockholder’s account.

We may retain some or all of our realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses, but designate the retained net capital gain as a “deemed distribution.” In that case, among other consequences, we will pay tax on the retained amount, each U.S. stockholder will be required to include his, her or its share of the deemed distribution in income as if it had been actually distributed to the U.S. stockholder, and the U.S. stockholder will be entitled to claim a credit equal to his, her or its allocable share of the tax paid thereon by us. Because we expect to pay tax on any retained capital gains at our regular corporate tax rate, and because that rate is in excess of the maximum rate currently payable by non-corporate taxpayers on long-term capital gains, the amount of tax that individual U.S. stockholders will be treated as

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having paid will exceed the tax they owe on the capital gain distribution and such excess generally may be refunded or claimed as a credit against the U.S. stockholder's other U.S. federal income tax obligations. The amount of the deemed distribution net of such tax will be added to the U.S. stockholder's tax basis for his, her or its common stock. In order to utilize the deemed distribution approach, we must provide written notice to our U.S. stockholders within 60 days after the close of the relevant taxable year. We cannot treat any of our investment company taxable income as a "deemed distribution."

In accordance with certain applicable Treasury regulations and private letter rulings issued by the Internal Revenue Service, a RIC may treat a distribution of its own stock as fulfilling its RIC distribution requirements if each stockholder may elect to receive his or her entire distribution in either cash or stock of the RIC, subject to a limitation that the aggregate amount of cash to be distributed to all stockholders must be at least 20% of the aggregate declared distribution. If too many stockholders elect to receive cash, each stockholder electing to receive cash must receive a pro rata amount of cash (with the balance of the distribution paid in stock). In no event will any stockholder, electing to receive cash, receive less than 20% of his or her entire distribution in cash. If these and certain other requirements are met, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the amount of the dividend paid in stock will be equal to the amount of cash that could have been received instead of stock. We have no current intention of paying dividends in shares of our stock in accordance with these Treasury regulations or private letter rulings.

As a RIC, we are required to apportion any items that are treated differently for alternative minimum tax ("AMT") purposes between us and our U.S. stockholders, and such apportionment may affect our U.S. stockholders' AMT liabilities. Although regulations explaining the precise method of apportionment have not yet been issued by the IRS, we intend in general to apportion these items in the same proportion that dividends paid to each U.S. stockholder bear to our taxable income (determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction we are entitled to claim), unless we determine that a different method for a particular item is warranted under the circumstances.

For purposes of determining (1) whether the Annual Distribution Requirement is satisfied for any year and (2) the amount of capital gain dividends paid for that year, we may, under certain circumstances, elect to treat a dividend that is paid during the following taxable year as if it had been paid during the taxable year in question. If we make such an election, the U.S. stockholder will nonetheless be treated as receiving the dividend in the taxable year in which the distribution is made. However, any dividend declared by us in October, November or December of any calendar year, payable to stockholders of record on a specified date in such a month and actually paid during January of the following year, will be treated as if it had been received by our U.S. stockholders on December 31 of the year in which the dividend was declared.

If an investor purchases shares of our common stock shortly before the record date of a distribution, the price of the shares will include the value of the distribution and the investor will be subject to tax on the distribution even though economically it may represent a return of his, her or its investment.

A U.S. stockholder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss if the U.S. stockholder sells or otherwise disposes of his, her or its shares of our common stock. The amount of gain or loss will be measured by the difference between such U.S. stockholder's adjusted tax basis in the common stock sold and the amount of the proceeds received in exchange. Any gain or loss arising from such sale or disposition generally will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. stockholder has held his, her or its shares for more than one year. Otherwise, it will be classified as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any capital loss arising from the sale or disposition of shares of our common stock held for six months or less will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of the amount of capital gain dividends received, or undistributed capital gain deemed received, with respect to such shares. In addition, all or a portion of any loss recognized by a U.S. stockholder upon a disposition of shares of our common stock will generally be disallowed if the U.S. stockholder purchases other shares of our common stock (whether through reinvestment of distributions or otherwise) within 30 days before or after the disposition.

The maximum federal income tax rate on long-term capital gains for non-corporate taxpayers is 20%. In addition, individuals with income in excess of \$200,000 (\$250,000 in the case of married individuals filing jointly) and certain estates and trusts are subject to an additional 3.8% tax on their "net investment income," which generally includes net income from interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, and rents, and net capital

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gains (other than certain amounts earned from trades or businesses). Corporate U.S. stockholders currently are subject to federal income tax on net capital gain at the maximum 35% rate also applied to ordinary income. Non-corporate U.S. stockholders with net capital losses for a year (i.e., capital losses in excess of capital gains) generally may deduct up to \$3,000 of such losses against their ordinary income that year; any net capital losses of a non-corporate U.S. stockholder in excess of \$3,000 generally may be carried forward and used in subsequent years as provided in the Code. Corporate U.S. stockholders generally may not deduct any net capital losses for a year, but may carry back such losses for three years or carry forward such losses for five years.

We or the applicable withholding agent will send to each of our U.S. stockholders, as promptly as possible after the end of each calendar year, a notice detailing the amounts includible in such U.S. stockholder's taxable income for such year as ordinary income, Qualifying Dividends and as long-term capital gain. In addition, the federal tax status of each year's distributions generally will be reported to the IRS. Distributions may also be subject to additional state, local and foreign taxes depending on a U.S. stockholder's particular situation.

Failure to Qualify as a RIC

If we were unable to qualify for treatment as a RIC, we would continue to be subject to U.S. federal income tax on all of our taxable income at regular corporate rates, regardless of whether we made any distributions to our stockholders. We would, however, be eligible to offset our net capital gains, if any, by any ordinary losses, including potential any net operating loss carryovers. Distributions would not be required, and any distributions would be taxable to our stockholders as ordinary dividend income to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits. Any such dividend paid to a non-corporate U.S. stockholder would be eligible for the reduced maximum rates of tax applicable to qualified dividends provided that certain holding periods and other requirements were met. Subject to certain holding period requirements and other limitations under the Code, corporate U.S. stockholders would be eligible for the dividends-received deduction with respect to such dividends. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits would be treated first as a return of capital to the extent of the stockholder's tax basis, and any remaining distributions would be treated as a capital gain. To qualify as a RIC in a subsequent taxable year, we would be required to satisfy the RIC qualification requirements for that year and dispose of any earnings and profits from any year in which we failed to qualify as a RIC. Subject to a limited exception applicable to RICs that qualified as such under Subchapter M of the Code for at least one year prior to disqualification and that requalify as a RIC no later than the second year following the non-qualifying year, we could be subject to tax on any unrealized net built-in gains in the assets held by us during the period in which we failed to qualify as a RIC that were recognized within the subsequent 10 years (or shorter applicable period), unless we made a special election to pay corporate-level tax on such built-in gain at the time of our requalification as a RIC. If we have previously qualified as a RIC but subsequently fail to satisfy the 90% Income Test or the Diversification Test described above, we may be able to avoid losing our status as a RIC by timely providing notice of such failure to the IRS, curing such failure and possibly paying an additional tax.

Taxation of Non-U.S. Stockholders

Whether an investment in the shares is appropriate for a Non-U.S. stockholder will depend upon that person's particular circumstances. An investment in the shares by a Non-U.S. stockholder may have adverse tax consequences. Non-U.S. stockholders should consult their tax advisers before investing in our common stock.

Distributions of our "investment company taxable income" to Non-U.S. stockholders (including interest income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized long-term capital losses, which generally would be free of withholding if paid to Non-U.S. stockholders directly) will be subject to withholding of federal tax at a 30% rate (or lower rate provided by an applicable treaty) to the extent such distributions do not exceed our current and accumulated earnings and profits unless an applicable exception applies. If the distributions are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. stockholder (and, if a treaty applies, are attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment of the Non-U.S. stockholder), we will not be required to withhold U.S. federal tax if the Non-U.S. stockholder complies with applicable certification and disclosure requirements, although the distributions will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the rates

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applicable to U.S. persons. Special certification requirements apply to a Non-U.S. stockholder that is a foreign partnership or a foreign trust, and such entities are urged to consult their own tax advisers.

For taxable years of RICs beginning before January 1, 2014, U.S. source withholding taxes are not imposed on dividends paid by RICs to the extent the dividends are reported as “interest-related dividends” or “short-term capital gain dividends.” Interest-related dividends and short-term capital gain dividends generally represented distributions of interest or short-term capital gains that would not have been subject to U.S. withholding tax at the source if they had been received directly by a foreign person, and that satisfied certain other requirements. NO assurance can be given as to whether this extension of the exemption will be extended for taxable years after 2013. In addition, no assurance can be given whether any of our distributions will be reported as eligible for this exemption from withholding tax (if extended).

Actual or deemed distributions of our net capital gains to a Non-U.S. stockholder, and gains realized by a Non-U.S. stockholder upon the sale or redemption of our common stock, will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless the distributions or gains, as the case may be, are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. stockholder (and, if an income tax treaty applies, are attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. stockholder in the United States) or, in the case of an individual, the Non-U.S. stockholder was present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year and certain other conditions are met.

If we distribute our net capital gains in the form of deemed rather than actual distributions, a Non-U.S. stockholder will be entitled to a U.S. federal income tax credit or tax refund equal to the allocable share of the corporate-level tax we pay on the capital gains deemed to have been distributed; however, in order to obtain the refund, the Non-U.S. stockholder must obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number and file a U.S. federal income tax return even if the Non-U.S. stockholder would not otherwise be required to obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number or file a U.S. federal income tax return.

If any actual or deemed distributions of our net capital gains, or any gains realized upon the sale or redemption of our common stock, are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. stockholder (and, if an income tax treaty applies, are attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. stockholder), such amounts will be subject to U.S. income tax, on a net income basis, in the same manner, and at the graduated rates applicable to, a U.S. stockholder. For a corporate Non-U.S. stockholder, the after-tax amount of distributions (both actual and deemed) and gains realized upon the sale or redemption of our common stock that are effectively connected to a U.S. trade or business (and, if a treaty applies, are attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment), may, under certain circumstances, be subject to an additional “branch profits tax” at a 30% rate (or at a lower rate if provided for by an applicable treaty).

Under the dividend reinvestment plan, our stockholders who have not “opted out” of our dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash distributions automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, rather than receiving the cash distributions. If the distribution is a distribution of our investment company taxable income, is not properly reported by us as a short-term capital gains dividend or interest-related dividend (assuming an extension of the exemption discussed above), and is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. stockholder (or if a treaty applies, is not attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment), the amount distributed (to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits) will be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax at a 30% rate (or lower rate provided by an applicable treaty) and only the net after-tax amount will be reinvested in our common stock. If the distribution is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. stockholder (and, if a treaty applies, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment), generally the full amount of the distribution will be reinvested in the plan and will nevertheless be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the ordinary income rates applicable to U.S. persons. The Non-U.S. stockholder will have an adjusted basis in the additional common stock purchased through the plan equal to the amount reinvested. The additional shares will have a new holding period commencing on the day following the day on which the shares are credited to the Non-U.S. stockholder’s account.

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Non-U.S. persons should consult their own tax advisers with respect to the U.S. federal income tax and withholding tax, and state, local and foreign tax consequences of an investment in the shares.

If we were unable to qualify for treatment as a RIC, any distributions by us would be treated as dividends to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits. We would not be eligible to report any such dividends as interest-related dividends, short-term capital gain dividends, or capital gain dividends. As a result, any such dividend paid to a Non-U.S. stockholder that is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. stockholder (and, if an income tax treaty applies, attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. stockholder in the United States) would be subject to the 30% (or reduced applicable treaty rate) withholding tax discussed above regardless of the source of the income giving rise to such distribution. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits would be treated first as a return of capital to the extent of the Non-U.S. stockholder's tax basis, and any remaining distributions would be treated as a gain from the sale of the Non-U.S. stockholder's shares subject to taxation as discussed above. For the consequences to the Company for failing to qualify as a RIC, see "Failure to Qualify as a RIC" above.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

U.S. stockholders. Information returns are required to be filed with the IRS in connection with dividends on the common stock and proceeds received from a sale or other disposition of the common stock to a U.S. stockholder unless the U.S. stockholder is an exempt recipient. U.S. stockholders may also be subject to backup withholding on these payments in respect of the common stock unless such U.S. stockholder provides its taxpayer identification number and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules or provides proof of an applicable exemption.

Non-U.S. stockholders. Information returns are required to be filed with the IRS in connection with payment of dividends on the common stock to Non-U.S. stockholders. Unless a Non-U.S. stockholder complies with certification procedures to establish that it is not a United States person, information returns may also be filed with the IRS in connection with the proceeds from a sale or other disposition of the common stock. A Non-U.S. stockholder may be subject to backup withholding on these payments unless it complies with certification procedures to establish that it is not a United States person or otherwise establishes an exemption. The certification procedures required to claim the exemption from withholding tax on interest described above under "Taxation of Non-U.S. Stockholders" will satisfy the certification requirements necessary to avoid backup withholding as well.

Amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules are not additional taxes and may be refunded or credited against a U.S. stockholder's or Non-U.S. stockholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

FATCA

Provisions commonly referred to as "FATCA" impose withholding of 30% on payments of interest or dividends on (as proposed, on or after July 1, 2014), and sales or redemption proceeds from dispositions of (beginning in 2017), U.S. common stock to "foreign financial institutions" (which is broadly defined for this purpose and in general includes investment vehicles) and certain other non-U.S. entities unless various U.S. information reporting and due diligence requirements (generally relating to ownership by U.S. persons of certain interests in or accounts with those entities) have been satisfied or an exemption applies. No withholding will be required with respect to debt securities outstanding on July 1, 2014 unless they are "significantly modified" on or after such date. If any withholding is imposed, a beneficial owner that is not a foreign financial institution generally will be entitled to a refund of any amounts withheld by filing a U.S. federal income tax return, which may entail significant administrative burden. Non-U.S. stockholders should consult their tax advisors regarding the implications of FATCA on any shares of common stock they receive.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR SECURITIES

This prospectus contains a summary of the common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, warrants and debt securities that may be offered hereunder. These summaries are not meant to be a complete description of each security. However, this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement will contain the material terms and conditions for each security.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK

This prospectus contains a summary of our capital stock and is not meant to be a complete description. However, this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement will contain the material terms and conditions for each security sold thereunder. The following description is based on relevant portions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and on our charter and bylaws.

Stock

The authorized stock of GSV Capital as of September 19, 2013 consists of 100,000,000 shares of stock, par value \$0.01 per share, all of which are initially designated as common stock. Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the ticker symbol "GSVC." There are no outstanding options or warrants to purchase our stock. No stock has been authorized for issuance under any equity compensation plans. Under Maryland law, our stockholders generally are not personally liable for our debts or obligations.

The following are our outstanding classes of securities as of September 19, 2013:

Title of Class	Amount Authorized	Amount Held by Us or for Our Account	Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Amounts Shown Under (3)
Common stock	100,000,000	—	19,320,100

Under our charter our Board of Directors is authorized to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of stock into other classes or series of stock without obtaining stockholder approval. As permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law, our charter provides that the Board of Directors, without any action by our stockholders, may amend the charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue.

Common Stock

All shares of our common stock have equal rights as to earnings, assets, voting, and dividends and, when they are issued, will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Distributions may be paid to the holders of our common stock if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us out of assets legally available therefor. Shares of our common stock have no preemptive, conversion or redemption rights and are freely transferable, except where their transfer is restricted by federal and state securities laws or by contract. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, each share of our common stock would be entitled to share ratably in all of our assets that are legally available for distribution after we pay all debts and other liabilities and subject to any preferential rights of holders of our preferred stock, if any preferred stock is outstanding at such time. Each share of our common stock is entitled to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors. Except as provided with respect to any other class or series of stock, the holders of our common stock will possess exclusive voting power. There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors, which means that holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock can elect all of our directors, and holders of less than a majority of such shares will be unable to elect any director.

Preferred Stock

Our charter authorizes our Board of Directors to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of stock into other classes or series of stock, including preferred stock. The cost of any such reclassification would be borne by our existing common stockholders. Prior to issuance of shares of each class or series, the Board of Directors is required by Maryland law and by our charter to set the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each class or series. Thus, the Board of Directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock with terms and conditions which could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in their best interest. You should note, however, that any issuance of preferred stock must comply with the requirements of the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act requires, among other things, that (1) immediately after issuance and before any dividend or other distribution is made with respect to our

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common stock and before any purchase of common stock is made, such preferred stock together with all other senior securities must not exceed an amount equal to 50% of our gross assets after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution or purchase price, as the case may be, and (2) the holders of shares of preferred stock, if any are issued, must be entitled as a class to elect two directors at all times and to elect a majority of the directors if dividends on such preferred stock are in arrears by two full years or more. Certain matters under the 1940 Act require the separate vote of the holders of any issued and outstanding preferred stock. For example, holders of preferred stock would vote separately from the holders of common stock on a proposal to cease operations as a business development company. We expect that the availability for issuance of preferred stock will provide us with increased flexibility in structuring future financings and acquisitions. However, we do not currently have any plans to issue preferred stock.

Limitation on Liability of Directors and Officers; Indemnification and Advance of Expenses

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action. Our charter contains such a provision which eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act.

Our charter authorizes us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as our director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee, from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. Our bylaws obligate us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as our director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse his or her reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The charter and bylaws also permit us to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of us in any of the capacities described above and any of our employees or agents or any employees or agents of our predecessor. In accordance with the 1940 Act, we will not indemnify any person for any liability to which such person would be subject by reason of such person's willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office.

Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which our charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received unless, in either, case a court orders indemnification, and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer in advance of final disposition of a proceeding upon the

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corporation's receipt of (a) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (b) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors. The indemnification agreements provide our directors the maximum indemnification permitted under Maryland law and the 1940 Act.

Our insurance policy does not currently provide coverage for claims, liabilities and expenses that may arise out of activities that our present or former directors or officers have performed for another entity at our request. There is no assurance that such entities will in fact carry such insurance. However, we note that we do not expect to request our present or former directors or officers to serve another entity as a director, officer, partner or trustee unless we can obtain insurance providing coverage for such persons for any claims, liabilities or expenses that may arise out of their activities while serving in such capacities.

Certain Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and Our Charter and Bylaws

The Maryland General Corporation Law and our charter and bylaws contain provisions that could make it more difficult for a potential acquirer to acquire us by means of a tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, the material ones of which are discussed below. These provisions are expected to discourage certain coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids and to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to negotiate first with our Board of Directors. We expect the benefits of these provisions to outweigh the potential disadvantages of discouraging any such acquisition proposals because, among other things, the negotiation of such proposals may improve their terms.

Classified Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes of directors serving staggered three-year terms. The current terms of the first, second and third classes will expire in 2014, 2015, and 2016, respectively, and in each case, those directors will serve until their successors are elected and qualify. Upon expiration of their terms, directors of each class will be elected to serve for three-year terms and until their successors are duly elected and qualify and each year one class of directors will be elected by the stockholders. A classified Board may render a change in control of us or removal of our incumbent management more difficult. We believe, however, that the longer time required to elect a majority of a classified Board of Directors will help to ensure the continuity and stability of our management and policies.

Election of Directors

Our charter and bylaws provide that the affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote in the election of directors cast at a meeting of stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present will be required to elect a director. Pursuant to our charter our Board of Directors may amend the bylaws to alter the vote required to elect directors.

Number of Directors; Vacancies; Removal

Our charter provides that the number of directors will be set only by the Board of Directors in accordance with our bylaws. Our bylaws provide that a majority of our entire Board of Directors may at any time increase or decrease the number of directors. However, unless our bylaws are amended, the number of directors may never be less than one nor more than nine. Our charter provides that, at such time as we have at least three independent directors and our common stock is registered under the Exchange Act, as amended, we elect to be subject to the provision of Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the Maryland General Corporation Law regarding the filling of vacancies on the Board of Directors. Accordingly, at such time, except as may be provided by the Board of Directors in setting the terms of any class or series of preferred stock, any and all vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors in office, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum, and any director elected to fill a vacancy will serve for the remainder of the full term of the directorship in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is elected and qualifies, subject to any applicable requirements of the 1940 Act.

Our charter provides that a director may be removed only for cause, as defined in our charter, and then only by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast in the election of directors.

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Action by Stockholders

Under the Maryland General Corporation Law, stockholder action can be taken only at an annual or special meeting of stockholders or (unless the charter provides for stockholder action by less than unanimous written consent, which our charter does not) by unanimous written consent in lieu of a meeting. These provisions, combined with the requirements of our bylaws regarding the calling of a stockholder-requested special meeting of stockholders discussed below, may have the effect of delaying consideration of a stockholder proposal until the next annual meeting.

Advance Notice Provisions for Stockholder Nominations and Stockholder Proposals

Our bylaws provide that with respect to an annual meeting of stockholders, nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors and the proposal of business to be considered by stockholders may be made only (1) pursuant to our notice of the meeting, (2) by the Board of Directors or (3) by a stockholder who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice procedures of our bylaws. With respect to special meetings of stockholders, only the business specified in our notice of the meeting may be brought before the meeting. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors at a special meeting may be made only (1) pursuant to our notice of the meeting, (2) by the Board of Directors or (3) provided that the Board of Directors has determined that directors will be elected at the meeting, by a stockholder who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice provisions of the bylaws.

The purpose of requiring stockholders to give us advance notice of nominations and other business is to afford our Board of Directors a meaningful opportunity to consider the qualifications of the proposed nominees and the advisability of any other proposed business and, to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by our Board of Directors, to inform stockholders and make recommendations about such qualifications or business, as well as to provide a more orderly procedure for conducting meetings of stockholders. Although our bylaws do not give our Board of Directors any power to disapprove stockholder nominations for the election of directors or proposals recommending certain action, they may have the effect of precluding a contest for the election of directors or the consideration of stockholder proposals if proper procedures are not followed and of discouraging or deterring a third party from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect its own slate of directors or to approve its own proposal without regard to whether consideration of such nominees or proposals might be harmful or beneficial to us and our stockholders.

Calling of Special Meetings of Stockholders

Our bylaws provide that special meetings of stockholders may be called by our Board of Directors and certain of our officers. Additionally, our bylaws provide that, subject to the satisfaction of certain procedural and informational requirements by the stockholders requesting the meeting, a special meeting of stockholders will be called by the secretary of the corporation upon the written request of stockholders entitled to cast not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

Approval of Extraordinary Corporate Action; Amendment of Charter and Bylaws

Under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge, sell all or substantially all of its assets, engage in a share exchange or engage in similar transactions outside the ordinary course of business, unless approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. However, a Maryland corporation may provide in its charter for approval of these matters by a lesser percentage, but not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our charter generally provides for approval of charter amendments and extraordinary transactions by the stockholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our charter also provides that certain charter amendments, any proposal for our conversion, whether by charter amendment, merger or otherwise, from a closed-end company to an open-end company and any proposal for our liquidation or dissolution requires the approval of the stockholders entitled to cast at least 80% of the votes entitled to be cast on such matter. However, if such amendment or proposal is approved by a majority of our continuing directors (in addition to approval by our Board of Directors), such amendment or proposal may be approved by a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on such a matter. The “continuing directors” are defined in our charter as (1) our current directors, (2) those directors whose nomination for election by the stockholders or whose election by the directors to fill vacancies is approved by

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a majority of our current directors then on the Board of Directors or (3) any successor directors whose nomination for election by the stockholders or whose election by the directors to fill vacancies is approved by a majority of continuing directors or the successor continuing directors then in office.

Our charter and bylaws provide that the Board of Directors will have the exclusive power to make, alter, amend or repeal any provision of our bylaws.

No Appraisal Rights

Except with respect to appraisal rights arising in connection with the Control Share Act discussed below, as permitted by the Maryland General Corporation Law, our charter provides that stockholders will not be entitled to exercise appraisal rights unless a majority of the Board of Directors shall determine such rights apply.

Control Share Acquisitions

The Maryland General Corporation Law provides that control shares of a Maryland corporation acquired in a control share acquisition have no voting rights except to the extent approved by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter (the "Control Share Act"). Shares owned by the acquirer, by officers or by directors who are employees of the corporation are excluded from shares entitled to vote on the matter. Control shares are voting shares of stock which, if aggregated with all other shares of stock owned by the acquirer or in respect of which the acquirer is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power (except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy), would entitle the acquirer to exercise voting power in electing directors within one of the following ranges of voting power:

- one-tenth or more but less than one-third;
- one-third or more but less than a majority; or
- a majority or more of all voting power.

The requisite stockholder approval must be obtained each time an acquirer crosses one of the thresholds of voting power set forth above. Control shares do not include shares the acquiring person is then entitled to vote as a result of having previously obtained stockholder approval. A control share acquisition means the acquisition of control shares, subject to certain exceptions.

A person who has made or proposes to make a control share acquisition may compel the Board of Directors of the corporation to call a special meeting of stockholders to be held within 50 days of demand to consider the voting rights of the shares. The right to compel the calling of a special meeting is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including an undertaking to pay the expenses of the meeting. If no request for a meeting is made, the corporation may itself present the question at any stockholders meeting.

If voting rights are not approved at the meeting or if the acquiring person does not deliver an acquiring person statement as required by the statute, then the corporation may redeem for fair value any or all of the control shares, except those for which voting rights have previously been approved. The right of the corporation to redeem control shares is subject to certain conditions and limitations, including, as provided in our bylaws compliance with the 1940 Act. Fair value is determined, without regard to the absence of voting rights for the control shares, as of the date of the last control share acquisition by the acquirer or of any meeting of stockholders at which the voting rights of the shares are considered and not approved. If voting rights for control shares are approved at a stockholders meeting and the acquirer becomes entitled to vote a majority of the shares entitled to vote, all other stockholders may exercise appraisal rights. The fair value of the shares as determined for purposes of appraisal rights may not be less than the highest price per share paid by the acquirer in the control share acquisition.

The Control Share Act does not apply (a) to shares acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if the corporation is a party to the transaction or (b) to acquisitions approved or exempted by the charter or bylaws of the corporation. Our bylaws contain a provision exempting from the Control Share Act any and all acquisitions by any person of our shares of stock. There can be no assurance that such provision will not be amended or eliminated at any time in the future. However, we will amend our bylaws to be subject to the

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Control Share Act only if the Board of Directors determines that it would be in our best interests and if the SEC staff does not object to our determination that our being subject to the Control Share Act does not conflict with the 1940 Act.

Business Combinations

Under Maryland law, “business combinations” between a Maryland corporation and an interested stockholder or an affiliate of an interested stockholder are prohibited for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder (the “Business Combination Act”). These business combinations include a merger, consolidation, share exchange or, in circumstances specified in the statute, an asset transfer or issuance or reclassification of equity securities. An interested stockholder is defined as:

- any person who beneficially owns 10% or more of the voting power of the corporation’s outstanding voting stock; or
- an affiliate or associate of the corporation who, at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question, was the beneficial owner of 10% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding voting stock of the corporation.

A person is not an interested stockholder under this statute if the Board of Directors approved in advance the transaction by which the stockholder otherwise would have become an interested stockholder. However, in approving a transaction, the Board of Directors may provide that its approval is subject to compliance, at or after the time of approval, with any terms and conditions determined by the Board.

After the five-year prohibition, any business combination between the Maryland corporation and an interested stockholder generally must be recommended by the Board of Directors of the corporation and approved by the affirmative vote of at least:

- 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding shares of voting stock of the corporation; and
- two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of voting stock of the corporation other than shares held by the interested stockholder with whom or with whose affiliate the business combination is to be effected or held by an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder.

These super-majority vote requirements do not apply if the corporation’s common stockholders receive a minimum price, as defined under Maryland law, for their shares in the form of cash or other consideration in the same form as previously paid by the interested stockholder for its shares.

The statute permits various exemptions from its provisions, including business combinations that are exempted by the Board of Directors before the time that the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. Our Board of Directors has adopted a resolution that any business combination between us and any other person is exempted from the provisions of the Business Combination Act, provided that the business combination is first approved by the Board of Directors, including a majority of the directors who are not interested persons as defined in the 1940 Act. This resolution may be altered or repealed in whole or in part at any time; however, our Board of Directors will adopt resolutions so as to make us subject to the provisions of the Business Combination Act only if the Board of Directors determines that it would be in our best interests and if the SEC staff does not object to our determination that our being subject to the Business Combination Act does not conflict with the 1940 Act. If this resolution is repealed, or the Board of Directors does not otherwise approve a business combination, the statute may discourage others from trying to acquire control of us and increase the difficulty of consummating any offer.

Conflict with 1940 Act

Our bylaws provide that, if and to the extent that any provision of the Maryland General Corporation Law, including the Control Share Act (if we amend our bylaws to be subject to such Act) and the Business Combination Act, or any provision of our charter or bylaws conflicts with any provision of the 1940 Act, the applicable provision of the 1940 Act will control.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR PREFERRED STOCK

In addition to shares of common stock, our charter authorizes the issuance of preferred stock. If we offer preferred stock under this prospectus, we will issue an appropriate prospectus supplement. We may issue preferred stock from time to time in one or more classes or series, without stockholder approval. Prior to issuance of shares of each class or series, our Board of Directors is required by Maryland law and by our charter to set the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each class or series. Any such an issuance must adhere to the requirements of the 1940 Act, Maryland law and any other limitations imposed by law.

The 1940 Act currently requires, among other things, that (a) immediately after issuance and before any distribution is made with respect to common stock, the liquidation preference of the preferred stock, together with all other senior securities, must not exceed an amount equal to 50% of our total assets (taking into account such distribution), (b) the holders of shares of preferred stock, if any are issued, must be entitled as a class to elect two directors at all times and to elect a majority of the directors if dividends on the preferred stock are in arrears by two years or more and (c) such class of stock have complete priority over any other class of stock as to distribution of assets and payment of dividends, which dividends shall be cumulative.

For any series of preferred stock that we may issue, our Board of Directors will determine and the articles supplementary and the prospectus supplement relating to such series will describe:

- the designation and number of shares of such series;
- the rate and time at which, and the preferences and conditions under which, any dividends will be paid on shares of such series, as well as whether such dividends are participating or non-participating;
- any provisions relating to convertibility or exchangeability of the shares of such series, including adjustments to the conversion price of such series;
- the rights and preferences, if any, of holders of shares of such series upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;
- the voting powers, if any, of the holders of shares of such series;
- any provisions relating to the redemption of the shares of such series;
- any limitations on our ability to pay dividends or make distributions on, or acquire or redeem, other securities while shares of such series are outstanding;
- any conditions or restrictions on our ability to issue additional shares of such series or other securities;
- if applicable, a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations; and
- any other relative powers, preferences and participating, optional or special rights of shares of such series, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof.

All shares of preferred stock that we may issue will be identical and of equal rank except as to the particular terms thereof that may be fixed by our Board of Directors, and all shares of each series of preferred stock will be identical and of equal rank except as to the dates from which dividends, if any, thereon will be cumulative.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS

General

We may issue subscription rights to our stockholders to purchase common stock. Subscription rights may be issued independently or together with any other offered security and may or may not be transferable by the person purchasing or receiving the subscription rights. In connection with a subscription rights offering to our stockholders, we would distribute certificates evidencing the subscription rights and a prospectus supplement to our stockholders on the record date that we set for receiving subscription rights in such subscription rights offering.

The applicable prospectus supplement would describe the following terms of subscription rights in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered:

- the period of time the offering would remain open (which shall be open a minimum number of days such that all record holders would be eligible to participate in the offering and shall not be open longer than 120 days);
- the title of such subscription rights;
- the exercise price for such subscription rights (or method of calculation thereof);
- the ratio of the offering (which, in the case of transferable rights, will require a minimum of three shares to be held of record before a person is entitled to purchase an additional share);
- the number of such subscription rights issued to each stockholder;
- the extent to which such subscription rights are transferable and the market on which they may be traded if they are transferable;
- if applicable, a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the issuance or exercise of such subscription rights;
- the date on which the right to exercise such subscription rights shall commence, and the date on which such right shall expire (subject to any extension);
- the extent to which such subscription rights include an over-subscription privilege with respect to unsubscribed securities and the terms of such over-subscription privilege;
- any termination right we may have in connection with such subscription rights offering; and
- any other terms of such subscription rights, including exercise, settlement and other procedures and limitations relating to the transfer and exercise of such subscription rights.

Exercise of Subscription Rights

Each subscription right would entitle the holder of the subscription right to purchase for cash such amount of shares of common stock at such exercise price as shall in each case be set forth in, or be determinable as set forth in, the prospectus supplement relating to the subscription rights offered thereby. Subscription rights may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date for such subscription rights set forth in the prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, all unexercised subscription rights would become void.

Subscription rights may be exercised as set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the subscription rights offered thereby. Upon receipt of payment and the subscription rights certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the subscription rights agent or any other office indicated in the prospectus supplement we will forward, as soon as practicable, the shares of common stock purchasable upon such exercise. To the extent permissible under applicable law, we may determine to offer any unsubscribed offered securities directly to persons other than stockholders, to or through agents, underwriters or dealers or through a combination of such methods, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Dilutive Effects

Any stockholder who chooses not to participate in a rights offering should expect to own a smaller interest in us upon completion of such rights offering. Any rights offering will dilute the ownership interest and voting power of stockholders who do not fully exercise their subscription rights. Further, because the net proceeds per share from any rights offering may be lower than our then current net asset value per share, the rights offering may reduce our net asset value per share. The amount of dilution that a stockholder will experience could be substantial, particularly to the extent we engage in multiple rights offerings within a limited time period. In addition, the market price of our common stock could be adversely affected while a rights offering is ongoing as a result of the possibility that a significant number of additional shares may be issued upon completion of such rights offering. All of our stockholders will also indirectly bear the expenses associated with any rights offering we may conduct, regardless of whether they elect to exercise any rights.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR DEBT SECURITIES

We may issue debt securities in one or more series. The specific terms of each series of debt securities will be described in the particular prospectus supplement relating to that series. The prospectus supplement may or may not modify the general terms found in this prospectus and will be filed with the SEC. For a complete description of the terms of a particular series of debt securities, you should read both this prospectus and the prospectus supplement relating to that particular series.

As required by federal law for all bonds and notes of companies that are publicly offered, the debt securities are governed by a document called an “indenture.” An indenture is a contract between us and the financial institution acting as trustee on your behalf, and is subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. The trustee has two main roles. First, the trustee can enforce your rights against us if we default. There are some limitations on the extent to which the trustee acts on your behalf, described in the second paragraph under “— Events of Default — Remedies if an Event of Default Occurs.” Second, the trustee performs certain administrative duties for us with respect to our debt securities.

This section includes a description of the material provisions of the indenture. Because this section is a summary, however, it does not describe every aspect of the debt securities and the indenture. We urge you to read the indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights as a holder of debt securities. A copy of the form of indenture is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. We will file a supplemental indenture with the SEC in connection with any debt offering, at which time the supplemental indenture would be publicly available. See “Available Information” for information on how to obtain a copy of the indenture.

The prospectus supplement, which will accompany this prospectus, will describe the particular series of debt securities being offered by including:

- the designation or title of the series of debt securities;
- the total principal amount of the series of debt securities;
- the percentage of the principal amount at which the series of debt securities will be offered;
- the date or dates on which principal will be payable;
- the rate or rates (which may be either fixed or variable) and/or the method of determining such rate or rates of interest, if any;
- the date or dates from which any interest will accrue, or the method of determining such date or dates, and the date or dates on which any interest will be payable;
- whether any interest may be paid by issuing additional securities of the same series in lieu of cash (and the terms upon which any such interest may be paid by issuing additional securities);
- the terms for redemption, extension or early repayment, if any;
- the currencies in which the series of debt securities are issued and payable;
- whether the amount of payments of principal, premium or interest, if any, on a series of debt securities will be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method (which could be based on one or more currencies, commodities, equity indices or other indices) and how these amounts will be determined;
- the place or places, if any, other than or in addition to the [Borough of Manhattan in the City of New York], of payment, transfer, conversion and/or exchange of the debt securities;
- the denominations in which the offered debt securities will be issued (if other than \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof);
- the provision for any sinking fund;
- any restrictive covenants;
- any Events of Default (as defined in “Events of Default” below);

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- whether the series of debt securities are issuable in certificated form;
- any provisions for defeasance or covenant defeasance;
- any special federal income tax implications, including, if applicable, federal income tax considerations relating to original issue discount;
- whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities rather than pay the additional amounts (and the terms of this option);
- any provisions for convertibility or exchangeability of the debt securities into or for any other securities;
- whether the debt securities are subject to subordination and the terms of such subordination;
- whether the debt securities are secured and the terms of any security interest;
- the listing, if any, on a securities exchange; and
- any other terms.

The debt securities may be secured or unsecured obligations. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, will be paid by us in immediately available funds.

We are permitted, under specified conditions, to issue multiple classes of indebtedness if our asset coverage, as defined in the 1940 Act, is at least equal to 200% immediately after each such issuance after giving effect to any exemptive relief granted to us by the SEC. In addition, while any indebtedness and senior securities remain outstanding, we must make provisions to prohibit the 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. For a discussion of the risks associated with leverage, see “Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business and Structure — Regulations governing our operation as a business development company affect our ability to raise additional capital and the way in which we do so. As a business development company, the necessity of raising additional capital may expose us to risks, including the typical risks associated with leverage.”

General

The indenture provides that any debt securities proposed to be sold under this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement (“offered debt securities”) and any debt securities issuable upon the exercise of warrants or upon conversion or exchange of other offered securities (“underlying debt securities”) may be issued under the indenture in one or more series.

For purposes of this prospectus, any reference to the payment of principal of, or premium or interest, if any, on, debt securities will include additional amounts if required by the terms of the debt securities.

The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that may be issued thereunder from time to time. Debt securities issued under the indenture, when a single trustee is acting for all debt securities issued under the indenture, are called the “indenture securities.” The indenture also provides that there may be more than one trustee thereunder, each with respect to one or more different series of indenture securities. See “— Resignation of Trustee” below. At a time when two or more trustees are acting under the indenture, each with respect to only certain series, the term “indenture securities” means the one or more series of debt securities with respect to which each respective trustee is acting. In the event that there is more than one trustee under the indenture, the powers and trust obligations of each trustee described in this prospectus will extend only to the one or more series of indenture securities for which it is trustee. If two or more trustees are acting under the indenture, then the indenture securities for which each trustee is acting would be treated as if issued under separate indentures.

The indenture does not contain any provisions that give you protection in the event we issue a large amount of debt or we are acquired by another entity.

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We refer you to the prospectus supplement for information with respect to any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the Events of Default or our covenants that are described below, including any addition of a covenant or other provision providing event risk protection or similar protection.

We have the ability to issue indenture securities with terms different from those of indenture securities previously issued and, without the consent of the holders thereof, to reopen a previous issue of a series of indenture securities and issue additional indenture securities of that series unless the reopening was restricted when that series was created.

Conversion and Exchange

If any debt securities are convertible into or exchangeable for other securities, the prospectus supplement will explain the terms and conditions of the conversion or exchange, including the conversion price or exchange ratio (or the calculation method), the conversion or exchange period (or how the period will be determined), if conversion or exchange will be mandatory or at the option of the holder or us, provisions for adjusting the conversion price or the exchange ratio and provisions affecting conversion or exchange in the event of the redemption of the underlying debt securities. These terms may also include provisions under which the number or amount of other securities to be received by the holders of the debt securities upon conversion or exchange would be calculated according to the market price of the other securities as of a time stated in the prospectus supplement.

Issuance of Securities in Registered Form

We may issue the debt securities in registered form, in which case we may issue them either in book-entry form only or in “certificated” form. Debt securities issued in book-entry form will be represented by global securities. We expect that we will usually issue debt securities in book-entry only form represented by global securities.

Book-Entry Holders

We will issue registered debt securities in book-entry form only, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. This means debt securities will be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a depository that will hold them on behalf of financial institutions that participate in the depository’s book-entry system. These participating institutions, in turn, hold beneficial interests in the debt securities held by the depository or its nominee. These institutions may hold these interests on behalf of themselves or customers.

Under the indenture, only the person in whose name a debt security is registered is recognized as the holder of that debt security. Consequently, for debt securities issued in book-entry form, we will recognize only the depository as the holder of the debt securities and we will make all payments on the debt securities to the depository. The depository will then pass along the payments it receives to its participants, which in turn will pass the payments along to their customers who are the beneficial owners. The depository and its participants do so under agreements they have made with one another or with their customers; they are not obligated to do so under the terms of the debt securities.

As a result, investors will not own debt securities directly. Instead, they will own beneficial interests in a global security, through a bank, broker or other financial institution that participates in the depository’s book-entry system or holds an interest through a participant. As long as the debt securities are represented by one or more global securities, investors will be indirect holders, and not holders, of the debt securities.

Street Name Holders

In the future, we may issue debt securities in certificated form or terminate a global security. In these cases, investors may choose to hold their debt securities in their own names or in “street name.” Debt securities held in street name are registered in the name of a bank, broker or other financial institution chosen by the investor, and the investor would hold a beneficial interest in those debt securities through the account he or she maintains at that institution.

For debt securities held in street name, we will recognize only the intermediary banks, brokers and other financial institutions in whose names the debt securities are registered as the holders of those debt securities,

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and we will make all payments on those debt securities to them. These institutions will pass along the payments they receive to their customers who are the beneficial owners, but only because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. Investors who hold debt securities in street name will be indirect holders, and not holders, of the debt securities.

Legal Holders

Our obligations, as well as the obligations of the applicable trustee and those of any third parties employed by us or the applicable trustee, run only to the legal holders of the debt securities. We do not have obligations to investors who hold beneficial interests in global securities, in street name or by any other indirect means. This will be the case whether an investor chooses to be an indirect holder of a debt security or has no choice because we are issuing the debt securities only in book-entry form.

For example, once we make a payment or give a notice to the holder, we have no further responsibility for the payment or notice even if that holder is required, under agreements with depository participants or customers or by law, to pass it along to the indirect holders but does not do so. Similarly, if we want to obtain the approval of the holders for any purpose (for example, to amend an indenture or to relieve us of the consequences of a default or of our obligation to comply with a particular provision of an indenture), we would seek the approval only from the holders, and not the indirect holders, of the debt securities. Whether and how the holders contact the indirect holders is up to the holders.

When we refer to you in this Description of Debt Securities, we mean those who invest in the debt securities being offered by this prospectus, whether they are the holders or only indirect holders of those debt securities. When we refer to your debt securities, we mean the debt securities in which you hold a direct or indirect interest.

Special Considerations for Indirect Holders

If you hold debt securities through a bank, broker or other financial institution, either in book-entry form or in street name, we urge you to check with that institution to find out:

- how it handles securities payments and notices;
- whether it imposes fees or charges;
- how it would handle a request for the holders' consent, if ever required;
- whether and how you can instruct it to send you debt securities registered in your own name so you can be a holder, if that is permitted in the future for a particular series of debt securities;
- how it would exercise rights under the debt securities if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests; and
- if the debt securities are in book-entry form, how the depository's rules and procedures will affect these matters.

Global Securities

As noted above, we usually will issue debt securities as registered securities in book-entry form only. A global security represents one or any other number of individual debt securities. Generally, all debt securities represented by the same global securities will have the same terms.

Each debt security issued in book-entry form will be represented by a global security that we deposit with and register in the name of a financial institution or its nominee that we select. The financial institution that we select for this purpose is called the depository. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, known as DTC, will be the depository for all debt securities issued in book-entry form.

A global security may not be transferred to or registered in the name of anyone other than the depository or its nominee, unless special termination situations arise. We describe those situations below under "— Termination of a Global Security." As a result of these arrangements, the depository, or its nominee, will be the sole registered owner and holder of all debt securities represented by a global security, and investors

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will be permitted to own only beneficial interests in a global security. Beneficial interests must be held by means of an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that in turn has an account with the depository or with another institution that has an account with the depository. Thus, an investor whose security is represented by a global security will not be a holder of the debt security, but only an indirect holder of a beneficial interest in the global security.

Special Considerations for Global Securities

As an indirect holder, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the investor's financial institution and of the depository, as well as general laws relating to securities transfers. The depository that holds the global security will be considered the holder of the debt securities represented by the global security.

If debt securities are issued only in the form of a global security, an investor should be aware of the following:

- an investor cannot cause the debt securities to be registered in his or her name and cannot obtain certificates for his or her interest in the debt securities, except in the special situations we describe below;
- an investor will be an indirect holder and must look to his or her own bank or broker for payments on the debt securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the debt securities, as we describe under “— Issuance of Securities in Registered Form” above;
- an investor may not be able to sell interests in the debt securities to some insurance companies and other institutions that are required by law to own their securities in non-book-entry form;
- an investor may not be able to pledge his or her interest in a global security in circumstances where certificates representing the debt securities must be delivered to the lender or other beneficiary of the pledge in order for the pledge to be effective;
- the depository's policies, which may change from time to time, will govern payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to an investor's interest in a global security. We and the trustee have no responsibility for any aspect of the depository's actions or for its records of ownership interests in a global security. We and the trustee also do not supervise the depository in any way;
- if we redeem less than all the debt securities of a particular series being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount to be redeemed from each of its participants holding that series;
- an investor is required to give notice of exercise of any option to elect repayment of its debt securities, through its participant, to the applicable trustee and to deliver the related debt securities by causing its participant to transfer its interest in those debt securities, on DTC's records, to the applicable trustee;
- DTC requires that those who purchase and sell interests in a global security deposited in its book-entry system use immediately available funds, your broker or bank may also require you to use immediately available funds when purchasing or selling interests in a global security;
- financial institutions that participate in the depository's book-entry system, and through which an investor holds its interest in a global security, may also have their own policies affecting payments, notices and other matters relating to the debt securities; there may be more than one financial intermediary in the chain of ownership for an investor, we do not monitor and are not responsible for the actions of any of those intermediaries.

Termination of a Global Security

If a global security is terminated for any reason, interests in it will be exchanged for certificates in non-book-entry form (certificated securities). After that exchange, the choice of whether to hold the certificated debt securities directly or in street name will be up to the investor. Investors must consult their own banks or brokers to find out how to have their interests in a global security transferred on termination to their own names, so that they will be holders. We have described the rights of legal holders and street name investors under “— Issuance of Securities in Registered Form” above.

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The prospectus supplement may list situations for terminating a global security that would apply only to the particular series of debt securities covered by the prospectus supplement. If a global security is terminated, only the depository, and not we or the applicable trustee, is responsible for deciding the investors in whose names the debt securities represented by the global security will be registered and, therefore, who will be the holders of those debt securities.

Payment and Paying Agents

We will pay interest to the person listed in the applicable trustee's records as the owner of the debt security at the close of business on a particular day in advance of each due date for interest, even if that person no longer owns the debt security on the interest due date. That day, usually about two weeks in advance of the interest due date, is called the "record date." Because we will pay all the interest for an interest period to the holders on the record date, holders buying and selling debt securities must work out between themselves the appropriate purchase price. The most common manner is to adjust the sales price of the debt securities to prorate interest fairly between buyer and seller based on their respective ownership periods within the particular interest period. This prorated interest amount is called "accrued interest."

Payments on Global Securities

We will make payments on a global security in accordance with the applicable policies of the depository as in effect from time to time. Under those policies, we will make payments directly to the depository, or its nominee, and not to any indirect holders who own beneficial interests in the global security. An indirect holder's right to those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depository and its participants, as described under "— Special Considerations for Global Securities."

Payments on Certificated Securities

We will make payments on a certificated debt security as follows. We will pay interest that is due on an interest payment date to the holder of debt securities as shown on the trustee's records as of the close of business on the regular record date at our office and/or at other offices that may be specified in the prospectus supplement. We will make all payments of principal and premium, if any, by check at the office of the applicable trustee and/or at other offices that may be specified in the prospectus supplement or in a notice to holders against surrender of the debt security.

Alternatively, at our option, we may pay any cash interest that becomes due on the debt security by mailing a check to the holder at his, her or its address shown on the trustee's records as of the close of business on the regular record date or by transfer to an account at a bank in the United States, in either case, on the due date.

Payment When Offices Are Closed

If any payment is due on a debt security on a day that is not a business day, we will make the payment on the next day that is a business day. Payments made on the next business day in this situation will be treated under the indenture as if they were made on the original due date, except as otherwise indicated in the attached prospectus supplement. Such payment will not result in a default under any debt security or the indenture, and no interest will accrue on the payment amount from the original due date to the next day that is a business day.

Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive payments on their debt securities.

Events of Default

You will have rights if an Event of Default occurs in respect of the debt securities of your series and is not cured, as described later in this subsection.

The term “Event of Default” in respect of the debt securities of your series means any of the following:

- we do not pay the principal of, or any premium on, a debt security of the series within five days of its due date;
- we do not pay interest on a debt security of the series within 30 days of its due date;
- we do not deposit any sinking fund payment in respect of debt securities of the series within five days of its due date;
- we remain in breach of a covenant in respect of debt securities of the series for 60 days after we receive a written notice of default stating we are in breach (the notice must be sent by either the trustee or holders of at least 25% of the principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the series);
- we file for bankruptcy or certain other events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur and remain undischarged or unstayed for a period of 90 days; or
- the series of debt securities has an asset coverage, as such term is defined in the 1940 Act, of less than 100 per centum on the last business day of each of twenty-four consecutive calendar months, giving effect to any exemptive relief granted to the Company by the SEC; or
- any other Event of Default in respect of debt securities of the series described in the prospectus supplement occurs.

An Event of Default for a particular series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an Event of Default for any other series of debt securities issued under the same or any other indenture. The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of debt securities of any default, except in the payment of principal, premium, interest, or sinking or purchase fund installment, if it in good faith considers the withholding of notice to be in the interest of the holders.

Remedies if an Event of Default Occurs

If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the affected series may (and the trustee shall at the request of such holders) declare the entire principal amount of all the debt securities of that series to be due and immediately payable. This is called a declaration of acceleration of maturity. A declaration of acceleration of maturity may be canceled by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the affected series if (1) we have deposited with the trustee all amounts due and owing with respect to the securities (other than principal that has become due solely by reason of such acceleration) and certain other amounts, and (2) any other Events of Default have been cured or waived.

Except in cases of default, where the trustee has some special duties, the trustee is not required to take any action under the indenture at the request of any holders unless the holders offer the trustee reasonable protection from expenses and liability (called an “indemnity”). If reasonable indemnity is provided, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the relevant series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any lawsuit or other formal legal action seeking any remedy available to the trustee. The trustee may refuse to follow those directions in certain circumstances. No delay or omission in exercising any right or remedy will be treated as a waiver of that right, remedy or Event of Default.

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Before you are allowed to bypass your trustee and bring your own lawsuit or other formal legal action or take other steps to enforce your rights or protect your interests relating to the debt securities, the following must occur:

- you must give the trustee written notice that an Event of Default with respect to the relevant series of debt securities has occurred and remains uncured;
- the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities of the relevant series must make a written request that the trustee take action because of the default and must offer reasonable indemnity, security or both to the trustee against the costs, expenses and other liabilities of taking that action;
- the trustee must not have taken action for 60 days after receipt of the above notice and offer of indemnity and/or security; and
- the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series must not have given the trustee a direction inconsistent with the above notice during that 60-day period.

However, you are entitled at any time to bring a lawsuit for the payment of money due on your debt securities on or after the due date.

Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how to give notice or direction to or make a request of the trustee and how to declare or cancel an acceleration of maturity.

Each year, we will furnish to each trustee a written statement of certain of our officers certifying that to their knowledge we are in compliance with the indenture and the debt securities, or else specifying any default.

Waiver of Default

Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the affected series may waive any past defaults other than:

- the payment of principal, any premium or interest; or
- in respect of a covenant that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of each holder.

Merger or Consolidation

Under the terms of the indenture, we are generally permitted to consolidate or merge with another entity. We are also permitted to sell all or substantially all of our assets to another entity. However, we may not take any of these actions unless all the following conditions are met:

- where we merge out of existence or sell substantially all our assets, the resulting entity or transferee must agree to be legally responsible for our obligations under the debt securities;
- the merger or sale of assets must not cause a default on the debt securities and we must not already be in default (unless the merger or sale would cure the default). For purposes of this no-default test, a default would include an Event of Default that has occurred and has not been cured, as described under “Events of Default” above. A default for this purpose would also include any event that would be an Event of Default if the requirements for giving us a notice of default or our default having to exist for a specific period of time were disregarded;
- we must deliver certain certificates and documents to the trustee; and
- we must satisfy any other requirements specified in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities.

Modification or Waiver

There are three types of changes we can make to the indenture and the debt securities issued thereunder.

Changes Requiring Your Approval

First, there are changes that we cannot make to your debt securities without your specific approval. The following is a list of those types of changes:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of or interest on a debt security or the terms of any sinking fund with respect to any security;
- reduce any amounts due on a debt security;
- reduce the amount of principal payable upon acceleration of the maturity of an original issue discount or indexed security following a default or upon the redemption thereof or the amount thereof provable in a bankruptcy proceeding;
- adversely affect any right of repayment at the holder's option;
- change the place or currency of payment on a debt security (except as otherwise described in the prospectus or prospectus supplement);
- impair your right to sue for payment;
- adversely affect any right to convert or exchange a debt security in accordance with its terms;
- modify the subordination provisions in the indenture in a manner that is adverse to outstanding holders of the debt securities;
- reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities whose consent is needed to modify or amend the indenture;
- reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities whose consent is needed to waive compliance with certain provisions of the indenture or to waive certain defaults;
- modify any other aspect of the provisions of the indenture dealing with supplemental indentures with the consent of holders, waiver of past defaults, changes to the quorum or voting requirements or the waiver of certain covenants; and
- change any obligation we have to pay additional amounts.

Changes Not Requiring Approval

The second type of change does not require any vote by the holders of the debt securities. This type is limited to clarifications, establishment of the form or terms of new securities of any series as permitted by the indenture and certain other changes that would not adversely affect holders of the outstanding debt securities in any material respect. We also do not need any approval to make any change that affects only debt securities to be issued under the indenture after the change takes effect.

Changes Requiring Majority Approval

Any other change to the indenture and the debt securities would require the following approval:

- if the change affects only one series of debt securities, it must be approved by the holders of a majority in principal amount of that series; and
- if the change affects more than one series of debt securities issued under the same indenture, it must be approved by the holders of a majority in principal amount of all of the series affected by the change, with all affected series voting together as one class for this purpose.

In each case, the required approval must be given by written consent.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of a series of debt securities issued under the indenture, voting together as one class for this purpose, may waive our compliance with some of our covenants

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applicable to that series of debt securities. However, we cannot obtain a waiver of a payment default or of any of the matters covered by the bullet points included above under “— Changes Requiring Your Approval.”

Further Details Concerning Voting

When taking a vote, we will use the following rules to decide how much principal to attribute to a debt security:

- for original issue discount securities, we will use the principal amount that would be due and payable on the voting date if the maturity of these debt securities were accelerated to that date because of a default;
- for debt securities whose principal amount is not known (for example, because it is based on an index), we will use the principal face amount at original issuance or a special rule for that debt security described in the prospectus supplement; and
- for debt securities denominated in one or more foreign currencies, we will use the U.S. dollar equivalent.

Debt securities will not be considered outstanding, and therefore not eligible to vote, if we have deposited or set aside in trust money for their payment or redemption or if we, any other obligor, or any affiliate of us or any obligor own such debt securities. Debt securities will also not be eligible to vote if they have been fully defeased as described later under “— Defeasance — Full Defeasance.”

We will generally be entitled to set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the holders of outstanding indenture securities that are entitled to vote or take other action under the indenture. However, the record date may not be more than 30 days before the date of the first solicitation of holders to vote on or take such action. If we set a record date for a vote or other action to be taken by holders of one or more series, that vote or action may be taken only by persons who are holders of outstanding indenture securities of those series on the record date and must be taken within eleven months following the record date.

Book-entry and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how approval may be granted or denied if we seek to change the indenture or the debt securities or request a waiver.

Defeasance

The following provisions will be applicable to each series of debt securities unless we state in the applicable prospectus supplement that the provisions of covenant defeasance and full defeasance will not be applicable to that series.

Covenant Defeasance

Under current U.S. federal tax law and the indenture, we can make the deposit described below and be released from some of the restrictive covenants in the indenture under which the particular series was issued. This is called “covenant defeasance.” In that event, you would lose the protection of those restrictive covenants but would gain the protection of having money and government securities set aside in trust to repay your debt securities. If we achieved covenant defeasance and your debt securities were subordinated as described under “— Indenture Provisions — Subordination” below, such subordination would not prevent the trustee under the indenture from applying the funds available to it from the deposit described in the first bullet below to the payment of amounts due in respect of such debt securities for the benefit of the subordinated debt holders. In order to achieve covenant defeasance, we must do the following:

- we must deposit in trust for the benefit of all holders of a series of debt securities a combination of cash (in such currency in which such securities are then specified as payable at stated maturity) or government obligations applicable to such securities (determined on the basis of the currency in which such securities are then specified as payable at stated maturity) that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their various due dates and any mandatory sinking fund payments or analogous payments; and

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- we must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel confirming that, under current U.S. federal income tax law, we may make the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on the debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit.
- we must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel stating that the above deposit does not require registration by us under the 1940 Act, as amended, and a legal opinion and officers' certificate stating that all conditions precedent to covenant defeasance have been complied with.
- defeasance must not result in a breach or violation of, or result in a default under, of the indenture or any of our other material agreements or instruments.
- no default or event of default with respect to such debt securities shall have occurred and be continuing and no defaults or events of default related to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization shall occur during the next 90 days.
- satisfy the conditions for covenant defeasance contained in any supplemental indentures.

If we accomplish covenant defeasance, you can still look to us for repayment of the debt securities if there were a shortfall in the trust deposit or the trustee is prevented from making payment. For example, if one of the remaining Events of Default occurred (such as our bankruptcy) and the debt securities became immediately due and payable, there might be such a shortfall. However, there is no assurance that we would have sufficient funds to make payment of the shortfall.

Full Defeasance

If there is a change in U.S. federal tax law or we obtain an IRS ruling, as described in the second bullet below, we can legally release ourselves from all payment and other obligations on the debt securities of a particular series (called "full defeasance") if we put in place the following other arrangements for you to be repaid:

- we must deposit in trust for the benefit of all holders of a series of debt securities a combination of cash (in such currency in which such securities are then specified as payable at stated maturity) or government obligations applicable to such securities (determined on the basis of the currency in which such securities are then specified as payable at stated maturity) that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their various due dates and any mandatory sinking fund payments or analogous payments.
- we must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion confirming that there has been a change in current U.S. federal tax law or an IRS ruling that allows us to make the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on the debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit. Under current U.S. federal tax law, the deposit and our legal release from the debt securities would be treated as though we paid you your share of the cash and notes or bonds at the time the cash and notes or bonds were deposited in trust in exchange for your debt securities and you would recognize gain or loss on the debt securities at the time of the deposit.
- we must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel stating that the above deposit does not require registration by us under the 1940 Act, as amended, and a legal opinion and officers' certificate stating that all conditions precedent to defeasance have been complied with.
- defeasance must not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, of the indenture or any of our other material agreements or instruments.
- no default or event of default with respect to such debt securities shall have occurred and be continuing and no defaults or events of default related to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization shall occur during the next 90 days.
- satisfy the conditions for full defeasance contained in any supplemental indentures.

If we ever did accomplish full defeasance, as described above, you would have to rely solely on the trust deposit for repayment of the debt securities. You could not look to us for repayment in the unlikely event of any shortfall. Conversely, the trust deposit would most likely be protected from claims of our lenders and

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other creditors if we ever became bankrupt or insolvent. If your debt securities were subordinated as described later under “— Indenture Provisions — Subordination”, such subordination would not prevent the trustee under the indenture from applying the funds available to it from the deposit referred to in the first bullet of the preceding paragraph to the payment of amounts due in respect of such debt securities for the benefit of the subordinated debt holders.

Form, Exchange and Transfer of Certificated Registered Securities

If registered debt securities cease to be issued in book-entry form, they will be issued:

- only in fully registered certificated form;
- without interest coupons; and
- unless we indicate otherwise in the prospectus supplement, in denominations of \$1,000 and amounts that are multiples of \$1,000.

Holders may exchange their certificated securities for debt securities of smaller denominations or combined into fewer debt securities of larger denominations, as long as the total principal amount is not changed and as long as the denomination is greater than the minimum denomination for such securities.

Holders may exchange or transfer their certificated securities at the office of the trustee. We have appointed the trustee to act as our agent for registering debt securities in the names of holders transferring debt securities. We may appoint another entity to perform these functions or perform them ourselves.

Holders will not be required to pay a service charge to transfer or exchange their certificated securities, but they may be required to pay any tax or other governmental charge associated with the transfer or exchange. The transfer or exchange will be made only if our transfer agent is satisfied with the holder’s proof of legal ownership.

If we have designated additional transfer agents for your debt security, they will be named in the prospectus supplement. We may appoint additional transfer agents or cancel the appointment of any particular transfer agent. We may also approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts.

If any certificated securities of a particular series are redeemable and we redeem less than all the debt securities of that series, we may block the transfer or exchange of those debt securities during the period beginning 15 days before the day we mail the notice of redemption and ending on the day of that mailing, in order to freeze the list of holders to prepare the mailing. We may also refuse to register transfers or exchanges of any certificated securities selected for redemption, except that we will continue to permit transfers and exchanges of the unredeemed portion of any debt security that will be partially redeemed.

If a registered debt security is issued in book-entry form, only the depository will be entitled to transfer and exchange the debt security as described in this subsection, since it will be the sole holder of the debt security.

Resignation of Trustee

Each trustee may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of indenture securities provided that a successor trustee is appointed to act with respect to these series and has accepted such appointment. In the event that two or more persons are acting as trustee with respect to different series of indenture securities under the indenture, each of the trustees will be a trustee of a trust separate and apart from the trust administered by any other trustee.

Indenture Provisions — Subordination

Upon any distribution of our assets upon our dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization, the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on any indenture securities denominated as subordinated debt securities is to be subordinated to the extent provided in the indenture in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness (as defined below), but our obligation to you to make payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on such subordinated debt securities will not otherwise be affected. In addition, no payment on account of principal (or premium, if

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any), sinking fund or interest, if any, may be made on such subordinated debt securities at any time unless full payment of all amounts due in respect of the principal (and premium, if any), sinking fund and interest on Senior Indebtedness has been made or duly provided for in money or money's worth.

In the event that, notwithstanding the foregoing, any payment by us is received by the trustee in respect of subordinated debt securities or by the holders of any of such subordinated debt securities, upon our dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization before all Senior Indebtedness is paid in full, the payment or distribution must be paid over to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness or on their behalf for application to the payment of all the Senior Indebtedness remaining unpaid until all the Senior Indebtedness has been paid in full, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness. Subject to the payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness upon this distribution by us, the holders of such subordinated debt securities will be subrogated to the rights of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness to the extent of payments made to the holders of the Senior Indebtedness out of the distributive share of such subordinated debt securities.

By reason of this subordination, in the event of a distribution of our assets upon our insolvency, certain of our senior creditors may recover more, ratably, than holders of any subordinated debt securities or the holders of any indenture securities that are not Senior Indebtedness. The indenture provides that these subordination provisions will not apply to money and securities held in trust under the defeasance provisions of the indenture.

Senior Indebtedness is defined in the indenture as the principal of (and premium, if any) and unpaid interest on:

- our indebtedness (including indebtedness of others guaranteed by us), whenever created, incurred, assumed or guaranteed, for money borrowed, that we have designated as "Senior Indebtedness" for purposes of the indenture and in accordance with the terms of the indenture (including any indenture securities designated as Senior Indebtedness), and
- renewals, extensions, modifications and refinancings of any of this indebtedness.

If this prospectus is being delivered in connection with the offering of a series of indenture securities denominated as subordinated debt securities, the accompanying prospectus supplement will set forth the approximate amount of our Senior Indebtedness and of our other Indebtedness outstanding as of a recent date.

Secured Indebtedness and Ranking

Certain of our indebtedness, including certain series of indenture securities, may be secured. The prospectus supplement for each series of indenture securities will describe the terms of any security interest for such series and will indicate the approximate amount of our secured indebtedness as of a recent date. Any unsecured indenture securities will effectively rank junior to any secured indebtedness, including any secured indenture securities, that we incur in the future to the extent of the value of the assets securing such future secured indebtedness. The debt securities, whether secured or unsecured, of the Company will rank structurally junior to all existing and future indebtedness (including trade payables) incurred by our subsidiaries, financing vehicles or similar facilities.

In the event of our bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization or other winding up, any of our assets that secure secured debt will be available to pay obligations on unsecured debt securities only after all indebtedness under such secured debt has been repaid in full from such assets. We advise you that there may not be sufficient assets remaining to pay amounts due on any or all unsecured debt securities then outstanding after fulfillment of this obligation. As a result, the holders of unsecured indenture securities may recover less, ratably, than holders of any of our secured indebtedness.

The Trustee under the Indenture

U.S. Bank National Association will serve as the trustee under the indenture.

Certain Considerations Relating to Foreign Currencies

Debt securities denominated or payable in foreign currencies may entail significant risks. These risks include the possibility of significant fluctuations in the foreign currency markets, the imposition or modification of foreign exchange controls and potential illiquidity in the secondary market. These risks will vary depending upon the currency or currencies involved and will be more fully described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR WARRANTS

The following is a general description of the terms of the warrants we may issue from time to time. Particular terms of any warrants we offer will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such warrants.

We may issue warrants to purchase shares of our common stock. Such warrants may be issued independently or together with shares of common stock and may be attached or separate from such shares of common stock. We will issue each series of warrants under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a warrant agent. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for or with holders or beneficial owners of warrants.

A prospectus supplement will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants we may issue, including the following:

- the title of such warrants;
- the aggregate number of such warrants;
- the price or prices at which such warrants will be issued;
- the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which the price of such warrants may be payable;
- the number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants;
- the price at which and the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which the shares of common stock purchasable upon exercise of such warrants may be purchased;
- the date on which the right to exercise such warrants shall commence and the date on which such right will expire;
- whether such warrants will be issued in registered form or bearer form;
- if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of such warrants which may be exercised at any one time;
- if applicable, the number of such warrants issued with each share of common stock;
- if applicable, the date on and after which such warrants and the related shares of common stock will be separately transferable;
- information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;
- if applicable, a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations; and
- any other terms of such warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such warrants.

We and the warrant agent may amend or supplement the warrant agreement for a series of warrants without the consent of the holders of the warrants issued thereunder to effect changes that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the warrants and that do not materially and adversely affect the interests of the holders of the warrants.

Under the 1940 Act, we may generally only offer warrants provided that (1) the warrants expire by their terms within ten years; (2) the exercise or conversion price is not less than the current market value at the date of issuance; (3) our stockholders authorize the issuance of such warrants, and our Board of Directors approves such issuance on the basis that the issuance is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders; and (4) if the warrants are accompanied by other securities, the warrants are not separately transferable unless no class of such warrants and the securities accompanying them has been publicly distributed. The 1940 Act also provides that the amount of our voting securities that would result from the exercise of all outstanding warrants at the time of issuance may not exceed 25% of our outstanding voting securities. As of the date of this prospectus, our stockholders have not authorized any issuance of warrants beyond those that would otherwise be permitted without stockholder approval under the 1940 Act.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may offer, from time to time, in more than one offering, up to \$400,000,000 of our securities in one or more underwritten public offerings, at-the-market offerings to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market for our securities, on an exchange or otherwise, negotiated transactions, block trades, best efforts or a combination of these methods. We may sell our securities through underwriters or dealers, directly to one or more purchasers, through agents or through a combination of any such methods of sale. Any underwriter or agent involved in the offer and sale of our securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. A prospectus supplement or supplements will also describe the terms of the offering of our securities, including: the purchase price and the proceeds we will receive from the sale; any over-allotment options under which underwriters may purchase additional securities from us; any agency fees or underwriting discounts and other items constituting agents' or underwriters' compensation; the public offering price; any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers; and any securities exchange or market on which our securities may be listed. Only underwriters or agents named in the prospectus supplement will be underwriters or agents of securities offered by the prospectus supplement.

The distribution of our securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices, provided, however, that the offering price per share of our common stock, less any underwriting commissions or discounts, must equal or exceed the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time of the offering except (a) with the consent of the majority of our common stockholders or (b) under such other circumstances as the SEC may permit. The price at which our securities may be distributed may represent a discount from prevailing market prices. As an investor in our securities, you will indirectly bear the expenses incurred in connection with all of the distribution activities described herein.

In connection with the sale of our securities, underwriters or agents may receive compensation from us or from purchasers of our securities, for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters may sell our securities to or through dealers and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of our securities may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act, and any discounts and commissions they receive from us and any profit realized by them on the resale of our securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Any such underwriter or agent will be identified and any such compensation received from us will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. The maximum aggregate commission or discount to be received by any member of FINRA or independent broker-dealer will not be greater than 10% of the gross proceeds of the sale of our securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. We may also reimburse the underwriter or agent for certain fees and legal expenses incurred by it.

Any underwriter may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum price. Syndicate-covering or other short-covering transactions involve purchases of our securities, either through exercise of the over-allotment option or in the open market after the distribution is completed, to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when our securities originally sold by the dealer are purchased in a stabilizing or covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of our securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time.

Any underwriters that are qualified market makers on the NASDAQ Capital Market may engage in passive market making transactions in our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act, during the business day prior to the pricing of the offering, before the commencement of offers or sales of our common stock. Passive market makers must comply with applicable volume and price limitations and must be identified as passive market makers. In general, a passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid for such security; if all

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independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, however, the passive market maker's bid must then be lowered when certain purchase limits are exceeded. Passive market making may stabilize the market price of our common stock at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

We may sell our securities directly or through agents we designate from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offering and sale of our securities and we will describe any commissions we will pay the agent in the prospectus supplement. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, our agent will act on a best-efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, each class or series of securities will be a new issue with no trading market, other than our common stock, which is traded on The NASDAQ Capital Market. We may elect to list any other class or series of securities on any exchanges, but we are not obligated to do so. We cannot guarantee the liquidity of the trading markets for any securities.

Under agreements that we may enter, underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of our securities may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribution with respect to payments that the agents or underwriters may make with respect to these liabilities. Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business.

If so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase our securities from us pursuant to contracts providing for payment and delivery on a future date. Institutions with which such contracts may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and others, but in all cases such institutions must be approved by us. The obligations of any purchaser under any such contract will be subject to the condition that the purchase of our securities shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which such purchaser is subject. The underwriters and such other agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of such contracts. Such contracts will be subject only to those conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement, and the prospectus supplement will set forth the commission payable for solicitation of such contracts.

In order to comply with the securities laws of certain states, if applicable, our securities offered hereby will be sold in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers.

CUSTODIAN, TRANSFER AND DISTRIBUTION PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Our securities will be held under a custody agreement by U.S. Bank National Association. The address of the custodian is One Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110. American Stock Transfer & Trust Company will act as our transfer agent, distribution paying agent and registrar. The principal business address of our transfer agent is 59 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038, telephone number: (800) 937-5449.

BROKERAGE ALLOCATION AND OTHER PRACTICES

Since we will generally acquire and dispose of our investments in privately negotiated transactions, including in connection with private secondary market transactions, we will infrequently use brokers in the normal course of our business. Subject to policies established by our Board of Directors, our investment adviser will be primarily responsible for the execution of the publicly traded securities portion of our portfolio transactions and the allocation of brokerage commissions. Our investment adviser does not expect to execute transactions through any particular broker or dealer, but will seek to obtain the best net results for GSV Capital, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), size of order, difficulty of execution, and operational facilities of the firm and the firm's risk and skill in positioning blocks of securities. While our investment adviser generally will seek reasonably competitive trade execution costs, GSV Capital will not necessarily pay the lowest spread or commission available. Subject to applicable legal requirements, our investment adviser may select a broker based partly upon brokerage or research services provided to the investment adviser and GSV Capital and any other clients. In return for such services, we may pay a higher commission than other brokers would charge if the investment adviser, in accordance with Section 28(e) under the Exchange Act, determines in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Washington, DC. Certain legal matters in connection with any offering pursuant to this prospectus, will be passed upon for the underwriters, if any, by counsel named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The audited financial statements included in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement have been so included in reliance upon the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accountants located at 150 Almaden Blvd, Suite 600, San Jose, CA 95113, upon the authority of said firm as experts in giving said report.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form N-2, together with all amendments and related exhibits, under the Securities Act, with respect to our securities offered by this prospectus. The registration statement contains additional information about us and our securities being offered by this prospectus.

We file with or submit to the SEC annual, quarterly and current periodic reports, proxy statements and other information meeting the informational requirements of the Exchange Act. You may inspect and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information, as well as the registration statement and related exhibits and schedules, at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information filed electronically by us with the SEC which are available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of these reports, proxy and information statements and other information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20549. This information will also be available free of charge by contacting us at GSV Capital Corp., 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062, by telephone at (650) 235-4769, or on our website at <http://www.gsvcap.com>.

PRIVACY NOTICE

We are committed to protecting your privacy. This privacy notice explains the privacy policies of GSV and its affiliated companies. This notice supersedes any other privacy notice you may have received from GSV.

We will safeguard, according to strict standards of security and confidentiality, all information we receive about you. The only information we collect from you is your name, address, number of shares you hold and your social security number. This information is used only so that we can send you annual reports and other information about us, and send you proxy statements or other information required by law.

We do not share this information with any non-affiliated third party except as described below.

- *Authorized Employees of Our Investment Adviser.* It is our policy that only authorized employees of our investment adviser who need to know your personal information will have access to it.
- *Service Providers.* We may disclose your personal information to companies that provide services on our behalf, such as recordkeeping, processing your trades, and mailing you information. These companies are required to protect your information and use it solely for the purpose for which they received it.
- *Courts and Government Officials.* If required by law, we may disclose your personal information in accordance with a court order or at the request of government regulators. Only that information required by law, subpoena, or court order will be disclosed.

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GSV CAPITAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	<u>June 30, 2013</u>	<u>December 31, 2012</u>
	<u>(Unaudited)</u>	
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value:		
Investments in affiliated securities (cost of \$35,632,566 and \$38,210,753, respectively)	\$ 31,939,574	\$ 34,648,363
Investments in non-control/non-affiliated securities (cost of \$209,662,962 and \$198,936,982, respectively)	212,258,912	190,748,722
Investments in money market funds (cost of \$0 and \$16,000,000, respectively)	—	16,000,000
Total Investments (cost of \$245,295,528 and \$253,147,735, respectively)	<u>244,198,486</u>	<u>241,397,085</u>
Cash	4,634,110	11,318,525
Due from:		
GSV Asset Management	2,606	5,723
Portfolio companies	190,630	316,377
Prepaid expenses	113,682	63,953
Dividend receivable	13,225	1,920
Other assets	6,255	27,145
Total Assets	<u>249,158,994</u>	<u>253,130,728</u>
LIABILITIES		
Due to:		
GSV Asset Management	438,848	51,194
Accounts payable	91,954	204,093
Accrued expenses	20,943	292,640
Total Liabilities	<u>551,745</u>	<u>547,927</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 6)		
Net Assets	<u>\$ 248,607,249</u>	<u>\$ 252,582,801</u>
NET ASSETS		
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (100,000,000 authorized; 19,320,100 and 19,320,100 issued and outstanding, respectively)	\$ 193,201	\$ 193,201
Paid-in capital in excess of par	275,837,514	275,837,514
Accumulated net investment loss	(15,271,381)	(10,316,745)
Accumulated net realized loss on investments	(11,055,043)	(1,380,519)
Accumulated net unrealized depreciation on investments	(1,097,042)	(11,750,650)
Net Assets	<u>\$ 248,607,249</u>	<u>\$ 252,582,801</u>
Net Asset Value Per Share	<u>\$ 12.87</u>	<u>\$ 13.07</u>

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GSV CAPITAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Interest income	\$ —	\$ 7,808	\$ —	\$ 7,808
Interest income from non-control/non-affiliated securities	—	95,075	—	207,176
Dividend income	15,723	7,471	20,258	13,175
Total Investment Income	15,723	110,354	20,258	228,159
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Investment management fees	1,246,378	1,126,091	2,529,977	1,748,017
Costs incurred under administration agreement	709,885	602,201	1,597,869	947,795
Directors' fees	65,000	65,000	130,250	107,500
Professional fees	220,978	222,561	457,864	354,406
Insurance expense	64,062	55,485	117,075	102,154
Investor relations expense	72,943	95,038	116,505	109,288
Other expenses	23,388	24,097	25,354	33,120
Total Operating Expenses	2,402,634	2,190,473	4,974,894	3,402,280
Net Investment Loss	(2,386,911)	(2,080,119)	(4,954,636)	(3,174,121)
Net Realized Loss on Investments	(6,327,632)	(1,380,263)	(9,674,524)	(1,380,519)
Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Investments	12,230,246	(2,014,512)	10,653,608	(1,003,317)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	\$ 3,515,703	\$ (5,474,894)	\$ (3,975,552)	\$ (5,557,957)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations per Common Share	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.21)	\$ (0.43)
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	19,320,100	16,287,133	19,320,100	12,837,133

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
(Unaudited)

	Six months ended June 30, 2013	Six months ended June 30, 2012
Decrease in Net Assets Resulting From Operations		
Net Investment Loss	\$ (4,954,636)	\$ (3,174,121)
Net Realized Loss on Investments	(9,674,524)	(1,380,519)
Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Investments	10,653,608	(1,003,317)
Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	(3,975,552)	(5,557,957)
Capital Share Transactions		
Net Proceeds from Common Shares Issued	—	201,652,500
Offering Costs	—	(737,737)
Net Capital Share Transactions	—	200,914,763
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(3,975,552)	195,356,806
Net Assets at Beginning of Period	252,582,801	71,503,248
Net Assets at End of Period	\$ 248,607,249	\$ 266,860,054
Capital Share Activity		
Shares Issued	—	13,800,000
Shares Outstanding at Beginning of Period	19,320,100	5,520,100
Shares Outstanding at End of Period	19,320,100	19,320,100

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

	Six months ended June 30, 2013	Six months ended June 30, 2012
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (3,975,552)	\$ (5,557,957)
Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets resulting from operations to net cash used in operating activities:		
Net realized loss on investments	9,674,524	1,380,519
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on investments	(10,653,608)	1,003,317
Purchases of investments in:		
Portfolio investments	(19,607,661)	(109,902,924)
United States treasury bill	—	(19,999,128)
Money market funds	—	(10,000,000)
Proceeds from sales of investments in:		
Portfolio investments	17,785,344	—
United States treasury bill	—	19,998,872
Money market funds	—	1,000,000
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Due from GSV Asset Management	3,117	7,569
Due from portfolio companies	125,747	(236,816)
Accrued interest	—	148,990
Prepaid expenses	(49,729)	(98,889)
Dividend receivable	(11,305)	(1,251)
Other assets	20,890	(80,910)
Due to GSV Asset Management	387,654	(61,268)
Due to other affiliates	—	1,935
Accounts payable	(112,139)	555,107
Accrued expenses	(271,697)	159,144
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(6,684,415)	(121,683,690)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Net proceeds from common shares issued	—	201,652,500
Offering costs	—	(737,737)
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	—	200,914,763
Total Increase (Decrease) in Cash Balance	(6,684,415)	79,231,073
Cash Balance at Beginning of Period	11,318,525	385,995
Cash Balance at End of Period	\$ 4,634,110	\$ 79,617,068
Non-Cash Operating Items		
Structured notes converted to preferred shares	\$ —	\$ 674,651
Structured notes converted to common shares	\$ —	\$ 3,002,665
Preferred shares converted to common shares	\$ 1,999,997	\$ —
Warrants exercised for preferred shares	\$ —	\$ 53,665

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Portfolio Investments*	Headquarters/Industry	Shares	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Twitter, Inc. San Francisco, CA					
Common shares	Social Communication	1,835,600	\$31,755,821	\$36,351,602	14.62%
Preferred shares, Series A		65,000	1,235,290	1,287,238	0.52%
Total			<u>32,991,111</u>	<u>37,638,840</u>	<u>15.14%</u>
Palantir Technologies, Inc. Palo Alto, CA					
Common shares, Class A	Cyber Security	7,145,690	20,051,479	21,994,434	8.85%
Preferred shares, Series G		326,797	1,008,968	1,012,664	0.41%
Total			<u>21,060,447</u>	<u>23,007,098</u>	<u>9.26%</u>
Dropbox, Inc. San Francisco, CA					
Common share	Online Storage	760,000	8,641,153	8,740,000	3.52%
Preferred shares, Series A-1		552,486	5,015,333	6,353,589	2.56%
Total			<u>13,656,486</u>	<u>15,093,589</u>	<u>6.08%</u>
Violin Memory, Inc. Mountain View, CA					
Preferred shares, Series D	Memory Flash	1,666,666	10,018,370	9,999,996	4.02%
Preferred shares, Series B		800,000	4,800,798	4,360,000	1.75%
Total			<u>14,819,168</u>	<u>14,359,996</u>	<u>5.77%</u>
Chegg, Inc. Santa Clara, CA					
Common shares	Textbook Rental	1,274,193	10,014,248	9,571,313	3.85%
Preferred shares, Series F		500,000	4,008,654	4,478,523	1.80%
Total			<u>14,022,902</u>	<u>14,049,836</u>	<u>5.65%</u>
Solexel, Inc. Milpitas, CA					
Preferred shares, Series C	Solar Power	5,034,324	11,016,624	10,999,998	4.42%
2U, Inc. (f/k/a 2tor, Inc.) Landover, MD					
Common shares	Online Education	1,151,802	8,757,668	9,247,603	3.72%
Preferred shares, Series A		167,431	1,273,125	1,344,272	0.54%
Total			<u>10,030,793</u>	<u>10,591,875</u>	<u>4.26%</u>
Avenues World Holdings LLC⁽³⁾ New York, NY					
Preferred shares, Class A-1	Globally-focused Private School	5,000,000	10,026,005	10,395,159	4.18%
Coursera, Inc. Mountain View, CA					
Preferred shares, Series B	Online Education	2,039,609	9,999,999	9,999,999	4.02%
Kno, Inc. Santa Clara, CA					
Preferred shares, Series C	Digital Textbooks	440,313	2,262,006	2,249,999	0.91%
Preferred shares, Series C-1		1	7,510,334	7,500,000	3.02%
Common shares		50,000	214,681	172,914	0.07%
Total			<u>9,987,021</u>	<u>9,922,913</u>	<u>4.00%</u>
Facebook, Inc.⁽⁷⁾ Menlo Park, CA					
Common shares, Class A	Social Networking	350,000	10,472,294	8,708,000	3.50%
Control4 Corporation⁽⁹⁾ Salt Lake City, UT					
Common shares	Home Automation	782,821	7,011,025	7,518,198	3.02%
SugarCRM, Inc. Cupertino, CA					
Common shares	Customer Relationship Manager	1,480,131	5,192,673	5,180,459	2.08%
Preferred shares, Series E		373,134	1,500,522	1,652,476	0.66%
Total			<u>6,693,195</u>	<u>6,832,935</u>	<u>2.74%</u>

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Portfolio Investments*	Headquarters/Industry	Shares	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
ZocDoc Inc.	New York, NY				
Preferred shares, Series A	Online Medical	200,000	\$ 3,563,178	\$ 3,100,000	1.25%
Common Stock	Scheduling	111,866	1,734,878	1,733,923	0.70%
Total			5,298,056	4,833,923	1.95%
Bloom Energy Corporation	Sunnyvale, CA				
Common shares	Fuel Cell Energy	201,589	3,855,601	4,008,093	1.61%
Gilt Groupe, Inc.	New York, NY				
Common shares	e-Commerce Flash Sales	248,600	6,594,433	3,841,793	1.55%
Spotify Technology S.A. ⁽⁷⁾	Stockholm, Sweden				
Common shares	Music Streaming Service	3,658	3,598,472	3,682,927	1.48%
StormWind, LLC ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	Scottsdale, AZ				
Preferred shares, Series B	Interactive Learning Platform	3,279,629	2,019,687	3,667,495	1.48%
Learnist Inc. (f/k/a Grockit, Inc.) ⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	San Francisco, CA				
Preferred shares, Series D	Online Test Preparation	2,728,252	2,005,945	2,018,906	0.82%
Preferred shares, Series E		1,731,501	1,503,670	1,427,558	0.57%
Total			3,509,615	3,446,464	1.39%
Fullbridge, Inc. ⁽²⁾	Cambridge, MA				
Preferred shares, Series C	Business Education	1,728,724	3,260,465	3,289,115	1.32%
Warrants		186,170	—	—	—%
Total			3,260,465	3,289,115	1.32%
CUX, Inc. (d/b/a CorpU) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	San Francisco, CA				
Common Stock	Corporate Education	615,763	2,006,077	2,483,986	1.00%
Convertible preferred shares, Series D		169,033	778,607	775,861	0.31%
Warrants		16,903	—	—	—%
Total			2,784,684	3,259,847	1.31%
Global Education Learning (Holdings) Ltd. ⁽²⁾⁽⁷⁾	Hong Kong				
Preferred shares, Series A	Education Technology	1,472,175	2,999,998	3,187,140	1.28%
Parchment, Inc.	Scottsdale, AZ				
Preferred shares, Series D	E-Transcript Exchange	2,400,384	3,000,000	3,040,167	1.22%
Whittle Schools, LLC ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	New York, NY				
Preferred shares, Series B	Globally-focused Private School	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	1.21%
Dataminr, Inc.	New York, NY				
Preferred shares, Series B	Social Media Analytics	904,977	2,063,356	2,972,849	1.20%
Totus Solutions, Inc. ⁽²⁾	Carrollton, TX				
Common shares	LED Lighting	20,000,000	5,023,748	2,586,345	1.04%

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Portfolio Investments*	Headquarters/Industry	Shares/Capital Contribution	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Dailybreak, Inc. ⁽²⁾ Boston, MA					
Preferred shares, Series A-1	Social Advertising	1,878,129	\$ 2,430,950	\$ 2,422,788	0.97%
SharesPost, Inc. San Bruno, CA					
Preferred shares, Series B	Online Marketplace (Finance)	1,771,653	2,258,328	2,232,283	0.90%
Common warrants, \$0.13 strike price, expire 6/15/2018		770,934	23,128	138,768	0.06%
Total			2,281,456	2,371,051	0.96%
Silver Spring Networks, Inc. ⁽⁸⁾ Redwood City, CA					
Common shares	Smart Grid	102,028	5,145,271	2,366,472	0.95%
TrueCar, Inc. Santa Monica, CA					
Common shares	Online Marketplace (Cars)	377,358	2,014,863	2,305,338	0.93%
Maven Research, Inc. ⁽²⁾ San Francisco, CA					
Preferred shares, Series C	Knowledge Networks	318,979	1,999,998	1,828,817	0.74%
Preferred shares, Series B		49,505	217,206	232,971	0.09%
Total			2,217,204	2,061,788	0.83%
S3 Digital Corp. (d/b/a S3i) ⁽²⁾ New York, NY					
Preferred shares, Class A1	Sports Analytics	1,033,452	989,058	1,123,622	0.45%
Preferred warrants, \$1.00 strike price, expire 11/21/2017		500,000	31,354	—	—%
Total			1,020,412	1,123,622	0.45%
NestGSV, Inc. ⁽²⁾ Redwood City, CA					
Preferred shares, Series A	Incubator	1,000,000	1,021,778	1,093,866	0.44%
The rSmart Group, Inc. Scottsdale, AZ					
Preferred shares, Series B	Higher Education Learning Platform	1,201,923	1,266,940	933,381	0.38%
DreamBox Learning, Inc. Bellevue, WA					
Preferred shares, Series A	Education Technology	3,579,610	758,017	828,257	0.33%
AlwaysOn, Inc. ⁽²⁾ Woodside, CA					
Preferred shares, Series A	Social Media	1,066,626	1,027,391	600,000	0.24%
Preferred shares, Series A-1		3,152,417	624,783	203,011	0.08%
Total			1,652,174	803,011	0.32%
AliphCom, Inc. (d/b/a Jawbone) San Francisco, CA					
Common Stock	Smart Device Company	150,000	793,152	750,000	0.30%
SinoLending Ltd. ⁽²⁾⁽⁷⁾ Shanghai, China					
Preferred shares, Class A	Chinese P2P Lending	6,414,368	501,998	604,859	0.24%
NestGSV Silicon Valley, LLC ⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾ Redwood City, CA					
Common membership interest	Incubator	\$ 500,000	500,000	514,084	0.21%
Ozy Media, Inc. Mountain View, CA					
Preferred shares, Series Seed	Social Media	500,000	500,000	513,725	0.21%

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Portfolio Investments*	Headquarters/Industry	Shares	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Starfish Holdings, Inc.					
Beverly Hills, CA					
(d/b/a YourOffers)⁽²⁾					
Preferred shares, Series A	Marketing Platform	43,878,894	\$ 2,177,461	\$ 500,000	0.20%
Common warrants, \$0.00001 strike price, expire 11/13/2019		144,800,351	—	—	—%
Total			2,177,461	500,000	0.20%
The Echo System Corp.⁽²⁾					
New York, NY					
Preferred shares, Series A	Social Analytics	512,365	1,436,404	379,150	0.15%
Preferred warrants, \$0.20 strike price, expire 11/14/2016		68,359	75,988	—	—%
Total			1,512,392	379,150	0.15%
NewZoom, Inc. (d/b/a ZoomSystems)					
San Francisco, CA					
Preferred shares, Series A	Smart e-tail (Retail)	1,250,000	260,476	262,500	0.11%
Neuron Fuel, Inc.					
San Jose, CA					
Preferred shares, Series AAI	Computer Software	250,000	262,530	250,000	0.10%
Odesk Corporation					
Redwood City, CA					
Common Stock	Online Workplace Platform	30,000	183,269	180,000	0.07%
Total Portfolio Investments			<u>245,295,528</u>	<u>244,198,486</u>	<u>98.23%</u>
Total Investments			<u>\$245,295,528</u>	<u>\$244,198,486</u>	<u>98.23%</u>

* All portfolio investments are non-control/non-affiliated and non-income producing, unless identified. Equity investments are subject to lock-up restrictions upon their initial public offering.

- (1) Investment is income producing.
- (2) Denotes an Affiliate Investment. "Affiliate Investments" are investments in those companies that are "Affiliated Companies" of GSV Capital Corp., as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940. A company is deemed to be an "Affiliate" of GSV Capital Corp. if GSV Capital Corp. owns 5% or more of the voting securities of such company.
- (3) GSV Capital Corp.'s investment in Avenues World Holdings LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSV AV Holdings, Inc.
- (4) GSV Capital Corp.'s investment in Whittle Schools, LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSV WS Holdings, Inc.
- (5) GSV Capital Corp.'s investment in StormWind, LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSV SW Holdings, Inc.
- (6) GSV Capital Corp.'s investment in NestGSV Silicon Valley, LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSV NG Holdings, Inc.
- (7) Indicates assets that GSV Capital Corp. believes do not represent "qualifying assets" under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Qualifying assets must represent at least 70% of GSV Capital Corp.'s total assets at the time of acquisition of any additional non-qualifying assets.
- (8) On March 12, 2013, Silver Spring Networks, Inc. priced its initial public offering, selling 4,750,000 shares at a price of \$17 per share. GSV Capital Corp.'s shares in Silver Spring Networks, Inc. were subject to a lock-up agreement that expired on September 8, 2013. At June 30, 2013, GSV Capital Corp. valued Silver Spring Networks, Inc. based on its June 30, 2013 closing price.
- (9) On July 22, 2013, Control4 Corporation completed a 1:5.2 reverse stock split which has been reflected above.
- (10) On July 31 2013, Grockit, Inc. changed its name to Learnist, Inc. Refer to note 9 for further detail.

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Twitter, Inc. San Francisco, CA					
Common shares	Social Communication	1,835,600	\$31,755,821	\$34,876,400	13.81%
Preferred shares, Series A		65,000	1,235,290	1,235,000	0.49%
Total			<u>32,991,111</u>	<u>36,111,400</u>	<u>14.30%</u>
Palantir Technologies, Inc. Palo Alto, CA					
Common shares, Class A	Cyber Security	7,145,690	20,051,479	20,150,846	7.98%
Preferred shares, Series G		326,797	1,008,968	921,568	0.36%
Total			<u>21,060,447</u>	<u>21,072,414</u>	<u>8.34%</u>
Violin Memory, Inc. Mountain View, CA					
Preferred shares, Series B	Flash Memory	800,000	4,800,798	4,800,000	1.90%
Preferred shares, Series D		1,666,666	10,018,045	9,999,996	3.96%
Total			<u>14,818,843</u>	<u>14,799,996</u>	<u>5.86%</u>
Dropbox, Inc. San Francisco, CA					
Common share	Online Storage	760,000	8,641,153	8,360,000	3.31%
Preferred shares, Series A-1		552,486	5,015,333	6,077,346	2.41%
Total			<u>13,656,486</u>	<u>14,437,346</u>	<u>5.72%</u>
Chegg, Inc. Santa Clara, CA					
Common shares	Textbook Rental	1,274,193	10,012,543	10,193,544	4.03%
Preferred shares, Series F		500,000	4,008,654	4,000,000	1.58%
Total			<u>14,021,197</u>	<u>14,193,544</u>	<u>5.61%</u>
Avenues World Holdings LLC⁽⁵⁾ New York, NY					
Preferred shares, Class A-1	Globally-focused Private School	5,000,000	10,025,123	10,000,000	3.96%
Solexel, Inc. Milpitas, CA					
Preferred shares, Series C	Solar Power	4,576,659	10,016,559	10,000,000	3.96%
2U, Inc. (f/k/a 2tor, Inc.) Landover, MD					
Common shares	Online Education	1,151,802	8,757,599	8,730,659	3.46%
Preferred shares, Series A		167,431	1,273,125	1,269,127	0.50%
Total			<u>10,030,724</u>	<u>9,999,786</u>	<u>3.96%</u>
Kno, Inc. Santa Clara, CA					
Preferred shares, Series C	Digital Textbooks	440,313	2,262,006	2,249,999	0.89%
Preferred shares, Series C-1		1	7,510,334	7,500,000	2.97%
Common shares		50,000	214,681	178,850	0.07%
Total			<u>9,987,021</u>	<u>9,928,849</u>	<u>3.93%</u>
Facebook, Inc.⁽³⁾⁽¹⁰⁾ Menlo Park, CA					
Common shares, Class B	Social Networking	350,000	10,472,294	9,317,000	3.69%
Control4 Corporation⁽¹⁴⁾ Salt Lake City, UT					
Common shares	Home Automation	782,821	7,011,025	7,123,667	2.82%
Totus Solutions, Inc.⁽²⁾ Carrollton, TX					
Common shares	LED Lighting	20,000,000	5,023,748	5,000,000	1.98%
Learnist Inc. (f/k/a Grockit, Inc.)⁽²⁾⁽¹³⁾ San Francisco, CA					
Preferred shares, Series D	Online Test Preparation	2,728,252	2,005,945	2,373,579	0.94%
Preferred shares, Series E		1,731,501	1,503,670	1,506,406	0.60%
Total			<u>3,509,615</u>	<u>3,879,985</u>	<u>1.54%</u>

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SugarCRM, Inc.	Cupertino, CA				
Common shares	Customer Relationship Manager	1,086,047	\$ 3,813,378	\$ 3,801,165	1.50%
Gilt Groupe, Inc.	New York, NY				
Common shares	e-Commerce Flash Sales	248,600	6,594,346	3,637,329	1.44%
Spotify Technology S.A. ⁽¹⁰⁾	Stockholm, Sweden				
Common shares	Music Streaming Service	3,658	3,598,472	3,589,669	1.42%
ZocDoc Inc.	New York, NY				
Preferred shares, Series A	Online Medical Scheduling	200,000	3,563,178	3,500,000	1.38%
Bloom Energy Corporation	Sunnyvale, CA				
Common shares	Fuel Cell Energy	201,589	3,855,601	3,225,424	1.28%
Global Education Learning (Holdings) Ltd. ⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	Hong Kong				
Preferred shares, Series A	Education Technology	1,472,175	2,999,998	3,003,237	1.19%
Parchment, Inc.	Scottsdale, AZ				
Preferred shares, Series D	E-Transcript Exchange	2,400,384	3,000,000	3,000,480	1.19%
Whittle Schools, LLC ⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾	New York, NY				
Preferred shares, Series B	Globally-focused Private School	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	1.19%
StormWind, LLC ⁽²⁾⁽⁷⁾	Scottsdale, AZ				
Preferred shares, Series B	Interactive Learning Platform	3,279,629	2,019,687	2,545,812	1.01%
SharesPost, Inc.	San Bruno, CA				
Preferred shares, Series B	Online Marketplace (Finance)	1,771,653	2,257,984	2,249,999	0.89%
Common warrants, \$0.13 strike price, expire 6/15/2018		770,934	23,128	123,349	0.05%
Total			<u>2,281,112</u>	<u>2,373,348</u>	<u>0.94%</u>
Maven Research, Inc. ⁽²⁾	San Francisco, CA				
Preferred shares, Series B	Knowledge Networks	49,505	217,206	310,396	0.12%
Preferred shares, Series C		318,979	1,999,998	1,999,998	0.79%
Total			<u>2,217,204</u>	<u>2,310,394</u>	<u>0.91%</u>
Fullbridge, Inc. ⁽²⁾	Cambridge, MA				
Preferred shares, Series C	Business Education	1,196,809	2,250,001	2,250,001	0.89%
Starfish Holdings, Inc. (d/b/a YourOffers) ⁽²⁾⁽¹²⁾	Beverly Hills, CA				
Preferred shares, Series A	Marketing Platform	43,878,894	2,012,103	2,193,945	0.87%
Common warrants, \$0.00001 strike price, expire 11/13/2019		144,800,351	—	—	—%
Total			<u>2,012,103</u>	<u>2,193,945</u>	<u>0.87%</u>
TrueCar, Inc.	Santa Monica, CA				
Common shares	Online Marketplace (Cars)	377,358	2,014,863	2,011,318	0.79%
Dataminr, Inc.	New York, NY				
Preferred shares, Series B	Social Media Analytics	904,977	2,060,602	1,999,999	0.79%
CUX, Inc. (d/b/a CorpU) ⁽²⁾	San Francisco, CA				
Preferred shares, Series C	Corporate Education	246,305	2,006,077	1,999,997	0.79%

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Portfolio Investments*	Headquarters/Industry	Shares/Capital Contribution	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Dailybreak, Inc. ⁽²⁾					
	Boston, MA				
Preferred shares, Series A-1	Social Advertising	1,545,181	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,993,283	0.79%
Silver Spring Networks, Inc.					
	Redwood City, CA				
Common shares ⁽¹¹⁾	Smart Grid	510,143	5,145,271	1,976,804	0.78%
The Echo System Corp. ⁽²⁾					
	New York, NY				
Preferred shares, Series A	Social Analytics	512,365	1,436,404	1,639,568	0.65%
Preferred warrants, \$0.20 strike price, expire 11/14/2016		68,359	75,988	68,359	0.03%
Total			<u>1,512,392</u>	<u>1,707,927</u>	<u>0.68%</u>
AltEgo, LLC ⁽²⁾⁽⁸⁾					
	Santa Monica, CA				
Preferred shares, Series B-2	Social Media Customer Acquisition Platform	1,400,000	1,420,406	1,400,000	0.55%
Zynga, Inc. ⁽¹⁰⁾					
	San Francisco, CA				
Common shares	Social Gaming	533,333	3,003,462	1,258,666	0.50%
The rSmart Group, Inc.					
	Scottsdale, AZ				
Preferred shares, Series B	Higher Education Learning Platform	1,201,923	1,266,940	1,250,000	0.49%
S3 Digital Corp. (d/b/a S3i) ⁽²⁾					
	New York, NY				
Preferred shares, Class A1	Sports Analytics	1,033,452	989,058	1,033,452	0.41%
Preferred warrants, \$1.00 strike price, expire 11/21/2017		500,000	31,354	31,354	0.01%
Total			<u>1,020,412</u>	<u>1,064,806</u>	<u>0.42%</u>
NestGSV, Inc. ⁽²⁾					
	Redwood City, CA				
Preferred shares, Series A	Incubator	1,000,000	1,021,778	1,000,000	0.40%
DreamBox Learning, Inc.					
	Bellevue, WA				
Preferred shares, Series A	Education Technology	3,579,610	758,017	751,718	0.30%
SinoLending Ltd. ⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾					
	Shanghai, China				
Preferred shares, Class A	Chinese P2P Lending	6,414,368	501,998	500,321	0.20%
Ozy Media, Inc.					
	Mountain View, CA				
Preferred shares, Series Seed	Social Media	500,000	500,000	500,000	0.20%
NestGSV Silicon Valley, LLC ^{(2) (9)}					
	Redwood City, CA				
Common membership interest	Incubator	\$ 500,000	500,000	500,000	0.20%
Groupon, Inc. ⁽⁴⁾⁽¹⁰⁾					
	Chicago, IL				
Common shares	Online Deals	80,000	2,128,774	388,800	0.15%
AlwaysOn, Inc. ⁽²⁾					
	Woodside, CA				
Preferred shares, Series A	Social Media	1,066,626	1,027,391	298,655	0.12%
NewZoom, Inc. (d/b/a ZoomSystems)					
	San Francisco, CA				
Preferred shares, Series A	Smart e-tail (Retail)	1,250,000	260,476	250,000	0.10%
Neuron Fuel, Inc.					
	San Jose, CA				
Preferred shares, Series AAI	Computer Software	250,000	262,530	250,000	0.10%

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Portfolio Investments*	Headquarters/Industry	Shares	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Serious Energy, Inc. ⁽¹⁰⁾	Sunnyvale, CA				
Common shares	Green Materials	178,095	\$ 739,130	\$ —	—%
Top Hat 430, Inc. ⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	Shakopee, MN				
Preferred shares, Series A	Jewelry Retailing Technology	1,844,444	4,167,943	—	—%
Preferred warrants, \$2.25 strike price, expire 11/2/2017		13,333	—	—	—%
Total			4,167,943	—	—%
Total Portfolio Investments			<u>237,147,735</u>	<u>225,397,085</u>	<u>89.23%</u>
Money Market Funds ⁽¹⁾					
Fidelity Institutional Money Market Funds					
Money Market Portfolio		8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	3.17%
Prime Money Market Portfolio		8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	3.17%
Total Money Market Funds			16,000,000	16,000,000	6.34%
Total Investments			<u>\$253,147,735</u>	<u>\$241,397,085</u>	<u>95.57%</u>

* All portfolio investments are non-control/non-affiliated and non-income producing, unless identified. Equity investments are subject to lock-up restrictions upon their initial public offering.

- (1) Investment is income producing.
- (2) Denotes an Affiliate Investment. "Affiliate Investments" are investments in those companies that are "Affiliated Companies" of GSV Capital Corp., as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940. A company is deemed to be an "Affiliate" of GSV Capital Corp. if GSV Capital Corp. owns 5% or more of the voting securities of such company.
- (3) On May 17, 2012, Facebook, Inc. priced its initial public offering, selling 421,233,615 shares at a price of \$38.00 per share. GSV Capital Corp.'s shares in Facebook, Inc. are subject to a lock-up agreement that expired on November 14, 2012. At December 31, 2012, GSV Capital Corp. valued Facebook based on its December 31, 2012 closing price.
- (4) On November 8, 2011, Groupon, Inc. priced its initial public offering, selling 35,000,000 shares at a price of \$20.00 per share. GSV Capital Corp.'s shares in Groupon, Inc. are subject to a lock-up agreement that expired on June 1, 2012. At December 31, 2012, GSV Capital Corp. valued Groupon, Inc. based on its December 31, 2012 closing price.
- (5) GSV Capital Corp.'s investment in Avenues World Holdings LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSVC AV Holdings, Inc.
- (6) GSV Capital Corp.'s investment in Whittle Schools, LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSVC WS Holdings, Inc.
- (7) GSV Capital Corp.'s investment in StormWind, LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSVC SW Holdings, Inc.
- (8) GSV Capital Corp.'s investment in AltEgo, LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSVC AE Holdings, Inc.
- (9) GSV Capital Corp.'s investment in NestGSV Silicon Valley, LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSVC NG Holdings, Inc.
- (10) Indicates assets that GSV Capital Corp. believes do not represent "qualifying assets" under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Qualifying assets must represent at least 70% of GSV Capital Corp.'s total assets at the time of acquisition of any additional non-qualifying assets.
- (11) On February 11, 2013, Silver Spring Networks, Inc. conducted a five-for-one reverse stock split of its common stock, which has not been reflected above.

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- (12) The common warrants held in Starfish Holdings, Inc. (d/b/a YourOffers) is presented separately to in order to be consistent with the presentation in the June 30, 2013 Consolidated Schedule of Investments.
- (13) On July 31 2013, Grockit, Inc. changed its name to Learnist, Inc. The schedule of investments was updated in order to be consistent with the presentation in the June 30, 2013 Consolidated Schedule of Investments. Refer to note 9 for further detail.
- (14) On July 22, 2013, Control4 Corporation completed a 1:5.2 reverse stock split which has been reflected above.

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NOTE 1 — NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

GSV Capital Corp. (the “Company”, “we”, “our” or “GSV Capital”) was formed in September 2010 as a Maryland corporation structured as an externally managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company. The Company has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The Company is managed by GSV Asset Management, LLC (“GSV Asset Management”).

The Company’s date of inception is January 6, 2011, which is the date it commenced its development stage activities. The Company’s shares are currently listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “GSVC”. The Company began its investment operations during the second quarter.

On April 13, 2012, the Company formed a wholly-owned subsidiary, GSV Capital Lending, LLC (“GCL”), a Delaware limited liability company, which will originate portfolio loan investments within the state of California. An application for a California lender license was submitted by GCL to the California Department of Corporations and GCL is awaiting receipt of its license from the State.

On November 28, 2012, the Company formed wholly-owned subsidiaries, GSVC AE Holdings, Inc. (“GAE”), GSVC AV Holdings, Inc. (“GAV”), GSVC NG Holdings, Inc. (“GNG”), GSVC SW Holdings, Inc. (“GSW”) and GSVC WS Holdings, Inc. (“GWS”) (collectively the “GSVC Holdings”), all Delaware corporations, to hold portfolio investments.

The Company’s investment objective is to maximize our portfolio’s total return, principally by seeking capital gains on our equity investments. The Company invests principally in the equity securities of venture capital-backed and rapidly growing emerging companies. The Company may also invest on an opportunistic basis in select publicly-traded equity securities of rapidly growing companies that otherwise meet its investment criteria.

On February 10, 2012, the Company priced a subsequent follow-on equity offering, selling 6,900,000 of common shares at a price of \$15.00 per share, including an exercise in full by the underwriters of their option to purchase an additional 900,000 shares of common stock to cover overallocments. The follow-on equity offering resulted in net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$96.2 million.

On May 11, 2012, the Company priced an additional follow-on equity offering, selling 6,900,000 of common shares at a price of \$16.25 per share, including an exercise in full by the underwriters of their option to purchase an additional 900,000 shares of common stock to cover overallocments. The follow-on equity offering resulted in net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$105.4 million.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The interim consolidated financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-Q and Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, all of which were of a normal recurring nature, considered necessary for the fair presentation of financial statements for the interim period have been included. The results of operations for the current period are not necessarily indicative of results that ultimately may be achieved for any other interim period or for the year ending December 31, 2013. The interim unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes hereto should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

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In accordance with Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company does not consolidate portfolio company investments. The Company has not consolidated GCL, or GSVC Holdings which hold portfolio investments.

Basis of Consolidation

Under Article 6 of Regulation S-X and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies, we are precluded from consolidating any entity other than another investment company or a controlled operating company which provides substantially all of its services and benefits to us. Accordingly, our financial statements include our accounts and the accounts of GCL, our wholly-owned subsidiary. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires the Company to make a number of significant estimates. These include estimates of fair value of certain assets and liabilities and other estimates that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of certain revenues and expenses during the reported period. It is likely that changes in these estimates will occur in the near term. Our estimates are inherently subjective in nature and actual results could differ from our estimates and the differences could be material.

Investments

The Company applies fair value accounting in accordance with GAAP. The Company generally values its assets on a quarterly basis, or more frequently if required under the 1940 Act. Securities for which market quotations are readily available on an exchange are valued at the closing price of such security on the valuation date; however, if they remain subject to lock-up restrictions they are discounted accordingly. The Company may also obtain quotes with respect to certain of its investments from pricing services or brokers or dealers in order to value assets. When doing so, the Company determines whether the quote obtained is sufficient according to GAAP to determine the fair value of the security. If determined adequate, the Company uses the quote obtained.

Securities for which reliable market quotations are not readily available or for which the pricing source does not provide a valuation or methodology or provides a valuation or methodology that, in the judgment of GSV Asset Management, the Board or the Valuation Committee of the Board (the "Valuation Committee"), does not represent fair value, shall each be valued as follows:

1. The quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment;
2. Preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with GSV Asset Management senior management;
3. An independent third-party valuation firm is engaged by, or on behalf of, the Valuation Committee to conduct independent appraisals and review management's preliminary valuations and make their own independent assessment, for all material investments;
4. The Valuation Committee discusses valuations and recommends the fair value of each investment in the portfolio in good faith based on the input of GSV Asset Management and the independent third-party valuation firm; and,
5. The Board then discusses the valuations and determines in good faith the fair value of each investment in the portfolio based upon input of GSV Asset Management, estimates from the independent valuation firm and the recommendations of the Valuation Committee.

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In making our good faith determination of the fair value of investments, we consider valuation methodologies consistent with industry practice. Valuation methods, among other measures and as applicable, may include comparisons to prices from secondary market transactions and recent venture capital financings, analysis of financial ratios and valuation metrics of the portfolio companies that issued such private equity securities to peer companies that are public, analysis of the portfolio companies' most recent financial statements and forecasts, and the markets in which the portfolio company does business, and other relevant factors. The Company assigns a weighting based upon the relevance of each factor to determine the fair value of each investment.

When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, the Company will consider the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate the private equity valuation. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of the investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a readily available market value existed for such investments, and the differences could be material.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value that includes a hierarchy used to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value. The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that the Company has the ability to access (examples include active exchange-traded equity securities, exchange-traded derivatives, and most U.S. Government and agency securities).

Level 2. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets (examples include corporate and municipal bonds, which trade infrequently);
- c) Pricing models whose inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability (examples include most over-the-counter derivatives, including foreign exchange forward contracts); and,
- d) Pricing models whose inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or other means for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability (examples include certain of our private equity investments).

When the inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For example, a Level 3 fair value measurement may include inputs that are observable (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable (Level 3). Therefore gains and losses for such assets and

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liabilities categorized within the Level 3 table set forth in Note 3 may include changes in fair value that are attributable to both observable inputs (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable inputs (Level 3).

A review of fair value hierarchy classifications is conducted on a quarterly basis. Changes in the observability of valuation inputs may result in a reclassification for certain financial assets or liabilities. Reclassifications impacting Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are reported as transfers in/out of the Level 3 category as of the beginning of the quarter in which the reclassifications occur.

Valuation of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of our financial instruments, consisting of cash, receivables, accounts payable, and accrued expenses, approximate fair value due to their short-term nature.

Securities Transactions

Securities transactions are accounted for on the date the transaction for the purchase or sale of the securities is entered into by the Company (i.e., trade date). Securities transactions outside conventional channels, such as private transactions, are recorded as of the date the Company obtains the right to demand the securities purchased or to collect the proceeds from a sale, and incurs an obligation to pay for securities purchased or to deliver securities sold, respectively.

Portfolio Company Investment Classification

We are a non-diversified company within the meaning of the 1940 Act. We classify our investments by level of control. As defined in the 1940 Act, control investments are those where there is the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company. Control is generally deemed to exist when a company or individual directly or indirectly owns beneficially more than 25% of the voting securities of an investee company. Affiliated investments and affiliated companies are defined by a lesser degree of influence and are deemed to exist when a company or individual directly or indirectly owns, controls or holds the power to vote 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of another person.

Cash

The Company places its cash with U.S. Bank, N.A. and First Republic Bank, N.A., and at times, cash held in these accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit. The Company may invest a portion of its cash in money market funds, within limitations of the 1940 Act.

Revenue Recognition

The Company's revenue recognition policies are as follows:

Sales: Gains or losses on the sale of investments are determined using the specific identification method.

Interest: Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on an accrual basis.

Dividends: Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date.

Investment Transaction Costs and Escrow Deposits

Commissions and other costs associated with an investment transaction, including legal expenses not reimbursed by the issuer, are included in the cost basis of purchases and deducted from the proceeds of sales. The Company makes certain acquisitions on the secondary markets which may involve making deposits to escrow accounts until certain conditions are met including the underlying private company's right of first

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refusal. If the underlying private company does not exercise or assign its right of first refusal and all other conditions are met, then the funds in the escrow account are delivered to the seller and the account is closed. These transactions are reflected on the Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities as Escrow deposits. At June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company had \$0 in Escrow deposits.

Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation on Investments

Unrealized appreciation or depreciation is calculated as the difference between the fair value of the investment and the cost basis of such investment.

U.S. Federal and State Income Taxes

The Company was taxed as a regular corporation (a “C corporation”) under subchapter C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for its 2012 taxable year. The Company uses the liability method of accounting for income taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recorded for tax loss carryforwards and temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the consolidated financial statements, using statutory tax rates in effect for the year in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse. Certain tax attributes may be subject to limitations on timing and usage. A valuation allowance is provided against deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

Beginning with its 2013 taxable year, the Company may elect to be treated as a regulated investment company (“RIC”) under subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), if management determines that it is in the best interests of the Company to do so and the Company is able to satisfy the requirements under subchapter M of the Code. In order to qualify as a RIC, among other things, the Company is required to distribute to its stockholders on a timely basis at least 90% of investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year, and meet certain asset diversification requirements on a quarterly basis. So long as the Company qualifies and maintains its status as a RIC, it generally will not pay corporate-level U.S. federal and state income taxes on any ordinary income or capital gains that it distributes at least annually to its stockholders as dividends. Rather, any tax liability related to income earned by the Company will represent obligations of the Company’s investors and will not be reflected in the consolidated financial statements of the Company. Although it is currently its intention to do so, at the present time, the Company cannot assure you whether it will elect to be treated as a RIC for its 2013 taxable year. If it opts not to do so, the Company will continue to be taxed as a C corporation under the Code for its 2013 taxable year.

The Company evaluates tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing its consolidated financial statements to determine whether the tax positions are “more-likely-than-not” of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. The Company recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only where the position has met the “more-likely-than-not” threshold. The Company classifies penalties and interest associated with income taxes, if any, as income tax expense. Conclusions regarding tax positions are subject to review and may be adjusted at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, ongoing analyses of tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof.

Offering Costs

Offering costs include legal fees and other costs pertaining to the public offerings. As of June 30, 2013 there were no deferred offering costs. As of December 31, 2012, \$738,697 of offering costs were offset against capital proceeds from the secondary offerings on May 11, 2012 and February 10, 2012.

Per Share Information

Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share is calculated using the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period presented.

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Capital Accounts

Certain capital accounts including undistributed net investment income, accumulated net realized gain or loss, net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, and paid-in capital in excess of par, are adjusted, at least annually, for permanent differences between book and tax. In addition, the character of income and gains to be distributed is determined in accordance with income tax regulations that may differ from GAAP. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets relating to permanent differences be reclassified between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on the net assets or net asset value per share and are intended to enable the Company's stockholders to determine the amount of accumulated and undistributed earnings they potentially could receive in the future and on which they could be taxed.

NOTE 2 — RELATED PARTY ARRANGEMENTS

Investment Advisory Agreement

The Company entered into an investment advisory agreement with GSV Asset Management (the "Advisory Agreement") in connection with its initial public offering. Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, GSV Asset Management will be paid a base annual fee of 2% of gross assets, and an annual incentive fee equal to the lesser of (i) 20% of the Company's realized capital gains during each calendar year, if any, calculated on an investment-by-investment basis, subject to a non-compounded preferred return, or "hurdle," and a "catch-up" feature, and (ii) 20% of the Company's realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fees. There were \$1,246,378 and \$2,529,977 in base management fees and \$0 in incentive fees incurred for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively. There were \$1,126,091 and \$1,748,017 in base management fees and \$0 in incentive fees incurred for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, respectively.

As of June 30, 2013, the Company was due \$2,606 from GSV Asset Management for reimbursement of expenses paid for by the Company that were the responsibility of GSV Asset Management, and is included in the Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

As of June 30, 2013, the Company owed GSV Asset Management \$438,848, of which \$415,459 relates to accrued management fees, and \$20,783 is for reimbursement of expenses paid for by GSV Asset Management that were the responsibility of the Company, and is included in the Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

As of December 31, 2012, the Company was due \$5,723 from GSV Asset Management for reimbursement of expenses paid by the Company that were the responsibility of GSV Asset Management, and is included in the Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

As of December 31, 2012, the Company owed GSV Asset Management \$51,194 for reimbursements of travel-related expenses. These are included in the Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Administration Agreement

The Company entered into an administration agreement with GSV Capital Service Company (the "Administration Agreement") to provide administrative services, including furnishing the Company with office facilities, equipment, clerical, bookkeeping, record keeping services and other administrative services, in connection with its initial public offering and ongoing operations. The Company reimburses GSV Capital Service Company an allocable portion of overhead and other expenses in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement. There were \$709,885 and \$1,597,869 in such costs incurred under the Administration Agreement for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively. There were \$602,201 and \$947,795 in such costs incurred under the Administration Agreement for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, respectively.

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The Company entered into a license agreement with GSV Asset Management pursuant to which GSV Asset Management has agreed to grant the Company a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name “GSV.” Under this agreement, the Company has the right to use the GSV name for so long as the Advisory Agreement with GSV Asset Management is in effect. Other than with respect to this limited license, the Company has no legal right to the “GSV” name.

NOTE 3 — PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE

At June 30, 2013, the Company had 65 positions in 45 portfolio companies. The total cost and fair value of the 65 positions were \$245,295,528 and \$244,198,486, respectively. At December 31, 2012, the Company had 61 positions in 47 portfolio companies. The total cost and fair value of the 61 positions were \$237,147,735 and \$225,397,085, respectively. The composition of our investments as of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are as follows:

	June 30, 2013 (Unaudited)		December 31, 2012	
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value
Common Stock	\$133,060,806	\$131,423,400	\$132,833,640	\$123,820,141
Preferred Stock	111,604,252	112,122,234	103,683,625	100,853,882
Common Membership Interest	500,000	514,084	500,000	500,000
Warrants	130,470	138,768	130,470	223,062
Total Portfolio Investments	245,295,528	244,198,486	237,147,735	225,397,085
Non-Portfolio Investments	—	—	16,000,000	16,000,000
Total Investments	<u>\$245,295,528</u>	<u>\$244,198,486</u>	<u>\$253,147,735</u>	<u>\$241,397,085</u>

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The table below presents the valuation techniques and the nature of significant inputs used to determine the fair values of our Level 3 investments as of June 30, 2013.

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Valuation Techniques</u>	<u>Unobservable inputs</u>	<u>Range (Average)</u>		
Common stock in private companies	\$120,348,928	Market approach	Precedent transactions	N/A		
			Revenue multiples	0.9x – 5.6x (2.6x)		
		Income approach	Revenue growth rate (5 year)	15% – 50% (36%)		
			EBIT multiples	12x – 21x (15.5x)		
		Scenario analysis	EBIT margin (5 year)	15% – 30% (20%)		
			Discount rate	35% – 50% (39%)		
			IPO/M&A probability	50/50% – 90/10%		
Preferred stock in private companies	112,122,234	Market approach	Precedent transactions	N/A		
			Revenue multiples	0.8x – 5.4x (2.8x)		
		Income approach	Revenue growth rate (5 year)	15% – 50% (42%)		
			EBIT multiples	2.0x – 17.4x (9.7x)		
		Scenario analysis	EBIT margin (5 year)	5% – 50% (21%)		
			Discount rate	35% – 50% (42%)		
			IPO/M&A probability	75/25% – 25/75%		
		Common membership interest	514,084	Market approach	Liquidity preference	N/A
					Redemption rights backed by real estate	N/A
				Income approach	Precedent transactions	N/A
Revenue multiples	2.0x – 2.2x (2.1x)					
Option pricing model	Revenue growth rate (5 year)			0%		
	EBIT multiples			8.6x		
	EBIT margin (5 year)			50%		
Warrants	138,768	Option pricing model	Discount rate	45%		
			Term to expiration*	See below		
			Stock price*	See below		
			Volatility*	See below		

* The SharesPost, Inc. warrants have an estimated term of 3.00 years, a stock price of \$0.30 and a volatility of 47%.

The significant unobservable inputs that may be used in the fair value measurement of the Company's investments in common stock, preferred stock, and common membership interests for which market quotations are not readily available include: (i) prior or contemporaneous transactions in the equity of the portfolio company, prior or contemporaneous transactions in the equity of comparable companies ("Precedent

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Transactions”), (ii) revenue multiples for comparable companies, and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation multiples (“EBIT”), (collectively, “Multiples”) for comparable companies, (iii) discount rates, revenue growth rates, EBIT margins applied in a discounted cash flow analysis of the portfolio company, and (iv) IPO/M&A probabilities. A change in the assumptions used for Precedent Transactions, Multiples, revenue growth rates, EBIT margins, and IPO/M&A probabilities may indicate a directionally similar change in the fair value of the Company’s investments in common stock, preferred stock, and common membership interests, while a change in the assumptions used for discount rates may indicate a directionally opposite change in the fair value of the Company’s investments in common stock, preferred stock, and common membership interests.

The significant unobservable inputs used in determining the fair value of the warrants are the term to expiration, stock price and volatility. Volatility is based on a combination of implied and historical volatility indications. A higher stock price and a longer time to expiration result in higher values, all else equal.

The fair values of our investments disaggregated into the three levels of the fair value hierarchy based upon the lowest level of significant input used in the valuation as of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are as follows:

	As of June 30, 2013 (Unaudited)			Total
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Securities (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Common Stock	\$ 8,708,000	\$ 2,366,472	\$ 120,348,928	\$ 131,423,400
Preferred Stock	—	—	112,122,234	112,122,234
Common Membership Interest	—	—	514,084	514,084
Warrants	—	—	138,768	138,768
Total Investments	<u>\$ 8,708,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,366,472</u>	<u>\$ 233,124,014</u>	<u>\$ 244,198,486</u>
	As of December 31, 2012			Total
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Securities (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Common Stock	\$ 10,964,466	\$ —	\$ 112,855,675	\$ 123,820,141
Preferred Stock	—	—	100,853,882	100,853,882
Money Market Funds	16,000,000	—	—	16,000,000
Common Membership Interest	—	—	500,000	500,000
Warrants	—	—	223,062	223,062
Total Investments	<u>\$ 26,964,466</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 214,432,619</u>	<u>\$ 241,397,085</u>

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NOTE 3 — PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE – (continued)

The aggregate values of Level 3 portfolio investments changed during the six months ended June 30, 2013 and the year ended December 31, 2012 as follows:

	Six months ended June 30, 2013 (Unaudited)					
	Common Stock	Preferred Stock	Common Membership Interest	Warrants	Total	
Fair value as of December 31, 2012	\$ 112,855,675	\$ 100,853,882	\$ 500,000	\$ 223,062	\$ 214,432,619	
Purchases of investments	4,092,456	15,515,205	—	—	19,607,661	
Exercises, conversions and assignments	1,999,997	(1,999,997)	—	—	—	
Sales and settlements	(739,131)	(5,588,501)	—	—	(6,327,632)	
Realized loss included in earnings	(739,131)	(5,588,501)	—	—	(6,327,632)	
Change in unrealized depreciation included in earnings	4,470,393	8,930,146	14,084	(84,294)	13,330,329	
Transfer to Level 2	(1,591,331)	—	—	—	(1,591,331)	
Fair Value as of June 30, 2013	\$ 120,348,928	\$ 112,122,234	\$ 514,084	\$ 138,768	\$ 233,124,014	
Change in unrealized depreciation on Level 3 investments still held as of June 30, 2013	\$ 4,110,655	\$ 3,341,645	\$ 14,084	\$ (84,294)	\$ 7,382,090	
	Year ended December 31, 2012					
	Common Stock	Preferred Stock	Structured Note	Common Membership Interest	Warrants	Total
Fair value as of December 31, 2011	\$ 40,865,381	\$ 17,453,085	\$ 4,500,000	\$ —	\$ 71,396	\$ 62,889,862
Purchases of investments	86,378,395	85,104,161	854,236	500,000	31,354	172,868,146
Exercises, conversions and assignments ⁽¹⁾	—	984,067	(1,006,390)	—	22,323	—
Sales and settlements	—	—	(3,002,665)	—	—	(3,002,665)
Realized loss included in earnings	—	—	(1,380,263)	—	—	(1,380,263)
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) included in earnings	(5,027,001)	(2,687,431)	35,082	—	97,989	(7,581,361)
Transfer to Level 2	(9,361,100)	—	—	—	—	(9,361,100)
Fair Value as of December 31, 2012	\$ 112,855,675	\$ 100,853,882	\$ —	\$ 500,000	\$ 223,062	\$ 214,432,619
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on Level 3 investments still held as of December 31, 2012	\$ (3,919,288)	\$ (2,687,431)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 97,989	\$ (6,508,730)

(1) During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company converted its structured notes to preferred shares in AlwaysOn, Inc. and The Echo System Corp., and exercised its warrants for preferred shares in StormWind, LLC. A portion of The Echo System Corp. structured notes attributable to the warrants was reclassified during the same period.

During the six months ended June 30, 2013, there was one transfer between levels related to our investment in Silver Spring Networks, Inc. Due to a public offering on March 12, 2013; observable inputs became available for our valuation at March 31, 2013. This resulted in a transfer of Silver Springs Networks, Inc. from Level 3 to Level 2. Our shares in Silver Spring Networks, Inc. are presently subject to a lock-up agreement that expires on September 8, 2013. The fair value for Silver Spring was estimated using the close price on a public exchange as of the valuation date, adjusted for a discount due to lack of marketability of 7%

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NOTE 3 — PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE – (continued)

that was primarily based on the market price of publicly traded put options with a similar term as the lock-up as of June 30, 2013. The Company wrote-off its investments in Top Hat 430, Inc., Serious Energy, Inc., and AltEgo, LLC and recorded a realized loss.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, there were three transfers between levels. Two of these transfers occurred as of June 30, 2012. Due to the expiration of the lock-up agreement on our shares in Groupon, Inc. on June 1, 2012, the closing price on a public exchange on June 29, 2012 was used for our valuation as of June 30, 2012. This resulted in a transfer of Groupon, Inc. from Level 2 to Level 1. At December 31, 2012, Groupon, Inc. was valued using the closing price on a public exchange on December 31, 2012. Due to the initial public offering of Facebook, Inc. on May 17, 2012, observable inputs became available for our valuation as of June 30, 2012. However, our shares in Facebook, Inc. were subject to a lock-up agreement that expired on November 14, 2012. As such, the fair value for Facebook, Inc. was estimated using the closing price on a public exchange as of June 29, 2012, adjusted for a discount due to a lack of marketability of 14% that was primarily based on the market price of publicly traded put options with a similar term as our lock-up as of June 30, 2012. This resulted in a transfer of Facebook, Inc. from Level 3 to Level 2. Due to the expiration of the lock-up agreement on our shares in Facebook, Inc. on November 14, 2012, the closing price on a public exchange on December 31, 2012 was used for our valuation as of December 31, 2012. This resulted in a transfer of Facebook, Inc. from Level 2 to Level 1.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company recorded a realized loss on our investment in PJB Fund LLC. The note matured and was repaid by transfer of shares of common stock of Zynga, Inc.

NOTE 4 — EQUITY OFFERINGS AND RELATED EXPENSES

We issued 13,800,000 shares of our common stock during the year ended December 31, 2012. No new shares of our common stock were issued during the six months ended June 30, 2013. The proceeds raised, the related underwriting fees, the offering expenses and the prices at which these shares were issued are as follows:

Issuances of Common Stock	Number of Shares	Gross Proceeds Raised	Underwriting Fees	Offering Expenses	Offering Price
February 28, 2011	100	\$ 1,500	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15.00
April 28, 2011	3,335,000	50,025,000	3,501,750	527,166 ⁽¹⁾	15.00
September 27, 2011	2,185,000	30,917,750	1,267,300	531,122 ⁽²⁾	14.15
February 10, 2012	6,900,000	103,500,000	7,245,000	326,077	15.00
May 11, 2012	6,900,000	112,125,000	6,727,500	412,620 ⁽³⁾	16.25

(1) Includes \$3,585 of offering expenses that were accrued as of September 30, 2011.

(2) Amount was reduced by \$18,878 after actual expenses for the offering were determined as of December 31, 2011.

(3) Includes \$960 of offering expenses that were accrued as of September 30, 2012.

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NOTE 5 — NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS PER COMMON SHARE

The following information sets forth the computation of net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations per common share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2012, respectively.

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 3,515,703	\$ (5,474,894)	\$ (3,975,552)	\$ (5,557,957)
Weighted average common shares	19,320,100	16,287,133	19,320,100	12,837,133
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.21)	\$ (0.43)

NOTE 6 — LEGAL CONTINGENCIES

The Company is currently not subject to any legal proceedings, nor, to our knowledge, is any material legal proceeding threatened against us. From time to time, we may be a party to certain legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business, including proceedings relating to the enforcement of our rights under contracts with our portfolio companies.

NOTE 7 — FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Three months ended June 30, 2013	Three months ended June 30, 2012
Per Share Data:		
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 12.69	\$ 13.47
Issuance of common shares	—	0.99 ⁽³⁾
Underwriters' discount	—	(0.35) ⁽²⁾
Offering costs	—	(0.02) ⁽²⁾
Net investment loss	(0.12) ⁽¹⁾	(0.13) ⁽¹⁾
Realized loss	(0.33) ⁽¹⁾	(0.07) ⁽²⁾
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	0.63 ⁽¹⁾	(0.08) ⁽⁶⁾
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 12.87	\$ 13.81
Per share market value at end of period	\$ 7.86	\$ 9.30
Total return based on market value	(4.84)% ⁽⁷⁾	(50.27)% ⁽⁷⁾
Total return based on net asset value	1.42% ⁽⁷⁾	2.52% ⁽⁷⁾
Shares outstanding at end of period	19,320,100	19,320,100
Ratio/Supplemental Data:		
Net assets at end of period	\$ 248,607,249	\$ 266,860,054
Average net assets	\$ 244,629,431	\$ 201,571,697
Annualized ratio of gross operating expenses to average net assets ⁽⁸⁾	3.98%	4.36%
Annualized ratio of net operating expenses to average net assets ⁽⁸⁾	3.98%	4.36%
Annualized ratio of net investment income to average net assets ⁽⁸⁾	(3.96)%	(4.14)%

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NOTE 7 — FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – (continued)

	Six months ended June 30, 2013	Six months ended June 30, 2012
Per Share Data:		
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 13.07	\$ 12.95
Issuance of common shares	—	1.91 ⁽³⁾
Underwriters' discount	—	(0.72) ⁽²⁾
Offering costs	—	(0.04) ⁽²⁾
Net investment loss	(0.25) ⁽¹⁾	(0.16) ⁽²⁾
Realized loss	(0.50) ⁽¹⁾	(0.07) ⁽²⁾
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	0.55 ⁽¹⁾	(0.06) ⁽⁶⁾
Net asset value at end of period	<u>\$ 12.87</u>	<u>\$ 13.81</u>
Per share market value at end of period	\$ 7.86	\$ 9.30
Total return based on market value	(6.76)% ⁽⁷⁾	(33.33)% ⁽⁷⁾
Total return based on net asset value	(1.53)% ⁽⁷⁾	6.64% ⁽⁷⁾
Shares outstanding at end of period	19,320,100	19,320,100
Ratio/Supplemental Data:		
Net assets at end of period	\$ 248,607,249	\$ 266,860,054
Average net assets	\$ 248,710,453	\$ 153,430,875
Annualized ratio of gross operating expenses to average net assets ⁽⁸⁾	4.03%	4.45%
Annualized ratio of net operating expenses to average net assets ⁽⁸⁾	4.03%	4.45%
Annualized ratio of net investment income to average net assets ⁽⁸⁾	(4.02)%	(4.15)%

	Year ended December 31, 2012	For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011
Per Share Data:		
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 12.95	\$ —
Issuance of common shares	1.91 ⁽⁴⁾	14.67 ⁽⁵⁾
Underwriters' discount	(0.72) ⁽²⁾	(0.86) ⁽²⁾
Offering costs	(0.04) ⁽²⁾	(0.19) ⁽²⁾
Net investment loss	(0.51) ⁽¹⁾	(0.37) ⁽²⁾
Realized loss	(0.09) ⁽¹⁾	— ⁽²⁾
Change in unrealized depreciation	(0.43) ⁽⁶⁾	(0.30) ⁽²⁾
Net asset value at end of period	<u>\$ 13.07</u>	<u>\$ 12.95</u>
Per share market value at end of period	\$ 8.43	\$ 13.95
Total return based on market value	(39.57)% ⁽⁸⁾	(7.00)% ⁽⁸⁾
Total return based on net asset value	0.93% ⁽⁸⁾	(13.67)% ⁽⁸⁾
Shares outstanding at end of period	19,320,100	5,520,100

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NOTE 7 — FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – (continued)

Ratio/Supplemental Data:	Year ended December 31, 2012	For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011
Net assets at end of period	\$ 252,582,801	\$ 71,503,248
Average net assets	\$ 208,050,344	\$ 44,532,523
Annualized ratio of gross operating expenses to average net assets ⁽⁹⁾	4.10%	5.01%
Annualized ratio of net operating expenses to average net assets ⁽⁹⁾	4.10%	5.01%
Annualized ratio of net investment income to average net assets ⁽⁹⁾	(3.98)%	(4.64)%

- (1) Based on weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period.
- (2) Based on shares outstanding at end of period.
- (3) Issuance of common shares for the three months ended June 30, 2012 is based on the change in net asset value from the secondary offering on May 11, 2012. Issuance of common shares for the six months ended June 30, 2012 is based on the change in net asset value from the secondary offerings on February 10, 2012 and May 11, 2012.
- (4) Issuance of common shares for the year ended December 31, 2012 is based on the change in net asset value from the secondary offerings on February 10, 2012 and May 11, 2012.
- (5) Issuance of common shares for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011 is based on the weighted average offering price for the shares issued during the period.
- (6) Includes the impact of the different share amounts as a result of calculating certain per share data based on the weighted average basic shares outstanding during the period and certain per share data based on the shares outstanding as of a period end or transaction date.
- (7) Total return based on market value is based on the change in market price per share between the opening and ending market values per share in the period. Total return based on net asset value is based upon the change in net asset value per share between the opening and ending net asset values per share and the issuance of common shares in the period. The percentage returns noted above are based on the increase in our net asset value attributable to issuances of our common stock at a premium to our net asset value per share, rather than investment returns. Such issuances of our common stock at a premium to net asset value per share are not typical, and may not occur in the future. The total returns are not annualized.
- (8) Total return based on market value is based on the change in market price per share assuming an investment at the initial public offering price of \$15.00 per share. Total return based on net asset value is based upon the change in net asset value per share between the opening and ending net asset values per share and the issuance of common shares in the period. The total returns are not annualized.
- (9) Financial Highlights for periods of less than one year are annualized and the ratios of operating expenses to average net assets and net investment loss to average net assets are adjusted accordingly. Non-recurring expenses were not annualized. For the year-end December 31, 2012, and for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, the Company incurred \$0, and \$198,831 of organizational expenses, respectively, which were deemed to be non-recurring. For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, average net assets were calculated starting from the issuance of 100 shares on February 28, 2011. Because the ratios are calculated for the Company's common stock taken as a whole, an individual investor's ratios may vary from these ratios.

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NOTE 8 — INCOME TAX

The Company was taxed as a C corporation and subject to federal and state corporation income taxes for its 2012 taxable year. The GSV Holdings, which are taxed as C corporations, are not consolidated into the Company for financial reporting and income tax filing purposes. These subsidiaries hold certain pass-through companies in connection with the Company's proposed qualification as a RIC beginning with its 2013 taxable year. The Company recorded no current income tax expense or benefit during the year ended December 31, 2012 since it had net operating loss carry-forwards from prior years and a net operating loss for the 2012 tax year.

The Company recorded no deferred income tax expense or benefit for the year ended December 31, 2012 since it provided a full valuation allowance for deferred tax assets, which consisted primarily of net operating losses and temporary differences based on realized losses and unrealized depreciation of investments for financial statement purposes.

For federal and state purposes, a portion of the Company's net operating loss carryforwards and basis differences may be subject to limitations on annual utilization in case of a change in ownership, as defined by federal and state law. The amount of such limitations, if any, has not been determined. Accordingly, the amount of such tax attributes available to offset future profits may be significantly less than the actual amounts of the tax attributes.

The Company has provided a full valuation allowance for its deferred tax assets due to uncertainty of generating sufficient capital gains or taxable income in future periods to realize these assets. Beginning with its 2013 taxable year, the Company may elect to be treated as a RIC if it is in the best interests of the Company and the Company is able to satisfy the requirements under subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code. As a RIC, the Company generally will not pay corporate-level U.S. federal income taxes on any net ordinary income or capital gains that the Company distributes to its stockholders as dividends and claims dividends paid deductions to compute taxable income. Accordingly, the Company would no longer provide deferred taxes nor associated valuation allowance. A RIC will not be eligible to utilize net operating losses. However, the net operating losses may become available should the Company not elect to be taxed as a RIC for 2013 or subsequently fails to qualify as a RIC and become a C corporation in the future.

In addition to meeting other requirements, the Company must generally distribute at least 90% of its investment company taxable income to qualify for the special treatment accorded to a RIC and maintain its RIC status. As part of maintaining RIC status, undistributed taxable income (subject to a 4% excise tax) pertaining to a given fiscal year may be distributed up to 12 months subsequent to the end of that fiscal year, provided such dividends are declared prior to the later of (1) the fifteenth day of the ninth month following the close of that fiscal year or (2) the extended due date for filing the federal income tax return for that fiscal year.

The Company did not have any material changes in unrecognized tax benefits as of the period presented herein. The Company identified its major tax jurisdictions as U.S. federal and California. The Company is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits will change significantly in the next 12 months.

NOTE 9 — SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On July 12, 2013, July 15, 2013, and July 24, 2013, the Company sold a total of 175,000 shares of its investment in Facebook, Inc. in three transactions for \$1,282,663, \$657,521, and \$3,133,395, respectively. The Company continues to hold 175,000 shares of Facebook, Inc.

Subsequent to June 30, 2013, the Company closed on investments of \$1.9 million, plus transaction costs as follows:

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NOTE 9 — SUBSEQUENT EVENTS – (continued)

The Company closed on an investment of \$600,000, plus transaction costs, in NestGSV, Inc., an Incubator company, on July 15, 2013.

The Company closed on an investment of \$1,099,997, plus transaction costs, in Dataminr, Inc., a Social Media Analytics company, on July 26, 2013.

On July 31, 2013, Grockit, Inc. sold its test preparation business and related assets, including the Grockit name, to Kaplan. Concurrently, Grockit, Inc. changed its name to Learnist Inc.

The Company closed on an investment of \$225,000, plus transaction costs, in Kno, Inc., a Digital Textbooks Company, on August 1, 2013.

On August 2, 2013, Control4 Corporation priced its initial public offering, selling 4,000,000 shares at a price of \$16 per share. The underwriters retain an option to purchase up to an additional 600,000 shares from Control4 Corporation at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, for 30 days after the date of the prospectus. GSV Capital Corp.'s shares in Control4 Corporation are subject to a lock-up agreement.

The Company is presently in the final stages of negotiations with respect to a handful of private company investments that it anticipates entering into within the next 30 to 60 days, subject to satisfaction of applicable closing conditions. In the case of secondary market transactions, such closing conditions may include approval of the issuer, waiver or failure to exercise rights of first refusal by the issuer and/or its stockholders and termination rights by the seller or the Company. Equity investments made through the secondary market may involve making deposits in escrow accounts until the applicable closing conditions are satisfied, at which time the escrow accounts will close and such equity investments will be effectuated. Subsequent to June 30, 2013, the Company has not made any such escrow deposits.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Stockholders
GSV Capital Corp.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of assets and liabilities of GSV Capital Corp. (formerly NeXt Innovation Corp.) and subsidiary (the “Company”), including the consolidated schedules of investments, as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2012 and for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of the investments owned as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 by correspondence with the custodian and broker. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of GSV Capital Corp. and subsidiary as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2012 and for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in the 1992 *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated March 13, 2013 (not separately included herein), expressed an unqualified opinion.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

San Jose, California
March 13, 2013

GSV CAPITAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARY
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value:		
Investments in affiliated securities (cost of \$38,210,753 and \$0, respectively)	\$ 34,648,363	\$ —
Investments in non-control/non-affiliated securities (cost of \$198,936,982 and \$65,658,866, respectively)	190,748,722	64,078,150
Investment in United States treasury bill (cost of \$0 and \$19,999,128, respectively)	—	20,000,044
Investments in money market funds (cost of \$16,000,000 and \$7,000,000, respectively)	16,000,000	7,000,000
Total Investments (cost of \$253,147,735 and \$92,657,994, respectively)	<u>241,397,085</u>	<u>91,078,194</u>
Cash	11,318,525	385,995
Due from:		
GSV Asset Management	5,723	13,470
Portfolio companies	316,377	9,249
Accrued interest	—	158,389
Prepaid expenses	63,953	92,750
Deferred offering costs	—	56,436
Dividend receivable	1,920	1,063
Other assets	27,145	2,696
Total Assets	<u>253,130,728</u>	<u>91,798,242</u>
LIABILITIES		
Due to:		
GSV Asset Management	51,194	78,427
Other affiliates	—	10,782
Payable for unsettled securities transaction	—	19,999,128
Accounts payable	204,093	206,357
Accrued expenses	292,640	300
Total Liabilities	<u>547,927</u>	<u>20,294,994</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 6)		
Net Assets	<u>\$252,582,801</u>	<u>\$ 71,503,248</u>
NET ASSETS		
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (100,000,000 authorized; 19,320,100 and 5,520,100 issued and outstanding, respectively)	\$ 193,201	\$ 55,201
Paid-in capital in excess of par	275,837,514	73,027,847
Accumulated net investment loss	(10,316,745)	—
Accumulated net realized loss on investments	(1,380,519)	—
Accumulated net unrealized depreciation on investments	(11,750,650)	(1,579,800)
Net Assets	<u>\$252,582,801</u>	<u>\$ 71,503,248</u>
Net Asset Value Per Share	<u>\$ 13.07</u>	<u>\$ 12.95</u>

See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

GSV CAPITAL CORP. AND SUBSIDIARY
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Year ended December 31, 2012	For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest income from affiliated securities	\$ 21,852	\$ —
Interest income from non-control/non-affiliated securities	200,195	158,389
Dividend income	26,030	3,939
Total Investment Income	<u>248,077</u>	<u>162,328</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Investment management fees	4,419,345	618,865
Costs incurred under administration agreement	2,384,764	554,232
Directors' fees	237,500	127,500
Professional fees	959,604	409,983
Insurance expense	214,306	142,494
Investor relations expense	182,193	89,250
Organization expenses	—	198,831
Other expenses	133,246	55,037
Total Operating Expenses	<u>8,530,958</u>	<u>2,196,192</u>
Net Investment Loss	<u>(8,282,881)</u>	<u>(2,033,864)</u>
Net Realized Loss on Investments	(1,380,519)	—
Net Change in Unrealized Depreciation on Investments	<u>(10,170,850)</u>	<u>(1,579,800)</u>
Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	<u>\$(19,834,250)</u>	<u>\$(3,613,664)</u>
Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting From Operations Per Common Share	<u>\$ (1.23)</u>	<u>\$ (1.07)</u>
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	<u>16,096,330</u>	<u>3,377,429⁽¹⁾</u>

(1) Weighted average common shares for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011 was calculated from the issuance of 100 shares on February 28, 2011.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year ended December 31, 2012	For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011
Decrease in Net Assets Resulting From Operations		
Net Investment Loss	\$ (8,282,881)	\$ (2,033,864)
Net Realized Loss on Investments	(1,380,519)	—
Net Change in Unrealized Depreciation on Investments	(10,170,850)	(1,579,800)
Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	<u>(19,834,250)</u>	<u>(3,613,664)</u>
Capital Share Transactions		
Net Proceeds from Common Shares Issued	201,652,500	76,175,200
Offering Costs	(738,697)	(1,058,288)
Net Capital Share Transactions	<u>200,913,803</u>	<u>75,116,912</u>
Total Increase in Net Assets	181,079,553	71,503,248
Net Assets at Beginning of Period	71,503,248	—
Net Assets at End of Period	<u>\$252,582,801</u>	<u>\$ 71,503,248</u>
Capital Share Activity		
Shares Issued	13,800,000	5,520,100
Shares Outstanding at Beginning of Period	5,520,100	—
Shares Outstanding at End of Period	<u>19,320,100</u>	<u>5,520,100</u>

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	Year ended December 31, 2012	For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December, 2011
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (19,834,250)	\$ (3,613,664)
Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets resulting from operations to net cash used in operating activities:		
Net realized loss on investments	1,380,519	—
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments	10,170,850	1,579,800
Purchases of investments in:		
Portfolio investments	(172,869,132)	(65,658,866)
United States treasury bill	(19,999,128)	—
Money market funds	(10,000,000)	(11,500,000)
Proceeds from sales or redemption of investments in:		
United States treasury bill	19,998,872	—
Money market funds	1,000,000	4,500,000
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Due from GSV Asset Management	7,747	(13,470)
Due from portfolio companies	(307,128)	(9,249)
Accrued interest	158,389	(158,389)
Prepaid expenses	28,797	(92,750)
Dividend receivable	(857)	(1,063)
Other assets	(24,449)	(2,696)
Due to GSV Asset Management	(27,233)	78,427
Due to other affiliates	(10,782)	10,782
Accounts payable	54,172	149,921
Accrued expenses	292,340	300
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u>(189,981,273)</u>	<u>(74,730,917)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Net proceeds from common shares issued	201,652,500	76,175,200
Offering costs	(738,697)	(1,058,288)
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	<u>200,913,803</u>	<u>75,116,912</u>
Total Increase in Cash Balance	<u>10,932,530</u>	<u>385,995</u>
Cash Balance at Beginning of Period	385,995	—
Cash Balance at End of Period	<u>\$ 11,318,525</u>	<u>\$ 385,995</u>
Non-Cash Operating Items		
Structured note exchanged for common shares	\$ 3,002,665	\$ —
Structured notes converted to preferred shares	\$ 924,651	\$ —
Warrants exercised for preferred shares	\$ 53,665	\$ —
Increase in accounts payable	\$ —	\$ 56,436
Non-Cash Financing Items		
Increase in deferred offering costs	\$ —	\$ (56,436)

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Portfolio Investments*	December 31, 2012	Shares	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Headquarters/Industry					
Twitter, Inc.					
Common shares	San Francisco, CA	1,835,600	\$ 31,755,821	\$ 34,876,400	13.81%
Preferred shares, Series A	Social Communication	65,000	1,235,290	1,235,000	0.49%
Total			<u>32,991,111</u>	<u>36,111,400</u>	<u>14.30%</u>
Palantir Technologies, Inc.					
Common shares, Class A	Palo Alto, CA	7,145,690	20,051,479	20,150,846	7.98%
Preferred shares, Series G	Cyber Security	326,797	1,008,968	921,568	0.36%
Total			<u>21,060,447</u>	<u>21,072,414</u>	<u>8.34%</u>
Violin Memory, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series B	Mountain View, CA	800,000	4,800,798	4,800,000	1.90%
Preferred shares, Series D	Flash Memory	1,666,666	10,018,045	9,999,996	3.96%
Total			<u>14,818,843</u>	<u>14,799,996</u>	<u>5.86%</u>
Dropbox, Inc.					
Common share	San Francisco, CA	760,000	8,641,153	8,360,000	3.31%
Preferred shares, Series A-1	Online Storage	552,486	5,015,333	6,077,346	2.41%
Total			<u>13,656,486</u>	<u>14,437,346</u>	<u>5.72%</u>
Chegg, Inc.					
Common shares	Santa Clara, CA	1,274,193	10,012,543	10,193,544	4.03%
Preferred shares, Series F	Textbook Rental	500,000	4,008,654	4,000,000	1.58%
Total			<u>14,021,197</u>	<u>14,193,544</u>	<u>5.61%</u>
Avenues World Holdings LLC⁽⁵⁾					
Preferred shares, Class A-1	New York, NY Globally-focused Private School	5,000,000	10,025,123	10,000,000	3.96%
Solexel, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series C	Milpitas, CA Solar Power	4,576,659	10,016,559	10,000,000	3.96%
2U, Inc. (f/k/a 2tor, Inc.)					
Common shares	Landover, MD Online Education	1,151,802	8,757,599	8,730,659	3.46%
Preferred shares, Series A		167,431	1,273,125	1,269,127	0.50%
Total			<u>10,030,724</u>	<u>9,999,786</u>	<u>3.96%</u>
Kno, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series C	Santa Clara, CA Digita	440,313	2,262,006	2,249,999	0.89%
Preferred shares, Series C-1	Textbooks	1	7,510,334	7,500,000	2.97%
Common shares		50,000	214,681	178,850	0.07%
Total			<u>9,987,021</u>	<u>9,928,849</u>	<u>3.93%</u>
Facebook, Inc.⁽³⁾⁽¹⁰⁾					
Common shares, Class B	Menlo Park, CA Social Networking	350,000	10,472,294	9,317,000	3.69%
Control4 Corporation					
Common shares	Salt Lake City, UT Home Automation	4,070,667	\$ 7,011,025	\$ 7,123,667	2.82%
Totus Solutions, Inc.⁽²⁾					
Common shares	Carrollton, TX LED Lighting	20,000,000	5,023,748	5,000,000	1.98%

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Portfolio Investments*	December 31, 2012	Shares	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Headquarters/Industry					
Grokit, Inc.⁽²⁾					
Preferred shares, Series D	San Francisco, CA Online Test	2,728,252	2,005,945	2,373,579	0.94%
Preferred shares, Series E	Preparation	1,731,501	1,503,670	1,506,406	0.60%
Total			<u>3,509,615</u>	<u>3,879,985</u>	<u>1.54%</u>
SugarCRM, Inc.					
Common shares	Cupertino, CA Customer Relationship Manager	1,086,047	3,813,378	3,801,165	1.50%
Gilt Groupe, Inc.					
Common shares	New York, NY e-Commerce Flash Sales	248,600	6,594,346	3,637,329	1.44%
Spotify Technology S.A.⁽¹⁰⁾					
Common shares	Stockholm, Sweden Music Streaming Service	3,658	3,598,472	3,589,669	1.42%
ZocDoc Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series A	New York, NY Online Medical Scheduling	200,000	3,563,178	3,500,000	1.38%
Bloom Energy Corporation					
Common shares	Sunnyvale, CA Fuel Cell Energy	201,589	3,855,601	3,225,424	1.28%
Global Education					
Learning (Holdings) Ltd.⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾					
Preferred shares, Series A	Hong Kong Education Technology	1,472,175	2,999,998	3,003,237	1.19%
Parchment, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series D	Scottsdale, AZ E-Transcript Exchange	2,400,384	3,000,000	3,000,480	1.19%
Whittle Schools, LLC⁽²⁾⁽⁶⁾					
Preferred shares, Series B	New York, NY Globally-focused Private School	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	1.19%
StormWind, LLC⁽²⁾⁽⁷⁾					
Preferred shares, Series B	Scottsdale, AZ Interactive Learning Platform	3,279,629	2,019,687	2,545,812	1.01%
SharesPost, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series B	San Bruno, CA Online	1,771,653	\$ 2,257,984	\$ 2,249,999	0.89%
Common warrants, \$0.13 strike price, expire 6/15/2018	Marketplace (Finance)	770,934	23,128	123,349	0.05%
Total			<u>2,281,112</u>	<u>2,373,348</u>	<u>0.94%</u>
Maven Research, Inc.⁽²⁾					
Preferred shares, Series B	San Francisco, CA Knowledge	49,505	217,206	310,396	0.12%
Preferred shares, Series C	Networks	318,979	1,999,998	1,999,998	0.79%
Total			<u>2,217,204</u>	<u>2,310,394</u>	<u>0.91%</u>

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Portfolio Investments*	December 31, 2012	Shares	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Headquarters/Industry					
Fullbridge, Inc. ⁽²⁾					
Preferred shares, Series C	Cambridge, MA Business Education	1,196,809	2,250,001	2,250,001	0.89%
Starfish Holdings, Inc. (d/b/a YourOffers) ⁽²⁾					
Preferred shares, Series A, and common warrants, \$0.00001 strike price, expire 11/13/2019	Beverly Hills, CA Marketing Platform	43,878,894	2,012,103	2,193,945	0.87%
TrueCar, Inc.					
Common shares	Santa Monica, CA Online Marketplace (Cars)	377,358	2,014,863	2,011,318	0.79%
Dataminr, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series B	New York, NY Social Media Analytics	904,977	2,060,602	1,999,999	0.79%
CUX, Inc. (d/b/a CorpU) ⁽²⁾					
Preferred shares, Series C	San Francisco, CA Corporate Education	246,305	2,006,077	1,999,997	0.79%
Dailybreak, Inc. ⁽²⁾					
Preferred shares, Series A-1	Boston, MA Social Advertising	1,545,181	2,000,000	1,993,283	0.79%
Silver Spring Networks, Inc.					
Common shares ⁽¹¹⁾	Redwood City, CA Smart Grid	510,143	5,145,271	1,976,804	0.78%
The Echo System Corp. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾					
Preferred shares, Series A	New York, NY Social Analytics	512,365	1,436,404	1,639,568	0.65%
Preferred warrants, \$0.20 strike price, expire 11/14/2016		68,359	75,988	68,359	0.03%
Total	Headquarters / Industry	Shares/ Capital Contribution	1,512,392 Cost	1,707,927 Fair Value	0.68% % of Net Assets
AltEgo, LLC ⁽²⁾⁽⁸⁾					
Preferred shares, Series B-2	Santa Monica, CA Social Media Customer Acquisition Platform	1,400,000	\$ 1,420,406	\$ 1,400,000	0.55%
Zynga, Inc. ⁽¹⁰⁾					
Common shares	San Francisco, CA Social Gaming	533,333	3,003,462	1,258,666	0.50%
The rSmart Group, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series B	Scottsdale, AZ Higher Education Learning Platform	1,201,923	1,266,940	1,250,000	0.49%
S3 Digital Corp. (d/b/a S3i) ⁽²⁾					
Preferred shares, Class A1	New York, NY Sports Analytics	1,033,452	989,058	1,033,452	0.41%
Preferred warrants, \$1.00 strike price, expire 11/21/2017		500,000	31,354	31,354	0.01%
Total			1,020,412	1,064,806	0.42%

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Portfolio Investments*	December 31, 2012	Shares/ Capital Contribution	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
<u>NestGSV, Inc.</u> ⁽²⁾					
Preferred shares, Series A	Redwood City, CA Incubator	1,000,000	1,021,778	1,000,000	0.40%
<u>DreamBox Learning, Inc.</u>					
Preferred shares, Series A	Bellevue, WA Education Technology	3,579,610	758,017	751,718	0.30%
<u>SinoLending Ltd.</u> ⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾					
Preferred shares, Class A	Shanghai, China Chinese P2P Lending	6,414,368	501,998	500,321	0.20%
<u>Ozy Media, Inc.</u>					
Preferred shares, Series Seed	Mountain View, CA Social Media	500,000	500,000	500,000	0.20%
<u>NestGSV Silicon Valley, LLC</u> ⁽²⁾⁽⁹⁾					
Common membership interest	Redwood City, CA Incubator	\$ 500,000	500,000	500,000	0.20%
<u>Groupon, Inc.</u> ⁽⁴⁾⁽¹⁰⁾					
Common shares	Chicago, IL Online Deals	80,000	2,128,774	388,800	0.15%
<u>AlwaysOn, Inc.</u> ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾					
Preferred shares, Series A	Woodside, CA Social Media	1,066,626	1,027,391	298,655	0.12%
<u>NewZoom, Inc. (d/b/a ZoomSystems)</u>					
Preferred shares, Series A	San Francisco, CA Smart e-tail (Retail)	1,250,000	260,476	250,000	0.10%
<u>Neuron Fuel, Inc.</u>					
Preferred shares, Series AAI	San Jose, CA Computer Software	250,000	\$ 262,530	\$ 250,000	0.10%
<u>Serious Energy, Inc.</u> ⁽¹⁰⁾					
Common shares	Sunnyvale, CA Green Materials	178,095	739,130	—	—%
<u>Top Hat 430, Inc.</u> ⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾					
Preferred shares, Series A	Shakopee, MN Jewelry Retailing	1,844,444	4,167,943	—	—%
Preferred warrants, \$2.25 strike price, expire 11/2/2017	Technology	13,333	—	—	—%
Total			4,167,943	—	—%
Total Portfolio Investments			<u>237,147,735</u>	<u>225,397,085</u>	<u>89.23%</u>
<u>Money Market Funds</u> ⁽¹⁾					
Fidelity Institutional Money Market Funds					
Money Market Portfolio		8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	3.17%
Prime Money Market Portfolio		8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	3.17%
Total Money Market Funds			16,000,000	16,000,000	6.34%
Total Investments			<u>\$ 253,147,735</u>	<u>\$ 241,397,085</u>	<u>95.57%</u>

* All portfolio investments are non-control/non-affiliated and non-income producing, unless identified. Equity investments are subject to lock-up restrictions upon their initial public offering.

(1) Investment is income producing.

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- (2) Denotes an Affiliate Investment. “Affiliate Investments” are investments in those companies that are “Affiliated Companies” of GSV Capital Corp., as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940. A company is deemed to be an “Affiliate” of GSV Capital Corp. if GSV Capital Corp. owns 5% or more but less than 25% of the voting securities of such company.
- (3) On May 17, 2012, Facebook, Inc. priced its initial public offering, selling 421,233,615 shares at a price of \$38.00 per share. GSV Capital Corp.’s shares in Facebook, Inc. are subject to a lock-up agreement that expired on November 14, 2012. At December 31, 2012, GSV Capital Corp. valued Facebook based on its December 31, 2012 closing price.
- (4) On November 8, 2011, Groupon, Inc. priced its initial public offering, selling 35,000,000 shares at a price of \$20.00 per share. GSV Capital Corp.’s shares in Groupon, Inc. are subject to a lock-up agreement that expired on June 1, 2012. At December 31, 2012, GSV Capital Corp. valued Groupon, Inc. based on its December 31, 2012 closing price.
- (5) GSV Capital Corp.’s investment in Avenues World Holdings LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSVC AV Holdings, Inc.
- (6) GSV Capital Corp.’s investment in Whittle Schools, LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSVC WS Holdings, Inc.
- (7) GSV Capital Corp.’s investment in StormWind, LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSVC SW Holdings, Inc.
- (8) GSV Capital Corp.’s investment in AltEgo, LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSVC AE Holdings, Inc.
- (9) GSV Capital Corp.’s investment in NestGSV Silicon Valley, LLC is held through its wholly-owned subsidiary GSVC NG Holdings, Inc.
- (10) Indicates assets that GSV Capital Corp. believes do not represent “qualifying assets” under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Qualifying assets must represent at least 70% of GSV Capital Corp.’s total assets at the time of acquisition of any additional non-qualifying assets.
- (11) On February 11, 2013, Silver Spring Networks, Inc. conducted a five-for-one reverse stock split of its common stock, which has not been reflected above.

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Portfolio Investments*	December 31, 2011	Shares/Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Headquarters/Industry					
Twitter, Inc.					
Common shares	San Francisco, CA Social Communication	735,600	\$ 12,304,345	\$ 12,113,493	16.94%
Facebook, Inc.					
Common shares, Class B	Palo Alto, CA Social Networking	350,000	10,465,981	10,462,500	14.63%
Chegg, Inc.					
Common shares	Santa Clara, CA Textbook Rental	774,193	6,003,694	5,999,996	8.39%
Gilt Groupe, Inc.					
Common shares	New York, NY e-Commerce Flash Sales	203,100	5,576,979	5,499,250	7.69%
Dropbox, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series A	San Francisco, CA Online Storage	552,486	5,015,333	4,999,998	6.99%
PJB Fund LLC⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾					
Structured note, 10%, due 8/15/2012	San Francisco, CA Social Gaming	\$ 4,000,000	4,029,259	4,000,000	5.59%
ZocDoc Inc.					
Preferred shares	New York, NY Online Medical Scheduling	200,000	3,563,178	3,500,000	4.89%
Kno, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series C	Santa Clara, CA Digital	440,313	2,262,006	2,250,000	3.15%
Common shares	Textbooks	50,000	214,303	205,000	0.29%
Total			2,476,309	2,455,000	3.44%
SharesPost, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series B	San Bruno, CA Online	1,776,970	2,257,984	2,256,752	3.16%
Common warrants, \$0.13 strike price, expire 6/15/2018	Marketplace (Finance)	770,934	23,128	17,731	0.02%
Total			2,281,112	2,274,483	3.18%
Grockit, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series B	San Francisco, CA Online Test Preparation	2,728,252	2,005,945	2,000,000	2.80%
TrueCar, Inc.					
Common shares	Santa Monica, CA Online Marketplace (Cars)	377,358	2,014,551	1,999,997	2.80%
Bloom Energy Corporation					
Common shares	Sunnyvale, CA Fuel Cell Energy	96,389	1,815,818	1,771,335	2.48%
Groupon, Inc.⁽²⁾					
Common shares	Chicago, IL Online Deals	80,000	\$ 2,128,585	\$ 1,188,288	1.66%

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Portfolio Investments*	December 31, 2011	Shares/Par Amount	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Headquarters/Industry					
Silver Spring Networks, Inc.					
Common shares	Redwood City, CA Smart Grid	110,143	1,153,381	1,101,430	1.54%
Control4 Corporation					
Common shares	Salt Lake City, UT Home Automation	666,667	1,034,827	1,000,000	1.40%
StormWind, LLC					
Preferred shares, Series B	Scottsdale, AZ Electronic	1,711,111	959,209	946,335	1.32%
Preferred warrants, \$0.64 strike price, expire 12/1/2012	Marketing and Business Services	1,568,518	53,665	53,665	0.08%
Total			<u>1,012,874</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1.40%</u>
DreamBox Learning, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series A	Bellevue, WA Education Technology	3,579,610	757,955	750,000	1.05%
Serious Energy, Inc.					
Common shares	Sunnyvale, CA Green Materials	178,095	739,130	712,380	1.00%
The Echo System Corp.⁽¹⁾					
Structured note, 6%, due 1/28/2013, and warrant, \$0.20 strike price, expires 11/14/2016	New York, NY Social Analytics	\$ 500,000	505,823	500,000	0.70%
The rSmart Group, Inc.					
Preferred shares, Series B	Scottsdale, AZ Higher Education Learning Platform	480,769	513,311	500,000	0.70%
NewZoom, Inc. (d/b/a ZoomSystems)					
Preferred shares, Series A	San Francisco, CA Smart e-tail (Retail)	1,250,000	260,476	250,000	0.35%
Total Portfolio Investments			<u>\$ 65,658,866</u>	<u>\$ 64,078,150</u>	<u>89.62%</u>

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Non-Portfolio Investments	December 31, 2011	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
	Shares/Par Amount			
United States Treasury⁽¹⁾				
United States Treasury Bill, 0%, due 1/26/2012	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 19,999,128	\$ 20,000,044	27.97%
Money Market Funds⁽¹⁾				
Fidelity Institutional Money Market Funds				
Money Market Portfolio	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	4.89%
Prime Money Market Portfolio	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	4.89%
Total Money Market Funds		<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>9.78%</u>
Total Investments		<u>\$ 92,657,994</u>	<u>\$ 91,078,194</u>	<u>127.37%</u>

* All portfolio investments are non-control/non-affiliated and non-income producing, unless identified. Equity investments are subject to lock-up restrictions upon their initial public offering.

(1) Investment is income producing.

(2) On November 8, 2011, Groupon, Inc. priced its initial public offering, selling 35,000,000 shares at a price of \$20.00 per share. GSV Capital Corp.'s shares in Groupon are subject to a lock-up agreement that expires on June 1, 2012.

(3) Represents a \$4 million unsecured promissory note with an interest rate of 10% and maturity date of August 15, 2012 that was issued by PJB Fund LLC that may be repaid, at PJB Fund LLC's election, either by transfer of a certain number of shares of common stock of Zynga, Inc. or with a cash amount of equivalent value. The amount payable under the note will be equal to the face amount, plus the greater of accrued interest (at a rate of 10%) or a return based on the relative value of Zynga, Inc. To the extent the borrower repays the note in cash, GSV Capital Corp. would have no further direct or indirect interest in Zynga, Inc. On December 15, 2011, Zynga, Inc. priced its initial public offering, selling 100,000,000 shares at a price of \$10.00 per share.

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NOTE 1 — NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

GSV Capital Corp. (formerly NeXt Innovation Corp., the “Company”, “we”, “our” or “GSV Capital”) was formed in September 2010 as a Maryland corporation structured as an externally managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company. The Company has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The Company is managed by GSV Asset Management, LLC (formerly NeXt Asset Management, “GSV Asset Management”).

The Company’s date of inception is January 6, 2011, which is the date it commenced its development stage activities. On February 28, 2011, the Company, which had not yet begun investment operations, issued 100 shares which were owned by an officer of the Company who is also a principal of GSV Asset Management. On April 28, 2011, the Company priced its initial public offering, selling 3,335,000 shares at a price of \$15.00 per share. The initial public offering closed on May 3, 2011, resulting in net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$46.5 million. The Company’s shares are currently listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “GSVC”. The Company began its investment operations during the second quarter.

On April 13, 2012, the Company formed a wholly-owned subsidiary, GSV Capital Lending, LLC (“GCL”), a Delaware limited liability company, which will originate portfolio loan investments within the state of California. An application for a California lender license was submitted by GCL to the California Department of Corporations and GCL is awaiting receipt of its license from the State.

On November 28, 2012, the Company formed wholly-owned subsidiaries, GSVC AE Holdings, Inc. (“GAE”), GSVC AV Holdings, Inc. (“GAV”), GSVC NG Holdings, Inc. (“GNG”), GSVC SW Holdings, Inc. (“GSW”) and GSVC WS Holdings, Inc. (“GWS”) (collectively the “GSVC Holdings”), all Delaware corporations, to hold portfolio investments.

The Company’s investment objective is to maximize our portfolio’s total return, principally by seeking capital gains on our equity investments. The Company invests principally in the equity securities of venture capital-backed and rapidly growing emerging companies. The Company may also invest on an opportunistic basis in select publicly-traded equity securities of rapidly growing companies that otherwise meet its investment criteria.

On March 28, 2011, the board of directors (the “Board”) of the Company approved Articles of Amendment and Restatement, reflecting a change in the Company’s name from NeXt BDC Capital Corp. to NeXt Innovation Corp., which Articles of Amendment and Restatement became effective upon filing with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation of the State of Maryland on March 29, 2011. Then, on May 26, 2011, the board of directors of the Company approved Articles of Amendment, reflecting a change in the Company’s name from NeXt Innovation Corp. to GSV Capital Corp., which Articles of Amendment became effective upon filing with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation of the State of Maryland on May 26, 2011.

On September 26, 2011, the Company priced a follow-on equity offering, selling 2,185,000 of common shares at a price of \$14.15 per share, including an exercise in full by the underwriters of their option to purchase an additional 285,000 shares of common stock to cover overallocments. The follow-on equity offering resulted in net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$29.6 million.

On February 10, 2012, the Company priced a subsequent follow-on equity offering, selling 6,900,000 of common shares at a price of \$15.00 per share, including an exercise in full by the underwriters of their option to purchase an additional 900,000 shares of common stock to cover overallocments. The follow-on equity offering resulted in net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$96.2 million.

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On May 11, 2012, the Company priced an additional follow-on equity offering, selling 6,900,000 of common shares at a price of \$16.25 per share, including an exercise in full by the underwriters of their option to purchase an additional 900,000 shares of common stock to cover overallocments. The follow-on equity offering resulted in net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$105.4 million.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) for financial information and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-K and Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, all of which were of a normal recurring nature, considered necessary for the fair presentation of financial statements for the period have been included.

In accordance with Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company does not consolidate portfolio company investments. The Company has not consolidated the GSV Holdings which hold portfolio investments.

Basis of Consolidation

Under Article 6 of Regulation S-X and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants’ Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies, we are precluded from consolidating any entity other than another investment company or a controlled operating company which provides substantially all of its services and benefits to us. Accordingly, our financial statements include our accounts and the accounts of GCL, our wholly-owned subsidiary. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires the Company to make a number of significant estimates. These include estimates of fair value of certain assets and liabilities and other estimates that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of certain revenues and expenses during the reported period. It is likely that changes in these estimates will occur in the near term. Our estimates are inherently subjective in nature and actual results could differ from our estimates and the differences could be material.

Investments

The Company applies fair value accounting in accordance with GAAP. The Company generally values its assets on a quarterly basis, or more frequently if required under the 1940 Act. Securities for which market quotations are readily available on an exchange are valued at the closing price of such security on the valuation date; however, if they remain subject to lock-up restrictions they are discounted accordingly. The Company may also obtain quotes with respect to certain of its investments from pricing services or brokers or dealers in order to value assets. When doing so, the Company determines whether the quote obtained is sufficient according to GAAP to determine the fair value of the security. If determined adequate, the Company uses the quote obtained.

Securities for which reliable market quotations are not readily available or for which the pricing source does not provide a valuation or methodology or provides a valuation or methodology that, in the judgment of GSV Asset Management, the Board or the Valuation Committee of the Board (the “Valuation Committee”), does not represent fair value, shall each be valued as follows:

1. The quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment;

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2. Preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with GSV Asset Management senior management;
3. An independent third-party valuation firm is engaged by, or on behalf of, the Valuation Committee to conduct independent appraisals and review management's preliminary valuations and make their own independent assessment, for all material investments;
4. The Valuation Committee discusses valuations and recommends the fair value of each investment in the portfolio in good faith based on the input of GSV Asset Management and the independent third-party valuation firm; and,
5. The Board then discusses the valuations and determines in good faith the fair value of each investment in the portfolio based upon input of GSV Asset Management, estimates from the independent valuation firm and the recommendations of the Valuation Committee.

In making our good faith determination of the fair value of investments, we consider valuation methodologies consistent with industry practice. Valuation methods, among other measures and as applicable, may include comparisons to prices from secondary market transactions and recent venture capital financings, analysis of financial ratios and valuation metrics of the portfolio companies that issued such private equity securities to peer companies that are public, analysis of the portfolio companies' most recent financial statements and forecasts, and the markets in which the portfolio company does business, and other relevant factors. The Company assigns a weighting based upon the relevance of each factor to determine the fair value of each investment.

When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, the Company will consider the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate the private equity valuation. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of the investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a readily available market value existed for such investments, and the differences could be material.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value that includes a hierarchy used to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value. The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that the Company has the ability to access (examples include active exchange-traded equity securities, exchange-traded derivatives, and most U.S. Government and agency securities).

Level 2. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets (examples include corporate and municipal bonds, which trade infrequently);

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- c) Pricing models whose inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability (examples include most over-the-counter derivatives, including foreign exchange forward contracts); and,
- d) Pricing models whose inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or other means for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability (examples include certain of our private equity investments).

When the inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For example, a Level 3 fair value measurement may include inputs that are observable (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable (Level 3). Therefore gains and losses for such assets and liabilities categorized within the Level 3 table set forth in Note 3 may include changes in fair value that are attributable to both observable inputs (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable inputs (Level 3).

A review of fair value hierarchy classifications is conducted on a quarterly basis. Changes in the observability of valuation inputs may result in a reclassification for certain financial assets or liabilities. Reclassifications impacting Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are reported as transfers in/out of the Level 3 category as of the beginning of the quarter in which the reclassifications occur.

Valuation of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of our financial instruments, consisting of cash, receivables, accounts payable, and accrued expenses, approximate fair value due to their short-term nature.

Securities Transactions

Securities transactions are accounted for on the date the transaction for the purchase or sale of the securities is entered into by the Company (*i.e.*, trade date). Securities transactions outside conventional channels, such as private transactions, are recorded as of the date the Company obtains the right to demand the securities purchased or to collect the proceeds from a sale, and incurs an obligation to pay for securities purchased or to deliver securities sold, respectively.

Portfolio Company Investment Classification

We are a non-diversified company within the meaning of the 1940 Act. We classify our investments by level of control. As defined in the 1940 Act, control investments are those where there is the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company. Control is generally deemed to exist when a company or individual directly or indirectly owns beneficially more than 25% of the voting securities of an investee company. Affiliated investments and affiliated companies are defined by a lesser degree of influence and are deemed to exist when a company or individual directly or indirectly owns, controls or holds the power to vote 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of another person.

Cash

The Company places its cash with U.S. Bank, N.A. and First Republic Bank, N.A., and at times, cash held in these accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit. The Company may invest a portion of its cash in money market funds, within limitations of the 1940 Act.

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Revenue Recognition

The Company's revenue recognition policies are as follows:

Sales: Gains or losses on the sale of investments are determined using the specific identification method.

Interest: Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on an accrual basis.

Dividends: Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date.

Investment Transaction Costs and Escrow Deposits

Commissions and other costs associated with an investment transaction, including legal expenses not reimbursed by the issuer, are included in the cost basis of purchases and deducted from the proceeds of sales. The Company makes certain acquisitions on the secondary markets which may involve making deposits to escrow accounts until certain conditions are met including the underlying private company's right of first refusal. If the underlying private company does not exercise or assign its right of first refusal and all other conditions are met, then the funds in the escrow account are delivered to the seller and the account is closed. These transactions are reflected on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as Escrow deposits. At December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company had \$0 in Escrow deposits.

Payable for Unsettled Securities Transaction

Payable for unsettled securities transaction relates to the purchase of the United States Treasury Bill that was unsettled at December 31, 2011 and settled in January 2012.

Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation on Investments

Unrealized appreciation or depreciation is calculated as the difference between the fair value of the investment and the cost basis of such investment.

U.S. Federal and State Income Taxes

During the third quarter of 2012, the Company determined that it was more likely than not that it would not meet the criteria to be treated as a regulated investment company and therefore the Company was taxed as a regular corporation (a "C corporation") under subchapter C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for its 2011 taxable year and will continue to be taxed as such for its 2012 taxable year. The Company uses the liability method of accounting for income taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recorded for tax loss carryforwards and temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the consolidated financial statements, using statutory tax rates in effect for the year in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse. Certain tax attributes may be subject to limitations on timing and usage. A valuation allowance is provided against deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

Beginning with its 2013 taxable year, the Company intends to elect to be treated as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and intends to operate in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. In order to qualify as a RIC, among other things, the Company is required to distribute to its stockholders on a timely basis at least 90% of investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. So long as the Company maintains its status as a RIC, it generally will not pay corporate-level U.S. federal and state income taxes on any ordinary income or capital gains that it distributes at least annually to its stockholders as dividends. Rather, any tax liability related to income earned by the Company will represent obligations of the Company's investors and will not be reflected in the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

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The Company evaluates tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing its consolidated financial statements to determine whether the tax positions are “more-likely-than-not” of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. The Company recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only where the position has met the “more-likely-than-not” threshold. The Company classifies penalties and interest associated with income taxes, if any, as income tax expense. Conclusions regarding tax positions are subject to review and may be adjusted at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, ongoing analyses of tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof.

Organization and Offering Costs

Organization costs include costs relating to the formation and incorporation of the business. These costs were expensed as incurred. For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, the Company has incurred and expensed organization costs of \$198,831. The Company did not incur organization costs for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Offering costs include legal fees and other costs pertaining to the public offerings. As of December 31, 2012, \$738,697 of offering costs were offset against capital proceeds from the secondary offerings on May 11, 2012 and February 10, 2012. As of December 31, 2011, \$1,058,288 of offering costs were offset against capital proceeds from the initial public offering on April 28, 2011 and the secondary offering on September 26, 2011. As of December 31, 2011, \$56,436 of offering costs were deferred which were related to our offering on February 10, 2012.

Per Share Information

Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share is calculated using the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period presented.

Capital Accounts

Certain capital accounts including undistributed net investment income, accumulated net realized gain or loss, net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, and paid-in capital in excess of par, are adjusted, at least annually, for permanent differences between book and tax. In addition, the character of income and gains to be distributed is determined in accordance with income tax regulations that may differ from GAAP. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets relating to permanent differences be reclassified between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on the net assets or net asset value per share and are intended to enable the Company’s stockholders to determine the amount of accumulated and undistributed earnings they potentially could receive in the future and on which they could be taxed. For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, the net investment loss of \$2,033,864 was determined to be a permanent difference and reduced paid-in capital in excess of par in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company determined the net investment loss from 2011 was no longer a permanent difference because the Company is currently taxable as a C corporation and adjusted paid-in capital in excess of par and accumulated net investment loss by \$2,033,864, which is included on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, 2012.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued guidance clarifying how to measure and disclose fair value. This guidance amends the application of the “highest and best use” concept to be used only in the measurement of fair value of nonfinancial assets, clarifies that the measurement of the fair value of equity-classified financial instruments should be performed from the perspective of a market participant who holds the instrument as an asset, clarifies that an entity that manages a group of financial assets and liabilities on the basis of its net risk exposure can measure those financial instruments on the basis of its net exposure to those risks, and clarifies when premiums and discounts should be taken into account

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when measuring fair value. The fair value disclosure requirements also were amended. The amended guidance is to be applied prospectively. For public entities, the guidance is effective during interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of this guidance did not have a significant impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

NOTE 2 — RELATED PARTY ARRANGEMENTS

Investment Advisory Agreement

The Company entered into an investment advisory agreement with GSV Asset Management (the “Advisory Agreement”) in connection with its initial public offering. Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, GSV Asset Management will be paid a base annual fee of 2% of gross assets, and an annual incentive fee equal to the lesser of (i) 20% of the Company’s realized capital gains during each calendar year, if any, calculated on an investment-by-investment basis, subject to a non-compounded preferred return, or “hurdle,” and a “catch-up” feature, and (ii) 20% of the Company’s realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fees. For the period from the close of the initial public offering through and including December 31, 2011, the fee was payable monthly in arrears, and was calculated based on the initial value of the Company’s assets upon the closing of the public offering. For the year ended December 31, 2012 and for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, GSV Asset Management earned \$4,419,345 and \$618,865, respectively, in base management fees and \$0 in incentive fees, respectively.

As of December 31, 2012, the Company was due \$5,723 from GSV Asset Management for reimbursement of expenses paid by the Company that were the responsibility of GSV Asset Management, and is included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

As of December 31, 2012, the Company owed GSV Asset Management \$51,194 for reimbursements of travel-related expenses. These are included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company was due \$13,470 from GSV Asset Management for reimbursement of travel-related expenses paid for by the Company that were the responsibility of GSV Asset Management, and is included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company owed certain officers and directors \$10,782 for reimbursements of travel-related and other expenses. The Company owed GSV Asset Management \$78,427 for management fees and reimbursements of travel-related and other expenses. These are included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Administration Agreement

The Company entered into an administration agreement with GSV Capital Service Company (the “Administration Agreement”) to provide administrative services, including furnishing the Company with office facilities, equipment, clerical, bookkeeping, record keeping services and other administrative services, in connection with its initial public offering and ongoing operations. The Company reimburses GSV Capital Service Company an allocable portion of overhead and other expenses in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement. There were \$2,384,764 and \$554,232 in such costs incurred under the Administration Agreement for the year ended December 31, 2012 and for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, respectively.

License Agreement

The Company entered into a license agreement with GSV Asset Management pursuant to which GSV Asset Management has agreed to grant the Company a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name “GSV.” Under this agreement, the Company has the right to use the GSV name for so long as the Advisory

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Agreement with GSV Asset Management is in effect. Other than with respect to this limited license, the Company has no legal right to the “GSV” name.

NOTE 3 — PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE

At December 31, 2012, the Company had 61 positions in 47 portfolio companies. The total cost and fair value of the 61 positions were \$237,147,735 and \$225,397,085, respectively. At December 31, 2011, the Company had 24 positions in 21 portfolio companies. The total cost and fair value of the 24 positions were \$65,658,866 and \$64,078,150, respectively. The composition of our investments as of December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 are as follows:

	December 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value
Common Stock	\$ 132,833,640	\$ 123,820,141	\$ 43,451,594	\$ 42,053,669
Preferred Stock	103,683,625	100,853,882	17,595,397	17,453,085
Common Membership Interest	500,000	500,000	—	—
Structured Note	—	—	4,535,082	4,500,000
Warrants	130,470	223,062	76,793	71,396
Total Portfolio Investments	237,147,735	225,397,085	65,658,866	64,078,150
Non-Portfolio Investments	16,000,000	16,000,000	26,999,128	27,000,044
Total Investments	\$ 253,147,735	\$ 241,397,085	\$ 92,657,994	\$ 91,078,194

The table below presents the valuation techniques and the nature of significant inputs used to determine the fair values of our Level 3 investments as of December 31, 2012.

Asset	Fair Value	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable inputs	Range (Average)
Common stock in private companies	\$112,855,675	Market approach	Precedent transactions	N/A
			Income approach	Revenue multiples
		EBIT multiples		13.0x - 78.9x (36.2x)
		Market approach	Discount rate	35% - 50% (42 %)
Precedent transactions	N/A			
Preferred stock in private companies	100,853,882	Market approach	Precedent transactions	N/A
			Income approach	Revenue multiples
		EBIT multiples		8.3x - 78.9x (18.4x)
		Market approach	Discount rate	35% - 50% (44 %)
Precedent transactions	N/A			
Common membership interest	500,000	Market approach	Precedent transactions	N/A
			Income approach	Revenue multiples
		EBIT multiples		10.0x
		Market approach	Discount rate	45 %
Precedent transactions	N/A			
Warrants	31,354	Option pricing model	Term to expiration*	See below
			Stock price*	See below
			Volatility*	See below

* The Echo System Corp. warrants have an estimated term of 3.9 years, a stock price of \$3.20 and a volatility of 40%, and the SharesPost, Inc. warrants have an estimated term of 3.0 years, a stock price of \$0.28 and a volatility of 35%.

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The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value of the warrants are the term to expiration, stock price and volatility. Volatility is based on a combination of implied and historical volatility indications. A higher stock price and a longer time to expiration result in higher values, all else equal.

The fair values of our investments disaggregated into the three levels of the fair value hierarchy based upon the lowest level of significant input used in the valuation as of December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 are as follows:

As of December 31, 2012				
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Securities (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Common Stock	\$ 10,964,466	\$ —	\$ 112,855,675	\$ 123,820,141
Preferred Stock	—	—	100,853,882	100,853,882
Money Market Funds	16,000,000	—	—	16,000,000
Common Membership Interest	—	—	500,000	500,000
Warrants	—	—	223,062	223,062
Total Investments	\$ 26,964,466	\$ —	\$ 214,432,619	\$ 241,397,085

As of December 31, 2011				
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Securities (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Common Stock	\$ —	\$ 1,188,288	\$ 40,865,381	\$ 42,053,669
U.S. Treasury Bill	20,000,044	—	—	20,000,044
Preferred Stock	—	—	17,453,085	17,453,085
Money Market Funds	7,000,000	—	—	7,000,000
Structured Note	—	—	4,500,000	4,500,000
Warrants	—	—	71,396	71,396
Total Investments	\$ 27,000,044	\$ 1,188,288	\$ 62,889,862	\$ 91,078,194

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The aggregate values of Level 3 portfolio investments changed during the year ended December 31, 2012 and the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011 as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2012					Total
	Common Stock	Preferred Stock	Structured Note	Common Membership Interest	Warrants	
Fair value as of December 31, 2011	\$ 40,865,381	\$ 17,453,085	\$ 4,500,000	\$ —	\$ 71,396	\$ 62,889,862
Purchases of investments	86,378,395	85,104,161	854,236	500,000	31,354	172,868,146
Exercises, conversions and assignments ⁽¹⁾	—	984,067	(1,006,390)	—	22,323	—
Sales and settlements	—	—	(3,002,665)	—	—	(3,002,665)
Realized loss included in earnings	—	—	(1,380,263)	—	—	(1,380,263)
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) included in earnings	(5,027,001)	(2,687,431)	35,082	—	97,989	(7,581,361)
Transfer to Level 2	(9,361,100)	—	—	—	—	(9,361,100)
Fair Value as of December 31, 2012	<u>\$ 112,855,675</u>	<u>\$ 100,853,882</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 223,062</u>	<u>\$ 214,432,619</u>
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on Level 3 investments still held as of December 31, 2012	<u>\$ (3,919,288)</u>	<u>\$ (2,687,431)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 97,989</u>	<u>\$ (6,508,730)</u>

(1) During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company converted its structured notes to preferred shares in AlwaysOn, Inc. and The Echo System Corp., and exercised its warrants for preferred shares in StormWind, LLC. A portion of The Echo System Corp. structured notes attributable to the warrants was reclassified during the same period.

	From January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011				
	Common Stock	Preferred Stock	Structured Note	Warrants	Total
Fair value as of January 6, 2011	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Purchases of investments	43,451,594	17,595,397	4,535,082	76,793	65,658,866
Change in unrealized depreciation included in earnings	(1,397,925)	(142,312)	(35,082)	(5,397)	(1,580,716)
Transfer to Level 2	(1,188,288)	—	—	—	(1,188,288)
Fair value as of December 31, 2011	<u>\$ 40,865,381</u>	<u>\$ 17,453,085</u>	<u>\$ 4,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 71,396</u>	<u>\$ 62,889,862</u>
Change in unrealized depreciation on Level 3 investments still held as of December 31, 2011	<u>\$ (457,628)</u>	<u>\$ (142,312)</u>	<u>\$ (35,082)</u>	<u>\$ (5,397)</u>	<u>\$ (640,419)</u>

During the year ended December 31, 2012, there were three transfers between levels. Two of these transfers occurred as of June 30, 2012. Due to the expiration of the lock-up agreement on our shares in Groupon, Inc. on June 1, 2012, the closing price on a public exchange on June 29, 2012 was used for our

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NOTE 3 — PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE – (continued)

valuation as of June 30, 2012. This resulted in a transfer of Groupon, Inc. from Level 2 to Level 1. At December 31, 2012, Groupon, Inc. was valued using the closing price on a public exchange on December 31, 2012. Due to the initial public offering of Facebook, Inc. on May 17, 2012, observable inputs became available for our valuation as of June 30, 2012. However, our shares in Facebook, Inc. were subject to a lock-up agreement that expired on November 14, 2012. As such, the fair value for Facebook, Inc. was estimated using the closing price on a public exchange as of June 29, 2012, adjusted for a discount due to a lack of marketability of 14% that was primarily based on the market price of publicly traded put options with a similar term as our lock-up as of June 30, 2012. This resulted in a transfer of Facebook, Inc. from Level 3 to Level 2. Due to the expiration of the lock-up agreement on our shares in Facebook, Inc. on November 14, 2012, the closing price on a public exchange on December 31, 2012 was used for our valuation as of December 31, 2012. This resulted in a transfer of Facebook, Inc. from Level 2 to Level 1.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company recorded a realized loss on our investment in PJB Fund LLC. The note matured and was repaid by transfer of shares of common stock of Zynga, Inc.

During the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, there was one transfer from Level 3 to Level 2 related to our investment in Groupon, Inc. Due to its public offering in November 2011, observable inputs became available for our valuation as of December 31, 2011. However, during that period, our shares in Groupon, Inc. were subject to a lock-up agreement that was scheduled to expire on June 1, 2012. As such, the fair value for Groupon, Inc. was estimated using the closing price on a public exchange as of the valuation date, adjusted for a discount due to a lack of marketability of 28% that was primarily based on the market price of publicly traded put options with a similar term as our lock-up as of December 31, 2011.

NOTE 4 — EQUITY OFFERINGS AND RELATED EXPENSES

We issued 5,520,100 shares of our common stock during the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011. We issued 13,800,000 shares of our common stock during the year ended December 31, 2012. The proceeds raised, the related underwriting fees, the offering expenses and the prices at which these shares were issued are as follows:

Issuances of Common Stock	Number of Shares	Gross Proceeds Raised	Underwriting Fees	Offering Expenses	Offering Price
February 28, 2011	100	\$ 1,500	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15.00
April 28, 2011	3,335,000	50,025,000	3,501,750	527,166 ⁽¹⁾	15.00
September 27, 2011	2,185,000	30,917,750	1,267,300	531,122 ⁽²⁾	14.15
February 10, 2012	6,900,000	103,500,000	7,245,000	326,077	15.00
May 11, 2012	6,900,000	112,125,000	6,727,500	412,620 ⁽³⁾	16.25

(1) Includes \$3,585 of offering expenses that were accrued as of September 30, 2011.

(2) Amount was reduced by \$18,878 after actual expenses for the offering were determined as of December 31, 2011.

(3) Includes \$960 of offering expenses that were accrued as of September 30, 2012.

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NOTE 5 — NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS PER COMMON SHARE

The following information sets forth the computation of net decrease in net assets resulting from operations per common share for the year ended December 31, 2012 and for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011.

	Year ended December 31, 2012	For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$(19,834,250)	\$ (3,613,664)
Weighted average common shares ⁽¹⁾	16,096,330	3,377,429 ⁽¹⁾
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	\$ (1.23)	\$ (1.07)

(1) Weighted average common shares for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011 was calculated starting from the issuance of 100 shares on February 28, 2011.

NOTE 6 — LEGAL CONTINGENCIES

The Company is currently not subject to any material legal proceedings, nor, to our knowledge, is any material legal proceeding threatened against us. From time to time, we may be a party to certain legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business, including proceedings relating to the enforcement of our rights under contracts with our portfolio companies. While the outcome of these legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not expect that these proceedings will have a material effect upon our business, financial condition or results of operations.

NOTE 7 — FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Year ended December 31, 2012	For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011
Per Share Data:		
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 12.95	\$ —
Issuance of common shares	1.91 ⁽³⁾	14.67 ⁽⁴⁾
Underwriters' discount	(0.72) ⁽²⁾	(0.86) ⁽²⁾
Offering costs	(0.04) ⁽²⁾	(0.19) ⁽²⁾
Net investment loss	(0.51) ⁽¹⁾	(0.37) ⁽²⁾
Realized loss	(0.09) ⁽¹⁾	—
Change in unrealized depreciation	(0.43) ⁽⁵⁾	(0.30) ⁽²⁾
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 13.07	\$ 12.95
Per share market value at end of period	\$ 8.43	\$ 13.95
Total return based on market value	(39.57)% ⁽⁶⁾	(7.00)% ⁽⁷⁾
Total return based on net asset value	0.93% ⁽⁶⁾	(13.67)% ⁽⁷⁾
Shares outstanding at end of period	19,320,100	5,520,100
Ratio/Supplemental Data:		
Net assets at end of period	\$252,582,801	\$71,503,248
Average net assets	\$208,050,344	\$44,532,523
Annualized ratio of gross operating expenses to average net assets ⁽⁸⁾	4.10%	5.01%
Annualized ratio of net operating expenses to average net assets ⁽⁸⁾	4.10%	5.01%
Annualized ratio of net investment income to average net assets ⁽⁸⁾	(3.98)%	(4.64)%

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- (1) Based on weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period.
 - (2) Based on shares outstanding at end of period.
 - (3) Issuance of common shares for the year ended December 31, 2012 is based on the change in net asset value from the secondary offerings on February 10, 2012 and May 11, 2012.
 - (4) Issuance of common shares for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011 is based on the weighted average offering price for the shares issued during the period.
 - (5) Includes the impact of the different share amounts as a result of calculating certain per share data based on the weighted average basic shares outstanding during the period and certain per share data based on the shares outstanding as of a period end or transaction date.
 - (6) Total return based on market value is based on the change in market price per share between the opening and ending market values per share in the period. Total return based on net asset value is based upon the change in net asset value per share between the opening and ending net asset values per share and the issuance of common shares in the period. The percentage returns noted above are based on the increase in our net asset value attributable to issuances of our common stock at a premium to our net asset value per share, rather than investment returns. Such issuances of our common stock at a premium to net asset value per share are not typical, and may not occur in the future. The total returns are not annualized.
 - (7) Total return based on market value is based on the change in market price per share assuming an investment at the initial public offering price of \$15.00 per share. Total return based on net asset value is based upon the change in net asset value per share between the opening and ending net asset values per share and the issuance of common shares in the period. The total returns are not annualized.
 - (8) Financial Highlights for periods of less than one year are annualized and the ratios of operating expenses to average net assets and net investment loss to average net assets are adjusted accordingly. Non-recurring expenses were not annualized. For the year-end December 31, 2012, and for the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, the Company incurred \$0, and \$198,831 of organizational expenses, respectively, which were deemed to be non-recurring. For the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, average net assets were calculated starting from the issuance of 100 shares on February 28, 2011. Because the ratios are calculated for the Company's common stock taken as a whole, an individual investor's ratios may vary from these ratios.

NOTE 8 — INCOME TAX

During the third quarter of 2012, the Company determined that it was not more likely than not that it would not meet the criteria to be treated as a regulated investment company and therefore the Company is currently taxable as a C corporation and subject to federal and state corporation income taxes. The GSVC Holdings, which are taxed as C corporations, are not consolidated into the Company for financial reporting and income tax filing purposes. These subsidiaries hold certain pass-through companies to preserve the Company's ability to qualify the RIC income source test beginning with its 2013 taxable year. The Company recorded no current income tax expense or benefit during the year ended December 31, 2012 since it had net operating loss carry-forwards from prior years and a net operating loss for the 2012 tax year.

The Company recorded no deferred income tax expense or benefit for the year ended December 31, 2012 since it provided a full valuation allowance for deferred tax assets, which consisted primarily of net operating losses and temporary differences based on realized losses and unrealized depreciation of investments for financial statement purposes. As of December 31, 2012, the total amount of gross deferred tax assets before valuation allowance was \$9.3 million. The federal and state net operating losses will expire in 2031 through 2033. The valuation allowance for these deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2012 was (\$9.3) million. The Company did not have any gross deferred tax liabilities as of December 31, 2012. The components of deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31, 2012 were as follows:

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Deferred tax assets:

Depreciation on investments	\$ 4,680,284
Net operating loss carryforwards	4,109,160
Basis differences in investments	549,861
Total gross deferred tax assets	9,339,305
Less: valuation allowance	(9,339,305)
Total net deferred tax assets	—
Deferred tax liabilities:	—
Net deferred tax assets/(liabilities)	\$ —

For federal and state purposes, a portion of the Company's net operating loss carryforwards and basis differences may be subject to limitations on annual utilization in case of a change in ownership, as defined by federal and state law. The amount of such limitations, if any, has not been determined. Accordingly, the amount of such tax attributes available to offset future profits may be significantly less than the actual amounts of the tax attributes.

The difference between the tax provision (benefit) at the statutory federal income tax rate and the tax provision (benefit) was as follows:

U.S. tax at statutory rate	34.00%
State taxes, net of federal benefit	5.83
Valuation allowance	(39.83)
Effective rate	—%

The Company has provided a full valuation allowance for its deferred tax assets due to uncertainty of generating sufficient capital gains or taxable income in future periods to realize these assets. The Company will elect to be treated for federal income tax purposes as a RIC beginning next year and anticipates meeting all the requirements as a RIC. As a RIC, the Company generally will not pay corporate-level U.S. federal income taxes on any net ordinary income or capital gains that the Company distributes to its stockholders as dividends and claims dividends paid deductions to compute taxable income. A RIC will not be eligible to utilize net operating losses. However, the net operating losses may become available should the Company disqualify as a RIC and become a C corporation in the future.

In addition to meeting other requirements, the Company must generally distribute at least 90% of its investment company taxable income to qualify for the special treatment accorded to a RIC and maintain its RIC status. As part of maintaining RIC status, undistributed taxable income (subject to a 4% excise tax) pertaining to a given fiscal year may be distributed up to 12 months subsequent to the end of that fiscal year, provided such dividends are declared prior to the later of (1) the fifteenth day of the ninth month following the close of that fiscal year or (2) the extended due date for filing the federal income tax return for that fiscal year.

The Company did not have any unrecognized tax benefits as of the period presented herein. The Company identified its major tax jurisdictions as U.S. federal and California. For the year ended December 31, 2012, no income tax expenses or related liabilities for uncertain tax positions were recognized for the Company's open tax years from inception through 2012. The Company is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits will change significantly in the next 12 months.

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NOTE 9 — SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 17, 2013 and January 18, 2013, the Company sold its investment in Groupon, Inc. for \$209,590 and \$207,712, respectively.

On January 28, 2013, January 29, 2013, January 31, 2013, and February 1, 2013, the Company sold its investment in Zynga, Inc. for \$120,654, \$121,443, \$121,962, and \$1,003,983, respectively.

On March 8, 2013, the Board reapproved the Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement. These agreements will remain in effect for a period of one year from the date they were approved.

Subsequent to December 31, 2012, the Company closed on investments of \$2.4 million, plus transaction costs as follows:

The Company closed on an investment of \$1,499,999, plus transaction costs, in SugarCRM Inc., a customer relationship management company, on January 16, 2013.

The Company closed on an investment of \$200,000, plus transaction costs, in AlwaysOn, Inc., a social media company, on February 4, 2013.

The Company closed on an investment of \$517,244, plus transaction costs, in CUX, Inc. (d/b/a CorpU), a corporate education company, on February 25, 2013.

The Company closed on an investment of \$200,000, plus transaction costs, in AlwaysOn, Inc., a social media company, on February 28, 2013.

The Company is presently in the final stages of negotiations with respect to a handful of private company investments that it anticipates entering into within the next 30 to 60 days, subject to satisfaction of applicable closing conditions. In the case of secondary market transactions, such closing conditions may include approval of the issuer, waiver or failure to exercise rights of first refusal by the issuer and/or its stockholders and termination rights by the seller or the Company. Equity investments made through the secondary market may involve making deposits in escrow accounts until the applicable closing conditions are satisfied, at which time the escrow accounts will close and such equity investments will be effectuated. Subsequent to December 31, 2012, the Company has not made any such escrow deposits.



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**Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Subscription Rights
Debt Securities
Warrants**

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PART C — OTHER INFORMATION**ITEM 25. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS****1. Financial Statements**

The following financial statements of GSV Capital Corp. (the “Registrant” or the “Company”) are included in Part A “Information Required to be in the Prospectus” of the Registration Statement.

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2. Exhibits

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a.2	Articles of Amendment**
b.	Bylaws*
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d.2	Form of Indenture*****
d.3	Indenture, dated September 17, 2013, relating to the 5.25% Senior Convertible Notes due 2018, by and between the Registrant and the U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee*****
d.4	Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1*****
d.5	Pledge and Escrow Agreement, dated September 17, 2013, by and between the Registrant and the U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee*****
e.	Dividend Reinvestment Plan*
g.	Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement by and between Registrant and GSV Asset Management, LLC*****
h.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement *****
j.	Form of Custodian Agreement***
k.1	Amended and Restated Administration Agreement by and between Registrant and GSV Capital Service Company, LLC*****
k.2	Form of Indemnification Agreement by and between Registrant and each of its directors*
k.3	Form of Trademark License Agreement by and between the Registrant and GSV Asset Management, LLC**
l.	Opinion of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP*****
n.1	Consent of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP (Incorporated by reference to exhibit l hereto) *****
n.2	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP
r.	Code of Ethics*
99.1	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Common Stock Offerings*****
99.2	Form of Prospectus Supplement For Preferred Stock Offerings*****
99.3	Form of Prospectus Supplement For Rights Offerings*****
99.4	Form of Prospectus Supplement For Debt Securities Offerings*****
99.5	Form of Prospectus Supplement For Warrants Offerings*****

* Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-171578), filed on March 30, 2011, and incorporated by reference herein.

** Previously filed in connection with the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00852), filed on June 1, 2011, and incorporated by reference herein.

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- *** Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-171578), filed on April 15, 2011, and incorporated by reference herein.
- **** Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-175655) filed on September 20, 2011, and incorporated by reference herein.
- ***** Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-178932) filed on February 9, 2012, and incorporated by reference herein.
- ***** Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180416) filed on May 7, 2012, and incorporated by reference herein.
- ***** Previously filed in connection with Form 10-K (File No. 814-00852) filed on March 14, 2013 and incorporate by reference herein.
- ***** Previously filed in connection with the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00852), filed on September 18, 2013, and incorporated by reference herein
- *****To be filed by amendment.

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ITEM 26. MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS

The information contained under the heading “Underwriting” on this Registration Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 27. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

SEC registration fee	\$ 12,150
FINRA filing fee	\$ 10,800
NASDAQ Capital Market	\$ *
Printing and postage	\$ *
Legal fees and expenses	\$ *
Accounting fees and expenses	\$ *
Sales and Marketing	\$ *
Total	\$ *

* To be provided by amendment.

Note: All listed amounts are estimates.

ITEM 28. PERSONS CONTROLLED BY OR UNDER COMMON CONTROL

See “Management,” “Certain Relationships and Transactions” and “Control Persons and Principal Stockholders” in the Prospectus contained herein.

ITEM 29. NUMBER OF HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

The following table sets forth the number of record holders of the Registrant’s common stock at September , 2013:

Title of Class	Number of Record Holders
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	*

* To be provided by amendment.

ITEM 30. INDEMNIFICATION

Directors and Officers

Reference is made to Section 2-418 of the Maryland General Corporation Law, Article VII of the Registrant’s charter and Article XI of the Registrant’s Amended and Restated Bylaws.

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action. The Registrant’s charter contains such a provision which eliminates directors’ and officers’ liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, subject to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”).

The Registrant’s charter authorizes the Registrant, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as the Registrant’s director or officer and at the Registrant’s request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee, from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The Registrant’s bylaws obligate the Registrant, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland

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law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as the Registrant's director or officer and at the Registrant's request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse his or her reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The charter and bylaws also permit the Registrant to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of the Registrant in any of the capacities described above and any of the Registrant's employees or agents or any employees or agents of the Registrant's predecessor. In accordance with the 1940 Act, the Registrant will not indemnify any person for any liability to which such person would be subject by reason of such person's willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office.

Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which the Registrant's charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received unless, in either case, a court orders indemnification, and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer in advance of final disposition of a proceeding upon the corporation's receipt of (a) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (b) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

Adviser and Administrator

The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, GSV Asset Management, LLC (the "investment adviser") and its officers, managers, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from the Registrant for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of the investment adviser's services under the Investment Advisory Agreement or otherwise as an investment adviser of the Registrant.

The Administration Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, GSV Capital Service Company, LLC and its officers, managers, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from the Registrant for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of GSV Capital Service Company, LLC's services under the Administration Agreement or otherwise as administrator for the Registrant.

The law also provides for comparable indemnification for corporate officers and agents. Insofar as indemnification for liability arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore,

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unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors. The indemnification agreements are intended to provide the Registrant's directors the maximum indemnification permitted under Maryland law and the 1940 Act. Each indemnification agreement provides that the Registrant shall indemnify the director who is a party to the agreement (an "Indemnitee"), including the advancement of legal expenses, if, by reason of his or her corporate status, the Indemnitee is, or is threatened to be, made a party to or a witness in any threatened, pending, or completed proceeding, other than a proceeding by or in the right of the Registrant.

ITEM 31. BUSINESS AND OTHER CONNECTIONS OF INVESTMENT ADVISER

A description of any other business, profession, vocation, or employment of a substantial nature in which the investment adviser, and each managing director, director or executive officer of the investment adviser, is or has been during the past two fiscal years, engaged in for his or her own account or in the capacity of director, officer, employee, partner or trustee, is set forth in Part A of this Registration Statement in the sections entitled "Management — Board of Directors," "Investment Advisory Agreement" and "Portfolio Management — Investment Personnel." Additional information regarding the investment adviser and its officers and directors will be set forth in its Form ADV, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC File No. 801-71749), under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 32. LOCATION OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

All accounts, books, and other documents required to be maintained by Section 31(a) of the 1940 Act, and the rules thereunder are maintained at the offices of:

- (1) the Registrant, GSV Capital Corp., 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062;
- (2) the Transfer Agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 59 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038;
- (3) the Custodian, U.S. Bank National Association, One Federal Street, Boston, MA, 02110; and
- (4) the investment adviser, GSV Asset Management, LLC, 2925 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062.

ITEM 33. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Not applicable.

ITEM 34. UNDERTAKINGS

- (1) Registrant undertakes to suspend the offering of the shares of common stock covered hereby until it amends its prospectus contained herein if (a) subsequent to the effective date of this Registration Statement, its net asset value per share of common stock declines more than 10% from its net asset value per share of common stock as of the effective date of this Registration Statement, or (b) its net asset value per share of common stock increases to an amount greater than its net proceeds as stated in the prospectus contained herein.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Registrant undertakes in the event that the securities being registered are to be offered to existing stockholders pursuant to warrants or rights, and any securities not taken by shareholders are to be reoffered to the public, to supplement the prospectus, after the expiration of the subscription period, to set forth the results of the subscription offer, the transactions by the underwriters during the

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subscription period, the amount of unsubscribed securities to be purchased by underwriters, and the terms of any subsequent underwriting thereof. Registrant further undertakes that if any public offering by the underwriters of the securities being registered is to be made on terms differing from those set forth on the cover page of the prospectus, the Registrant shall file a post-effective amendment to set forth the terms of such offering.

(4) Registrant undertakes:

- (a) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and
 - (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.
- (b) that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of those securities at the time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof;
- (c) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering;
- (d) that, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser, if the Registrant is subject to Rule 430C [17 CFR 230.430C]: Each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 497(b), (c), (d) or (e) under the Securities Act of 1933 [17 CFR 230.497(b), (c), (d) or (e)] as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A under the Securities Act of 1933 [17 CFR 230.430A], shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. *Provided, however,* that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use; and
- (e) that for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of securities, the undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to the purchaser:
 - (i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act of 1933 [17 CFR 230.497];
 - (ii) the portion of any advertisement pursuant to Rule 482 under the Securities Act of 1933

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[17 CFR 230.482] relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and

(iii) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

- (f) To file a post-effective amendment to the registration statement, and to suspend any offers or sales pursuant the registration statement until such post-effective amendment has been declared effective under the 1933 Act, in the event the shares of Registrant are trading below its net asset value and either (i) Registrant receives, or has been advised by its independent registered accounting firm that it will receive, an audit report reflecting substantial doubt regarding the Registrant's ability to continue as a going concern or (ii) Registrant has concluded that a material adverse change has occurred in its financial position or results of operations that has caused the financial statements and other disclosures on the basis of which the offering would be made to be materially misleading.
- (5) (a) For the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of a registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in the form of prospectus filed by the Registrant under Rule 497(h) under the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of the Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective.
- (b) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of the securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (6) The Registrants undertake to send by first class mail or other means designed to ensure equally prompt delivery within two business days of receipt of a written or oral request, any Statement of Additional Information.
- (7) The Registrant undertakes to file a post-effective amendment to the registration statement pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with any rights offering off of the registration statement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form N-2 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Woodside, in the State of California, on the 23rd day of September, 2013.

GSV CAPITAL CORP.

By: /s/ Michael T. Moe

Michael T. Moe
President, Chief Executive Officer and
Chairman of the Board of Directors

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Michael T. Moe as true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement (including post-effective amendments, or any abbreviated registration statement and any amendments thereto filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) and otherwise), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent the full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the foregoing, as to all intents and purposes as either of them might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement on Form N-2 has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated, on September 23, 2013:

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Michael T. Moe</u> Michael T. Moe	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/s/ Stephen D. Bard</u> Stephen D. Bard	Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Treasurer and Corporate Secretary (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
<u>/s/ Mark D. Klein</u> Mark D. Klein	Director
<u>/s/ Leonard A. Potter</u> Leonard A. Potter	Director
<u>/s/ Mark W. Flynn</u> Mark W. Flynn	Director
<u>/s/ R. David Spreng</u> R. David Spreng	Director
<u>/s/ William V. Campbell</u> William V. Campbell	Director
<u>/s/ Catherine J. Friedman</u> Catherine J. Friedman	Director

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We have issued our report dated March 13, 2013 with respect to the consolidated financial statements of GSV Capital Corp. (formerly NeXt Innovation Corp.) for the year ended December 31, 2012 and the period from January 6, 2011 (date of inception) to December 31, 2011, which is contained in this Registration Statement and Prospectus. We consent to the use of the aforementioned report in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, and to the use of our name as it appears under the captions "Selected Financial and Other Data" and "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm."

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

San Jose, California
September 23, 2013

