

# **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES**

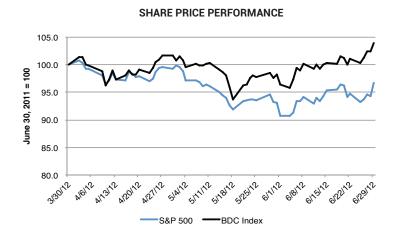
## QUARTERLY INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

#### **Stock Market Performance & Valuation**

Following several quarters of underperformance, the MCM BDC Index outpaced the S&P 500 during the second quarter of 2012, posting a 3.9% increase during the period compared to a 3.3% decrease on the market index.

Including dividends, total shareholder returns on the index companies were 5.6% for the quarter, compared to 6.5% for the trailing 12-month period.

Excluding American Capital (which has yet to reinstate its dividend), dividend yields for the BDCs range from 3.7% to 14.2%. Twelve of the 24 companies in the index traded at a premium to reported NAV per share.



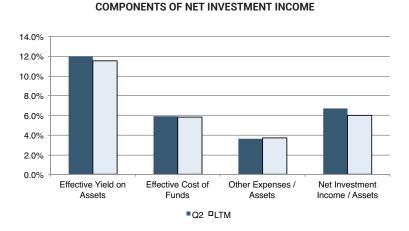
	Ticker	NAV per Share	LTM Dividends per Share	Price for 6/30/2012	Price to NAV	Dividend Yield
Diversified BDCs						
American Capital Ltd	ACAS	\$16.62	\$0.00	\$10.06	60.5%	0.0%
Ares Capital Corp	ARCC	\$15.51	\$1.45	\$15.96	102.9%	9.1%
Apollo Investment Corp	AINV	\$8.30	\$0.96	\$7.67	92.4%	12.5%
Prospect Capital Corp	PSEC	\$10.82	\$1.22	\$11.39	105.3%	10.7%
Fifth Street Finance Corp	FSC	\$9.85	\$1.11	\$9.98	101.3%	11.1%
Solar Capital Ltd.	SLRC	\$22.51	\$2.40	\$22.26	98.9%	10.8%
BlackRock Kelso Capital Corp	BKCC	\$9.61	\$1.04	\$9.76	101.6%	10.7%
PennantPark Investment Corp	PNNT	\$10.16	\$1.11	\$10.35	101.9%	10.7%
Main Street Capital Corp	MAIN	\$16.89	\$1.64	\$24.20	143.3%	6.8%
MCG Capital Corp	MCGC	\$5.26	\$0.65	\$4.58	87.1%	14.2%
Golub Capital BDC Inc	GBDC	\$14.58	\$1.28	\$15.09	103.5%	8.5%
Triangle Capital Corp	TCAP	\$15.21	\$1.88	\$22.78	149.8%	8.3%
MVC Capital Inc	MVC	\$16.99	\$0.48	\$12.95	76.2%	3.7%
Gladstone Investment Corp	GAIN	\$9.10	\$0.60	\$7.39	81.2%	8.1%
THL Credit Inc	TCRD	\$13.17	\$1.18	\$13.47	102.3%	8.8%
Gladstone Capital Corp	GLAD	\$8.91	\$0.84	\$7.89	88.6%	10.6%
KCAP Financial Inc	KCAP	\$7.66	\$0.71	\$7.26	94.8%	9.8%
Fidus Investment Corp	FDUS	\$15.02	\$1.34	\$15.17	101.0%	8.8%
Solar Senior Capital Ltd	SUNS	\$18.54	\$1.10	\$16.90	91.2%	6.5%
Full Circle Capital Corp	FULL	\$8.94	\$0.92	\$7.65	85.6%	12.0%
Sector-Focused BDCs						
Hercules Technology Growth Capital Inc	HTGC	\$9.54	\$0.91	\$11.34	118.9%	8.0%
TICC Capital Corp	TICC	\$9.47	\$1.04	\$9.69	102.3%	10.7%
NGP Capital Resources Co	NGPC	\$9.29	\$0.61	\$7.08	76.2%	8.6%
Horizon Technology Finance Corp	HRZN	\$16.73	\$1.75	\$16.49	98.6%	10.6%

#### Financial Performance: 2012 02

Second quarter net investment income for the group was 6.5% of total assets, compared to 6.0% for the trailing 12-month period. The improvement was primarily attributable to a modestly higher effective yield on assets during the quarter (11.9%, compared to 11.4% for the trailing 12-month period).

The chart at right depicts the components of net operating income for the second quarter and the trailing 12-month period.

The group reported a net capital loss (sum of realized gains/ losses and change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation) of approximately \$81.2 million during the quarter and \$87.2 million during the prior twelve months. For the last 12 months, the companies posted a median return on equity of 7.3%.



### **Financial Position: 2012 Q2**

As a percentage of amortized cost, the fair value of portfolio investments increased to 95.3%, compared to 92.7% one year prior. The increase was primarily attributable to realization of embedded losses. Net investment activity (portfolio purchases net of dispositions) intensified in the second quarter (\$610 million for the quarter, compared to \$1.63 billion for the prior twelve months).

On an aggregate basis, the equity/assets ratio, increased modestly to 66.6%, from 65.7% one year earlier. Over that period, the companies in the group raised approximately \$1.0 billion through new equity issuance, compared to approximately \$428 million from net borrowings.

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