

ALLIED CAPITAL CORP  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-K**

**FOR ANNUAL AND TRANSITION REPORTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT  
OF 1934**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934**

**Commission File No. 0-22832**

**ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Maryland  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation) 52-1081052  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.) 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C.  
(Address of Principal Executive Office) 20006  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (202) 331-1112**

**Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange On Which Registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value	New York Stock Exchange

**Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

NONE

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such

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filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES  NO

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2)

YES  NO

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2004, was approximately \$2.9 billion based upon the last sale price for the registrant's common stock on that date. As of March 14, 2005, there were 133,474,125 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the registrant's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2004, are incorporated by reference into Parts II and IV of this Report. Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 17, 2005, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.

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## PART I

### Item 1. Business.

#### General

As a business development company, or BDC, we are in the private equity business. Specifically, we provide long-term debt and equity capital. We believe the private equity capital markets are important to the growth of small and middle market companies because such companies often have difficulty accessing the public debt and equity capital markets because their capital needs are too small to be attractive to the public markets, or because they are in need of long-term growth capital, which banks do not generally provide. We believe that we are well positioned to be a source of capital for such companies.

We have participated in the private equity business since we were founded in 1958. We have financed thousands of companies nationwide. We generally invest in established, middle market companies with adequate cash flow for debt service. We are not venture capitalists, and we generally do not provide seed, or early stage, capital.

We invest in the American entrepreneurial economy. Our private finance portfolio includes investments in over 100 companies with aggregate annual revenue of approximately \$11 billion that employ more than 100,000 jobs.

Our investment objective is to achieve current income and capital gains. In order to achieve this objective, we invest in companies in a variety of industries, non-investment grade commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) and collateralized debt obligation bonds and preferred shares (CDOs).

#### Private Equity Investing

As a private equity investor, we spend significant time and effort identifying, structuring, performing due diligence, monitoring, valuing, and ultimately exiting our investments. We generally target companies in less cyclical industries with, among other things, high return on invested capital, management teams with meaningful equity ownership, well-constructed balance sheets, and that have the ability to generate free cash flow. Each investment is subject to an extensive due diligence process. It is not uncommon for a single investment to take from two months to a full year to complete, depending on the complexity of the transaction.

Our investment activity is primarily focused in three areas:

Lending second lien or subordinated debt with or without equity features to middle market companies (also known as mezzanine investing),

Buying controlling equity stakes in middle market companies (also known as buyout investing), and

Investing in non-investment grade classes of commercial mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations.

We have chosen these investment classes because the investments can be structured to provide recurring cash flow to us as the investor. In addition to earning interest income, we may earn income from management, diligence, structuring or other fees. We may also enhance our total return through capital gains through equity features, such as a nominal cost warrants, or by investing in equity instruments. Net realized gains received over the past ten years as a percentage of total assets are shown in the chart below.



Our investments in mezzanine loans, equity investments in middle market companies, and non-investment grade tranches of CMBS and CDO pools are generally long-term in nature and privately negotiated, and no readily available market exists for them. This makes our investments highly illiquid and, as a result, we cannot readily trade them. When we make an investment, we enter into a long-term arrangement where our ultimate exit from that investment may be five to ten years in the future.

We believe illiquid investments generally provide better investment returns on average over time than do more liquid investments, such as public equities, public debt instruments, or large syndicated senior loans, because of the increased risk in holding such investments. Investors in illiquid investments cannot manage risk through investment trading techniques. In order to manage our risk, we focus on careful investment selection, thorough due diligence, portfolio monitoring and portfolio diversification. Our investment management processes have been designed to incorporate these tools.

We believe our business model is well suited for long-term illiquid investing. Our balance sheet is capitalized with significant equity capital and we use only a modest level of debt capital, which allows us the ability to manage through difficult market conditions with less risk of liquidity issues. Under the Investment Company Act of 1940 we are restricted to a debt to equity ratio of approximately one-to-one. Thus, our capital structure, which includes a modest level of long-term leverage, is well suited for long-term illiquid investments. However, since we are limited as to the amount of debt capital we can use to finance our commercial real estate investments, we are evaluating various strategic alternatives for our commercial real estate platform. These alternatives may include the sale, spin-out or recapitalization of all or part of our commercial real estate investments.

In general, we compete for investments with a large number of private equity funds and mezzanine funds, other business development companies, investment banks, other equity and non-equity based investment funds, and other sources of financing, including specialty finance companies and traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks. However, we primarily compete with private equity funds because they are also focused on providing long-term debt and equity capital to middle market companies. We believe that we have key structural and operational advantages when compared to private equity funds.

Many private equity funds operate with different cost structures than ours, which often include management and carried interest fees (which are sometimes referred to as incentive fees) paid to the management of an external investment adviser. We are internally managed and have no external adviser. In addition, our access to the public equity markets generally allows us the opportunity to raise equity capital at a lower cost than that of private equity funds. Our lower cost of capital may give us a pricing advantage when competing for new investments. In addition, we believe the perpetual nature of our

corporate structure enables us to be a better long-term partner for our portfolio companies than a traditional private equity fund, which typically has a limited life. For additional information concerning the competitive risks we face, see **Risk Factors**. We operate in a competitive market for investment opportunities.

### **Private Finance Portfolio**

Our private finance portfolio is primarily composed of mezzanine loans (junior capital generally in the form of subordinated debt, with or without equity features) and equity securities (including preferred and common interests). Our capital is used to fund:

growth	note purchases
acquisitions	bridge financings
buyouts	other types of financings
recapitalizations	

We focus on mezzanine and buyout investments where we can select investments that are structured to generate current returns as well as potential future capital gains. It is our preference to structure our investments with a focus on current recurring interest and other portfolio income. Our loans generally have interest-only payments in the early years and payments of both principal and interest in the later years with maturities of five to ten years, although maturities and principal amortization schedules may vary. Our loans are also generally unsecured and generally carry a fixed rate of interest, which is generally paid to us quarterly. We generally target a minimum 10% weighted average current portfolio yield on the debt component of our private finance portfolio. The weighted average yield on our private finance loans and debt securities was 13.9% at December 31, 2004.

To the extent that we buy a controlling equity stake in a company, we generally structure our investments such that we earn a current return through a combination of interest income on our senior loans and subordinated debt, dividends on our preferred and common equity, and management or transaction services fees to compensate us for the managerial assistance that we may provide to a controlled portfolio company. We believe that the transaction fees charged for the services we provide to portfolio companies are generally comparable with transaction fees charged by others in the private equity industry for performing similar services. In our buyout investments, we own a substantial percentage of the equity of the portfolio company as compared to a non-control mezzanine investment. Thus there is potential to realize larger capital gains as well as current return through buyout investing as compared to mezzanine investing.

We may fund most or all of the debt and equity capital upon the closing of buyout transactions, which may include investments in lower-yielding senior debt. Subsequent to closing, the portfolio company may refinance all or a portion of this senior debt, resulting in a repayment to us. The amount of lower-yielding senior debt outstanding to portfolio companies at any point in time may cause the weighted average yield on the private finance debt portfolio to fluctuate.

We intend to continue a balanced approach to private finance investing that emphasizes a complementary mix of mezzanine investments and buyout investments, subject to regulatory diversity requirements. The combination of these two types of investments provides current interest and related portfolio income and the potential for future capital gains.

At December 31, 2004, 70% of the private finance portfolio at value consisted of loans and debt securities and 30% consisted of equity securities. At December 31, 2004, 59.1% of the private finance investments at value were in companies more than 25% owned, 8.2% were in companies 5% to 25% owned, and 32.7% were in companies less than 5% owned.

Our largest buyout investments at December 31, 2004, were in Business Loan Express, LLC and Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc.

*Business Loan Express, LLC.* At December 31, 2004, our investment in Business Loan Express, LLC (BLX) totaled \$335.2 million at value, or 10.3% of our total assets, which includes unrealized appreciation of \$54.8 million. BLX is a national, non-bank lender utilizing the SBA's 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program

and is licensed by the SBA as a Small Business Lending Company. BLX is a nationwide preferred lender, as designated by the SBA, and originates, sells, and services small business loans. In addition to the SBA 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program, BLX originates conventional small business loans and small investment real estate loans, and originates loans under the USDA Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program. BLX's loan products are designed specifically for small businesses with financing needs of up to \$4.0 million. We acquired BLX in December 2000. BLX has offices across the United States and is headquartered in New York, New York.

*Advantage Sales and Marketing, Inc.* At December 31, 2004, our investment in Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. (Advantage) totaled \$283.0 million at value, or 8.7% of our total assets, which includes unrealized appreciation of \$24.3 million. Advantage is a leading sales and marketing agency providing outsourced sales, merchandising, and marketing services to the consumer packaged goods industry. We completed the purchase of a majority ownership in Advantage in June 2004. Advantage has offices across the United States and is headquartered in Irvine, CA.

We generally invest in private companies though, from time to time, we may invest in public companies that lack access to public capital or whose securities may not be marginable. These investments are also generally illiquid.

When assessing a prospective private finance investment, we generally look for companies in less cyclical industries in the middle market (i.e., \$50 million to \$500 million in revenues) with certain target characteristics, which may or may not be present in the companies in which we invest. Our target investments generally are in companies with the following characteristics:

Management team with meaningful equity ownership

Dominant or defensible market position

High return on invested capital

Stable operating margins

Ability to generate free cash flow

Well-constructed balance sheet

The industry and geographic compositions of the private finance portfolio at value at December 31, 2004 and 2003, were as follows:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
<b>Industry</b>		
Business services	32%	22%
Financial services	21	19
Consumer products	20	30
Healthcare services	8	8
Industrial products	8	6
Retail	2	4
Energy Services		

2 4  
Broadcasting and cable  
2 2  
Other  
5 5

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Total  
100% 100%

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**Geographic Region**

Mid-Atlantic  
40% 40%  
West  
30 16  
Midwest  
16 26  
Southeast  
10 13  
Northeast  
4 4  
International  
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Total  
100% 100%

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We monitor the portfolio to maintain diversity within the industries in which we invest. We currently do not have a policy with respect to concentrating (i.e., investing 25% or more of our total assets) in any particular industry and currently our portfolio is not concentrated. We may or may not concentrate in any industry or group of industries in the future. The geographic region for the private finance portfolio depicts the location of the headquarters for our portfolio companies. The portfolio companies may have a number of other locations.

### Commercial Real Estate Finance Portfolio

Our commercial real estate investments are generally in the non-investment grade tranches of commercial mortgage-backed securities, also known as CMBS, and in the bonds and preferred shares of collateralized debt obligations, also known as CDOs.

With regard to CMBS, non-investment grade means that nationally recognized statistical rating organizations rate these securities below the top four investment-grade rating categories (i.e., AAA through BBB), and are sometimes referred to as junk bonds. Unlike most junk bonds, which are typically unsecured debt instruments, the non-investment grade CMBS bonds in which we invest are secured by an underlying collateral pool of commercial mortgage loans, which are, in turn, secured by commercial real estate. The underlying collateral for our CMBS bonds consist of senior mortgage loans on commercial real estate properties where the loans, on average, were underwritten to achieve a loan to value ratio of approximately 70%. We generally invest at the initial issuance of the CMBS, and are able to review the underlying collateral of mortgage loans as if we were making an initial decision to fund such loans and to determine if we want to exclude loans that do not meet our credit, collateral, structural or other standards. We also negotiate to acquire the securities at significant discounts from their face amount. When we acquire CMBS bonds at initial issuance, we have generally acquired bonds rated BB+ through unrated. From time-to-time, we may sell the BB+ through B+ rated bonds individually or in pools to provide liquidity and/or to reduce the level of lower yielding bonds in the portfolio. The yield on the CMBS bond portfolio will vary depending on the concentration of lower yielding bonds held at any point in time. At December 31, 2004, our CMBS portfolio had a weighted average yield to maturity of 14.6%.

Our CMBS bonds by rating classification at December 31, 2004, were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2004	
	Value	Percentage of Total Value
AA	\$4.6	1.2%
A		
4.5 1.2		
BBB-		
9.0 2.4		
BB+		
7.7 2.1		
BB		
6.0 1.6		
BB-		
7.7 2.1		
B+		
15.3 4.1		
B		
62.6 16.7		
B-		
88.1 23.6		

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CCC+	
18.6	5.0
CCC	
20.3	5.4
CC	
0.6	0.2
Unrated	
128.8	34.4

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Total	
\$373.8	100.0%

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At December 31, 2004, the age of our bonds with a rating class of B+ and lower was as follows:

(\$ in millions)	Value	Percentage of Total Value
Less than one year old	\$82.9	24.8%
One to two years old		
55.4		16.6
Two to three years old		
29.9		8.9
Three years old or older		
166.1		49.7
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Total		
\$334.3		100.0%
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At December 31, 2004, the underlying pools of mortgage loans that are collateral for our CMBS consisted of approximately 6,200 commercial mortgage loans and real estate properties owned. The underlying mortgage loans securing the CMBS, calculated using the outstanding principal balance at December 31, 2004 and 2003, were diversified over the following property types and geographic locations:

Property Type	2004	2003
Retail		
34%		35%
Office		
26		24
Housing		
24		25
Industrial		
6		5
Hospitality		
4		5
Other		
6		6
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Total		
100%		100%
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**Geographic Region**

West	29%	31%
Mid-Atlantic	27	27
Midwest	22	21
Southeast	17	17
Northeast	5	4

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Total	100%	100%
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In addition to our CMBS investments, we have invested in the bonds and preferred shares of CDOs which are secured by investment grade unsecured debt issued by various real estate investment trusts, or REITs, investment grade and non-investment grade CMBS, and other real estate related collateral. The bonds and the preferred shares of the CDOs in which we have invested are junior in priority for payment of interest and principal to the more senior tranches of debt issued by the CDOs. The yield on our CDO bonds and preferred shares at December 31, 2004, was 16.8%.

**Business Processes**

**Private Finance**

**Business Development and New Deal Origination.** Over the years, we have developed and maintained relationships with numerous private equity investors, investment banks, business brokers, merger and acquisition advisors, financial services companies, banks, law firms and accountants through whom we source investment opportunities. Through these relationships, especially those with private equity sponsors, we believe we have been able to strengthen our position as a long-term investor. We are well known in the private equity industry, and we believe that our experience and reputation provide a competitive advantage in originating new investments.

**New Deal Underwriting and Investment Execution.** In a typical private finance transaction, we review, analyze, and substantiate through due diligence the business plan and operations of the potential portfolio

company. We perform financial due diligence, perform operational due diligence, study the industry and competitive landscape, and conduct reference checks with company management or other employees, customers, suppliers, and competitors, as necessary. We may work with external consultants, including accounting firms and industry or operational consultants, in performing due diligence and in monitoring our portfolio investments.

Once we have determined that a prospective portfolio company is suitable for investment, we work with the management and the other capital providers, including senior, junior, and equity capital providers, to structure a deal. We negotiate among these parties to agree on how our investment is expected to perform relative to the other capital in the portfolio company's capital structure. The typical mezzanine transaction requires approximately two to six months of diligence and structuring before funding occurs. The typical buyout transaction may take up to one year to complete because the due diligence and structuring process is significantly longer when investing in a substantial equity stake in the company.

Our investments are tailored to the facts and circumstances of the deal. The specific structure is designed to protect our rights and manage our risk in the transaction. We may structure the debt instrument to require restrictive affirmative and negative covenants, default penalties, lien protection, or other protective provisions. In addition, each debt investment is individually priced to achieve a return that reflects our rights and priorities in the portfolio company's capital structure, the structure of the debt instrument, and our perceived risk of the investment. Our loans and debt securities have an annual stated interest rate; however, that interest rate is only one factor in pricing the investment. The annual stated interest rate may include some component of contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity or upon prepayment. In addition to the interest earned on loans and debt securities, our mezzanine investments may include equity features, such as warrants or options to buy a minority interest in the portfolio company. The warrants we receive with our debt securities generally require only a nominal cost to exercise, and thus, if the portfolio company appreciates in value, we achieve additional investment return from this equity interest. We may structure the warrants to provide minority rights provisions and event-driven puts. In many cases, we will also obtain registration rights in connection with these equity interests, which may include demand and piggyback registration rights.

The key steps in our private finance investment process are:

Initial investment screening;

Initial investment committee approval;

Due diligence, structuring and negotiation;

Internal review of diligence results;

Final investment committee approval;

Approval by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (for all mezzanine investments that represent a commitment equal to or greater than \$20 million and every buyout transaction); and

Funding of the investment (due diligence must be completed with final investment committee approval before funds are disbursed).

The investment process benefits from the significant professional experience of the members of our investment committee, which is chaired by our Chief Executive Officer and includes our Chief Operating Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and other senior investment officers.

**Portfolio Monitoring and Development.** We monitor the progress of the companies in our portfolio. Middle market companies often lack the management expertise and experience found in larger companies. As a BDC, we are required by the 1940 Act to make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. Our senior level professionals work with portfolio company management teams to assist them to acquire other companies, to optimize their cost structures, to recruit management talent, to

develop their marketing strategies, and to provide a variety of other services. We also support our portfolio companies efforts to structure and attract additional capital.

With respect to our private finance portfolio, our team of investment professionals regularly monitors the status and performance of each investment. This portfolio company monitoring process generally includes review of the company's financial performance against its business plan, review of current financial statements and compliance with financial covenants, evaluation of significant current developments and assessment of future exit strategies. We may have board observation rights for mezzanine investments, which allows us to attend portfolio company board meetings. For buyout investments, we generally hold a majority of the seats on the board of directors.

From time to time we will identify investments that require closer monitoring or become workout assets. We develop a workout strategy for workout assets and gauge our progress against the strategy at periodic portfolio management committee meetings. Our portfolio management committee is chaired by our Chief Executive Officer and includes our Chief Operating Officer, our Chief Financial Officer, and other senior professionals.

Private finance investments are priced to provide an investment return considering the fact that certain investments in the portfolio may underperform or result in loss of investment return or investment principal. As a private equity investor, we will incur losses from our investing activities, however we have a history of working with troubled portfolio companies in order to recover as much of our investments as is practicable.

### **Commercial Real Estate Finance**

*CMBS and CDOs.* The typical CMBS or CDO investment takes between two to three months to complete. We receive extensive underwriting information regarding the mortgage loans and other securities comprising a CMBS or CDO pool from the issuer. We then work with the issuer, the investment bank, and the rating agencies to underwrite the collateral securing our investment. For instance when we review the underlying commercial mortgage loans securing a CMBS transaction, we analyze the estimate of cash flow and debt service coverage, and assess the collateral value and loan-to-value ratios. We study the local real estate market trends and form an opinion as to whether the loan as originally underwritten by the issuer is sound. Based on the findings of our diligence procedures, we may reject certain mortgage loans from inclusion in the collateral pool.

The key steps in our CMBS and CDO investment process are:

- Initial assessment of collateral pool data;

- Preparation of preliminary bid letter;

- Due diligence, structuring and negotiation;

- Investment committee approval;

- Approval by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (for all investments that are equal to or greater than \$20 million); and

- Funding of the investment (due diligence must be completed with final investment committee approval before funds are disbursed).

The investment process benefits from the significant professional experience of our real estate investment committee members. CMBS and CDO transactions are approved by the commercial real estate investment committee, which is chaired by our Chief Executive Officer and includes our Chief Operating Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and

other senior investment officers.

With respect to our CMBS and CDO portfolio, we monitor the performance of the underlying collateral pool through data provided by master and special servicers. These third-party master servicers are responsible for the day-to-day loan servicing functions, including billing, payment processing, collections on

loans less than 60 days past due, tax and insurance escrow processing, and property inspections. Special servicers are responsible for collections on loans greater than 60 days past due, including workout administration and management of foreclosed properties, and loans less than 60 days past due that have had a transfer event.

When a loan moves to the designated special servicer, a workout plan is formulated by the special servicer and reviewed by us when we hold the controlling interest in the lowest rated tranche outstanding, which is generally the non-rated tranche at issuance. Once reviewed by us, the special servicer carries out the workout plan, updating us on the status. With respect to certain CMBS issuances where we own the controlling class of securities, we generally have the ability to replace the existing named special servicer at any time. In addition, we are the named special servicer on certain CMBS issuances. We act as the disposition consultant with respect to certain of our CDO investments, which allows us to approve disposition plans for individual collateral securities.

### **Portfolio Grading**

We employ a standard grading system to monitor the quality of our portfolio. Grade 1 is for those investments from which a capital gain is expected. Grade 2 is for investments performing in accordance with plan. Grade 3 is for investments that require closer monitoring; however, no loss of investment return or principal is expected. Grade 4 is for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of current investment return is expected, but no loss of principal is expected. Grade 5 is for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of principal is expected.

### **Portfolio Valuation**

We determine the value of each investment in our portfolio on a quarterly basis, and changes in value result in unrealized appreciation or depreciation being recognized in our statement of operations. Value, as defined in Section 2(a)(41) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, is (i) the market price for those securities for which a market quotation is readily available and (ii) for all other securities and assets, fair value is as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors pursuant to a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. At December 31, 2004, portfolio investments recorded at fair value were approximately 92% of our total assets. Because of the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. Unlike banks, we are not permitted to provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses. Instead, we are required to specifically value each individual investment on a quarterly basis. We will record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and, therefore, our equity security has also appreciated in value. Changes in fair value are recorded in the statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

As a business development company, we invest in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies, non-investment grade CMBS bonds, and CDO bonds and preferred shares. The structure of each private

finance debt and equity security is specifically negotiated to enable us to protect our

investment and maximize our returns. We include many terms governing interest rate, repayment terms, prepayment penalties, financial covenants, operating covenants, ownership parameters, dilution parameters, liquidation preferences, voting rights, and put or call rights. Our investments are generally subject to restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. Because of the type of investments that we make and the nature of our business, our valuation process requires an analysis of various factors. Our fair value methodology includes the examination of, among other things, the underlying investment performance, financial condition, and market changing events that impact valuation.

**Valuation Methodology Private Finance.** Our process for determining the fair value of a private finance investment begins with determining the enterprise value of the portfolio company. The fair value of our investment is based on the enterprise value at which the portfolio company could be sold in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The liquidity event whereby we exit a private finance investment is generally the sale, the recapitalization or, in some cases, the initial public offering of the portfolio company.

There is no one methodology to determine enterprise value and, in fact, for any given portfolio company, enterprise value is best expressed as a range of fair values, from which we derive a single estimate of enterprise value. To determine the enterprise value of a portfolio company, we analyze its historical and projected financial results. We generally require portfolio companies to provide annual audited and quarterly unaudited financial statements, as well as annual projections for the upcoming fiscal year. Typically in the private equity business, companies are bought and sold based on multiples of EBITDA, cash flow, net income, revenues or, in limited instances, book value. The private equity industry uses financial measures such as EBITDA or EBITDAM (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and, in some instances, Management fees) in order to assess a portfolio company's financial performance and to value a portfolio company. EBITDA and EBITDAM are not intended to represent cash flow from operations as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and such information should not be considered as an alternative to net income, cash flow from operations, or any other measure of performance prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. When using EBITDA to determine enterprise value, we may adjust EBITDA for non-recurring items. Such adjustments are intended to normalize EBITDA to reflect the portfolio company's earnings power. Adjustments to EBITDA may include compensation to previous owners, acquisition, recapitalization, or restructuring related items or one-time non-recurring income or expense items.

In determining a multiple to use for valuation purposes, we generally look to private merger and acquisition statistics, discounted public trading multiples or industry practices. In estimating a reasonable multiple, we consider not only the fact that our portfolio company may be a private company relative to a peer group of public comparables, but we also consider the size and scope of our portfolio company and its specific strengths and weaknesses. In some cases, the best valuation methodology may be a discounted cash flow analysis based on future projections. If a portfolio company is distressed, a liquidation analysis may provide the best indication of enterprise value.

If there is adequate enterprise value to support the repayment of our debt, the fair value of our loan or debt security normally corresponds to cost unless the borrower's condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount. The fair value of equity interests in portfolio companies is determined based on various factors, including the enterprise value remaining for equity holders after the repayment of the portfolio company's debt and other preference capital, and other pertinent factors such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company's equity securities, or other liquidation events. The determined equity values are generally discounted when we have a minority position, restrictions on resale, specific concerns about the receptivity of the capital markets to a specific company at a certain time, or other factors.

**Valuation Methodology CMBS Bonds and CDO Bonds and Preferred Shares.** CMBS bonds and CDO bonds and preferred shares are carried at fair value, which is based on a discounted cash flow model that utilizes prepayment and

loss assumptions based on historical experience and projected performance, economic factors, the characteristics of the underlying cash flow and comparable yields for similar CMBS

bonds and CDO bonds and preferred shares. Our assumption with regard to discount rate may be based on the yield of comparable securities, when available. We recognize unrealized appreciation or depreciation on our CMBS bonds and CDO bonds and preferred shares as comparable yields in the market change and/or based on changes in estimated cash flows resulting from changes in prepayment or loss assumptions in the underlying collateral pool. As each CMBS bond ages, the expected amount of losses and the expected timing of recognition of such losses in the underlying collateral pool is updated and the revised cash flows are used in determining the fair value of the bonds. We have determined the fair value of our CMBS bonds and CDO bonds and preferred shares on an individual security-by-security basis. If we were to sell a group of these investments in a pool in one or more transactions, the total value received for that pool may be different than the sum of the fair values of the individual bonds or preferred shares.

**Valuation Process.** The portfolio valuation process is managed by our Chief Valuation Officer ( CVO ). The CVO works with the investment professionals responsible for each investment. The following is a description of the steps we take each quarter to determine the value of our portfolio.

Our valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by our deal team, led by the Managing Director or senior officer who is responsible for the portfolio company relationship.

The CVO reviews the valuation data. The CVO, members of the valuation team, and an independent third-party consultant, as applicable for private finance investments, meet with each Managing Director or responsible senior officer to discuss the preliminary valuation determined and documented by the deal team for each of their respective investments.

Each investment committee (private finance and commercial real estate finance) meets with the CVO where members of the investment committees have the opportunity to discuss the preliminary valuation results.

Valuation documentation is distributed to the members of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors meets to discuss valuations and review the input of the CVO and management.

To the extent there are changes or if additional information is deemed necessary, a follow-up Board meeting may take place.

The Board of Directors determines the fair value of the portfolio in good faith.

In connection with our valuation process to determine the fair value of a private finance investment, we work with independent third-party consultants to obtain assistance and advice as additional support in the preparation of our internal valuation analysis for a portion of the portfolio each quarter (for all investments with a cost or value greater than \$250,000). In addition, we may receive independent assessments of a particular private finance portfolio company's value in the ordinary course of business, most often in the context of a prospective sale transaction or in the context of a bankruptcy process. The valuation analysis prepared by management using these independent valuation resources is submitted to our Board of Directors for its determination of fair value of the portfolio in good faith.

### **Disposition of Investments**

We manage our portfolio of investments in an effort to maximize our expected returns. Our portfolio is large and diverse and we frequently are repaid by our borrowers and exit our debt and equity investments as portfolio companies are sold, recapitalized or complete an initial public offering. In our mezzanine investments, we frequently are in a minority ownership position in a portfolio company, and as a result, generally exit the investment when the majority equity stakeholder decides to sell or recapitalize the company. Where we have a control position in our

investment, as we frequently have in buyout investments and in CMBS and CDO investments, we have more flexibility and can determine whether or not we should exit our investment. Our most common exit strategy for a buyout investment is the sale of a

portfolio company to a strategic or financial buyer. If an investment has appreciated in value, we may realize a gain when we exit the investment. If an investment has depreciated in value, we may realize a loss when we exit the investment.

We are in the investment business, which includes acquiring and exiting investments. It is our policy not to comment on potential transactions in the portfolio prior to reaching a definitive agreement or, in many cases, prior to consummating a transaction. To the extent we enter into any material transactions, we would provide disclosure as required.

## **Dividends**

We have elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code. As such, we are not subject to corporate level income taxation on income we timely distribute to our stockholders as dividends. We pay regular quarterly dividends based upon an estimate of annual taxable income, which includes our taxable interest, dividend, and fee income, as well as taxable net capital gains. Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. Taxable income includes non-cash income, such as changes in accrued and reinvested interest and dividends, which includes contractual payment-in-kind interest, and the amortization of discounts and fees. Cash collections of income resulting from contractual payment-in-kind interest or the amortization of discounts and fees generally occur upon the repayment of the loans or debt securities that include such items. Non-cash taxable income is reduced by non-cash expenses, such as realized losses and depreciation and amortization expense.

We began paying quarterly dividends in 1963, and our portfolio has provided sufficient ordinary taxable income and realized net capital gains to sustain or grow our dividends over time. The percentage of our dividend generated by ordinary taxable income versus capital gain income will vary from year to year. Depending on many factors impacting portfolio activities, including the amount of debt and equity capital available to middle market companies, the level of merger and acquisition activity for such companies, the general economic environment, and the competitive environment for the types of investments we make, we will be in a build or harvest mode for our portfolio investments. As illustrated in the chart below, when we are building the portfolio, ordinary taxable income typically grows as a percentage of the total dividend. When we are exiting investments, or in a harvest mode, net capital gains typically grow as a percentage of the total dividend. We believe that the ability to generate both ordinary and capital gain income has built predictability in the dividends we pay. The percentage of ordinary taxable income versus net capital gain income supporting the dividend since 1985 is shown below.

## **Corporate Structure and Offices**

We are a Maryland corporation and a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. We have a subsidiary, Allied Investment Corporation, which has also elected to be regulated as a BDC and is licensed under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 as a Small Business Investment Company. See **Certain Government Regulations** below for further information about small business investment company regulation.

In addition, we have a real estate investment trust subsidiary, Allied Capital REIT, Inc., and several subsidiaries that are single-member limited liability companies established primarily to hold real estate properties. We also have a subsidiary, A.C. Corporation, that provides diligence and structuring services on private finance and commercial real estate transactions, as well as structuring, transaction, management, and advisory services to Allied Capital, our portfolio companies and other third parties.

Our executive offices are located at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006-3434 and our telephone number is (202) 331-1112. In addition, we have regional offices in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

## **Available Information**

Our Internet address is [www.alliedcapital.com](http://www.alliedcapital.com). We make available free of charge on our website our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this annual report on Form 10-K and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this annual report on Form 10-K.

## **Employees**

At December 31, 2004, we employed 162 individuals including investment and portfolio management professionals, operations professionals and administrative staff. The majority of these individuals are located in our Washington, DC office. We believe that our relations with our employees are excellent.

## Certain Government Regulations

We operate in a highly regulated environment. The following discussion generally summarizes certain government regulations.

**Business Development Company.** A business development company is defined and 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 managerial assistance available to them. A business development company may use capital provided by public shareholders and from other sources to invest in long-term, private investments in businesses. A business development company provides shareholders 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.

As a business development company, we may not acquire any asset other than qualifying assets unless, at the time we make the acquisition, the value of our qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the value of our total assets. The principal categories of qualifying assets relevant to our business are:

- Securities purchased in transactions not involving any public offering, the issuer of which is an eligible portfolio company;

- Securities received in exchange for or distributed with respect to securities described in the bullet above or pursuant to the exercise of options, warrants or rights relating to such securities; and

- Cash, cash items, government securities or high quality debt securities (within the meaning of the 1940 Act), maturing in one year or less from the time of investment.

An eligible portfolio company is generally a domestic company that is not an investment company (other than a small business investment company wholly owned by a business development company, such as our investment in Allied Investment Corporation) and that:

- does not have a class of securities with respect to which a broker may extend margin credit at the time the acquisition is made;

- is actively controlled by the business development company and has an affiliate of a business development company on its board of directors; or

- meets such other criteria as may be established by the SEC.

Control as defined by the 1940 Act is presumed to exist where a business development company beneficially owns more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the portfolio company.

To include certain securities described above as qualifying assets for the purpose of the 70% test, a business development company must make available to the issuer of those securities significant managerial assistance such as providing significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations, or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company. We offer to provide significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. See Risk Factors Our ability to invest in private companies may be limited in certain circumstances.

As a business development company, we are entitled to issue senior securities in the form of stock or senior securities representing indebtedness, including debt securities and preferred stock, as long as each class of senior security has an asset coverage of at least 200% immediately after each such issuance. In addition, while any senior securities remain outstanding, we must make provisions to prohibit any distribution to our shareholders unless we meet the applicable asset coverage ratio at the time of the distribution. This limitation is not applicable to borrowings by our small

business investment company subsidiary, and therefore any borrowings by this subsidiary are not included in this asset coverage test pursuant to exemptive relief. See Risk Factors.

We may also be prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of our Board of Directors who are not interested persons and, in some cases, prior approval by the SEC. We have been granted an exemptive order by the SEC permitting

us to engage in certain transactions that would be permitted if we and our subsidiaries were one company and permitting certain transactions among our subsidiaries, subject to certain conditions and limitations.

We have designated a chief compliance officer and established a compliance program pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act. We are periodically examined by the SEC for compliance with the 1940 Act.

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 us against larceny and embezzlement. Furthermore, as a business development company, we are prohibited from protecting any director or officer against any liability to us or our shareholders arising from willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such person's office.

We maintain a code of ethics that establishes procedures for personal investment and restricts certain transactions by our personnel. Our code of ethics generally does not permit investment by our employees in securities that may be purchased or held by us. The code of ethics is filed as an exhibit to our registration statement which is on file with the SEC. You may read and copy the code of ethics at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. You may obtain information on operations of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (202) 942-8090. In addition, the code of ethics is available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may obtain copies of the code of ethics, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following email address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20549. Our code of ethics is also posted on our website at [www.alliedcapital.com](http://www.alliedcapital.com).

As a business development company under the 1940 Act, we are entitled to provide and have provided loans to our officers in connection with the exercise of options. However, as a result of provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we have been prohibited from making new loans to our executive officers since July 2002.

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 defined in the 1940 Act. A majority of the outstanding voting securities of a company is defined under the 1940 Act as the lesser of: (i) 67% or more of such company's shares present at a meeting if more than 50% of the outstanding shares of such company are present and represented by proxy or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of such company.

***Small Business Administration Regulations.*** Allied Investment Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Allied Capital, is licensed by the Small Business Administration as a small business investment company under Section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and has elected to be regulated as a business development company.

Small business investment companies are designed to stimulate the flow of private equity capital to eligible small businesses. Under present Small Business Administration regulations, eligible small businesses include businesses that have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$18 million and have average annual fully taxed net income not exceeding \$6 million for the two most recent fiscal years. In addition, a small business investment company must devote 20% of its investment activity to smaller concerns as defined by the Small Business Administration. A smaller concern is one that has a tangible net worth not exceeding \$6 million and has average annual fully taxed net income not exceeding \$2 million for the two most recent fiscal years. Small Business Administration regulations also provide alternative size standard criteria to determine eligibility, which depend on the industry in which the business is engaged and are based on such factors as the number of employees and gross sales. According to Small Business Administration regulations, small business investment companies may make loans to small businesses, invest in the

equity securities of such businesses, and provide them with consulting and advisory services.

Allied Investment provides long-term loans to qualifying small businesses; equity investments and consulting and advisory services are typically provided only in connection with such loans.

Allied Investment is periodically examined and audited by the Small Business Administration's staff to determine its compliance with small business investment company regulations.

We, through Allied Investment, have debentures payable to the Small Business Administration with contractual maturities of ten years. The notes require payment of interest only semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity. Under the small business investment company program, we may borrow up to \$119.0 million from the Small Business Administration. At December 31, 2004, we had \$77.5 million outstanding and the Small Business Administration had a commitment to lend up to an additional \$7.3 million above the amount outstanding. The commitment expires on September 30, 2005.

***Regulated Investment Company Status.*** We have elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, otherwise referred to as the Code. As long as we qualify as a regulated investment company, we are not taxed on our investment company taxable income or realized net capital gains, to the extent that such taxable income or gains are distributed, or deemed to be distributed, to shareholders on a timely basis.

Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. In addition, gains realized for financial reporting purposes may differ from gains included in taxable income as a result of our election to recognize gains using installment sale treatment, which results in the deferral of gains for tax purposes until notes received as consideration from the sale of investments are collected in cash.

Dividends declared and paid by the Company in a year generally differ from taxable income for that year as such dividends may include the distribution of current year taxable income, the distribution of prior year taxable income carried forward into and distributed in the current year, or returns of capital. We are generally required to distribute 98% of our taxable income during the year the income is earned to avoid paying an excise tax. If this requirement is not met, the Code imposes a nondeductible excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of the current year's taxable income exceeds the distribution for the year. The taxable income on which an excise tax is paid is generally carried forward and distributed to shareholders in the next tax year. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year distributions into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required.

In order to maintain our status as a regulated investment company, we must, in general, (1) continue to qualify as a business development company; (2) derive at least 90% of our gross income from dividends, interest, gains from the sale of securities and other specified types of income; (3) meet asset diversification requirements as defined in the Code; and (4) timely distribute to shareholders at least 90% of our annual investment company taxable income as defined in the Code. We intend to take all steps necessary to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company. However, there can be no assurance that we will continue to qualify for such treatment in future years.

***Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and NYSE Corporate Governance Regulations.*** The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the Sarbanes-Oxley Act) imposes a wide variety of regulatory requirements on publicly held companies and their insiders. Many of these requirements apply to us, including:

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer certify the accuracy of the financial statements contained in our periodic reports, and so certified through the filing of Section 302 certifications as exhibits to the

Form 10-K filed in 2004;

Our periodic reports disclose our conclusions about the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures;

Our annual report on Form 10-K contains a report from our management on internal control over financial reporting, including a statement that our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as well as our management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, which must be audited by our independent registered public accounting firm.

Our periodic reports disclose whether there were significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect our internal control over financial reporting subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses; and

We may not make any loan to any director or executive officer and we may not materially modify any existing loans.

We have adopted procedures to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. We will continue to monitor our compliance with all future regulations that are adopted under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and will take actions necessary to ensure that we are in compliance therewith.

In addition, the New York Stock Exchange has adopted corporate governance changes to its listing standards. We have adopted certain policies and procedures to comply with the New York Stock Exchange's corporate governance rules, and in 2004 we submitted the required CEO certification to the New York Stock Exchange pursuant to Section 303A 12(a) of the listed company standards.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

You should read the information contained in this Form 10-K in conjunction with the Company's 2004 Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto contained in the Company's 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders. The 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders and this Form 10-K contain certain forward-looking statements. These statements include management's plans and objectives for future operations and financial objectives, loan portfolio growth and availability of funds. There are inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions, and certain factors could cause actual results and conditions to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements. These factors are described in the "Risk Factors" section below. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include changes in the economy, risks associated with possible disruption in our operations due to terrorism, future changes in laws or regulations and conditions in our operating areas and other risks and uncertainties as may be detailed from time to time in our public announcements and SEC filings. Although we believe that the assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this document are reasonable, any of the assumptions could be inaccurate and therefore, we cannot assure you that the forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this document will prove to be accurate. Therefore, you should not regard the inclusion of this information as an assurance that our plans and objectives will be achieved.

### **Risk Factors**

*Investing in Allied Capital involves a number of significant risks relating to our business and investment objective. As a result, there can be no assurance that we will achieve our investment objective.*

**Our portfolio of investments is illiquid.** We generally acquire our investments directly from the issuer in privately negotiated transactions. The majority of the investments in our portfolio are typically subject to restrictions on resale or otherwise have no established trading market. We typically exit our investments when the portfolio company has a liquidity event such as a sale, recapitalization, or initial public offering of the company. The illiquidity of our investments may adversely affect our ability to dispose of debt and equity securities at times when it may be otherwise

advantageous for us to liquidate such investments. In addition, if we were forced to immediately liquidate some or all of the investments in the portfolio, the proceeds of such liquidation would be significantly less than the current value of such investments.

**Investing in private companies involves a high degree of risk.** Our portfolio consists of primarily long-term loans to and investments in private companies. Investments in private businesses involve a high degree of business and financial risk, which can result in substantial losses and accordingly should be considered speculative. There is generally no publicly available information about the companies in which we invest, and we rely significantly on the diligence of our employees and agents to obtain information in connection with our investment decisions. In addition, these businesses generally have narrower product lines and market shares than their competition and may be more vulnerable to customer preferences, market conditions, loss of key personnel, or economic downturns, which may adversely affect the return on, or the recovery of, our investment in such businesses.

**Substantially all of our portfolio investments are recorded at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors and, as a result, there is uncertainty regarding the value of our portfolio investments.** At December 31, 2004, portfolio investments recorded at fair value were approximately 92% of our total assets. Pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act, we value substantially all of our investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, our Board of Directors determines in good faith the fair value of these investments pursuant to a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. Unlike banks, we are not permitted to provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses; we are instead required by the 1940 Act to specifically value each individual investment on a quarterly basis and record unrealized depreciation for an investment that we believe has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and, therefore, our equity security has also appreciated in value. Without a readily available market value and because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material.

We adjust quarterly the valuation of our portfolio to reflect the Board of Directors' determination of the fair value of each investment in our portfolio. Any changes in fair value are recorded in our statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

**Economic recessions or downturns could impair our portfolio companies and harm our operating results.** Many of the companies in which we have made or will make investments may be susceptible to economic slowdowns or recessions. An economic slowdown may affect the ability of a company to engage in a liquidity event such as a sale, recapitalization, or initial public offering. Our nonperforming assets are likely to increase and the value of our portfolio is likely to decrease during these periods. These conditions could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in our revenues, net income, and assets.

Our business of making private equity investments and positioning them for liquidity events also may be affected by current and future market conditions. The absence of an active senior lending environment or a slow down in middle market merger and acquisition activity may slow the amount of private equity investment activity generally. As a result, the pace of our investment activity may slow. In addition, significant changes in the capital markets could have an effect on the valuations of private companies and on the potential for liquidity events involving such companies. This could affect the timing of exit events in our portfolio and could negatively affect the amount of gains or losses

upon exit.

**Our borrowers may default on their payments, which may have a negative effect on our financial performance.**  
We make long-term unsecured, subordinated loans and invest in equity securities, which

may involve a higher degree of repayment risk. We primarily invest in companies that may have limited financial resources and that may be unable to obtain financing from traditional sources. Numerous factors may affect a borrower's ability to repay its loan, including the failure to meet its business plan, a downturn in its industry, or negative economic conditions. Deterioration in a borrower's financial condition and prospects may be accompanied by deterioration in any related collateral and may have a negative effect on our financial results.

**Our private finance investments may not produce current returns or capital gains.** Our private finance investments are typically structured as unsecured debt securities with a relatively high fixed rate of interest and with equity features such as conversion rights, warrants, or options. As a result, our private finance investments are generally structured to generate interest income from the time they are made and may also produce a realized gain from an accompanying equity feature. We cannot be sure that our portfolio will generate a current return or capital gains.

**Our financial results could be negatively affected if Business Loan Express fails to perform as expected.** Business Loan Express, LLC (BLX) is our largest portfolio investment. Our financial results could be negatively affected if BLX, as a portfolio company, fails to perform as expected or if government funding for, or regulations related to the Small Business Administration 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program change. At December 31, 2004, our investment in BLX totaled \$335.2 million at value, or 10.3% of total assets and for the year ended December 31, 2004, interest and related portfolio income earned from our investment in BLX was \$50.0 million, or 13.6% of total interest and related portfolio income.

In addition, as controlling equity owner of BLX, we have provided an unconditional guaranty to BLX's senior credit facility lenders in an amount equal to 50% of BLX's total obligations on its \$275.0 million revolving credit facility. The amount we have guaranteed at December 31, 2004, was \$94.6 million. This guaranty can only be called in the event of a default by BLX. At December 31, 2004, we had also provided four standby letters of credit totaling \$35.6 million in connection with four term securitization transactions completed by BLX.

**Our financial results could be negatively affected if a significant portfolio investment fails to perform as expected.** We purchase controlling equity positions in companies and our total debt and equity investment in controlled companies may be significant individually or in the aggregate. Investments in controlled portfolio companies are generally larger and in fewer companies than our investments in companies that we do not control. As a result, if a significant investment in one or more controlled companies fails to perform as expected, our financial results could be more negatively affected and the magnitude of the loss could be more significant than if we had made smaller investments in more companies.

**Investments in non-investment grade commercial mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations may be illiquid, may have a higher risk of default, and may not produce current returns.** The commercial mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligation bonds and preferred shares in which we invest are not investment grade, which means that nationally recognized statistical rating organizations rate them below the top four investment-grade rating categories (i.e., AAA through BBB), and are sometimes referred to as junk bonds. Non-investment grade commercial mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligation bonds and preferred shares tend to be less liquid, may have a higher risk of default and may be more difficult to value. Non-investment grade securities usually provide a higher yield than do investment grade securities, but with the higher return comes greater risk of default. In addition, the fair value of these securities may change as interest rates change over time. Economic recessions or downturns may cause defaults or losses on collateral securing these securities to increase. Non-investment grade securities are considered speculative, and their capacity to pay principal and interest in accordance with the terms of their issue is not ensured.

**We borrow money, which magnifies 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. We borrow from and issue senior debt securities to banks, insurance companies, and other lenders. Lenders of these senior securities have fixed dollar claims on our consolidated assets that are superior to the claims of our

common shareholders. If the value of our consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated income in excess of consolidated 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 consolidated income would cause net income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Such a decline could negatively affect our ability to make common stock dividend payments. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique.

At December 31, 2004, we had \$1,176.6 million of outstanding indebtedness bearing a weighted average annual interest cost of 6.6%. In order for us to cover these annual interest payments on indebtedness, we must achieve annual returns on our assets of at least 2.4%.

**We may not borrow money unless we maintain asset coverage for indebtedness of at least 200%, which may affect returns to shareholders.** We must maintain asset coverage for total borrowings of at least 200%. Our ability to achieve our investment objective may depend in part on our continued ability to maintain a leveraged capital structure by borrowing from banks, insurance companies or other lenders on favorable terms. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain such leverage. If asset coverage declines to less than 200%, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments when it is disadvantageous to do so. As of December 31, 2004, our asset coverage for senior indebtedness was 280%.

**Changes in interest rates may affect our cost of capital and net investment income.** Because we borrow money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest these funds. As a result, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which would reduce our net investment income. We use a combination of long-term and short-term borrowings and equity capital to finance our investing activities. We utilize our revolving line of credit as a means to bridge to long-term financing. Our long-term fixed-rate investments are financed primarily with long-term fixed-rate debt and equity. We may use interest rate risk management techniques in an effort to limit our exposure to interest rate fluctuations. Such techniques may include various interest rate hedging activities to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act. We have analyzed the potential impact of changes in interest rates on interest income net of interest expense.

Assuming that the balance sheet were to remain constant and no actions were taken to alter the existing interest rate sensitivity, a hypothetical immediate 1% change in interest rates would have affected the net income by less than 1% over a one year horizon. Although management believes that this measure is indicative of our sensitivity to interest rate changes, it does not adjust for potential changes in credit quality, size and composition of the assets on the balance sheet and other business developments that could affect net increase in net assets resulting from operations, or net income. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that actual results would not differ materially from the potential outcome simulated by this estimate.

**We will continue to need additional capital to grow because we must distribute our income.** We will continue to need capital to fund growth in our investments. Historically, we have borrowed from financial institutions and have issued equity securities to grow our portfolio. A reduction in the availability of new debt or equity capital could limit our ability to grow. We must distribute at least 90% of our taxable ordinary income, which excludes realized net long-term capital gains, to our shareholders to maintain our regulated investment company status. As a result, such earnings will not be available to fund investment originations. In addition, as a business development company, we are generally required to maintain a ratio of at least 200% of total assets to total borrowings, which may restrict our ability to borrow in certain circumstances. We expect to continue to borrow from financial institutions and issue

additional debt and equity securities. If we fail to obtain funds from such sources or from other sources to fund our

investments, it could limit our ability to grow, which could have a material adverse effect on the value of our common stock.

**Loss of regulated investment company tax treatment would substantially reduce net assets and income available for dividends.** We have operated so as to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. If we meet source of income, asset diversification, and distribution requirements, we will not be subject to corporate level income taxation on income we timely distribute to our stockholders as dividends. We would cease to qualify for such tax treatment if we were unable to comply with these requirements. In addition, we may have difficulty meeting the requirement to make distributions to our shareholders because in certain cases we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income. If we fail to qualify as a regulated investment company, we will have to pay corporate-level taxes on all of our income whether or not we distribute it, which would substantially reduce the amount of income available for distribution to our stockholders. Even if we qualify as a regulated investment company, we generally will be subject to a corporate-level income tax on the income we do not distribute. Moreover, if we do not distribute at least 98% of our annual taxable income in the year earned, we generally will be subject to a 4% excise tax on such income carried forward and distributed in the next tax year.

**There is a risk that you may not receive dividends or distributions.** We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders. We may not be able to achieve operating results that will allow us to make distributions at a specific level or to increase the amount of these distributions from time to time. In addition, due to the asset coverage test applicable to us as a business development company, we may be limited in our ability to make distributions. Also, our credit facilities limit our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions. If we do not distribute a certain percentage of our income annually, we will suffer adverse tax consequences, including possible loss of our status as a regulated investment company. In addition, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and tax regulations, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as contractual payment-in-kind interest which represents contractual interest added to the loan balance that becomes due at the end of the loan term. The increases in loan balances as a result of contractual payment-in-kind arrangements are included in income in advance of receiving cash payment and are separately included in the change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends in our consolidated statement of cash flows. Since we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty meeting the requirement to distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income to maintain our status as a regulated investment company.

**We operate in a competitive market for investment opportunities.** We compete for investments with a large number of private equity funds and mezzanine funds, other business development companies, investment banks, other equity and non-equity based investment funds, and other sources of financing, including specialty finance companies and traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks. Some of our competitors may have greater resources than we do. Increased competition would make it more difficult for us to purchase or originate investments at attractive prices. As a result of this competition, sometimes we may be precluded from making otherwise attractive investments.

**Our business depends on our key personnel.** We depend on the continued services of our executive officers and other key management personnel. If we were to lose any of these officers or other management personnel, such a loss could result in inefficiencies in our operations and lost business opportunities, which could have a negative effect on our business.

**Changes in the law or regulations that govern us could have a material impact on us or our operations.** We are regulated by the SEC and the Small Business Administration. In addition, changes in the laws or regulations that govern business development companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, and small business investment companies may significantly affect our business. Any change in the law or regulations that govern our business could have a material impact on us or our operations. Laws and regulations may be changed from

time to time, and the interpretations of the

relevant laws and regulations also are subject to change, which may have a material effect on our operations.

**Our ability to invest in private companies may be limited in certain circumstances.** If we are to maintain our status as a business development company, we must not acquire any assets other than qualifying assets unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such acquisition, at least 70% of our total assets are qualifying assets. If we acquire debt or equity securities from an issuer that has outstanding marginable securities at the time we make an investment, these acquired assets cannot be treated as qualifying assets. This result is dictated by the definition of eligible portfolio company under the 1940 Act, which in part looks to whether a company has outstanding marginable securities.

Amendments promulgated in 1998 by the Federal Reserve expanded the definition of a marginable security under the Federal Reserve's margin rules to include any non-equity security. Thus, any debt securities issued by any entity are marginable securities under the Federal Reserve's current margin rules. As a result, the staff of the SEC has raised the question as to whether a private company that has outstanding debt securities would qualify as an eligible portfolio company under the 1940 Act.

Until the question raised by the staff of the SEC pertaining to the Federal Reserve's 1998 change to its margin rules has been addressed by legislative, administrative or judicial action, we intend to treat as qualifying assets only those debt and equity securities that are issued by a private company that has no marginable securities outstanding at the time we purchase such securities or those that otherwise qualify as an eligible portfolio company under the 1940 Act.

The SEC has recently issued proposed rules to correct the unintended consequence of the Federal Reserve's 1998 margin rule amendments of apparently limiting the investment opportunities of business development companies. In general, the SEC's proposed rules would define an eligible portfolio company as any company that does not have securities listed on a national securities exchange or association. We are currently in the process of reviewing the SEC's proposed rules and assessing its impact, to the extent such proposed rules are subsequently approved by the SEC, on our investment activities. We do not believe that these proposed rules will have a material adverse effect on our operations.

**Results may fluctuate and may not be indicative of future performance.** Our operating results may fluctuate and, therefore, you should not rely on current or historical period results to be indicative of our performance in future reporting periods. Factors that could cause operating results to fluctuate include, but are not limited to, variations in the investment origination volume and fee income earned, variation in timing of prepayments, variations in and the timing of the recognition of net realized gains or losses and changes in unrealized appreciation or depreciation, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets, and general economic conditions.

**Our common stock price may be volatile.** The trading price of our common stock may fluctuate substantially. The price of the common stock may be higher or lower than the price you pay for your shares, 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;

- significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of business development companies or other financial services companies;

- volatility resulting from trading in derivative securities related to our common stock including puts, calls, long-term equity anticipation securities, or LEAPs, or short trading positions;

changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines with respect to business development companies or regulated investment companies;

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;

loss of a major funding source; or

departures of key personnel.

## **Item 2. Properties.**

Our principal offices are located at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20006-3434. Our lease for approximately 52,000 square feet of office space at that location expires in December 2010. The office is equipped with an integrated network of computers for word processing, financial analysis, accounting and loan servicing. We believe our office space is suitable for our needs for the foreseeable future. We also maintain offices in Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles.

## **Item 3. Legal Proceedings.**

On June 23, 2004, we were notified by the SEC that they are conducting an informal investigation of us. On December 22, 2004, we received letters from the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia requesting the preservation and production of information regarding us and Business Loan Express, LLC in connection with a criminal investigation. Based on the information available to us at this time, the inquiries appear to pertain to matters related to portfolio valuation and our portfolio company, Business Loan Express, LLC. We are cooperating with the SEC's and the U.S. Attorney's investigations.

On May 28, 2004, Ferolie Corporation, a food broker with business and contractual relationships with an entity that is now affiliated with one of our portfolio companies, Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc., filed suit against us, Advantage Sales & Marketing and the affiliated entity in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia alleging that, among other things, we and Advantage Sales & Marketing had tortiously interfered with Ferolie's contract with the affiliated entity by causing the affiliated entity (i) to breach its obligations to Ferolie regarding Ferolie's participation in a reorganization transaction involving the affiliated entity and (ii) to induce clients of Ferolie to transfer their business to the affiliated entity. Ferolie seeks actual and punitive damages against us and Advantage Sales & Marketing and declaratory and injunctive relief. On July 15, 2004, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed the lawsuit for lack of jurisdiction. On August 17, 2004, Ferolie filed a Petition to Compel Arbitration in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois naming us, Advantage Sales & Marketing and the affiliated entity as respondents. Ferolie attached to its petition an Amended Demand for Arbitration and Statement of Claims that asserts essentially the same claims as were asserted in the lawsuit that was dismissed by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. On October 29, 2004, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois dismissed Ferolie's petition after finding that Ferolie had failed to adequately allege the existence of subject matter jurisdiction.

On November 4, 2004, Ferolie refiled its Petition to Compel Arbitration in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. The allegations and relief requested in this proceeding are identical to the assertions made by Ferolie in the two previously dismissed proceedings. On February 15, 2005, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois entered an order denying Ferolie's motion for an order compelling the Company to arbitrate the claims asserted by Ferolie against it. In the same order, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois granted Ferolie's motion to compel arbitration of the claims asserted against Advantage Sales & Marketing and the affiliated entity.

In addition to the above matters, we are party to certain lawsuits in the normal course of business.

While the outcome of these legal proceedings and other matters cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, we do not expect that these matters will have a material effect upon our financial condition or results of operations.

## **Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

No matters were submitted to a vote of stockholders during the fourth quarter of 2004.

## PART II

### Item 5. Market For Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Information in response to this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the "Stockholder Information" and to the "Selected Consolidated Financial Data" section of our Annual Report to Stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2004, (the "2004 Annual Report") as well as Note 11, "Dividends and Distributions" from our Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the 2004 Annual Report. The quarterly stock prices quoted therein represent interdealer quotations and do not include markups, markdowns, or commissions and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

During 2004, we issued 221,531 shares of common stock pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan. This plan is not registered and relies on an exemption from registration under the Securities Act of 1933. See Note 7, "Shareholders Equity" of our Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the 2004 Annual Report for additional information.

On May 26, 2004, we issued 123,814 shares of our common stock to stockholders of Legacy Partners Group, LLC in connection with our buyout of Legacy Partners Group, LLC. Such shares were issued pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act or Regulation D promulgated thereunder as transactions by an issuer not involving any public offering.

The following table provides information for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, regarding shares of our common stock that were purchased under our Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan I (DCP I) and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan II (DCP II), which are administered by independent third-party trustees.

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share
DCP I <sup>(1)</sup>		
10/1/2004 - 10/31/2004	30	\$24.99
11/1/2004 - 11/30/2004		
12/1/2004 - 12/31/2004	29	26.54
DCP II <sup>(2)</sup>		
10/1/2004 - 10/31/2004	5,760	24.99
11/1/2004 - 11/30/2004	77	24.99
12/1/2004 - 12/31/2004	122,678	27.61
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Total	128,574	\$27.49

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- (1) The DCP I is an unfunded plan, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, that provides for the deferral of compensation by our directors, employees, and consultants. Our directors, employees, or consultants are eligible to participate in the plan at such time and for such period as designated by the Board of Directors. The DCP I is administered through a trust by an independent third-party trustee, and we fund this plan through cash contributions. Directors may choose to defer director's fees through the DCP I, and may choose to invest such deferred income in shares of our common stock. To the extent a director elects to invest in our common stock, the trustee of the DCP I will be required to use such deferred director's fees to purchase shares of our common stock in the market.
- (2) We have established a long-term incentive compensation program whereby we will generally determine an individual performance award for certain officers annually at the beginning of each year. In conjunction with the program, we instituted the DCP II, which is an unfunded plan (as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) that is administered through a trust by an independent third-party trustee. The individual performance awards are deposited in the trust in four equal installments, generally on a quarterly basis in the form of cash and the DCP II requires the trustee to use the cash to purchase shares of our common stock in the market.

## **Item 6. Selected Financial Data.**

Information in response to this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the Selected Consolidated Financial Data section of the 2004 Annual Report.

## **Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

Information in response to this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section of the 2004 Annual Report.

### **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure about Market Risk.**

Our business activities contain elements of risk. We consider the principal types of market risk to be fluctuations in interest rates and treasury rates. We consider the management of risk essential to conducting our businesses. Accordingly, our risk management systems and procedures are designed to identify and analyze our risks, to set appropriate policies and limits and to continually monitor these risks and limits by means of reliable administrative and information systems and other policies and programs.

Because we borrow money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest these funds. As a result, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which would reduce our net investment income. We use a combination of long-term and short-term borrowings and equity capital to finance our investing activities. We utilize our revolving line of credit as a means to bridge to long-term financing. Our long-term fixed-rate investments are financed primarily with long-term fixed-rate debt and equity. We may use interest rate risk management techniques in an effort to limit our exposure to interest rate fluctuations. Such techniques may include various interest rate hedging activities to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act. We have analyzed the potential impact of changes in interest rates on interest income net of interest expense. Assuming that the balance sheet were to remain constant and no actions were taken to alter the existing interest rate sensitivity, a hypothetical immediate 1% change in interest rates would have affected the net income by less than 1% over a one year horizon. Although management believes that this measure is indicative of our sensitivity to interest rate changes, it does not adjust for potential changes in credit quality, size and composition of the assets on the balance sheet and other business developments that could affect net increase in assets resulting from operations, or net income. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that actual results would not differ materially from the potential outcome simulated by this estimate.

We invest in CMBS and CDO bonds, which were purchased at prices that are based in part on comparable Treasury rates. The fair value of these bonds may change as interest rates change over time. We have entered into transactions with financial institutions to hedge against movement in Treasury rates on certain of the higher rated CMBS and CDO bonds. These transactions, referred to as short sales, involve receiving the proceeds from the short sales of borrowed Treasury securities, with the obligations to replenish the borrowed Treasury securities at a later date based on the then current market price, whatever that price may be. Risks in these contracts arise from movements in the value of the borrowed Treasury securities due to changes in interest rates and from the possible inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts.

If the value of the borrowed Treasury securities increases, we will incur losses on these transactions, which are limited only by the increase in value of the borrowed Treasury securities; conversely, the value of the hedged CMBS and CDO bonds would likely increase. If the value of the borrowed Treasury Securities decreases, we will incur gains on these transactions which are limited only by the decline in value of the borrowed Treasury securities; conversely, the value of the hedged CMBS and CDO bonds would likely decrease. We do not anticipate nonperformance by any

counterparty in connection with these transactions.

The total obligations to replenish borrowed Treasury securities, including accrued interest payable on the obligations, were \$38.2 million and \$98.5 million at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The net

proceeds related to the sales of the borrowed Treasury securities plus or minus the cash collateral provided or received under the terms of the transactions were \$38.2 million and \$98.5 million at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The amount of the hedge will vary from period to period depending upon the amount of higher rated CMBS bonds and CDO bonds that we own and have hedged on the balance sheet date.

In addition, we may have risk regarding portfolio valuation. See **Business Portfolio Valuation** above.

#### **Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.**

Information in response to this Item is incorporated by reference to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Notes thereto, Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, and Reports of Independent Public Accountants thereon contained in the 2004 Annual Report.

#### **Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.**

None.

#### **Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.**

(a) ***Evaluation of Controls and Procedures.*** As of the end of the year covered by this annual report on Form 10-K, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them of any material information relating to us that is required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(b) ***Management's Report on Internal Controls over Financial Reporting.*** Our Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Act of 1934 and for the assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Management's report on internal control over financial reporting is set forth under the heading **Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting** in the Annual Report and is incorporated herein by reference. Management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004, has been audited by KPMG LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in the report that is set forth under the heading **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm** on page 45 in our 2004 Annual Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) ***Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm.*** Our independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG LLP, has issued an attestation report on management's assessment of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, which is set forth under the heading **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm** on page 45 in our 2004 Annual Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) ***Changes in Internal Controls.*** There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-f of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that occurred during our most recently completed fiscal quarter, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### **Item 9B. Other Information.**

##### **Additional Compensation Information**

The Compensation Committee has established a long-term incentive compensation program whereby the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors determines an individual performance award ( IPA )for certain officers annually at the beginning of each year. In determining the award for any one

officer, the Compensation Committee considers individual performance factors, as well as the individual's contribution to the returns generated for stockholders, among other factors. The individual performance awards are deposited in a trust in four approximately equal cash installments, on a quarterly basis, and the cash is used to purchase shares of the Company's common stock in the market. The following table presents the individual performance awards that have been awarded for 2005 to the three highest paid executive officers as well as for other participants as a group:

Name and Position	2005 Individual Performance Award <sup>(1)</sup>
William L. Walton, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	\$ 1,475,000
Joan M. Sweeney, <i>Chief Operating Officer</i>	
750,000	
John M. Scheurer, <i>Managing Director</i>	
550,000	
All Executive Officers as a Group (excluding the three listed above)	
3,385,500	
Non-Executive Officers as a Group	
1,345,000	

(1) Represents individual performance awards expected to be expensed for financial reporting purposes for 2005, assuming each participant remains employed by the Company throughout the year.

As a result of recent changes in regulation imposed by the Jobs Creation Act of 2004 associated with deferred compensation arrangements, as well as an increase in the competitive market for recruiting and retaining top performers in private equity firms, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board and the Board has approved that for 2005 a portion of the IPA should be replaced with an individual performance bonus ( IPB ). The IPB for 2005 has been determined to be approximately \$7.5 million. The IPB will be distributed in cash to award recipients in equal bi-weekly installments as long as each recipient remains employed by the Company. If a recipient terminates employment during the year, any remaining cash payments under the IPB would be forfeited. The following table presents the individual performance bonuses that have been awarded for 2005 for the three highest paid executive officers, as well as for other recipients as a group:

Name and Position	2005 Individual Performance Bonus <sup>(1)</sup>
William L. Walton, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	\$ 1,475,000
Joan M. Sweeney, <i>Chief Operating Officer</i>	
750,000	
John M. Scheurer, <i>Managing Director</i>	
550,000	
All Executive Officers as a Group (excluding the three listed above)	
3,385,500	
Non-Executive Officers as a Group	
1,345,000	

(1) Represents individual performance bonuses expected to be expensed for financial reporting purposes for 2005, assuming each recipient remains employed by the Company throughout the year.

### PART III

#### Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant.

Information in response to this Item is incorporated by reference to the identification of directors and nominees contained in the Proposal 1. Election of Directors section, and the subsections Proposal 1. Election of Directors Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance, Proposal 1. Election of Directors Committees of the Board of Directors and Proposal 1. Election of Directors Information about Executive Officers of our definitive proxy statement in connection with its 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, scheduled to be held on May 17, 2005, (the 2005 Proxy Statement ).

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct for all of our directors and employees, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. We have posted a copy of our Code of Business Conduct on our website at [www.alliedcapital.com](http://www.alliedcapital.com). We will provide you a copy of our Code of Business Conduct

without charge upon request. To obtain a copy of our Code of Business Conduct, please send your written request to Allied Capital Corporation, 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, Attn: Corporate Secretary.

Any waivers of the Code of Business Conduct must be approved, in advance, by our Board of Directors. Any amendments to, or waivers from the Code of Business Conduct that apply to our executive officers and directors will be posted on our website located at [www.alliedcapital.com](http://www.alliedcapital.com).

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Effective in 2004, the NYSE revised its listing standards to include comprehensive corporate governance standards. As part of these revised listing standards, the NYSE requires the Chief Executive Officer of each listed company to certify to the NYSE annually, after the company's annual meeting of stockholders, that the company is in compliance with the NYSE's corporate governance listing standards. In accordance with the NYSE's procedures, shortly after our 2004 annual meeting of stockholders, William L. Walton, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, certified to the NYSE that he was unaware of any violation of the NYSE's corporate governance listing standards.

#### **Item 11. Executive Compensation.**

Information in response to this Item is incorporated by reference to the subsection "Proposal 1. Election of Directors Compensation of Directors and Certain Executive Officers" of the 2005 Proxy Statement.

#### **Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.**

Information in response to this Item is incorporated by reference to the subsections "Proxy Statement Security Ownership of Management and Certain Beneficial Owners" of the 2005 Proxy Statement.

#### **Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.**

Information in response to this Item is incorporated by reference to the section "Proposal 1. Election of Directors Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" of the 2005 Proxy Statement.

#### **Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.**

Information in response to this Item is incorporated by reference to the subsections "Proposal 2. Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fees Paid to KPMG LLP for 2004 and 2003" and "Proposal 2. Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Report of the Audit Committee" of the 2005 Proxy Statement.

### **PART IV**

#### **Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

(a) Documents filed as part of this Report:

1. The following financial statements are incorporated by reference from the Consolidated Financial Statements, Notes thereto and Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon contained in the Company's 2004 Annual Report, filed herewith.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting.

Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

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Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004 and 2003.

Consolidated Statement of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002.

Consolidated Statement of Investments as of December 31, 2004.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

2. The following financial statement schedules are filed herewith:

Schedule 12-14 of Investments in and Advances to Affiliates.

In addition, there may be additional information not provided in a schedule because (i) such information is not required or (ii) the information required has been presented in the aforementioned financial statements.

3. The following exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated by reference as set forth below:

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Restated Articles of Incorporation. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit a.1 filed with Allied Capital's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-67336) filed on March 22, 2002).</i>
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1, filed with Allied Capital's Form 8-K on December 15, 2004).</i>
4.1	Specimen Certificate of Allied Capital's Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit d, filed with Allied Capital's registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-51899) filed on May 6, 1998).</i>
4.2	Form of debenture between certain subsidiaries of Allied Capital and the U.S. Small Business Administration. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 filed by a predecessor entity to Allied Capital on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996).</i>
10.1	Dividend Reinvestment Plan, as amended. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit e, filed with Allied Capital's registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-87862) filed on May 8, 2002).</i>
10.2	Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated April 18, 2003. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2003).</i>
10.2(a)	First Amendment to Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 6, 2003. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(a) filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2003).</i>
10.2(b)	Second Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of December 17, 2003. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(b) filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).</i>
10.2(c)	Third Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated May 28, 2004. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(c) filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2004).</i>
10.3	Note Agreement, dated as of April 30, 1998. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 1998).</i>
10.4	Loan Agreement between a predecessor entity to Allied Capital and Overseas Private Investment Corporation, dated April 10, 1995. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit f.7 filed by a predecessor entity to Allied Capital to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 33-64629) filed on January 24, 1996).</i> Letter, dated December 11, 1997, evidencing assignment of Loan Agreement from the predecessor entity of Allied Capital to Allied Capital. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of Allied Capital's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997).</i>
10.5	Note Agreement, dated as of May 1, 1999. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 1999).</i>
10.11	Note Agreement, dated as of November 15, 1999. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4a of Allied Capital's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999).</i>
10.12	Note Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2000. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4b filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2000).</i>

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Exhibit Number	Description
10.13	Note Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2001. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit f.10 filed with Allied Capital's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-67336) filed on November 14, 2001).</i>
10.15	Control Investor Guaranty Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2001, between Allied Capital and Fleet National Bank and Business Loan Express, Inc. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit f.14 filed with Allied Capital's Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 to registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-43534) filed on May 15, 2001).</i>
10.17	Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan II. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A filed with Allied Capital's Proxy Statement filed on March 30, 2004).</i>
10.18	Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan, dated January 30, 2004. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).</i>
10.19	Amended Stock Option Plan. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit B of Allied Capital's definitive proxy statement for Allied Capital's 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed on March 30, 2004).</i>
10.20(a)	Allied Capital Corporation 401(k) Plan, dated September 1, 1999. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 filed with Allied Capital's registration statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-88681) filed on October 8, 1999).</i>
10.20(b)	Amendment to Allied Capital Corporation 401(k) Plan, dated April 15, 2004. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20(b) filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2004).</i>
10.21	Employment Agreement, dated January 1, 2004, between Allied Capital and William L. Walton. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).</i>
10.22	Employment Agreement, dated January 1, 2004, between Allied Capital and Joan M. Sweeney. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).</i>
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\* Filed herewith.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on March 15, 2005.

/s/ WILLIAM L. WALTON

William L. Walton  
*Chairman of the Board and  
 Chief Executive Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title (Capacity)</b>	<b>Date</b>
_____ /s/ WILLIAM L. WALTON  William L. Walton	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	March 15, 2005
_____ /s/ BROOKS H. BROWNE  Brooks H. Browne	Director	March 15, 2005
_____ /s/ JOHN D. FIRESTONE  John D. Firestone	Director	March 15, 2005
_____ /s/ ANTHONY T. GARCIA  Anthony T. Garcia	Director	March 15, 2005
_____ /s/ ANN TORRE GRANT  Ann Torre Grant	Director	March 15, 2005
_____ /s/ LAWRENCE I. HEBERT  Lawrence I. Hebert	Director	March 15, 2005
_____ /s/ JOHN I. LEAHY  John I. Leahy	Director	March 15, 2005
_____ /s/ ROBERT E. LONG  Robert E. Long	Director	March 15, 2005
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_____ /s/ GUY T. STEUART II	Director	March 15, 2005

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Guy T. Steuart II

/s/ JOAN M. SWEENEY

Director

March 15, 2005

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Joan M. Sweeney

/s/ LAURA W. VAN ROIJEN

Director

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Laura W. van Roijen

/s/ PENNI F. ROLL

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**ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS IN AND ADVANCES TO AFFILIATES**

<b>PRIVATE FINANCE</b>		<b>Amount of Interest or Dividends</b>					
<b>Portfolio Company</b>		<b>Credited</b>	<b>December 31, 2003</b>		<b>Gross</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>December</b>
<b>(in thousands)</b>	<b>Investment (1)</b>	<b>to Income(7)</b>	<b>Other(2)</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Additions (3)</b>	<b>Reductions (4)</b>	<b>31, 2004 Value</b>
<b>Companies More Than 25% Owned</b>							
ACE Products, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Loan Common Stock	\$ 245		\$ 50	\$	\$ (50)	\$
Acme Paging, L.P. (Telecommunications)	Loan(5) Equity Interests Common Stock			4,496 2,586	135	(4,631) (1,356)	1,230
Advantage Sales Marketing, Inc. (Business Services)	Loan Debt Securities Common Stock		3,724 11,844		59,729 125,498 97,724		59,729 125,498 97,724
Alaris Consulting, LLC (Business Services)	Loan(5) Equity Interests	(64)		8,160	4,310	(7,807)	4,663
American Healthcare Services, Inc. and Affiliates (Healthcare Services)	Loan(5) Debt Securities Common Stock			23,501 8,684	5,744	(25,020) (8,684)	4,225
Avborne, Inc. (Business Services)	Loan Preferred Stock Common Stock	272	177	2,863 2,300	5,020	(1,771)	1,092 7,320
Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock Common Stock						
Business Loan Express, LLC (Financial Services)	Loan Debt Securities Class A Equity Interests Class B Equity Interests * Class C Equity Interests	2 10,577 12,676 14,750		40,044 47,800 99,386 154,960	10,000 4,571 6,062 14,750	(10,000) (15,395) (16,972)	44,615 53,862 98,741 137,988

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Callidus Capital Corporation (Financial Services)	Loan				42,213		42,213
		273					
	Loan	63			1,391	(1,325)	66
	Debt Securities	734		3,500	551		4,051
	Common Stock			1,768	1,832		3,600
Chickasaw Sales & Marketing, Inc. (Consumer Services)	Preferred Stock				1,000	(1,000)	
	Common Stock				2,812	(2,812)	
The Color Factory, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Loan			6,952	1,812	(8,764)	
	Preferred Stock						
	Common Stock						
Fairchild Industrial Products Company (Industrial Products)	Loan	261		7,166	264	(392)	7,038
	Debt Securities	198		3,534	2,420	(2,121)	3,833
	Common Stock				2,841	(718)	2,123
Financial Pacific Company (Financial Services)	Loan				68,473		68,473
		4,987					
	Preferred Stock *	327			10,448		10,448
	Common Stock				14,819		14,819
ForeSite Towers, LLC (Tower Leasing)	Equity Interests *	366		17,638	3,873		21,511
GAC Investments, Inc. (Broadcasting & Cable)	Loan(5)				11,000	(3,483)	7,517
	Common Stock				43,353	(43,353)	
Global Communications, LLC (Business Services)	Loan			2,350	3,919		6,269
		507					
	Debt Securities	2,842		17,247	946		18,193
	Preferred Equity Interest			18,351		(3,742)	14,609
	Options			1,639	522		2,161
Gordian Group, Inc. (Business Services)	Loan(5)	(19)	664	9,382	3,080	(5,081)	7,381
	Common Stock			4,000	3,435	(7,435)	
HealthASPex, Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock			700			700
	Preferred Stock			2,650		(897)	1,753
	Common Stock						
The Hillman Companies, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Debt Securities			43,965	604	(44,569)	
		2,091					
	Common Stock			190,577		(190,577)	
HMT, Inc. (Energy Services)	Debt Securities	1,478		9,186	128		9,314
	Preferred Stock *	150		2,303	234		2,537

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	Common Stock		4,264		(654)	3,610
	Warrants		1,641		(251)	1,390
Housecall Medical Resources, Inc. (Healthcare Services)	Loan	2,668	15,242	368		15,610
	Preferred Stock		3,889	3,889	(3,889)	
	Common Stock		23,000	8,898		31,898
Impact Innovations Group, LLC (Business Services)	Equity Interests in Affiliate			15,528	(14,756)	772
	Warrants					
Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation (Consumer Products)	Senior Loan	21		66,115		66,115
	Loan	18		57,213		57,213
	Preferred Stock			25,000		25,000
	Common Stock			6,325		6,325

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PRIVATE FINANCE Portfolio Company (in thousands)	Investment (1)	Amount of Interest or Dividends		December		December	
		to Income(7)	Other(2)	31, 2003 Value	Gross Additions (3)	Gross Reductions (4)	31, 2004 Value
Wakel, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Loan (5)	\$ 461		\$ 2,062	\$ 3,350	\$	\$ 5,412
	Debt Securities (5)	1,007		7,770	560		8,330
	Preferred Stock			4,069		(3,233)	836
	Common Stock						
Legacy Partners Group, LLC (Financial Service)	Loan (5)		147		6,647		6,647
	Debt Securities (5)		152		2,952	(1,056)	1,896
	Equity Interests				2,729	(2,729)	
Litterer Beteiligungs-GmbH (Business Service)	Debt Securities		31	1,379	52	(716)	715
	Equity Interest				2,656	(60)	2,596
Maui Body Works, Inc. (Healthcare Services)	Common Stock				2,500	(1,420)	1,080
Mercury Air Centers, Inc. (Business Services)	Senior Loan		1,470		20,000		20,000
	Loan		4,020		34,613		34,613
	Common Stock				31,214		31,214
MVL Group, Inc. (Business Services)	Loan		2,517	19,075	54	(3,473)	15,656
	Debt Securities		2,681	16,787	739		17,526
	Common Stock			643	9,157		9,800
Pennsylvania Avenue Investors, L.P. (Private Equity Fund)	Equity Interests				1,027	(235)	792
Powell Plant Farms, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Loan		4,290	21,542	11,500	(9,850)	23,192
	Debt Securities (5)			11,692		(1,104)	10,588
	Preferred Stock						
	Warrants						
Redox Brands, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Loan		627	3,127	198		3,325
	Debt Securities		1,887	10,243	429		10,672
	Preferred Stock		458	6,965	4,699		11,664
	Warrants			584			584
Staffing Partners Holding Company, Inc. (Business Services)	Loan (5)				1,000		1,000
	Debt Securities (5)		216	5,794	290		6,084
	Preferred Stock			2,018		(57)	1,961
	Common Stock						
	Warrants						

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Startec Global Communications Corporation (Telecommunications)	Loan	992	22,170	4,022	(9,671)	16,521
	Debt Securities	(649)				
	Common Stock			37,255	(29,455)	7,800
STS Operating, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Preferred Stock	412	6,473	576	(773)	6,276
	Common Stock		3,700	5,932		9,632
	Options					
Sure-Tel, Inc. (Consumer Services)	Preferred Stock		1,000		(1,000)	
	Common Stock		320		(320)	
<b>Total companies more than 25% owned</b>		<b>\$91,710</b>				<b>\$1,359,641</b>
<b>Companies 5% to 25% Owned</b>						
Air Evac Lifeteam (Healthcare Services)	Debt Securities	\$ 2,455	\$ 39,964	\$ 3,000	\$ (1,908)	\$ 39,964
	Equity Interests					1,092
Aspen Pet Products, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Loans	3,558	17,675	1,109		18,784
	Preferred Stock		845	79	(27)	897
	Common Stock					
	Warrants					
Becker Underwood, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Loan	1,144		22,939		22,939
	Common Stock			5,000		5,000
Border Foods, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Loan	396	3,000			3,000
	Debt Securities	1,375	9,454	56		9,510
	Preferred Stock		2,000			2,000
	Common Stock		71		(71)	
	Warrants		1,059		(1,059)	
CBA-Mezzanine Capital Finance, LLC (Financial Services)	Loan	467	16,185	1,028	(17,213)	
CorrFlex Graphics, LLC (Business Services)	Debt Securities	952	12,699	419	(13,118)	
	Warrants		18,411		(18,411)	
	Options		1,589		(1,589)	
The Debt Exchange Inc. (Business Services)	Preferred Stock	75	1,250	207		1,457
GFC Holdings, LLC (Business Services)	Warrants			800	(800)	
Liberty-Pittsburgh Systems, Inc. (Business Services)	Debt Securities		2,454	658	(3,112)	
	Common Stock					
MasterPlan, Inc.	Loan	147	959	245		1,204

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(Business Services)	Common Stock		200	3,100	3,300
MedBridge Healthcare, LLC (Healthcare Services)	Loan Convertible Debenture (5)	208		11,311	11,311
				1,015	(337)
MortgageRamp, Inc. (Business Services)	Common Stock		2,084		(1,181)
					903

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				Credited	2003 Value	Gross Additions (3)	
Portfolio Company  (in thousands)	Investment (1)	to Income (7)	Other (2)				
Nexcel Synthetics, LLC (Consumer Products)	Loan	\$ 2,158		\$	\$10,211	\$	\$ 10,211
	Equity Interests				1,690	(1,003)	687
Packaging Advantage Corporation (Business Services)	Debt Securities	1,800	75	14,350	456	(75)	14,731
	Common Stock			1,069	410		1,479
	Warrants			431	166		597
Pres Air Trol LLC (Industrial Products)	Debt Securities	582			6,521	(500)	6,021
	Equity Interests				1,323	(423)	900
Professional Paint, Inc. (Consumer Products)	Loan	736		4,976	346	(5,322)	
	Debt Securities	3,428		24,258	1,566	(25,824)	
	Preferred Stock	2,257		22,156	2,955	(25,111)	
	Common Stock			5,500		(5,500)	
Progressive International Corporation (Consumer Products)	Debt Securities	678		3,977	23	(4,000)	
	Loan	658			7,221		7,221
	Preferred Stock			707		(121)	586
	Common Stock			668		(655)	13
Soteria Imaging Services, LLC (Healthcare Services)	Loan	168			8,340		8,340
	Equity Interests				2,114		2,114
Total Foam, Inc. (Industrial Products)	Debt Securities		52	105		(105)	
Universal Environmental Services, LLC (Business Services)	Loan				12,099		12,099
	Equity Interests	670			1,864		1,864
<b>Total companies 5% to 25% owned</b>							<b>\$188,902</b>
<b>Companies less than 5% owned</b>							
<b>(6)</b>							
Apogen Technologies Inc. (f/k/a Sidarus Holdings, Inc.) (Business Services)	Debt Securities	90		4,978	4		4,982
	Preferred Stock			980	2,175		3,155

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	Common Stock		896	1,399		2,295
	Warrants		5	443		448
EDM Consulting, LLC (Business Services)	Debt Securities	1	218		(218)	
	Equity Interests					
	Loan			100		100
International Fiber Corporation (Industrial Products)	Debt Securities	1,502	22,828	510	(23,338)	
	Common Stock		6,816		(6,816)	
	Warrants		684		(684)	
	Debt Securities			21,016		21,016
	Preferred Stock			2,500		2,500
Nobel Learning Communities, Inc. (Education)	Debt Securities	172	9,838	162	(10,000)	
	Preferred Stock *	26	2,764			2,764
	Warrants		166	142		308
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$ 25,702</b>

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