

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

QUARTERLY INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Stock Market Performance & Valuation

Following a strong second quarter, Mercer Capital's BDC Index continued to keep pace with the S&P 500 during the third quarter of 2012, registering a 6.9% increase during the period while the market index advanced 5.8%.

The weighted average total shareholder return on the index companies (including dividends) was 9.2% for the quarter, and 37.0% for the trailing 12-month period.

Current yields for dividend-paying BDCs range from 3.8% to 16.4%.

While the median price-to-NAV ratio is close to 100%, the dispersion in individual observations is wide, with almost half of the index companies trading at either less than 90% or greater than 110% of reported NAV per share.

	No. of Companies	Median Dividend Yield
Less than 80%	5	3.8%
80% to 90%	2	11.1%
90% to 100%	6	9.9%
100% to 110%	9	10.4%
110% to 120%	4	8.4%
Greater than 120%	2	6.9%

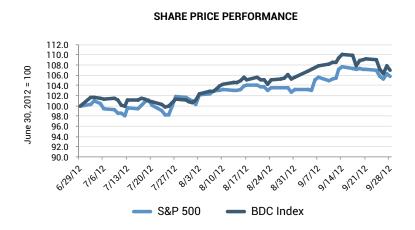
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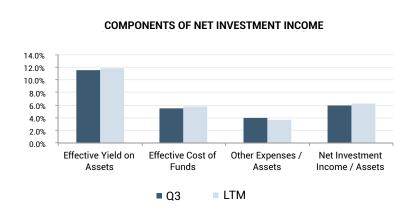


		NAV per Share	LTM Div. per Share	Share Price for 9/30/12	Price to NAV	Dividend Yield
Ares Capital Corp	ARCC	\$15.74	\$1.53	\$17.14	108.9%	8.9%
American Capital Ltd	ACAS	\$17.39	\$0.00	\$11.35	65.3%	0.0%
Prospect Capital Corp	PSEC	\$10.88	\$1.22	\$11.52	105.9%	10.6%
Apollo Investment Corp	AINV	\$8.46	\$0.80	\$7.88	93.1%	10.2%
Fifth Street Finance Corp	FSC	\$9.85	\$1.21	\$10.98	111.5%	11.1%
Solar Capital Ltd	SLRC	\$22.70	\$2.40	\$22.92	101.0%	10.5%
BlackRock Kelso Capital Corp	вксс	\$9.55	\$1.04	\$9.72	101.8%	10.7%
PennantPark Investment Corp	PNNT	\$10.16	\$1.11	\$10.63	104.6%	10.4%
Hercules Tech. Growth Capital Inc	HTGC	\$9.42	\$0.93	\$11.01	116.9%	8.4%
Main Street Capital Corp	MAIN	\$17.49	\$1.80	\$29.51	168.7%	6.1%
TICC Capital Corp	TICC	\$9.85	\$1.08	\$10.40	105.6%	10.4%
Golub Capital BDC Inc	GBDC	\$14.58	\$1.28	\$15.90	109.1%	8.1%
Triangle Capital Corp	TCAP	\$15.33	\$1.96	\$25.66	167.4%	7.6%
MCG Capital Corp	MCGC	\$5.20	\$0.62	\$4.61	88.7%	13.4%
MVC Capital Inc	MVC	\$16.42	\$0.48	\$12.80	78.0%	3.8%
THL Credit Inc	TCRD	\$13.21	\$1.24	\$14.03	106.2%	8.8%
Gladstone Investment Corp	GAIN	\$8.93	\$0.69	\$7.82	87.6%	8.8%
Medley Capital Corp	мсс	\$12.60	\$1.05	\$14.07	111.7%	7.5%
Fidus Investment Corp	FDUS	\$15.27	\$0.86	\$16.70	109.4%	5.1%
Gladstone Capital Corp	GLAD	\$8.91	\$0.84	\$8.75	98.2%	9.6%
KCAP Financial Inc	KCAP	\$7.82	\$0.77	\$9.26	118.4%	8.3%
NGP Capital Resources Co	NGPC	\$9.70	\$0.59	\$7.46	76.9%	7.9%
GSV Capital Corp	GSVC	\$13.45	\$0.00	\$8.63	64.2%	0.0%
Solar Senior Capital Ltd	SUNS	\$18.60	\$1.33	\$17.91	96.3%	7.4%
Horizon Technology Finance Corp	HRZN	\$16.41	\$1.80	\$16.16	98.5%	11.1%
PennantPark Floating Rate Capital	PFLT	\$13.94	\$0.94	\$12.67	90.9%	7.4%
Saratoga Investment Corp	SAR	\$27.20	\$3.00	\$18.29	67.2%	16.4%
Full Circle Capital Corp	FULL	\$8.51	\$0.94	\$8.11	95.3%	11.6%

Financial Performance: 2012 Q3

Net investment income for the group during the third quarter was 5.9% of total assets (on an annualized basis), compared to 6.3% for the trailing 12-month period. The chart to the right depicts the components of net investment income for the third quarter and the trailing 12-month period.

Earnings for the third quarter were boosted by a net capital gain (sum of net realized gains and net change in unrealized appreciation) of approximately \$175 million, compared to a net capital loss of \$81 million during the second quarter. For the last twelve month period, the group reported an aggregate net capital gain of \$1.1 billion.



Financial Position: 2012 Q3

As a percentage of amortized cost, the fair value of portfolio investments increased to 97.4% at September 30 from 95.3% at June 30. The increase was attributable to both realization of embedded losses and unrealized capital gains. Net investment activity (portfolio purchases net of dispositions) accelerated, increasing to \$1.5 billion in the third guarter from \$610 million in the second guarter.

On an aggregate basis, the equity/assets ratio increased modestly to 67.4% at September 30 from 66.6% at June 30. BDCs took advantage of the relatively favorable equity capital markets environment during the third quarter. Eight issuers, led by Ares (\$425 million) and Prospect (\$375 million) issued almost \$1.2 billion in new equity during the third quarter, compared to approximately \$275 million raised by three issuers in the second quarter. Subsequent to the quarter end, Monroe Capital (MRCC) completed an initial public offering in October, raising approximately \$75 million.

The group relied less on debt financing during the quarter, with net borrowings of \$265 million during the third quarter, compared to \$304 million in the second quarter.

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