

Great Elm Capital Corp. (NASDAQ: GECC) Investor Presentation – Quarter Ended September 30, 2019

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GECC Snapshot

GECC

- Externally managed, special situations-focused BDC
- Common stock trades as "GECC" on NASDAQ
- \$0.083 per share monthly distribution¹
- Employees and affiliates of Great Elm Capital Management, Inc., GECC's investment manager, own greater than 20% of GECC's outstanding shares

Investment Objective

To generate both current income and capital appreciation, while seeking to protect against the risk of capital loss

Investment Strategy

To apply the key principles of value investing to the capital structures of predominantly middlemarket companies

Portfolio (as of 9/30/2019)

- \$298.2 million of total assets; \$194.8 million of portfolio fair value; \$91.5 million of net asset value
- Weighted average current yield of 11.0%²
- 36 investments (29 debt, 7 equity) in 27 companies across 21 industries

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Highlights and Recent Achievements

Distributions & Coverage

- NII in excess of declared distributions every quarter since inception
- Special distribution of \$0.24 per share declared in December 2018
- LTM total distribution yield of 13.6% (on 9/30/19 NAV) and 15.1% (on 9/30/19 market value)

Deployment of Capital

- During Q3 2019, deployed \$46.1 million of capital into 15 investments at a weighted average current yield of 10.2% and a weighted average price of \$0.97
- 100% of capital deployed into secured investments

Monetization of Investments

- During Q3 2019, monetized \$44.6 million across 16 investments, in whole or in part, at a weighted average current yield of 10.8% and a weighted average price of \$1.00
- This includes the complete exit of 3 positions with an aggregate positive return

Attractive Fixed Rate Debt

- Asset coverage ratio of 173.8% and debt-to-equity ratio of 1.36x
- GECCL 6.50% Notes due September 2022
- GECCN 6.50% Notes due June 2024
- GECCM 6.75% Notes due January 2025

Portfolio Review

(*Quarter Ended 9/30/2019*)

Portfolio Review

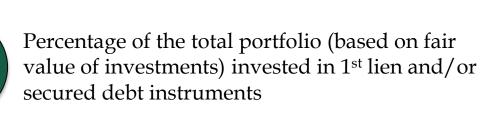


Weighted average current yield on debt portfolio¹



86.4%

Weighted average dollar price of debt investments in the portfolio, representative of our special situations investment approach²



As of September 30, 2019, approximately 95% of the portfolio was comprised of ideas that are representative of the manner in which we intend to invest³

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⁽²⁾ Weighted average dollar price is based on the stated par value and fair value of outstanding debt securities at the measurement date.

⁽³⁾ As measured by the fair value of investments. The balance of the portfolio remains in legacy Full Circle positions that were acquired in the merger with Full Circle.

Portfolio Review (Continued)

\$168.3 million 29

86.4%

Debt Instruments

(100% of fair value in

 $11.0\%^{1}$

71.9%

Debt Investments

Fair Value Invested in Of Invested Capital in **Debt Instruments**

first lien / secured)

Weighted Average Current Yield

in Floating Rate **Instruments** (Based on % of Fair Value)

Equity Investments:

Equity Investments

\$26.5 million 13.6%

Fair Value Invested in Of Invested Capital in **Equity Investments Equity Instruments**

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Portfolio Review (Continued)

\$46.1 million

Capital deployed into 15 investments, including 4 new issuers, with a weighted average dollar price of \$0.97 and a weighted average current yield of 10.2%¹

\$44.6 million

Monetized (in part or in full) 16 investments at a weighted **average dollar price of \$1.00** and a weighted **average current yield of 10.8**%²

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Portfolio Review: New & Additional Investments

During Q3/2019, we purchased 10 investments (five new, five existing), deploying approximately \$33.8 million

New Investment

New

- **Mitchell International, Inc. –** Purchased approximately \$12.0 million face value of secured loans in the secondary market at a price of approximately \$0.94
 - Interest rate: LIBOR + 7.25%

New Investment

- **California Pizza Kitchen, Inc.** Purchased approximately \$4.3 million face value of second lien secured loans in the secondary market at a price of approximately \$0.95
 - Interest rate: LIBOR + 10.00%

New Investment

- **Cooke Omega Investments, Inc.** Purchased \$3.0 million face value of secured notes in the secondary market at a price of approximately \$0.97
 - Interest rate: 8.50%

New Investment

- **ASP Chromaflo Intermediate Holdings, Inc.** Purchased approximately \$2.8 million face value of secured loans in the secondary market at a price of approximately \$0.98
 - Interest rate: LIBOR + 8.00%

This deployment activity does not include revolver draws or PIK interest.

Portfolio Review: New & Additional Investments (Continued)

New
Investment

Additional
Investment

Additional
Investment

Additional
Investment

- **Duff & Phelps** Purchased \$5.0 million of total commitment of secured revolver in the secondary market at a price of approximately \$0.91
 - Interest rate: LIBOR + 3.25% --- Fees: 0.50% commitment fee
- **Shearer's Foods, LLC** Purchased approximately \$4.0 million face value of secured loans in the secondary market at a price of approximately \$0.99
 - Interest rate: LIBOR + 6.75%
- **Boardriders, Inc.** Purchased approximately \$3.0 million face value of secured loans in the secondary market at a price of approximately \$0.98
 - Interest rate: LIBOR + 6.50%
- **California Pizza Kitchen, Inc.** Purchased approximately \$3.0 million face value of first lien secured loans in the secondary market at a price of approximately \$0.96
 - Interest rate: LIBOR + 6.00%
- **Tensar Corp.** Purchased approximately \$3.0 million face value of secured loans in the secondary market at a price of approximately \$0.95
 - Interest rate: LIBOR + 4.75%
- **Peninsula Pacific Entertainment, LLC** Purchased approximately \$0.3 million face value of secured loans in the primary market at a price of approximately \$1.00
 - Interest rate: LIBOR + 7.25%

Additional

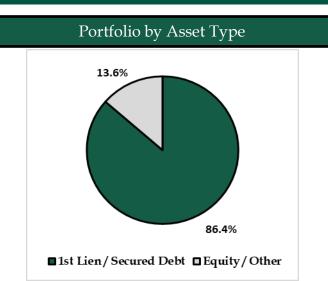
Investment

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Investment

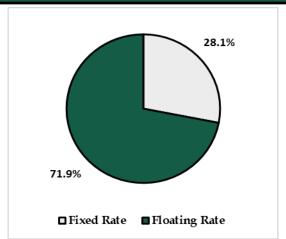
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Portfolio Review: Asset Type and Interest Rate Type (\$ in Thousands)



Investments	_	Value of vestments	Percentage of Total Portfolio
1st Lien / Secured Debt	\$	168,331	86.4%
Equity / Other	\$	26,468	13.6%
Total	\$	194,799	100%

Portfolio by Interest Rate Type

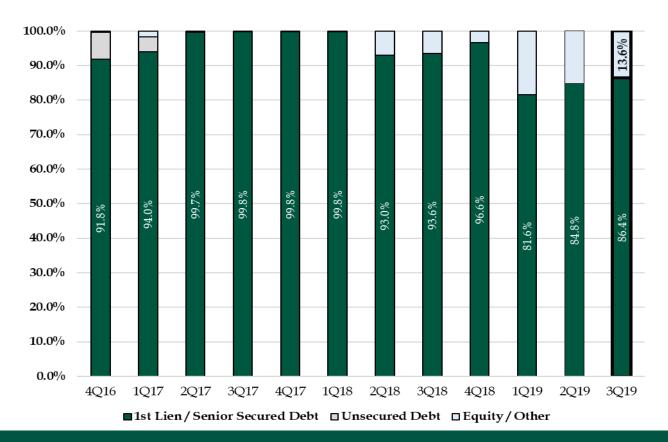


Investments	Count	Fair	r Value of Debt	Percentage of Debt Holdings
Fixed Rate	5	\$	47,233	28.1%
Floating Rate	24	\$	121,098	71.9%
Total	29	\$	168,331	100%

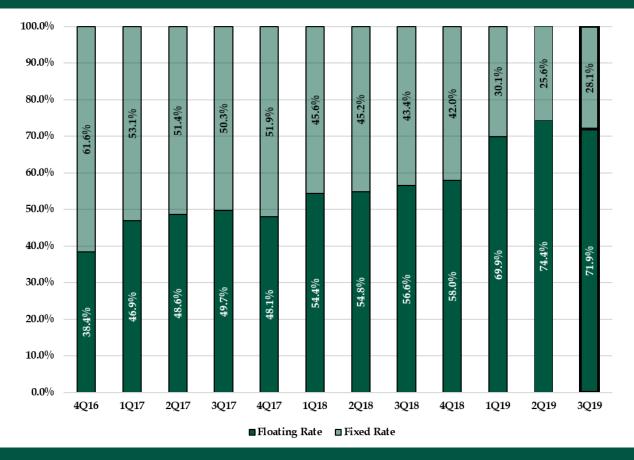
- Weighted average fixed rate yield of 12.3%¹
- Weighted
 average
 floating rate
 yield of
 10.6%¹

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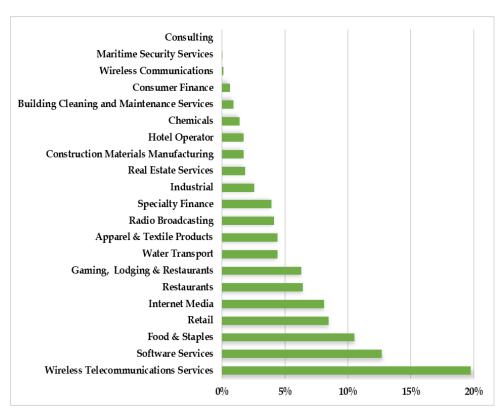
Portfolio Review: Asset Type (End of Period Investments - % of FMV)



Portfolio Review: Interest Rate (End of Period Investments - % of FMV)



Portfolio Review: Industry Breakdown

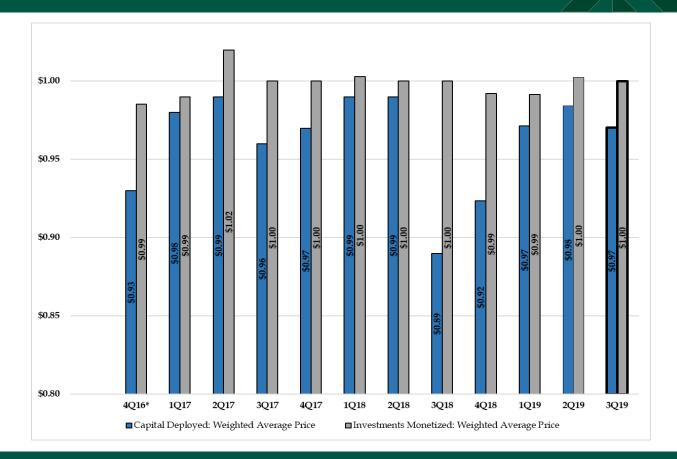


	September 30, 2019					
Industry		estments at	Percentage of Fair Value			
Wireless Telecommunications Services	\$	38,524	19.78%			
Software Services	·	24,702	12.68%			
Food & Staples		20,505	10.53%			
Retail		16,502	8.47%			
Internet Media		15,808	8.12%			
Restaurants		12,552	6.44%			
Gaming, Lodging & Restaurants		12,253	6.29%			
Water Transport		8,607	4.42%			
Apparel & Textile Products		8,573	4.40%			
Radio Broadcasting		8,024	4.12%			
Specialty Finance		7,671	3.94%			
Industrial		4,970	2.55%			
Real Estate Services		3,610	1.85%			
Construction Materials Manufacturing		3,344	1.72%			
Hotel Operator		3,334	1.71%			
Chemicals		2,710	1.39%			
Building Cleaning and Maintenance Services		1,761	0.90%			
Consumer Finance		1,205	0.62%			
Wireless Communications		216	0.11%			
Maritime Security Services		30	0.02%			
Consulting		(102)	-0.05%			
	\$	194,799	100.00%			

 $Amounts \ in \ the \ above \ table \ do \ not \ include \ investments \ in \ short-term \ securities, including \ United \ States \ Treasury \ Bills \ and \ money \ market \ mutual \ funds.$

Portfolio Review: Portfolio Rotation

- Since inception, we have consistently monetized higher dollar priced investments and deployed capital into lower dollar priced investments, building total return
- In addition, substantially all new debt investments since inception have been 1st lien and/or secured



*Partial period

Portfolio Review: Portfolio Rotation (Continued)

Portfolio Rotation: New Investments vs. Monetized Investments								
	Q3/2018	Q4/2018	Q1/2019	Q2/2019	Q3/2019			
Dollar Value of New Investments ¹	\$39.0 million	\$34.8 million	\$54.5 million	\$61.7 million	\$46.1 million			
Weighted Average Price of New Debt Investments	\$0.89	\$0.92	\$0.97	\$0.98	\$0.97			
Weighted Average Current Yield of New Debt Investments	11.0%	11.2%	10.5%	10.9%	10.2%			
$\%$ of New Debt Investments - $1^{\rm st}$ Lien / Secured Instruments	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			
Dollar Value of Monetized Investments ²	\$38.0 million	\$40.0 million	\$59.9 million	\$36.6 million	\$44.6 million			
Weighted Average Price of Monetized Debt Investments	\$1.00	\$0.99	\$0.99	\$1.00	\$1.00			
Weighted Average Current Yield of Monetized Debt Investments	9.0%	11.3%	10.4%	10.8%	10.8%			
% of Monetized Debt Investments - 1st Lien / Secured Instruments	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			

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Subsequent Events

Subsequent Events (through November 13, 2019)

- In October and November:
 - Approximately \$0.8 million of par value of PE Facility Solutions, LLC secured term loan B was repaid at par.
 - We bought \$2.0 million of par value of Viasat Inc. receivable at 90% of par value.
 - We bought \$3.0 million of par value of ASP Chromaflo Technologies secured term loan at approximately 97% of par value.
 - We bought \$4.7 million of par value of Tensar Corp. secured term loan at approximately 96% of par value.
 - All \$0.2 million of par value of PR Wireless Inc.'s secured term loan was paid down at par.

This deployment and monetization activity does not include revolver draws, ordinary course paydowns, and investments in short-term securities, including United States Treasury Bills and money market mutual funds.

Financial Review

(*Quarter Ended 9/30/2019*)

Financial Review: Per Share Data

Financial Highlights - Per Share Data									
	$Q3/2018^1$ $Q4/2018^1$ $Q1/2019^1$ $Q2/2019^1$ $Q3/2019^1$								
Earnings Per Share ("EPS")	\$0.46	(\$1.18)	\$0.76	(\$0.43)	(\$0.96)				
Net Investment Income ("NII") Per Share	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.26	\$0.29	\$0.26				
Net Realized Gains / (Losses) Per Share	\$0.08	\$0.04	\$0.06	\$0.04	\$0.02				
Net Unrealized Gains / (Losses) Per Share	\$0.12	(\$1.46)	\$0.44	(\$0.76)	(\$1.24)				
Net Asset Value Per Share at Period End	\$12.00	\$10.34	\$10.89	\$10.30	\$9.09				
Distributions Paid / Declared Per Share	\$0.249	\$0.489	\$0.249	\$0.249	\$0.249				

⁽¹⁾ The per share figures are based on a weighted average of outstanding shares for the preceding quarter, except where such amounts need to be adjusted to be consistent with the financial highlights of our consolidated financial statements.

Financial Review: Portfolio

Financial Highlights - Portfolio									
	Q3/2018	Q3/2018 Q4/2018 Q1/2019 Q2/2019							
Capital Deployed	\$39.0 million	\$34.8 million	\$54.5 million	\$61.7 million	\$46.1 million				
Investments Monetized	\$38.0 million	\$40.0 million	\$59.9 million	\$36.6 million	\$44.6 million				
Total Fair Value of Investments at Period End ¹	\$203.3 million	\$184.2 million	\$185.7 million	\$204.2 million	\$194.8 million				
Net Asset Value at Period End	\$127.8 million	\$110.1 million	\$114.0 million	\$103.6 million	\$91.5 million				
Total Assets at Period End	\$288.5 million	\$281.6 million	\$290.2 million	\$334.6 million	\$298.2 million				
Total Debt Outstanding at Period End (Par Value)	\$79.0 million	\$79.0 million	\$79.0 million	\$121.5 million	\$124.0 million				
Debt to Equity Ratio at Period End	0.62x	0.72x	0.69x	1.17x	1.36x				
Cash and Money Market Investments at Period End ²	\$5.3 million	\$7.7 million	\$24.0 million	\$52.8 million	\$24.8 million				

⁽¹⁾ Total Fair Value of Investments does not include investments in short-term securities, including United States Treasury Bills and money market mutual funds.

⁽²⁾ Cash and Money Market Investments does not include our holdings in United States Treasury Bills.

Financial Review: Quarter Ended 9/30/2019

- **Total investment income** for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 was approximately \$7.0 million, or \$0.70 per share
- Net expenses for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 were approximately \$4.4 million, or \$0.44 per share
- **Net investment income** for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 was approximately \$2.6 million, or \$0.26 per share
- **Net realized gains** for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 were approximately \$0.3 million, or \$0.02 per share
- **Net unrealized depreciation from investments** for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 was approximately \$12.5 million, or \$1.24 per share

The per share figures are based on a weighted average of shares outstanding for the preceding quarter, except where such amounts need to be adjusted to be consistent with the financial highlights of our consolidated financial statements.

Financial Review: Quarter Ended 9/30/2019 - Unrealized Loss Detail

- GECC's net unrealized depreciation from investments of approximately \$12.5 million during the quarter was driven by what we believe to be temporary reductions in the fair value of certain of our investments
 - Importantly, we remain encouraged by the underlying credit quality of the portfolio and we do not believe that this quarter's volatility is indicative of a reduction in intrinsic value

(\$000,000s)

GECC	Unr	ealized	Have alized Loss Evalenation
Investment		Loss	Unrealized Loss Explanation
Avanti - secured note	\$	(2.1)	Post the delisting announcement, notes and shares traded at lower
Avanti - equity		(2.0)	prices which contributed to lower fair values
Avanti subtotal		(4.1)	
Commercial Barge Line - secured loan	l	(2.3)	Lower market price as a result of a large holder's sales
TRU Taj, LLC - equity		(2.5)	Lower fair value as a result of lower prices in broker quotes
All other investments, net		(3.6)	Unrealized losses as a result of price volatility in comparably-rated credits
Total	\$	(12.5)	

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Financial Review: Quarterly Operating Results

	Q3/20)18	Q4/20	018	Q1/20)19	Q2/20)19	Q3/	/2019
(\$ in Thousands)	F	er Share ¹	I	Per Share ¹	P	er Share ¹	F	er Share ¹	P	er Share ¹
Total Investment Income ²	\$6,180	\$0.58	\$6,913	\$0.65	\$6,313	\$0.59	\$6,711	\$0.66	\$7,002	\$0.70
Interest Income	6,149	0.58	6,860	0.64	5,720	0.54	5,664	0.55	6,200	0.62
Dividend & Other Income	31	0.00	53	0.00	593	0.05	1,047	0.10	802	0.08
Net Operating Expenses	3,495	0.33	4,208	0.40	3,529	0.33	3,716	0.36	4,383	0.44
Management fees	768	0.07	740	0.07	706	0.07	742	0.07	759	0.08
Incentive fees	576	0.05	772	0.07	696	0.07	749	0.07	654	0.06
Total Investment Management fees	1,344	0.13	1,512	0.14	1,403	0.14	1,491	0.15	1,412	0.14
Administration fees	202	0.02	417	0.04	211	0.02	241	0.02	282	0.03
Directors' fees	51	0.00	45	0.00	50	0.00	49	0.00	51	0.00
Interest expense	1,457	0.14	1,457	0.14	1,454	0.14	1,571	0.15	2,308	0.23
Professional services	325	0.03	414	0.04	239	0.02	229	0.02	243	0.02
Custody fees	15	0.00	14	0.00	15	0.00	15	0.00	15	0.00
Other	101	0.01	169	0.02	158	0.01	120	0.01	71	0.01
Fees Waivers and Expense Reimbursement	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Income Tax, Including Excise Tax	0	0.00	180	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Net Investment Income	\$2,685	\$0.25	\$2,705	\$0.25	\$2,784	\$0.26	\$2,995	\$0.29	\$2,619	\$0.26

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⁽²⁾ Total investment income includes PIK income and net accretion of OID and market discount.

Capital Activity

Capital Activity: Distribution Policy & Declared Distributions

- In December 2018, we announced a special distribution of \$0.24 per share. Including the base distributions, our declared distributions to stockholders over the past 12 months totaled \$1.24 per share, representing 13.6% on our September 30, 2019 NAV or 15.1% on the September 30, 2019 market value
- In August 2019, our Board set our monthly Q4/2019 distribution amount. The distribution schedule, including record date and payable date, was established by GECC pursuant to authority granted by the Board and communicated to stockholders on September 26, 2019

Month	Rate	Record Date	Payable Date
October	\$0.083	October 31, 2019	November 15, 2019
November	\$0.083	November 29, 2019	December 13, 2019
December	\$0.083	December 31, 2019	January 15, 2019

- In November 2019, our Board set our Q1/2020 distribution amount of \$0.083 per share per month. The distribution schedule, including record date and payment date, will be established by GECC pursuant to authority granted by the Board
- We intend to continue to supplement these base distributions with special distributions from NII in excess of the declared distribution and as catalyst-driven investments are realized¹

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Capital Activity: Distribution Yield as a Percentage of Market Value

- 41 consecutive monthly base distributions of \$0.083 per share¹
- Special distributions of \$0.20 per share declared in December 2017 and \$0.24 per share in December 2018
- Cumulative distributions declared/set to date total approximately \$3.84 per share¹

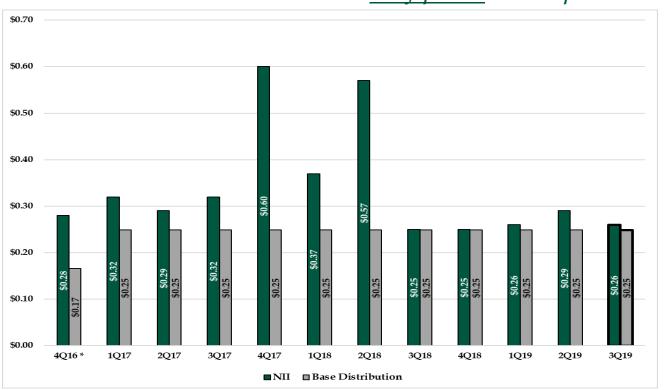


^{*} Partial period

^{**} Annualized distribution yield is calculated by dividing the declared distribution by the closing price at quarter end and annualizing over four periods. The special distribution is added as applicable. (1) Through March 2020.

Capital Activity: Historical Distribution Coverage

NII has covered the base distribution <u>every quarter</u> since inception



 $^{{\}rm *Partial\ period\ ended\ December\ 31,2016; Adjusted\ NII\ excludes\ one-time\ merger\ /\ formation\ costs.}$

Summary

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Distributions & Coverage

- Earned or out-earned declared distributions every quarter since inception
- Declared a special distribution of \$0.24 per share in December 2018, resulting in a LTM distribution yield of 13.6% (based on 9/30/2019 NAV) and 15.1% (based on 9/30/2019 closing market value)
- To date, 41 consecutive monthly base distributions of \$0.083 per share and two special distributions, totaling \$3.84 in total distributions paid, declared or set

Alignment of Interest

- Employees and affiliates of Great Elm Capital Management, Inc., GECC's investment manager, own greater than 20% of GECC's outstanding shares
- GECC has repurchased greater than 2.8 million shares, representing approx. 22% of its initial share count

The Portfolio

- A diversified portfolio, primarily comprised of secured loans, secured bonds and investments in specialty finance businesses uncorrelated to the corporate credit portfolio
- Weighted average current yield of 11.0%¹

Realized Performance

- IRR on all realized investments is approximately 20%
- Approximately 73% of the legacy Full Circle investments realized at 109% of NAV
- Monetization of investments consistently at higher prices than capital deployment

(1) Weighted average current yield is based upon the stated coupon rate and fair value of outstanding debt securities at the measurement date

Appendix

Appendix: General Risks

Debt instruments are subject to credit and interest rate risks.

Credit risk refers to the likelihood that an obligor will default in the payment of principal or interest on an instrument. Financial strength and solvency of an obligor are the primary factors influencing credit risk. In addition, lack or inadequacy of collateral or credit enhancement for a debt instrument may affect its credit risk. Credit risk may change over the life of an instrument, and debt instruments that are rated by rating agencies are often reviewed and may be subject to downgrade. Our debt investments either are, or if rated would be, rated below investment grade by independent rating agencies. These "junk bonds" and "leveraged loans" are regarded as having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal. They may be illiquid and difficult to value and typically do not require repayment of principal before maturity, which potentially heightens the risk that we may lose all or part of our investment.

Interest rate risk refers to the risks associated with market changes in interest rates. Interest rate changes may affect the value of a debt instrument indirectly (especially in the case of fixed rate obligations) or directly (especially in the case of an instrument whose rates are adjustable). In general, rising interest rates will negatively impact the price of a fixed rate debt instrument and falling interest rates will have a positive effect on price. Adjustable rate instruments also react to interest rate changes in a similar manner although generally to a lesser degree (depending, however, on the characteristics of the reset terms, including the index chosen, frequency of reset and reset caps or floors, among other factors).

GECC utilizes leverage to seek to enhance the yield and net asset value of its common stock. These objectives will not necessarily be achieved in all interest rate environments. The use of leverage involves risk, including the potential for higher volatility and greater declines of GECC's net asset value, fluctuations of dividends and other distributions paid by GECC and the market price of GECC's common stock, among others. The amount of leverage that GECC may employ at any particular time will depend on, among other things, our Board's and our adviser's assessment of market and other factors at the time of any proposed borrowing.

As part of our lending activities, we may purchase notes or make loans to companies that are experiencing significant financial or business difficulties, including companies involved in bankruptcy or other reorganization and liquidation proceedings. Although the terms of such financings may result in significant financial returns to us, they involve a substantial degree of risk. The level of analytical sophistication, both financial and legal, necessary for successful financing to companies experiencing significant business and financial difficulties is unusually high. We cannot assure you that we will correctly evaluate the value of the assets collateralizing our investments or the prospects for a successful reorganization or similar action. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to a portfolio company, we may lose all or part of the amounts advanced to the borrower or may be required to accept collateral with a value less than the amount of the investment advanced by us to the borrower.

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