

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-2**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

Pre-Effective Amendment No. 8  
 Post-Effective Amendment No. \_\_\_

**MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

311 South Wacker Drive, Suite 6400  
 Chicago, Illinois 60606  
 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(312) 258-8300  
 (Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Theodore L. Koenig  
 Chief Executive Officer  
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 (Name and Address of Agent for Service)

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**Approximate date of proposed public offering:** As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

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

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

when declared effective pursuant to section 8(c)

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

<b>Title of Securities Being Registered</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee(2)</b>
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	\$80,000,000	\$9,168

(1) Includes the underwriters' over-allotment option.

(2) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933 solely for purpose of determining the registration fee. Amount previously paid.

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

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Amendment No. 8 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 of Monroe Capital Corporation is being filed solely for the purpose of filing exhibits as set forth in Item 25(2) of Part C of this Registration Statement and to update the information in Item 28 of Part C of this Registration Statement.

**MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
**PART C**  
**Other Information**

**Item 25. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(1) Financial Statements**

The following financial statements are included in Part A “Information Required to be in the Prospectus” of the Registration Statement.

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**(2) Exhibits**

- (a)(1) Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Monroe Capital Corporation(1)
- (b)(1) Bylaws of Monroe Capital Corporation(1)
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Form of Stock Certificate of Monroe Capital Corporation(1)
- (e) Dividend Reinvestment Plan(1)
- (f) Not applicable
- (g) Investment Advisory Agreement between Registrant and MC Advisors(1)
- (h) Form of Underwriting Agreement(1)
- (i) Not applicable
- (j) Form of Custodian Agreement(1)
- (k)(1) Administration Agreement between Registrant and MC Management(1)
- (k)(2) License Agreement between the Registrant and Monroe Capital, LLC(1)
- (l) Opinion and Consent of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP(1)
- (m) Not applicable
- (n)(1) Consent of McGladrey LLP(4)
- (n)(2) Consent of Proposed Director – Robert S. Rubin(3)
- (n)(3) Consent of Proposed Director – Jeffrey A. Golman(2)
- (n)(4) Consent of Proposed Director – Jeffrey D. Steele(2)
- (o) Not applicable
- (p) Not applicable
- (q)(1) Joint Code of Ethics of Registrant and MC Advisors(1)

- (1) Filed herewith.
- (2) Previously filed in connection with Monroe Capital Corporation's registration statement on Form N-2 Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 (File No. 333-172601) filed on June 23, 2011.
- (3) Previously filed in connection with Monroe Capital Corporation's registration statement on Form N-2 Pre-Effective Amendment No. 6 (File No. 333-172601) filed on October 5, 2012.
- (4) Previously filed.

**Item 26. Marketing Arrangements**

The information contained under the heading "Underwriting" on this Registration Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 27. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution**

Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee	\$ 17,415
FINRA filing fee	\$ 15,500
Nasdaq Global Market listing fees	\$ 25,000
Printing expenses	\$ 150,000 <sup>(1)</sup>
Legal fees and expenses	\$1,000,000 <sup>(1)</sup>
Accounting fees and expenses	\$ 275,000 <sup>(1)</sup>
Miscellaneous	\$ 217,085 <sup>(1)</sup>
Total	<u>\$1,700,000<sup>(1)</sup></u>

(1) These amounts are estimates.

All of the expenses set forth above shall be borne by Monroe Capital BDC Advisors, LLC.

**Item 28. Persons Controlled by or Under Common Control**

None

**Item 29. Number of Holders of Securities**

The following table sets forth the approximate number of record holders of our common stock as of September 30, 2012.

<b>Title of Class</b>	<b>Number of Record Holders</b>
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	1

**Item 30. Indemnification**

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

Our charter authorizes us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while a director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee, from and against any claim or liability to which such person may become subject or which such person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of a final disposition of a proceeding.

Our bylaws obligate us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while a director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in any such capacity from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of a final disposition of a proceeding. Our bylaws also provide that, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, with the approval of our board of directors and provided that certain conditions described in our bylaws are met, we may pay certain expenses incurred by any such indemnified person in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding.

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upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such indemnified person to repay amounts we have so paid if it is ultimately determined that indemnification of such expenses is not authorized under our bylaws.

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

The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, MC Advisors and its and its affiliates' officers, directors, members, managers, stockholders and employees are entitled to indemnification from us for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of MC Advisors' services under the Investment Advisory Agreement.

The Administration Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, MC Management and its and its affiliates' officers, directors, members, managers, stockholders and employees are entitled to indemnification from us for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of MC Management's services under the Administration Agreement or otherwise as our administrator.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Insofar as indemnification for liability arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by us of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of our counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by us is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**Item 31. Business and Other Connections of Investment Advisor.**

A description of any other business, profession, vocation or employment of a substantial nature in which MC Advisors, and each managing director, director or executive officer of MC Advisors, is or has been during the past two fiscal years, engaged in for his or her own account or in the capacity of director, officer, employee, partner or trustee, is set forth in Part A of this Registration Statement in the sections entitled "Management." Additional

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information regarding the MC Advisors and its officers and directors is set forth in its Form ADV, as filed with the SEC (File No. 801-72323), and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 32. Location of Accounts and Records.**

All accounts, books and other documents required to be maintained by Section 31(a) of the 1940 Act, and the rules thereunder are maintained at the offices of:

- (1) Monroe Capital Corporation, 311 South Wacker Drive, Suite 6400, Chicago, Illinois 60606;
- (2) the Transfer Agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC 59 Maiden Lane, Plaza Level, New York, New York 10038;
- (3) the Custodian, US Bank National Association, Corporate Trust Services, One Federal Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110; and
- (4) Monroe Capital BDC Advisors, LLC, 311 South Wacker Drive, Suite 6400, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

**Item 33. Management Services**

Not Applicable.

**Item 34. Undertakings**

- (1) We undertake to suspend the offering of shares until the prospectus is amended if (a) subsequent to the effective date of the registration statement, our net asset value declines more than 10% from our net asset value as of the effective date of the registration statement; or (b) the net asset value increases to an amount greater than the net proceeds as stated in the prospectus.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) We undertake that:
  - (a) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by us pursuant to Rule 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
  - (b) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (6) Not applicable.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this Amendment No. 8 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Chicago, Illinois, on the 17th day of October, 2012.

Monroe Capital Corporation

By:                         /s/ Theodore L. Koenig  
Name: Theodore L. Koenig  
Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment No. 8 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>                        /s/ Theodore L. Koenig</u> Theodore L.Koenig	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and director (Principal Executive Officer)	<u>October 17, 2012</u>
<u>                        /s/ Aaron D. Peck</u> Aaron D. Peck	Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and director (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	<u>October 17, 2012</u>



**MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION**

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT**

**FIRST:** Monroe Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Corporation"), desires to amend and restate its charter as currently in effect and as hereinafter amended.

**SECOND:** The following provisions are all the provisions of the charter currently in effect and as hereinafter amended:

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of the corporation (the "Corporation") is Monroe Capital Corporation.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSES**

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the general laws of the State of Maryland as now or hereafter in force, including, without limitation or obligation, engaging in business as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act").

**ARTICLE III**

**RESIDENT AGENT AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The name of the resident agent of the Corporation in Maryland is The Corporation Trust Incorporated, whose address is 351 West Camden Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. The address of the principal office of the Corporation in the State of Maryland is c/o The Corporation Trust Incorporated, 351 West Camden Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

**ARTICLE IV**

**PROVISIONS FOR DEFINING, LIMITING  
AND REGULATING CERTAIN POWERS OF THE  
CORPORATION AND OF THE STOCKHOLDERS AND DIRECTORS**

Section 4.1 Number, Vacancies and Classification of Directors. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. The number of directors of the Corporation is five, which number may be increased or decreased only by the Board of Directors pursuant to the Bylaws, but shall never be less than the minimum number required by the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL"). The names of the directors who shall serve until the first annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualify are:

Theodore L. Koenig  
Aaron D. Peck  
Jeffrey A. Golman  
Robert S. Rubin  
Jeffrey D. Steele

These directors may increase the number of directors and may fill any vacancy, whether resulting from an increase in the number of directors or otherwise, on the Board of Directors occurring before the first annual meeting of stockholders in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

The Corporation elects, at such time as the Corporation becomes eligible to make an election provided for under Section 3-802(b) of the MGCL, that, subject to applicable requirements of the 1940 Act

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and except as may be provided by the Board of Directors in setting the terms of any class or series of Preferred Stock (as hereinafter defined), any and all vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors in office, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum, and any director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the full term of the directorship in which such vacancy occurred and until a successor is duly elected and qualifies.

On the first date on which the Corporation shall have more than one stockholder of record, the directors (other than any director elected solely by holders of one or more classes or series of Preferred Stock in connection with dividend arrearages) shall be classified, with respect to the terms for which they severally hold office, into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible as determined by the Board of Directors, one class to hold office initially for a term expiring at the next succeeding annual meeting of stockholders, another class to hold office initially for a term expiring at the second succeeding annual meeting of stockholders and another class to hold office initially for a term expiring at the third succeeding annual meeting of stockholders, with the members of each class to hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualify. At each annual meeting of the stockholders, the successors to the class of directors whose term expires at such meeting shall be elected to hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the third year following the year of their election and until their successors are duly elected and qualify.

Section 4.2 Extraordinary Actions. Except as specifically provided in Section 4.9 (relating to removal of directors), and in Section 6.2 (relating to certain actions and certain amendments to the charter), notwithstanding any provision of law requiring any action to be taken or approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of shares entitled to cast a greater number of votes, any such action shall be effective and valid if declared advisable and approved by the Board of Directors and taken or approved by the affirmative vote of holders of shares entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

Section 4.3 Election of Directors. Except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation, each director shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the shares of stock outstanding and entitled to vote thereon.

Section 4.4 Quorum. The presence in person or by proxy of the holders of shares of stock of the Corporation entitled to cast a majority of the votes entitled to be cast (without regard to class) shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of stockholders, except with respect to any such matter that, under applicable statutes or regulatory requirements or the charter, requires approval by a separate vote of one or more classes or series of stock, in which case the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of shares entitled to cast a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by such classes or series on such a matter shall constitute a quorum. To the extent permitted by Maryland law as in effect from time to time, the foregoing quorum provision may be changed by the Bylaws.

Section 4.5 Authorization by Board of Stock Issuance. The Board of Directors may authorize the issuance from time to time of shares of stock of the Corporation of any class or series, whether now or hereafter authorized, or securities or rights convertible into shares of its stock of any class or series, whether now or hereafter authorized, for such consideration as the Board of Directors may deem advisable (or without consideration in the case of a stock split or stock dividend), subject to such restrictions or limitations, if any, as may be set forth in the charter or the Bylaws.

Section 4.6 Preemptive Rights. Except as may be provided by the Board of Directors in setting the terms of classified or reclassified shares of stock pursuant to Section 5.4 or as may otherwise be provided by contract, no holder of shares of stock of the Corporation shall, as such holder, have any preemptive right to purchase or subscribe for any additional shares of stock of the Corporation or any other security of the Corporation which it may issue or sell.

Section 4.7 Appraisal Rights. No holder of stock of the Corporation shall be entitled to exercise the rights of an objecting stockholder under Title 3, Subtitle 2 of the MGCL or any successor provision thereto unless the Board of Directors, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors, shall determine that such rights apply, with respect to all or any classes or series of stock, or any proportion of the shares thereof, to a particular transaction or all transactions occurring after the date of such determination in connection with which holders of such shares would otherwise be entitled to exercise such rights.

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Section 4.8 Determinations by Board. The determination as to any of the following matters, made in good faith by or pursuant to the direction of the Board of Directors consistent with the charter and in the absence of actual receipt of an improper benefit in money, property or services or active and deliberate dishonesty established by a court, shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding upon the Corporation and every holder of shares of its stock: the amount of the net income of the Corporation for any period and the amount of assets at any time legally available for the payment of dividends, redemption of its stock or the payment of other distributions on its stock; the amount of paid-in surplus, net assets, other surplus, annual or other net profit, net assets in excess of capital, undivided profits or excess of profits over losses on sales of assets; the amount, purpose, time of creation, increase or decrease, alteration or cancellation of any reserves or charges and the propriety thereof (whether or not any obligation or liability for which such reserves or charges shall have been created shall have been paid or discharged); the fair value, or any sale, bid or asked price to be applied in determining the fair value, of any asset owned or held by the Corporation; any matter relating to the acquisition, holding and disposition of any assets by the Corporation; or any other matter relating to the business and affairs of the Corporation or required by the charter to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.9 Removal of Directors. Subject to the rights of holders of one or more classes or series of Preferred Stock to elect or remove one or more directors, any director, or the entire Board of Directors, may be removed from office at any time only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast generally in the election of directors. For the purpose of this paragraph, "cause" shall mean, with respect to any particular director, conviction of a felony or a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction holding that such director caused demonstrable, material harm to the Corporation through bad faith or active and deliberate dishonesty.

## ARTICLE V

### STOCK

Section 5.1 Authorized Shares. The Corporation has authority to issue 100,000,000 shares of stock, initially consisting of 100,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("Common Stock"). The aggregate par value of all authorized shares of stock having par value is \$100,000. If shares of one class of stock are classified or reclassified into shares of another class or series of stock pursuant to this Article V, the number of authorized shares of the former class or series shall be automatically decreased and the number of shares of the latter class or series shall be automatically increased, in each case by the number of shares so classified or reclassified, so that the aggregate number of shares of stock of all classes and series that the Corporation has authority to issue shall not be more than the total number of shares of stock set forth in the first sentence of this paragraph. A majority of the entire Board of Directors, without any action by the stockholders of the Corporation, may amend the charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that the Corporation has authority to issue.

Section 5.2 Common Stock. Each share of Common Stock shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote. The Board of Directors may reclassify any unissued shares of Common Stock from time to time in one or more classes or series of stock.

Section 5.3 Preferred Stock. The Board of Directors may classify any unissued shares of stock and reclassify any previously classified but unissued shares of stock of any class or series from time to time, in one or more classes or series of stock, including Preferred Stock ("Preferred Stock").

Section 5.4 Classified or Reclassified Shares. Prior to issuance of classified or reclassified shares of any class or series, the Board of Directors by resolution shall: (a) designate that class or series to distinguish it from all other classes and series of stock of the Corporation; (b) specify the number of shares to be included in the class or series; (c) set or change, subject to the express terms of any class or series of stock of the Corporation outstanding at the time, the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption for each class or series; and (d) cause the Corporation to file articles supplementary with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland ("SDAT"). Any of the terms of any class or series of stock may be made dependent upon facts or events ascertainable outside the charter (including determinations by the Board of Directors or other facts or events within the control of the Corporation) and may vary among holders thereof, provided that the manner in which such facts,

events or variations shall operate upon the terms of such class or series of stock is clearly and expressly set forth in the articles supplementary filed with the SDAT.

Section 5.5 Inspection of Books and Records. A stockholder that is otherwise eligible under applicable law to inspect the Corporation's books of account, stock ledger, or other specified documents of the Corporation shall have no right to make such inspection if the Board of Directors determines that such stockholder has an improper purpose for requesting such inspection.

Section 5.6 Charter and Bylaws. All persons who shall acquire stock in the Corporation shall acquire the same subject to the provisions of the charter and the Bylaws. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have the exclusive power, at any time, to make, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VI

### AMENDMENTS; CERTAIN EXTRAORDINARY TRANSACTIONS

Section 6.1 Amendments Generally. The Corporation reserves the right from time to time to make any amendment to its charter, now or hereafter authorized by law, including any amendment altering the terms or contract rights, as expressly set forth in the charter, of any shares of outstanding stock. All rights and powers conferred by the charter on stockholders, directors and officers are granted subject to this reservation.

Section 6.2 Approval of Certain Extraordinary Actions and Charter Amendments.

(a) Required Votes. The affirmative vote of the holders of shares entitled to cast at least 80 percent of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter, each voting as a separate class, shall be necessary to effect:

(i) Any amendment to the charter of the Corporation to make the Corporation's Common Stock a "redeemable security" or the conversion of the Corporation, whether by amendment to the charter, merger or otherwise, from a "closed-end company" to an "open-end company" (as such terms are defined in the 1940 Act);

(ii) The liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation and any amendment to the charter of the Corporation to effect any such liquidation or dissolution; and

(iii) Any amendment to Section 4.1, Section 4.2, Section 4.9, Section 6.1 or this Section 6.2;

provided, however, that, if the Continuing Directors (as defined herein), by a vote of at least 75% of such Continuing Directors, in addition to approval by the Board of Directors, approve such proposal or amendment, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast shall be sufficient to approve such matter.

(b) Continuing Directors. "Continuing Directors" means (i) the directors identified in Section 4.1, (ii) the directors whose nomination for election by the stockholders or whose election by the directors to fill vacancies is approved by a majority of the directors identified in Section 4.1, who are on the Board at the time of the nomination or election, as applicable, or (iii) any successor directors whose nomination for election by the stockholders or whose election by the directors to fill vacancies is approved by a majority of the Continuing Directors or successor Continuing Directors, who are on the Board at the time of the nomination or election, as applicable.

## ARTICLE VII

### LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION AND ADVANCE OF EXPENSES

Section 7.1 Limitation of Liability. To the maximum extent that the Maryland Law in effect from time to time permits limitation of the liability of directors and officers of a corporation, no present or former director or officer of the Corporation shall be liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for money damages.

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Section 7.2 Indemnification and Advance of Expenses. The Corporation shall have the power, to the maximum extent permitted by the Maryland law in effect from time to time, to obligate itself to indemnify, and to pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to, (a) any individual who is a present or former director or officer of the Corporation or (b) any individual who, while a director or officer of the Corporation and at the request of the Corporation, serves or has served as a director, officer, partner or trustee of another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or any other enterprise from and against any claim or liability to which such person may become subject or which such person may incur by reason of his status as a present or former director or officer of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have the power, with the approval of the Board of Directors, to provide such indemnification and advancement of expenses to a person who served a predecessor of the Corporation in any of the capacities described in (a) or (b) above and to any employee or agent of the Corporation or a predecessor of the Corporation.

Section 7.3 1940 Act. The provisions of this Article VII shall be subject to the limitations of the 1940 Act.

Section 7.4 Amendment or Repeal. Neither the amendment nor repeal of this Article VII, nor the adoption or amendment of any other provision of the charter or Bylaws inconsistent with this Article VII, shall apply to or affect in any respect the applicability of the preceding sections of this Article VII with respect to any act or failure to act which occurred prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption.

THIRD: The amendment to and restatement of the charter as hereinabove set forth have been duly advised by the Board of Directors and approved by the stockholders of the Corporation as required by law.

FOURTH: The current address of the principal office of the Corporation is as set forth in Article III of the foregoing amendment and restatement of the charter.

FIFTH: The name and address of the Corporation's current resident agent is as set forth in Article III of the foregoing amendment and restatement of the charter.

SIXTH: The number of directors of the Corporation and the names of those currently in office are as set forth in Article IV of the foregoing amendment and restatement of the charter.

SEVENTH: The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation had authority to issue immediately prior to this amendment and restatement was 1,000, consisting of 1,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share. The aggregate par value of all shares of stock having par value was \$1.00.

EIGHTH: The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation has authority to issue pursuant to the foregoing amendment and restatement of the charter is 100,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share. The aggregate par value of all authorized shares of stock having par value is \$100,000.

NINTH: The undersigned President and Chief Executive Officer acknowledges these Articles of Amendment and Restatement to be the corporate act of the Corporation and, as to all matters or facts required to be verified under oath, the undersigned President and Chief Executive Officer acknowledges that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, these matters and facts are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalties for perjury.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment and Restatement to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its President and Chief Executive Officer and attested to by its Secretary on this      day of      , 2012.

ATTEST:

MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION:

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Aaron D. Peck  
Secretary

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Theodore L. Koenig  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**BYLAWS**

**MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION**

**ARTICLE I  
OFFICES**

**Section 1.1 Principal Office.** The principal office of Monroe Capital Corporation (the "Corporation") in the State of Maryland shall be located at such place as the Board of Directors may designate.

**Section 1.2 Additional Offices.** The Corporation may have additional offices, including a principal executive office, at such places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the business of the Corporation may require.

**ARTICLE II  
MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**Section 2.1 Place.** All meetings of stockholders shall be held at the principal executive office of the Corporation or at such other place as shall be set by the Board of Directors and stated in the notice of the meeting.

**Section 2.2 Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held for the election of directors and the transaction of any business within the powers of the Corporation on a date and at the time set by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.3 Special Meetings.**

(a) **General.** The Chairman of the Board, the President or the Board of Directors may call a special meeting of the stockholders. Subject to subsection (b) of this Section 2.3, a special meeting of stockholders shall also be called by the Secretary of the Corporation upon the written request of stockholders entitled to cast not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

(b) **Stockholder Requested Special Meetings.**

(i) Any stockholder of record seeking to have stockholders request a special meeting shall, by sending written notice to the Secretary (the "Record Date Request Notice") by registered mail, return receipt requested, request the Board of Directors to fix a record date to determine the stockholders entitled to request a special meeting (the "Requested Record Date"). The Record Date Request Notice shall set forth the purpose of the meeting and the matters proposed to be acted on at it, shall be signed by one or more stockholders of record as of the date of signature (or their agents duly authorized in writing), shall bear the date of signature of each such stockholder (or such agent) and

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shall set forth all information relating to each such stockholder that must be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved), or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A (or any successor provision) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Upon receiving the Record Date Request Notice, the Board of Directors may fix a Requested Record Date. The Requested Record Date shall not precede and shall not be more than ten days after the close of business on the date on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution fixing the Requested Record Date. If the Board of Directors, within ten days after the date on which a valid Record Date Request Notice is received, fails to adopt a resolution fixing the Requested Record Date, the Requested Record Date shall be the close of business on the tenth day after the first date on which the Record Date Request Notice is received by the Secretary.

(ii) In order for any stockholder to request a special meeting, one or more written requests for a special meeting signed by stockholders of record (or their agents duly authorized in writing) as of the Requested Record Date entitled to cast not less than a majority (the "Special Meeting Percentage") of all of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting (the "Special Meeting Request") shall be delivered to the Secretary. In addition, the Special Meeting Request (1) shall set forth the purpose of the meeting and the matters proposed to be acted on at it (which shall be limited to those lawful matters set forth in the Record Date Request Notice received by the Secretary), (2) shall bear the date of signature of each such stockholder (or such agent) signing the Special Meeting Request, (3) shall set forth the name and address, as they appear in the Corporation's books, of each stockholder signing such request (or on whose behalf the Special Meeting Request is signed) and the class, series and number of all shares of stock of the Corporation which are owned by each such stockholder, and the nominee holder for, and number of, shares owned by such stockholder beneficially but not of record, (4) shall be sent to the Secretary by registered mail, return receipt requested, and (5) shall be received by the Secretary within 60 days after the Requested Record Date. Any requesting stockholder (or agent duly authorized in a writing accompanying the revocation or the Special Meeting Request) may revoke his, her or its request for a special meeting at any time by written revocation delivered to the Secretary.

(iii) The Secretary shall inform the requesting stockholders of the reasonably estimated cost of preparing and mailing the notice of meeting (including the Corporation's proxy materials). The Secretary shall not be required to call a special meeting upon stockholder request and such meeting shall not be held unless, in addition to the documents required by subsection (ii) of this Section 2.3(b), the Secretary receives payment of such reasonably estimated cost prior to the mailing of any notice of the meeting.

(iv) Except as provided in the next sentence, any special meeting shall be held at such place, date and time as may be designated by the Chairman of the Board, the President or the Board of Directors, whoever has called the meeting. In the case of any special meeting called by the Secretary upon the request of stockholders (a "Stockholder Requested Meeting"), such meeting shall be held at such place, date and time as may be



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designated by the Board of Directors; *provided, however*, that the date of any Stockholder Requested Meeting shall be not more than 90 days after the record date for such meeting (the “Meeting Record Date”); *provided further* that if the Board of Directors fails to designate, within ten days after the date that a valid Special Meeting Request is actually received by the Secretary (the “Delivery Date”), a date and time for a Stockholder Requested Meeting, then such meeting shall be held at 2:00 p.m. Central Time on the 90th day after the Meeting Record Date or, if such 90th day is not a Business Day (as defined below), on the first preceding Business Day; and provided further that in the event that the Board of Directors fails to designate a place for a Stockholder Requested Meeting within ten days after the Delivery Date, then such meeting shall be held at the principal executive office of the Corporation. In fixing a date for any special meeting, the Chairman of the Board, the President or the Board of Directors may consider such factors as he, she or it deems relevant within the good faith exercise of business judgment, including, without limitation, the nature of the matters to be considered, the facts and circumstances surrounding any request for meeting and any plan of the Board of Directors to call an annual meeting or a special meeting. In the case of any Stockholder Requested Meeting, if the Board of Directors fails to fix a Meeting Record Date that is a date within 30 days after the Delivery Date, then the close of business on the 30th day after the Delivery Date shall be the Meeting Record Date.

(v) If written revocations of requests for the special meeting have been delivered to the Secretary and the result is that stockholders of record (or their agents duly authorized in writing), as of the Requested Record Date, entitled to cast less than the Special Meeting Percentage have delivered, and not revoked, requests for a special meeting to the Secretary, the Secretary shall (1) if the notice of meeting has not already been mailed, refrain from mailing the notice of the meeting and send to all requesting stockholders who have not revoked such requests written notice of any revocation of a request for the special meeting, or (2) if the notice of meeting has been mailed and if the Secretary first sends to all requesting stockholders who have not revoked requests for a special meeting written notice of any revocation of a request for the special meeting and written notice of the Secretary’s intention to revoke the notice of the meeting, revoke the notice of the meeting at any time before ten days before the commencement of the meeting. Any request for a special meeting received after a revocation by the Secretary of a notice of a meeting shall be considered a request for a new special meeting.

(vi) The Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board or the President may appoint independent inspectors of elections to act as the agent of the Corporation for the purpose of promptly performing a ministerial review of the validity of any purported Special Meeting Request received by the Secretary. For the purpose of permitting the inspectors to perform such review, no such purported request shall be deemed to have been delivered to the Secretary until the earlier of (1) five Business Days after receipt by the Secretary of such purported request and (2) such date as the independent inspectors certify to the Corporation that the valid requests received by the Secretary represent at least the Special Meeting Percentage. Nothing contained in this subsection (vi) shall in any way be construed to suggest or imply that the Corporation or any stockholder shall not be entitled to contest the validity of any request, whether during or after such five

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Business Day period, or to take any other action (including, without limitation, the commencement, prosecution or defense of any litigation with respect thereto, and the seeking of injunctive relief in such litigation).

(vii) For purposes of these Bylaws, "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or other day on which banking institutions in the State of Illinois are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

**Section 2.4 Notice of Meetings.** Written or printed notice of the purpose or purposes, in the case of a special meeting, and of the time and place of every meeting of the stockholders shall be given by the Secretary of the Corporation to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting, by either placing the notice in the mail, delivering it by overnight delivery service or transmitting the notice by electronic mail or any other electronic means at least ten days, but not more than 90 days, prior to the date designated for the meeting, addressed to each stockholder at such stockholder's address appearing on the books of the Corporation or supplied by the stockholder to the Corporation for the purpose of notice. The notice of any meeting of stockholders may be accompanied by a form of proxy approved by the Board of Directors in favor of the actions or persons as the Board of Directors may select. Notice of any meeting of stockholders shall be deemed waived by any stockholder who attends the meeting in person or by proxy or who before or after the meeting submits a signed waiver of notice that is filed with the records of the meeting.

Subject to Section 2.11(a), any business of the Corporation may be transacted at an annual meeting of stockholders without being specifically designated in the notice, except such business as is required by any statute to be stated in such notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting of stockholders except as specifically designated in the notice.

**Section 2.5 Organization and Conduct.** Every meeting of stockholders shall be conducted by an individual appointed by the Board of Directors to be chairman of the meeting or, in the absence of such appointment, by the Chairman of the Board, if any, or, in the case of a vacancy in the office or absence of the Chairman of the Board, by one of the following officers present at the meeting: the Vice Chairman of the Board, if any; the President; any vice president; the Secretary; the Treasurer; the Chief Compliance Officer; or, in the absence of such officers, a chairman chosen by the stockholders by the vote of a majority of the votes cast by stockholders present in person or by proxy. The Secretary or, in the Secretary's absence, an assistant secretary or, in the absence of both the Secretary and assistant secretaries, an individual appointed by the Board of Directors or, in the absence of such appointment, an individual appointed by the chairman of the meeting shall act as Secretary. In the event that the Secretary presides at a meeting of the stockholders, an assistant secretary, or, in the absence of assistant secretaries, an individual appointed by the Board of Directors or the chairman of the meeting, shall record the minutes of the meeting. The order of business and all other matters of procedure at any meeting of stockholders shall be determined by the chairman of the meeting. The chairman of the meeting may prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and take such action as, in the discretion of such chairman, are appropriate for the proper conduct of the meeting, including, without limitation: (a) restricting admission to the time set for the commencement of the meeting; (b) limiting attendance at the meeting to stockholders of record of the Corporation, their duly authorized proxies and other such individuals as the chairman of

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the meeting may determine; (c) limiting participation at the meeting on any matter to stockholders of record of the Corporation entitled to vote on such matter, their duly authorized proxies or other such individuals as the chairman of the meeting may determine; (d) limiting the time allotted to questions or comments by participants; (e) determining when the polls should be opened and closed; (f) maintaining order and security at the meeting; (g) removing any stockholder or any other individual who refuses to comply with meeting procedures, rules or guidelines as set forth by the chairman of the meeting; and (h) concluding a meeting or recessing or adjourning the meeting to a later date and time and at a place announced at the meeting. Unless otherwise determined by the chairman of the meeting, meetings of stockholders shall not be required to be held in accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure.

**Section 2.6 Quorum.** The presence in person or by proxy of the holders of shares of stock of the Corporation entitled to cast a majority of the votes entitled to be cast (without regard to class) shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the stockholders, except with respect to any such matter that, under applicable statutes or regulatory requirements, requires approval by a separate vote of one or more classes of stock, in which case the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of shares entitled to cast a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by each such class on such a matter shall constitute a quorum. This section shall not affect any requirement under any statute or the charter of the Corporation for the vote necessary for the adoption of any measure.

If, however, such quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the stockholders, the chairman of the meeting shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time to a date not more than 120 days after the original record date without notice other than announcement at the meeting. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

The stockholders present either in person or by proxy, at a meeting which has been duly called and convened, may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough stockholders to leave less than a quorum.

**Section 2.7 Voting.** A plurality of all the votes cast at a meeting of the stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to elect a director. Each share may be voted for as many individuals as there are directors to be elected and for whose election the share is entitled to be voted. A majority of the votes cast at a meeting of stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to approve any other matter which may properly come before the meeting, unless more than a majority of the votes cast is required by statute or by the charter of the Corporation. Unless otherwise provided in the charter, each outstanding share, regardless of class, shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of stockholders.

**Section 2.8 Proxies.** A stockholder may cast the votes entitled to be cast by the shares of stock owned of record by the stockholder in person or by proxy executed by the stockholder or by the stockholder's duly authorized agent in any manner permitted by law. Such proxy or evidence of authorization of such proxy shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation

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before or at the meeting. No proxy shall be valid more than eleven months after its date unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

**Section 2.9 Voting of Stock by Certain Holders.** Stock of the Corporation registered in the name of a corporation, partnership, trust or other entity, if entitled to be voted, may be voted by the President or a vice president, a general partner or trustee thereof, as the case may be, or a proxy appointed by any of the foregoing individuals, unless some other person who has been appointed to vote such stock pursuant to a bylaw or a resolution of the governing body of such corporation or other entity or agreement of the partners of a partnership presents a certified copy of such bylaw, resolution or agreement, in which case such person may vote such stock. Any director or other fiduciary may vote stock registered in his or her name as such fiduciary, either in person or by proxy.

Shares of stock of the Corporation directly or indirectly owned by it shall not be voted at any meeting and shall not be counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares entitled to be voted at any given time, unless they are held by it in a fiduciary capacity, in which case they may be voted and shall be counted in determining the total number of outstanding shares at any given time.

The Board of Directors may adopt by resolution a procedure by which a stockholder may certify in writing to the Corporation that any shares of stock registered in the name of the stockholder are held for the account of a specified person other than the stockholder. The resolution shall set forth: the class of stockholders who may make the certification, the purpose for which the certification may be made, the form of certification and the information to be contained in it; if the certification is with respect to a record date or closing of the stock transfer books, the time after the record date or closing of the stock transfer books within which the certification must be received by the Corporation; and any other provisions with respect to the procedure which the Board of Directors considers necessary or desirable. On receipt of such certification, the person specified in the certification shall be regarded as, for the purposes set forth in the certification, the stockholder of record of the specified stock in place of the stockholder who makes the certification.

**Section 2.10 Inspectors.** The Board of Directors, in advance of any meeting, may, but need not, appoint one or more individual inspectors or one or more entities that designate individuals as inspectors to act at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. If an inspector or inspectors are not appointed, the person presiding at the meeting may, but need not, appoint one or more inspectors. In case any person who may be appointed as an inspector fails to appear or act, the vacancy may be filled by appointment made by the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting or at the meeting by the chairman of the meeting. The inspectors, if any, shall determine the number of shares outstanding and the voting power of each, the shares represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, the validity and effect of proxies, and shall receive votes, ballots or consents, hear and determine all challenges and questions arising in connection with the right to vote, count and tabulate all votes, ballots or consents, and determine the result, and do such acts as are proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all stockholders. Each such report shall be in writing and signed by him or her or by a majority of them if there is more than one inspector acting at such meeting. If there is more than one inspector, the report of a

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majority shall be the report of the inspectors. The report of the inspector or inspectors on the number of shares represented at the meeting and the results of the voting shall be prima facie evidence thereof.

**Section 2.11 Advance Notice of Stockholder Nominees for Director and Other Stockholder Proposals.**

**(a) Annual Meetings of Stockholders.**

(i) Nominations of individuals for election to the Board of Directors and the proposal of other business to be considered by the stockholders may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders (1) pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting, (2) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (3) by any stockholder of the Corporation who was a stockholder of record both at the time of giving of notice by the stockholder as provided for in this Section 2.11(a) and at the time of the annual meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with this Section 2.11(a).

(ii) For nominations or other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder pursuant to clause (3) of subsection (a) (i) of this Section 2.11, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation and such other business must otherwise be a proper matter for action by the stockholders. To be timely, a stockholder's notice shall set forth all information required under this Section 2.11 and shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not less than 120 days nor more than 180 days prior to the first anniversary of the date of mailing of the notice for the preceding year's annual meeting; *provided, however*, that in the event that the date of the mailing of the notice for the annual meeting is advanced or delayed by more than 30 days from the first anniversary of the date of the mailing of the notice for the preceding year's annual meeting, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the 180th day prior to the date of the mailing of the notice for such annual meeting and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the later of the 120th day prior to the date of the mailing of the notice for such annual meeting or the tenth day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. In no event shall the public announcement of a postponement or adjournment of an annual meeting commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above. Such stockholder's notice shall set forth: (1) as to each individual whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or reelection as a director, (A) the name, age, business address and residence address of such individual, (B) the class, series and number of any shares of stock of the Corporation that are beneficially owned by such individual and the date such shares were acquired and the investment intent of such acquisition, (C) whether such stockholder believes any such individual is, or is not, an "interested person" of the Corporation, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules promulgated thereunder (the "Investment Company Act") and information regarding such individual that is sufficient, in the discretion of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof or any authorized officer of the Corporation, to make such determination and (D) all other information relating to such individual that is required to

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be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved), or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A (or any successor provision) under the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder (including such individual's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected); (2) as to any other business that the stockholder proposes to bring before the meeting, a description of such business, the reasons for proposing such business at the meeting and any material interest in such business of such stockholder and any Stockholder Associated Person (as defined below), individually or in the aggregate, including any anticipated benefit to the stockholder and the Stockholder Associated Person therefrom; (3) as to the stockholder giving the notice and any Stockholder Associated Person, the class, series and number of all shares of stock of the Corporation which are owned by such stockholder and by such Stockholder Associated Person, if any, and the nominee holder for, and number of, shares owned beneficially but not of record by such stockholder and by any such Stockholder Associated Person; (4) as to the stockholder giving the notice and any Stockholder Associated Person covered by clauses (2) or (3) of this subsection (ii) of this Section 2.11(a), the name and address of such stockholder, as they appear on the Corporation's stock ledger and current name and address, if different, and of such Stockholder Associated Person; and (5) to the extent known by the stockholder giving the notice, the name and address of any other stockholder supporting the nominee for election or reelection as a director or the proposal of other business on the date of such stockholder's notice.

(iii) Notwithstanding anything in this subsection (a) of this Section 2.11 to the contrary, in the event that the number of directors to be elected to the Board of Directors is increased and there is no public announcement of such action at least 100 days prior to the first anniversary of the date of mailing of the notice of the preceding year's annual meeting, a stockholder's notice required by this Section 2.11(a) shall also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the tenth day following the day on which such public announcement is first made by the Corporation.

(iv) For purposes of this Section 2.11, "Stockholder Associated Person" of any stockholder shall mean (1) any person controlling, directly or indirectly, or acting in concert with, such stockholder, (2) any beneficial owner of shares of stock of the Corporation owned of record or beneficially by such stockholder and (3) any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Stockholder Associated Person.

(b) Special Meetings of Stockholders. Only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting. Nominations of individuals for election to the Board of Directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected (i) pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting, (ii) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (iii) provided that the Board of Directors has determined that directors shall be

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electd at such special meeting, by any stockholder of the Corporation who is a stockholder of record both at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 2.11 and at the time of the special meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who complied with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 2.11. In the event the Corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one or more individuals to the Board of Directors, any such stockholder may nominate an individual or individuals (as the case may be) for election as a director as specified in the Corporation's notice of meeting, if the stockholder's notice required by subsection (ii) of Section 2.11(a) shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not earlier than the 120th day prior to such special meeting and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the later of the 90th day prior to such special meeting or the tenth day following the day on which public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the Board of Directors to be elected at such meeting. In no event shall the public announcement of a postponement or adjournment of a special meeting commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

(c) General.

(i) Upon written request by the Secretary or the Board of Directors or any committee thereof, any stockholder proposing a nominee for election as a director or any proposal for other business at a meeting of stockholders shall provide, within five Business Days of delivery of such request (or such other period as may be specified in such request), written verification, satisfactory, in the discretion of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof or any authorized officer of the Corporation, to demonstrate the accuracy of any information submitted by the stockholder pursuant to this Section 2.11. If a stockholder fails to provide such written verification within such period, the information as to which written verification was requested may be deemed not to have been provided in accordance with this Section 2.11.

(ii) Only such individuals who are nominated in accordance with this Section 2.11 shall be eligible for election by stockholders as directors, and only such business shall be conducted at a meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting in accordance with this Section 2.11. The chairman of the meeting shall have the power to determine whether a nomination or any other business proposed to be brought before the meeting was made or proposed, as the case may be, in accordance with this Section 2.11.

(iii) For purposes of this Section 2.11, (1) the "date of mailing of the notice" shall mean the date of the proxy statement for the solicitation of proxies for election of directors and (2) "public announcement" shall mean disclosure (A) in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press, Business Wire, PR Newswire or comparable news service or (B) in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Exchange Act or the Investment Company Act.

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(iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.11, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of state law and of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in this Section 2.11. Nothing in this Section 2.11 shall be deemed to affect any right of a stockholder to request inclusion of a proposal in, nor the right of the Corporation to omit a proposal from, the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 (or any successor provision) under the Exchange Act.

**Section 2.12 Voting by Ballot.** Voting on any question or in any election may be viva voce unless the presiding officer shall order or any stockholder shall demand that voting be by ballot.

**Section 2.13 Control Share Acquisition Act.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the charter of the Corporation or these Bylaws, Title 3, Subtitle 7 of the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL"), or any successor statute, shall not apply to any acquisition by any person of shares of stock of the Corporation. This section may be repealed, in whole or in part, at any time, whether before or after an acquisition of control shares and, upon such repeal, may, to the extent provided by any successor bylaw, apply to any prior or subsequent control share acquisition.

### **ARTICLE III DIRECTORS**

**Section 3.1 General Powers.** The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of its Board of Directors.

**Section 3.2 Number, Tenure And Qualifications.** At any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose, a majority of the entire Board of Directors may establish, increase or decrease the number of directors, provided that the number thereof shall never be less than one nor more than eight, and further provided that the tenure of office of a director shall not be affected by any decrease in the number of directors.

**Section 3.3 Annual and Regular Meetings.** An annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately after and at the same place as the annual meeting of stockholders, no notice other than this Bylaw being necessary. In the event such meeting is not so held, the meeting may be held at such time and place as shall be specified in a notice given as hereinafter provided for special meetings of the Board of Directors. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held from time to time at such places and times as provided by the Board of Directors by resolution, without notice other than such resolution.

**Section 3.4 Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or by a majority of the directors then in office. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix any place as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them. The Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time



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and place for the holding of special meetings of the Board of Directors without notice other than such resolution.

**Section 3.5 Notice.** Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be delivered personally or by telephone, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, United States mail or courier to each director at his or her business or residence address. Notice by personal delivery, telephone, electronic mail or facsimile transmission shall be given at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Notice by United States mail shall be given at least three days prior to the meeting. Notice by courier shall be given at least two days prior to the meeting. Telephone notice shall be deemed to be given when the director or his or her agent is personally given such notice in a telephone call to which the director or his or her agent is a party. Electronic mail notice shall be deemed to be given upon transmission of the message to the electronic mail address given to the Corporation by the director. Facsimile transmission notice shall be deemed to be given upon completion of the transmission of the message to the number given to the Corporation by the director and receipt of a completed answer-back indicating receipt. Notice by United States mail shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail properly addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. Notice by courier shall be deemed to be given when deposited with or delivered to a courier properly addressed. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any annual, regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be stated in the notice, unless specifically required by statute or these Bylaws.

**Section 3.6 Quorum.** A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that, if less than a majority of such directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice, and provided further that if, pursuant to applicable law, the charter of the Corporation or these Bylaws, the vote of a majority of a particular group of directors is required for action, a quorum must also include a majority of such group.

The directors present at a meeting which has been duly called and convened may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough directors to leave less than a quorum.

**Section 3.7 Voting.** The action of the majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the Board of Directors, unless the concurrence of a greater proportion is required for such action by applicable statute or the charter. If enough directors have withdrawn from a meeting to leave less than a quorum but the meeting is not adjourned, the action of the majority of that number of the directors necessary to constitute a quorum at such meeting shall be the action of the Board of Directors, unless the concurrence of a greater proportion is required for such action by applicable statute or the charter.

**Section 3.8 Organization.** At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the chairman of the board or, in the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman of the board, if any, shall act as Chairman. In the absence of both the chairman and vice chairman of the board, the Chief Executive Officer or in the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, the President or in the absence of the President, a director chosen by a majority of the directors present, shall act as

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Chairman. The Secretary or, in his or her absence, an assistant secretary of the Corporation, or in the absence of the Secretary and all assistant secretaries, a person appointed by the Chairman, shall act as Secretary of the meeting.

**Section 3.9 Telephone Meetings.** Directors may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment if all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time; *provided however*, this Section 3.9 does not apply to any action of the directors pursuant to the Investment Company Act, that requires the vote of the directors to be cast in person at a meeting. Participation in a meeting by these means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

**Section 3.10 Written Consent by Directors.** Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, if a consent in writing or by electronic transmission to such action is given by each director and is filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors; *provided however*, this Section 3.10 does not apply to any action of the directors pursuant to the Investment Company Act, that requires the vote of the directors to be cast in person at a meeting.

**Section 3.11 Vacancies.** If for any reason any or all the directors cease to be directors, such event shall not terminate the Corporation or affect these Bylaws or the powers of the remaining directors hereunder, if any. At such time as permitted by Section 802(a) of Title 3, Subtitle 8 of the MGCL, the Corporation elects to be subject to Section 3-804(c) of Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the MGCL. Accordingly, at such time, except as may be provided by the Board of Directors in setting the terms of any class or series of preferred stock, (a) any vacancy and all vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled only by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum, and (b) any director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the full term of the class in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is elected and qualifies, subject to any applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act.

**Section 3.12 Compensation.** Directors shall not receive any stated salary for their services as directors but, by resolution of the Board of Directors, may receive compensation per year and/or per meeting and/or per visit to real property or other facilities owned or leased by the Corporation and for any service or activity they performed or engaged in as directors. Directors may be reimbursed for expenses of attendance, if any, at each annual, regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof and for their expenses, if any, in connection with each property visit and any other service or activity they performed or engaged in as directors; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any directors from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

**Section 3.13 Loss of Deposits.** No director shall be liable for any loss which may occur by reason of the failure of the bank, trust company, savings and loan association, or other institution with whom moneys or stock have been deposited.

**Section 3.14 Surety Bonds.** Unless required by law, no director shall be obligated to give any bond or surety or other security for the performance of any of his or her duties.

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**Section 3.15 Reliance.** Each director, officer, employee and agent of the Corporation shall, in the performance of his or her duties with respect to the Corporation, be fully justified and protected with regard to any act or failure to act in reliance in good faith upon the books of account or other records of the Corporation, upon an opinion of counsel or upon reports made to the Corporation by any of its officers or employees or by the adviser, accountants, appraisers or other experts or consultants selected by the Board of Directors or officers of the Corporation, regardless of whether such counsel or expert may also be a director.

#### **ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES**

**Section 4.1 Number, Tenure and Qualifications.** The Board of Directors may appoint from among its members an Executive Committee, an Audit Committee, a Nominating Committee and other committees, composed of one or more directors, to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.2 Powers.** The Board of Directors may delegate to committees appointed under Section 4.1 any of the powers of the Board of Directors, except as prohibited by law.

**Section 4.3 Meetings.** Notice of committee meetings shall be given in the same manner as notice for special meetings of the Board of Directors. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the committee. The act of a majority of the committee members present at a meeting shall be the act of such committee. The Board of Directors may designate a chairman of any committee, and such chairman or, in the absence of a chairman, any two members of any committee (if there are at least two members of the committee) may fix the time and place of its meeting unless the Board shall otherwise provide. In the absence of any member of any such committee, the members thereof present at any meeting, whether or not they constitute a quorum, may appoint another director to act in the place of such absent member. Each committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings.

**Section 4.4 Telephone Meetings.** Members of a committee of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment if all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation in a meeting by these means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

**Section 4.5 Written Consent By Committees.** Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of a committee of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, if a consent in writing or by electronic transmission to such action is given by each member of the committee and is filed with the minutes of proceedings of such committee.

**Section 4.6 Vacancies.** Subject to the provisions hereof, the Board of Directors shall have the power at any time to change the membership of any committee, to fill all vacancies, to designate alternate members to replace any absent or disqualified member or to dissolve any

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such committee. Subject to the power of the Board of Directors, the members of the committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies on the committee.

## **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

**Section 5.1 General Provisions.** The officers of the Corporation shall include a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and may include a Chief Executive Officer, one or more vice presidents, a Chief Operating Officer, a Chief Investment Officer, a Chief Financial Officer, one or more assistant secretaries and one or more assistant treasurers. In addition, the Board of Directors may from time to time elect such other officers with such powers and duties as it shall deem necessary or desirable. The Board of Directors may designate a Chairman of the Board and a Vice Chairman of the Board, who shall not be officers of the Corporation but shall have such powers and duties as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors, except that the Chief Executive Officer or President may from time to time appoint one or more vice presidents, assistant secretaries, assistant treasurers or other officers. Each officer shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and qualifies or until death, resignation or removal in the manner hereinafter provided. The same person may hold any two or more offices except President and vice president. Election of an officer or agent shall not of itself create contract rights between the Corporation and such officer or agent.

**Section 5.2 Removal And Resignation.** Any officer or agent of the Corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board of Directors if in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Any officer of the Corporation may resign at any time by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the Board of Directors, the chairman of the board, the President or the Secretary. Any resignation shall take effect immediately upon its receipt or at such later time specified in the notice of resignation. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless otherwise stated in the resignation. Such resignation shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the Corporation.

**Section 5.3 Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board of Directors for the balance of the term.

**Section 5.4 Chief Executive Officer.** The Board of Directors may designate a Chief Executive Officer. In the absence of such designation, the President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. The Chief Executive Officer shall have general responsibility for implementation of the policies of the Corporation, as determined by the Board of Directors, and for the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation.

**Section 5.5 President.** In the absence of a designation of a Chief Executive Officer by the Board of Directors, the President shall be the Chief Executive Officer. He or she may execute any deed, mortgage, bond, contract or other instrument, except in cases where the

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execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation or shall be required by law to be otherwise executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

**Section 5.6 Chief Financial Officer.** The Board of Directors may designate a Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall have the responsibilities and duties as set forth by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

**Section 5.7 Chief Investment Officer.** The Board of Directors may designate a Chief Investment Officer. The Chief Investment Officer shall have the responsibilities and duties as set forth by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

**Section 5.8 Chief Operating Officer.** The Board of Directors may designate a Chief Operating Officer. The Chief Operating Officer shall have the responsibilities and duties as set forth by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

**Section 5.9 Secretary.** The Secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the stockholders, the Board of Directors and committees of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Corporation; (d) keep a register of the post office address of each stockholder which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such stockholder; (e) have general charge of the stock transfer books of the Corporation; and (f) in general perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Chief Executive Officer, the President or by the Board of Directors.

**Section 5.10 Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. In the absence of a designation of a Chief Financial Officer by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation.

The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Board of Directors, at the regular meetings of the Board of Directors or whenever it may so require, an account of all his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation.

If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give the Corporation a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board of Directors for the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office and for the restoration to the Corporation, in case of his or her death, resignation, retirement or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, moneys and other property of whatever kind in his or her possession or under his or her control belonging to the Corporation.

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**Section 5.12 Vice Presidents.** In the absence of the President or in the event of a vacancy in such office, the vice president (or in the event there be more than one vice president, the vice presidents in the order designated at the time of their election or, in the absence of any designation, then in the order of their election) shall perform the duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President; and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to such vice president by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may designate one or more vice presidents as executive vice president or as vice president for particular areas of responsibility.

**Section 5.12 Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers.** The assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, in general, shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Secretary or Treasurer, respectively, or by the President or the Board of Directors. The assistant treasurers shall, if required by the Board of Directors, give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties in such sums and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS**

**Section 6.1 Contracts.** The Board of Directors, the Executive Committee or another committee of the Board of Directors within the scope of its delegated authority, may authorize any officer or agent to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Any agreement, deed, mortgage, lease or other document shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation when authorized or ratified by action of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee or such other committee and executed by an authorized person.

**Section 6.2 Checks And Drafts.** All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or agent of the Corporation in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Section 6.3 Deposits.** All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may designate.

## **ARTICLE VII STOCK**

**Section 7.1 Certificates; Required Information.** Except as may be otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, stockholders of the Corporation are not entitled to certificates representing the shares of stock held by them. In the event that the Corporation

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issues shares of stock represented by certificates, such certificates shall be signed by the officers of the Corporation in the manner permitted by the MGCL and contain the statements and information required by the MGCL. In the event that the Corporation issues shares of stock without certificates, the Corporation shall provide to record holders of such shares a written statement of the information required (if any) by the MGCL to be included on stock certificates.

**Section 7.2 Transfers When Certificates Issued.** Subject to any determination of the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 7.1, upon surrender to the Corporation or the transfer agent of the Corporation of a stock certificate duly endorsed or accompanied by proper evidence of succession, assignment or authority to transfer, the Corporation shall issue a new certificate to the person entitled thereto, cancel the old certificate and record the transaction upon its books.

The Corporation shall be entitled to treat the holder of record of any share of stock as the holder in fact thereof and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by the laws of the State of Maryland.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, transfers of shares of any class of stock will be subject in all respects to the charter of the Corporation and all of the terms and conditions contained therein.

**Section 7.3 Replacement Certificate.** Subject to any determination of the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 7.1, the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer or any officer designated by the Board of Directors may direct a new certificate to be issued in place of any certificate previously issued by the Corporation alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming the certificate to be lost, stolen or destroyed. When authorizing the issuance of a new certificate, an officer designated by the Board of Directors may, in his or her discretion and as a condition precedent to the issuance thereof, require the owner of such lost, stolen or destroyed certificate or the owner's legal representative to advertise the same in such manner as he or she shall require and/or to give bond, with sufficient surety, to the Corporation to indemnify it against any loss or claim which may arise as a result of the issuance of a new certificate.

**Section 7.4 Closing of Transfer Books or Fixing of Record Date.** The Board of Directors may set, in advance, a record date for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or determining stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend or the allotment of any other rights, or in order to make a determination of stockholders for any other proper purpose. Such date, in any case, shall not be prior to the close of business on the day the record date is fixed and shall be not more than 90 days and, in the case of a meeting of stockholders, not less than ten days, before the date on which the meeting or particular action requiring such determination of stockholders of record is to be held or taken.

In lieu of fixing a record date, the Board of Directors may provide that the stock transfer books shall be closed for a stated period but not longer than 20 days. If the stock transfer books

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are closed for the purpose of determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders, such books shall be closed for at least ten days before the date of such meeting.

If no record date is fixed and the stock transfer books are not closed for the determination of stockholders, (a) the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be at the close of business on the day on which the notice of meeting is mailed or the 30th day before the meeting, whichever is the closer date to the meeting, and (b) the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive payment of a dividend or an allotment of any other rights shall be the close of business on the day on which the resolution of the directors, declaring the dividend or allotment of rights, is adopted.

When a determination of stockholders entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders has been made as provided in this section, such determination shall apply to any adjournment thereof, except when (i) the determination has been made through the closing of the transfer books and the stated period of closing has expired or (ii) the meeting is adjourned to a date more than 120 days after the record date fixed for the original meeting, in either of which case a new record date shall be determined as set forth herein.

**Section 7.5 Stock Ledger.** The Corporation shall maintain at its principal office or at the office of its counsel, accountants or transfer agent, an original or duplicate share ledger containing the name and address of each stockholder and the number of shares of each class held by such stockholder.

**Section 7.6 Fractional Stock; Issuance of Units.** The Board of Directors may issue fractional stock or provide for the issuance of scrip, all on such terms and under such conditions as they may determine. Notwithstanding any other provision of the charter or these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may issue units consisting of different securities of the Corporation. Any security issued in a unit shall have the same characteristics as any identical securities issued by the Corporation, except that the Board of Directors may provide that for a specified period securities of the Corporation issued in such unit may be transferred on the books of the Corporation only in such unit.

#### **ARTICLE VIII ACCOUNTING YEAR**

The Board of Directors shall have the power, from time to time, to fix the fiscal year of the Corporation by a duly adopted resolution.



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**ARTICLE IX  
DISTRIBUTIONS**

**Section 9.1 Authorization.** Dividends and other distributions upon the stock of the Corporation may be authorized by the Board of Directors, subject to the provisions of law and the charter of the Corporation. Dividends and other distributions may be paid in cash, property or stock of the Corporation, subject to the provisions of law and the charter.

**Section 9.2 Contingencies.** Before payment of any dividends or other distributions, there may be set aside out of any assets of the Corporation available for dividends or other distributions such sum or sums as the Board of Directors may from time to time, in its absolute discretion, think proper as a reserve fund for contingencies, for equalizing dividends or other distributions, for repairing or maintaining any property of the Corporation or for such other purpose as the Board of Directors shall determine to be in the best interest of the Corporation, and the Board of Directors may modify or abolish any such reserve.

**ARTICLE X  
SEAL**

**Section 10.1 Seal.** The Board of Directors may authorize the adoption of a seal by the Corporation. The seal shall contain the name of the Corporation and the year of its incorporation and the words "Incorporated Maryland." The Board of Directors may authorize one or more duplicate seals and provide for the custody thereof.

**Section 10.2 Affixing Seal.** Whenever the Corporation is permitted or required to affix its seal to a document, it shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of any law, rule or regulation relating to a seal to place the word "(SEAL)" adjacent to the signature of the person authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE XI  
INDEMNIFICATION AND ADVANCE OF EXPENSES**

To the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and the Investment Company Act, in effect from time to time, the Corporation shall indemnify and, without requiring a preliminary determination of the ultimate entitlement to indemnification, shall pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to (a) any individual who is a present or former director or officer of the Corporation and who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity or (b) any individual who, while a director or officer of the Corporation and at the request of the Corporation, serves or has served as a director, officer, partner or trustee of such corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise and who is made or threatened to be made a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity. The Corporation may, with the approval of its Board of Directors or any duly authorized committee thereof, provide such indemnification and advance for expenses to a person who

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served a predecessor of the Corporation in any of the capacities described in (a) or (b) above and to any employee or agent of the Corporation or a predecessor of the Corporation. The indemnification and payment of expenses provided in these Bylaws shall not be deemed exclusive of or limit in any way other rights to which any person seeking indemnification or payment of expenses may be or may become entitled under any bylaw, regulation, insurance, agreement or otherwise.

Neither the amendment nor repeal of this Article XI, nor the adoption or amendment of any other provision of the Bylaws or charter of the Corporation inconsistent with this Article, shall apply to or affect in any respect the applicability of the preceding paragraph with respect to any act or failure to act which occurred prior to such amendment, repeal or adoption. No provision of this Article XI shall be effective to protect or purport to protect any director or officer of the Corporation against liability to the Corporation or its stockholders to which he or she shall have been finally adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interest of the Corporation by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office.

**ARTICLE XII  
WAIVER OF NOTICE**

Whenever any notice is required to be given pursuant to the charter of the Corporation or these Bylaws or pursuant to applicable law, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of any meeting need be set forth in the waiver of notice, unless specifically required by statute. The attendance of any person at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where such person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

**ARTICLE XIII  
INSPECTION OF RECORDS**

A stockholder that is otherwise eligible under the MGCL to inspect the Corporation's books of account, stock ledger, or other specified documents of the Corporation shall have no right to make such inspection if the Board of Directors determines that such stockholder has an improper purpose for requesting such inspection.

**ARTICLE XIV  
INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT**

If and to the extent that any provision of the MGCL, including, without limitation, Subtitle 6 and, if then applicable, Subtitle 7, of Title 3 of the MGCL, or any provision of the

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charter or these Bylaws conflicts with any provision of the Investment Company Act, the applicable provision of the Investment Company Act shall control.

**ARTICLE XV  
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

The Board of Directors shall have the exclusive power to adopt, alter or repeal any provision of these Bylaws and to make new Bylaws.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
*Incorporated under the Laws of the State of Maryland*

\_\_\_\_\_ Shares

CUSIP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Stock

Par Value \$0.001 Per Share

**SEE REVERSE FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS**

*THIS CERTIFIES THAT \_\_\_\_\_ IS THE OWNER OF \_\_\_\_\_ FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK, WITH A PAR VALUE OF \$0.001 PER SHARE, OF MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION (the "Corporation"), transferable on the books of the Corporation in person or by duly authorized attorney upon surrender of this certificate if properly endorsed. This certificate is not valid unless countersigned by the Transfer Agent and registered by the Registrar.*

*WITNESS the seal of the Corporation and the facsimile signatures of its duly authorized officers.*

*Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012*

MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Secretary*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Chief Executive Officer*

CORPORATE SEAL  
2011  
MARYLAND

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Transfer Agent*

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this certificate, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM as tenants in common  
TEN ENT tenants by the entireties  
JT TEN as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

Unif. Gift Min Act - \_\_\_\_\_ Custodian \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cust) (Minor)  
Act: \_\_\_\_\_  
(State)

Additional Abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The Corporation will furnish to any stockholder, on request and without charge, a full statement of the information required by Section 2-211(b) of the Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotate Code of Maryland with respect to the designations and any preferences, conversion and other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends and other distributions, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption of the stock of each class which the Corporation has authority to issue and, if the Corporation is authorized to issue any preferred or special class in series, (i) the differences in the relative rights and preferences between the shares of each series to the extent set, and (ii) the authority of the Board of Directors to set such rights and preferences of subsequent series. This Certificate and the shares of Common Stock represented hereby are issued and shall be held subject to all the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and all amendments thereto and resolutions of the Board of Directors providing for the issue of shares of Preferred Stock (copies of which may be obtained from the secretary of the Corporation), to all of which the holder of this certificate by acceptance hereof assents.

**KEEP THIS CERTIFICATE IN A SAFE PLACE. IF IT IS LOST, STOLEN OR DESTROYED, THE CORPORATION WILL REQUIRE A BOND OF INDEMNITY AS A CONDITION TO THE ISSUANCE OF A REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE.**

*For Value Received, hereby sell, assign and transfer unto*

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER  
IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, OF ASSIGNEE)

*Shares of the Common Stock represented by this Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint Attorney, to transfer the said stock on the books of the within named Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.*

*Dated:* \_\_\_\_\_

*By:* \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE: THE SIGNATURE TO THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON THE FACE OF THE CERTIFICATE IN EVERY PARTICULAR, WITHOUT ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT OR ANY CHANGE WHATEVER.**

Signature(s) Guaranteed:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**THE SIGNATURE(S) SHOULD BE GUARANTEED BY AN ELIGIBLE GUARANTOR INSTITUTION (BANKS, STOCKBROKERS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS WITH MEMBERSHIP IN AN APPROVED SIGNATURE GUARANTEE MEDALLION PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO S.E.C. RULE 17Ad-15).**

**DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN  
OF  
MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION**

Monroe Capital Corporation., a Maryland corporation (the “Corporation”), hereby adopts the following plan (the “Plan”) with respect to net investment income dividends and capital gains distributions declared by its Board of Directors on shares of its common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Common Stock”):

1. Unless a stockholder specifically elects to receive cash as set forth below, all net investment income dividends and all capital gains distributions hereafter declared by the Board of Directors shall be payable in shares of the Common Stock of the Corporation, and no action shall be required on such stockholder’s part to receive a distribution in stock.

2. Such net investment income dividends and capital gains distributions shall be payable on such date or dates as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors to stockholders of record at the close of business on the record date(s) established by the Board of Directors for the net investment income dividend and/or capital gains distribution involved.

3. The Corporation intends to use primarily newly-issued shares of its Common Stock to implement the Plan, so long as its shares are trading at or above net asset value. If the Corporation’s Common Stock is traded below net asset value, the Corporation will direct the plan administrator and the Company’s transfer agent and registrar (the “Plan Administrator”) to purchase shares in the open market in connection with the implementation of the Plan. However, the Corporation reserves the right to direct the Plan Administrator to purchase shares in the open market at any time in connection with its obligations under the Plan. The number of shares to be issued to a stockholder shall be determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the distribution payable to such stockholder by the market price per share of the Corporation’s Common Stock at the close of regular trading on The Nasdaq Global Market on the valuation date fixed by the Board of Directors for such distribution. Market price per share on that date shall be the closing price for such shares on The Nasdaq Global Market or, if no sale is reported for such day, at the average of their electronically reported bid and asked prices. Any shares purchased in open market transactions by the Plan Administrator shall be allocated to each participating stockholder based upon the average purchase price, excluding any brokerage charges or other charges, of all shares of Common Stock purchased with respect to the applicable dividend.

4. A stockholder may elect to receive his or its net investment income dividends and capital gains distributions in cash. To exercise this option, such stockholder shall notify the Plan Administrator in writing so that such notice is received by the Plan Administrator no later than three (3) days prior to the payment date fixed by the Board of Directors for the net investment income dividend and/or capital gains distribution involved for the payment to be paid in cash. If such notice is received by the

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Plan Administrator less than three (3) days prior to the payment date, then that dividend will be reinvested pursuant to the terms of the Plan and any subsequent dividends will be paid in cash. Such cash election shall remain in effect until the stockholder notifies the Plan Administrator in writing of such stockholder's withdrawal of the election, which notice shall be delivered to the Plan Administrator no later than three (3) days prior to the payment date fixed by the Board of Directors for the next net investment income dividend and/or capital gains distribution by the Company.

5. The Plan Administrator will set up an account for shares acquired pursuant to the Plan for each stockholder who has not so elected to receive dividends and distributions in cash (each a "Participant"). The Plan Administrator may hold each Participant's shares, together with the shares of other Participants, in non-certificated form in the Plan Administrator's name or that of its nominee. Upon request by a Participant, received in writing no later than three (3) days prior to the payment date, the Plan Administrator will, instead of crediting shares to and/or carrying shares in a Participant's account, issue, without charge to the Participant, a certificate registered in the Participant's name for the number of whole shares payable to the Participant and a check for any fractional share.

6. The Plan Administrator will confirm to each Participant each acquisition made pursuant to the Plan as soon as practicable but not later than thirty (30) business days after the date thereof. Although each Participant may from time to time have an undivided fractional interest (computed to three decimal places) in a share of Common Stock of the Corporation, no certificates for a fractional share will be issued. However, dividends and distributions on fractional shares will be credited to each Participant's account. In the event of termination of a Participant's account under the Plan, the Plan Administrator will adjust for any such undivided fractional interest in cash at the market value of the Corporation's shares at the time of termination.

7. The Plan Administrator will forward to each Participant any Corporation-related proxy solicitation materials and each Corporation report or other communication to stockholders, and will vote any shares held by it under the Plan in accordance with the instructions set forth on proxies returned by Participants to the Corporation.

8. In the event that the Corporation makes available to its stockholders rights to purchase additional shares or other securities, the shares held by the Plan Administrator for each Participant under the Plan will be added to any other shares held by the Participant in certificated form in calculating the number of rights to be issued to the Participant. Transaction processing may either be curtailed or suspended until the completion of any corporate action.

9. The Plan Administrator's service fee, if any, and expenses for administering the Plan will be paid for by the Corporation. There will be no brokerage charges or other charges to stockholders who participate in the Plan.

10. Each Participant may terminate his or its account under the Plan by so notifying the Plan Administrator via the Plan Administrator's website at [www.amstock.com](http://www.amstock.com), by filling out the transaction request form located at the bottom of

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the Participant's Statement and sending it to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, Post Office Box 922, Wall Street Station, New York, New York 10269-0560 or by calling the Plan Administrator's Interactive Voice Response System at 1-877-573-4005. Such termination will be effective immediately if the Participant's notice is received by the Plan Administrator not less than three (3) days prior to any dividend or distribution payment date; otherwise, such termination will be effective only with respect to any subsequent dividend or distribution. The Plan may be terminated by the Corporation upon notice in writing mailed to each Participant at least thirty (30) days prior to any record date for the payment of any dividend or distribution by the Corporation. Upon any termination, the Plan Administrator will cause a certificate or certificates to be issued for the number of whole shares held for the Participant under the Plan and a cash adjustment for any fractional share to be delivered to the Participant without charge to the Participant. If a Participant elects by his or its written notice to the Plan Administrator in advance of termination to have the Plan Administrator sell part or all of his or its shares and remit the proceeds to the Participant, the Plan Administrator is authorized to deduct a \$15 transaction fee plus a \$0.10 per share brokerage commission from the proceeds.

11. These terms and conditions may be amended or supplemented by the Corporation at any time but, except when necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable law or the rules or policies of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority, only by mailing to each Participant appropriate written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date thereof. The amendment or supplement shall be deemed to be accepted by each Participant unless, prior to the effective date thereof, the Plan Administrator receives written notice of the termination of his or its account under the Plan. Any such amendment may include an appointment by the Plan Administrator in its place and stead of a successor agent under these terms and conditions, with full power and authority to perform all or any of the acts to be performed by the Plan Administrator under these terms and conditions, as amended in accordance with the Plan. Upon any such appointment of any agent for the purpose of receiving dividends and distributions, the Corporation will be authorized to pay to such successor agent, for each Participant's account, all dividends and distributions payable on shares of the Corporation held in the Participant's name or under the Plan for retention or application by such successor agent as provided in these terms and conditions, as amended in accordance with the Plan.

12. The Plan Administrator will at all times act in good faith and use its best efforts within reasonable limits to ensure its full and timely performance of all services to be performed by it under this Plan and to comply with applicable law, but assumes no responsibility and shall not be liable for loss or damages resulting from the purchase or sale of shares, unless such loss or damage is caused by the Plan Administrator's negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct or that of its employees or agents.

13. These terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, without regard to the conflicts of law principles thereof, to the extent such principles would require or permit the application of the laws of another jurisdiction.



**INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by and between Monroe Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), and Monroe Capital BDC Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Advisor").

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the Company is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act");

WHEREAS, the Advisor is an investment adviser that has registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Company desires to retain the Advisor to furnish investment advisory services to the Company, and the Advisor wishes to be retained to provide such services, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the covenants hereinafter contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Advisor hereby agree as follows:

**1. Duties of Advisor.**

(a) Employment of Advisor. The Company hereby employs the Advisor to act as the investment adviser to the Company and to manage the investment and reinvestment of the assets of the Company, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), during the term hereof and upon the terms and conditions herein set forth, in accordance with:

(i) the investment objectives, policies and restrictions that are determined by the Board from time to time and disclosed to the Advisor, which objectives, policies and restrictions are those initially set forth in the Company's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-172601), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on March 3, 2011, as amended from time to time;

(ii) the Investment Company Act and the Advisers Act, subject to the terms of any exemptive order applicable to the Company; and

(iii) all other applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and the Company's charter and bylaws.

The Advisor hereby accepts such employment and agrees during the term hereof to render such services, subject to the payment of compensation provided for herein.

(b) Certain Services. Without limiting the generality of Section 1(a), the Advisor shall:

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- (i) determine the composition of the portfolio of the Company, the nature and timing of the changes thereto and the manner of implementing such changes;
- (ii) determine the securities that the Company will purchase, retain, or sell;
- (iii) identify, evaluate and negotiate the structure of the investments made by the Company (including performing due diligence on the Company's prospective portfolio companies);
- (iv) execute, close, service and monitor the Company's investments; and
- (v) provide the Company with such other investment advisory, management, research and related services as the Company may, from time to time, reasonably require for the investment of its funds.

The Advisor shall have the power and authority on behalf of the Company to effectuate its investment decisions for the Company, including the execution and delivery of all documents relating to the Company's investments and the placing of orders for other purchase or sale transactions on behalf of the Company. In the event that the Company determines to incur debt financing, the Advisor shall arrange for such financing on the Company's behalf, subject to the oversight and any required approval of the Board. If it is necessary for the Advisor to make investments on behalf of the Company through a special purpose vehicle, the Advisor shall have authority to create or arrange for the creation of such special purpose vehicle and to make such investments through such special purpose vehicle in accordance with the Investment Company Act.

(c) Sub-Advisers. Subject to the requirements of the Investment Company Act (including any approval by the vote of holders of a majority of outstanding voting securities of the Company required under Section 15(a) of the Investment Company Act), the Advisor is hereby authorized (but not required) to enter into one or more sub-advisory agreements with other investment advisers (each, a "Sub-Adviser") pursuant to which the Advisor may obtain the services of the Sub-Adviser(s) to assist the Advisor in providing the investment advisory services required to be provided by the Advisor under this Agreement. Specifically, the Advisor may retain a Sub-Adviser to recommend specific securities or other investments based upon the Company's investment objectives, policies and restrictions, and work, along with the Advisor, in structuring, negotiating, arranging or effecting the acquisition or disposition of such investments and monitoring investments on behalf of the Company, subject in all cases to the oversight of the Advisor and the Board. Any sub-advisory agreement entered into by the Advisor shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Investment Company Act and other applicable federal and state law. The Advisor, and not the Company, shall be responsible for any compensation payable to any Sub-Adviser. Nothing in this subsection (c) will obligate the Advisor to pay any expenses that are the expenses of the Company under Section 2.

(d) Independent Contractors. The Advisor, and any Sub-Adviser, shall for all purposes herein each be deemed to be an independent contractor and, except as expressly

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provided or authorized herein, shall have no authority to act for or represent the Company in any way or otherwise be deemed an agent of the Company.

(e) Books and Records. The Advisor shall keep and preserve for the period required by the Investment Company Act any books and records relevant to the provision of its investment advisory services to the Company and shall specifically maintain all books and records with respect to the Company's portfolio transactions and shall render to the Board such periodic and special reports as the Board may reasonably request. The Advisor agrees that all records that it maintains for the Company are the property of the Company and shall surrender promptly to the Company any such records upon the Company's request; provided that the Advisor may retain a copy of such records.

## 2. Allocation of Costs and Expenses.

(a) Expenses Payable by Advisor. All investment professionals of the Advisor and/or its affiliates, when and to the extent engaged in providing investment advisory services required to be provided by the Advisor under this Agreement, and the compensation and routine overhead expenses of such personnel allocable to such services, shall be provided and paid for by the Advisor and/or its affiliates and not by the Company.

(b) Expenses Payable by the Company. Other than those expenses specifically assumed by the Advisor pursuant to Section 2(a), the Company shall bear all costs and expenses that are incurred in its operation, administration and transactions, including (without duplication) those relating to:

- (i) organization and offering of the Company;
- (ii) calculating the Company's net asset value (including the cost and expenses of any independent valuation firm);
- (iii) fees and expenses incurred by the Advisor payable to third parties, including agents, consultants or other advisors, in monitoring financial and legal affairs for the Company and in conducting research and due diligence on prospective investments and equity sponsors, analyzing investment opportunities, structuring the Company's investments and monitoring its portfolio companies on an ongoing basis;
- (iv) interest payable on debt, if any, incurred to finance the Company's investments;
- (v) offerings of the Company's common stock and other securities;
- (vi) investment advisory fees;
- (vii) administration fees and expenses, if any, payable under the administration agreement (the "Administration Agreement") between the Company and Monroe Capital Management Advisors, LLC (the "Administrator") based upon the Company's allocable portion of the Administrator's overhead in performing its obligations under the

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Administration Agreement, including rent and the allocable portion of the cost of the Company's chief financial officer and chief compliance officer, if any, and their respective staffs;

- (viii) transfer agent, dividend agent and custodial fees and expenses;
- (ix) federal and state registration fees;
- (x) all costs of registration and listing of the Company's shares on any securities exchange;
- (xi) federal, state and local taxes;
- (xii) independent directors' fees and expenses;
- (xiii) costs of preparing and filing reports or other documents required by the SEC or other regulators;
- (xiv) costs of any reports, proxy statements or other notices to stockholders, including printing costs;
- (xv) the Company's allocable portion of any fidelity bond, directors and officers/errors and omissions liability insurance, and any other insurance premiums;
- (xvi) direct costs and expenses of administration, including printing, mailing, long distance telephone, copying, secretarial and other staff, independent auditors and outside legal costs;
- (xvii) proxy voting expenses; and
- (xviii) all other expenses incurred by the Company or the Administrator in connection with administering the Company's business.

3. Compensation of Advisor. The Company agrees to pay, and the Advisor agrees to accept, as compensation for the services provided by the Advisor hereunder, a base management fee (the "Base Management Fee") and an incentive fee consisting of two parts (collectively, the "Incentive Fee") as hereinafter set forth. The Company shall make any payments due hereunder to the Advisor or to the Advisor's designee as the Advisor may otherwise direct. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Advisor may elect, or the Company may adopt a deferred compensation plan pursuant to which the Advisor may elect, to defer all or a portion of its fees hereunder for a specified period of time.

(a) Base Management Fee. The Base Management Fee shall be 1.75% per annum of the Company's total assets (including cash, cash equivalents and assets purchased with borrowed amounts). The Base Management Fee will be calculated based on the average of the Company's total assets (including cash, cash equivalents and assets purchased with borrowed amounts) at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters. Base Management Fees shall be adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the calendar quarter, and

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Base Management Fees for any partial quarter shall be prorated based on the number of days in such quarter. For the purposes of this Agreement, cash equivalent shall mean U.S. government securities and commercial paper instruments maturing within 365 days of the date of purchase of such instrument by the Company. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, to the extent that the Advisor or an affiliate of the Advisor provides investment advisory, collateral management or other similar services to a subsidiary of the Company, the Base Management Fee shall be reduced by an amount equal to the product of (a) the total fees paid to the Advisor by such subsidiary for such services and (b) the percentage of such subsidiary's total equity that is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company.

(b) Incentive Fee. The Incentive Fee shall consist of two parts, as follows:

(i) The first part of the Incentive Fee (the "Income-Based Fee") shall be calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income for the calendar quarter. For purposes of this Agreement, pre-incentive fee net investment income for any given calendar quarter is calculated as (A) the sum of interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees, such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that the Company receives from portfolio companies, but excluding fees for providing managerial assistance) accrued by the Company during such calendar quarter, minus (B) the Company's operating expenses for such quarter (including the Base Management Fee, any expenses payable under the Administration Agreement and any interest expense and dividends paid on any outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the Incentive Fee). Pre-incentive fee net investment income includes, in the case of investments with a deferred interest feature (such as market discount, debt instruments with payment-in-kind interest, preferred stock with payment-in-kind dividends and zero coupon securities), accrued income that the Company has not yet received in cash. Pre-incentive fee net investment income shall not include any realized capital gains, realized capital losses or unrealized capital appreciation or depreciation.

In calculating the Income-Based Fee for any given calendar quarter, the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a rate of return on the value of the Company's net assets (defined as total assets less indebtedness and before taking into account any incentive fees payable during the period) at the end of the immediately preceding calendar quarter (the "Rate of Return"), shall be compared to a hurdle rate of 2.0% per quarter (the "Hurdle Rate"). The Company shall pay the Advisor an Income-Based Fee with respect to the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows:

(A) no Income-Based Fee in any calendar quarter in which the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the Hurdle Rate in such quarter;

(B) 100% of the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds the Hurdle Rate but is less than 2.5% in such quarter; and

(C) 20% of the Company's pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.5% in such quarter;

*provided that*, no incentive fee in respect of Section 3(b)(i) hereof will be payable except to the extent 20.0% of the cumulative net increase in net assets resulting from operations over the calendar quarter for which such fees are being calculated and the 11 preceding quarters exceeds the cumulative incentive fees accrued and/or paid pursuant to Section 3(b) hereof for such 11 preceding quarters. For the foregoing purposes, the "cumulative net increases in net assets

resulting from operations” is the amount, if positive, of the sum of pre-incentive fee net investment income, Base Management Fee, realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of the Company for the calendar quarter for which such fees are being calculated and the 11 preceding calendar quarters.

Income-Based Fees shall be adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the calendar quarter, and Income-Based Fees for any period of less than three months shall be prorated based on the number of days in such period.

(ii) The second part of the Incentive Fee (the “Capital Gains Fee”) shall be calculated and payable in arrears at the end of each fiscal year (or, upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 9, as of the termination date) based on the Company’s net capital gains. For purposes of this Agreement, net capital gains are calculated by subtracting (A) the sum of the Company’s cumulative aggregate realized capital losses and aggregate unrealized capital depreciation from (B) the Company’s cumulative aggregate realized capital gains. If such amount is positive at the end of the relevant calendar year, then the Capital Gains Fee for such year shall be equal to 20% of such amount, less the aggregate amount of Capital Gains Fees paid in all prior years. If such amount is negative, then there shall be no Capital Gains Fee for such year. If this Agreement shall terminate as of a date that is not a calendar-year end, the termination date shall be treated as though it were a calendar-year end for purposes of calculating and paying a Capital Gains Fee. Any Capital Gains Fee for any partial year shall be prorated based on the number of days in such year.

For purposes of this Agreement:

(A) cumulative aggregate realized capital gains are calculated as the sum of the differences, if positive, between (1) the net sales price of each investment in the Company’s portfolio when sold and (2) the original cost of such investment;

(B) cumulative aggregate realized capital losses are calculated as the absolute value of the sum of the differences, if negative, between (1) the net sales price of each investment in the Company’s portfolio when sold and (2) the original cost of such investment; and

(C) aggregate unrealized capital depreciation is calculated as the absolute value of the sum of the differences, if negative, between (1) the valuation of each investment in the Company’s portfolio as of the end of the applicable calculation date and (2) the original cost of such investment.

(c) Fees During the Interim Period.

(i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Advisor has agreed to waive the Base Management Fee with respect to cash and cash equivalents held by the Company through [•], 2012.

(ii) The Income-Based Fee with respect to services rendered during the period commencing on the date of the closing of the Company’s initial public offering (the “Closing Date”) through and including the last day of the calendar quarter ending immediately

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after the Closing Date (the “Interim Period”) shall be calculated based on the Company’s pre-incentive fee net investment income for the Interim Period, and shall be appropriately prorated.

(iii) The Capital Gains Fee as of December 31, 2012 shall be calculated for a period of shorter than 12 calendar months to take into account realized capital gains, realized capital losses, unrealized capital appreciation and unrealized capital depreciation since the Closing Date, and shall be appropriately prorated.

4. Representations, Warranties and Covenants of Advisor. The Advisor represents and warrants that it is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act. The Advisor agrees that its activities shall at all times be in compliance in all material respects with all applicable federal and state laws governing its operations and investments, including the Investment Company Act and the Advisers Act.

5. Excess Brokerage Commissions. The Advisor is hereby authorized, to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law, to cause the Company to pay a member of a national securities exchange, broker or dealer an amount of commission for effecting a securities transaction in excess of the amount of commission another member of such exchange, broker or dealer would have charged for effecting that transaction, if the Advisor determines in good faith, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), size of order, difficulty of execution, operational facilities of the firm and the firm’s risk and skill in positioning blocks of securities, that such amount of commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and/or research services provided by such member, broker or dealer, viewed in terms of either that particular transaction or its overall responsibilities with respect to the Company’s portfolio, and constitutes the best net results for the Company.

6. Proxy Voting. The Advisor shall be responsible for voting any proxies solicited by an issuer of securities held by the Company in the best interest of the Company and in accordance with the Advisor’s proxy voting policies and procedures, as any such proxy voting policies and procedures may be amended from time to time. The Company has been provided with a copy of the Advisor’s proxy voting policies and procedures and has been informed as to how it can obtain further information from the Advisor regarding proxy voting activities undertaken on behalf of the Company. The Advisor shall be responsible for reporting the Company’s proxy voting activities, as required, through periodic filings on Form N-PX.

7. Activities of Advisor. The services of the Advisor to the Company are not exclusive, and the Advisor and/or any of its affiliates may engage in any other business or render similar or different services to others, including, without limitation, the direct or indirect sponsorship or management of other investment-based accounts or commingled pools of capital, however structured, having investment objectives similar to those of the Company, so long as its services to the Company hereunder are not impaired thereby, and nothing in this Agreement shall limit or restrict the right of any member, manager, partner, officer or employee of the Advisor or any such affiliate to engage in any other business or to devote his or her time and attention in part to any other business, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature, or to receive any fees or compensation in connection therewith (including fees for serving as a director of, or providing consulting services to, one or more of the Company’s portfolio companies, subject to applicable law). So long as this Agreement or any extension, renewal or amendment remains in effect, the Advisor shall be the only investment adviser for the Company, subject to the Advisor’s right to enter into sub-advisory agreements. The Advisor assumes no responsibility under this Agreement other than to render the services called for hereunder. It is understood that directors, officers, employees and stockholders of the Company are or may become interested in the Advisor and its affiliates, as members, directors, managers, partners, officers, employees or otherwise, and that the Advisor and directors, officers, employees, partners, stockholders, members and managers of the Advisor and its affiliates are or may become similarly interested in the Company as stockholders or otherwise.

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8. Responsibility of Dual Directors, Officers and/or Employees. If any person who is a member, manager, partner, officer or employee of the Advisor or the Administrator is or becomes a director, officer and/or employee of the Company and acts as such in any business of the Company, then such member, manager, partner, officer and/or employee of the Advisor or the Administrator shall be deemed to be acting in such capacity solely for the Company, and not as a member, manager, partner, officer or employee of the Advisor or the Administrator or under the control or direction of the Advisor or the Administrator, even if paid by the Advisor or the Administrator.

9. Limitation of Liability of Advisor; Indemnification. The Advisor and its affiliates and its and its affiliates' respective directors, officers, employees, members, managers, partners and stockholders (each of whom shall be deemed a third party beneficiary hereof) (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") shall not be liable to the Company or its subsidiaries or its and its subsidiaries' respective directors, officers, employees, members, managers, partners or stockholders for any action taken or omitted to be taken by the Advisor in connection with the performance of any of its duties or obligations under this Agreement or otherwise as an investment adviser of the Company, except to the extent specified in Section 36(b) of the Investment Company Act concerning loss resulting from a breach of fiduciary duty (as the same is finally determined by judicial proceedings) with respect to the receipt of compensation for services. The Company shall indemnify, defend and protect the Indemnified Parties and hold them harmless from and against all claims or liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees) and other expenses reasonably incurred by the Indemnified Parties in or by reason of any pending, threatened or completed action, suit, investigation or other proceeding (including an action or suit by or in the right of the Company or its security holders) arising out of or in connection with the performance of any of the Advisor's duties or obligations under this Agreement or otherwise as an investment adviser of the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 8 to the contrary, nothing contained herein shall protect or be deemed to protect the Indemnified Parties against, or entitle or be deemed to entitle the Indemnified Parties to indemnification in respect of, any liability to the Company or its security holders to which the Indemnified Parties would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of the Advisor's duties and obligations under this Agreement or by reason of the reckless disregard of the Advisor's duties and obligations under this Agreement (as the same shall be determined in accordance with the Investment Company Act and any interpretations or guidance by the SEC or its staff thereunder).

10. Effectiveness, Duration and Termination.

(a) This Agreement shall become effective as of the Closing Date. This Agreement shall remain in effect for two years after such date, and thereafter shall continue automatically for successive annual periods; provided that such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by:

- (i) the vote of the Board, or by the vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Company; and



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(ii) the vote of a majority of the Company's directors who are not "interested persons" (as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act) of any party hereto, in accordance with the requirements of the Investment Company Act.

(b) This Agreement may be terminated at any time, without the payment of any penalty, upon 60 days' written notice, by (i) the vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Company, (ii) the vote of the Board, or (iii) the Advisor.

(c) This Agreement shall automatically terminate in the event of its "assignment" (as such term is defined for purposes of Section 15(a)(4) of the Investment Company Act); provided that nothing herein shall cause this Agreement to terminate upon or otherwise restrict a transaction that does not result in a change of actual control or management of the Advisor.

(d) The provisions of Section 8 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, and the Advisor shall remain entitled to the benefits thereof, notwithstanding any termination or expiration of this Agreement. Further, notwithstanding the termination or expiration of this Agreement as aforesaid, the Advisor shall be entitled to any amounts owed under Section 3 through the date of termination or expiration and Section 8 shall continue in force and effect and apply to the Advisor and its representatives as and to the extent applicable.

11. Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement, either express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any person other than the parties hereto and the Indemnified Parties any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

12. Amendments of this Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by both parties hereto, and upon the consent of stockholders of the Company in conformity with the requirements of the Investment Company Act.

13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, and the applicable provisions of the Investment Company Act, if any. To the extent that the applicable laws of the State of New York, or any of the provisions herein, conflict with the applicable provisions of the Investment Company Act, if any, the latter shall control. The parties hereto unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in the State of New York and waive any objection with respect thereto, for the purpose of any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

14. No Waiver. The failure of either party hereto to enforce at any time for any period the provisions of or any rights deriving from this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of such provisions or rights or the right of such party thereafter to enforce such provisions, and no waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing by all parties hereto.

15. Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any law or public policy, all other terms and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal

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substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to either party hereto. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

16. Headings. The descriptive headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

17. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original instrument and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

18. Notices. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given or made (and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made upon receipt) by delivery in person, by overnight courier service (with signature required), by facsimile, or by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) to the parties hereto at their respective principal executive office addresses.

19. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the parties hereto with respect to such subject matter.

20. Certain Matters of Construction.

(a) The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereunder” and words of similar import shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Section or provision of this Agreement, and reference to a particular Section of this Agreement shall include all subsections thereof.

(b) Definitions shall be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of the terms defined, and references to the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include each other gender.

(c) The word “including” shall mean including without limitation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

**MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Theodore L. Koenig  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

**MONROE CAPITAL BDC ADVISORS, LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Theodore L. Koenig  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Shares

Common Stock  
(\$0.001 par value per share)

**UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT**

, 2012

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated  
William Blair & Company, L.L.C.  
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC  
as Representatives of the several Underwriters named in Schedule A

c/o Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated  
1751 Pinnacle Drive  
Pinnacle Tower North, Suite 1100  
McLean, Virginia 22102

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Monroe Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell an aggregate of shares (the "Firm Shares") of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Company. It is understood that, subject to the conditions hereinafter stated, the Firm Shares will be sold by the Company to the several Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (the "Underwriters") in connection with the offer and sale of such Firm Shares. Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated ("Baird"), William Blair & Company, L.L.C. and Janney Montgomery Scott LLC shall act as joint book-running managers (the "Joint Book-Running Managers").

In addition, solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, the Company proposes to grant to the Underwriters the option to purchase from the Company up to an additional \_\_\_\_\_ shares of Common Stock (the "Additional Shares"). The Firm Shares and the Additional Shares are hereinafter collectively sometimes referred to as the "Shares." The Shares are described in the Prospectus which is referred to below.

The Company and the Underwriters hereby agree that, in connection with the proposed offering of the Shares, Baird shall administer a directed share program (the "Directed Share Program") on behalf of the Company under which up to \_\_\_\_\_ Firm Shares, or \_\_\_\_\_ % of the Firm Shares to be purchased by the Underwriters (the "Reserved Shares"), shall be reserved for sale by the Underwriters at the initial public offering price to the Company's directors, employees and certain other parties affiliated with Monroe Capital, LLC, as designated by the Company (collectively, the "Directed Share Participants") as part of the distribution of the Shares by the Underwriters, subject to the terms of this Agreement, the applicable rules, regulations and interpretations of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations. The number of Shares available for sale to the

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general public will be reduced to the extent that Directed Share Participants purchase Reserved Shares. The Underwriters may offer any Reserved Shares not purchased by Directed Share Participants to the general public on the same basis as the other Shares being issued and sold hereunder. The Company has supplied Baird with names, addresses and telephone numbers of the individuals or other entities which the Company has designated to be participants in the Directed Share Program. It is understood that any number of those designated to participate in the Directed Share Program may decline to do so.

The Company has filed, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Act"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172601) including a prospectus, relating to the Shares. The Company has filed a Form N-6F under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Investment Company Act"), pursuant to which the Company announced its intention to elect to be treated as a business development company. A Form N-54A – Notification of Election to be Subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Filed Pursuant to Section 54(a) of the Act (File No. ) (the "Notification of Election") was filed with the Commission on , 2012 under the Investment Company Act.

Except where the context otherwise requires, "Registration Statement," as used herein, means the registration statement, as amended at the time of such registration statement's effectiveness for purposes of Section 11 of the Act (the "Effective Time"), as such section applies to the respective Underwriters, including (i) all documents filed as a part thereof, (ii) any information contained in a prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Act, to the extent such information is deemed, pursuant to Rule 430A or Rule 430C under the Act, to be part of the registration statement at the Effective Time, and (iii) any registration statement filed to register the offer and sale of Shares pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Act.

The Company has furnished to you, for use by the Underwriters and by dealers in connection with the offering of the Shares, copies of the preliminary prospectus relating to the Shares dated , 2012 that omitted the information permitted to be omitted under Rule 430A under the Act. Except where the context otherwise requires, "Preliminary Prospectus," as used herein, means such preliminary prospectus in the form so furnished.

Except where the context otherwise requires, "Prospectus," as used herein, means the prospectus, relating to the Shares, filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Act on or before the second business day after the date hereof (or such earlier time as may be required under the Act), or, if no such filing is required, the final prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time it became effective under the Act, in each case in the form furnished by the Company to you for use by the Underwriters and by dealers in connection with the offering of the Shares.

"Disclosure Package" as used herein means any Preliminary Prospectus together with the information set forth in Exhibit A.

As used herein, "business day" shall mean a day on which the NASDAQ Global Market is open for trading. The terms "herein," "hereof," "hereto," "hereinafter" and similar terms, as used in this Agreement, shall in each case refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular section, paragraph, sentence or other subdivision of this Agreement. The term "or," as used herein, is not exclusive.

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, the Company filed, in accordance with Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Exchange Act"), a registration statement on Form 8-A (as amended, the "Form 8-A") (File No. \_\_\_\_\_) under the Exchange Act to register, under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, the Common Stock.

The Company has entered into an investment advisory and management agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 (the "Investment Advisory Agreement"), with Monroe Capital BDC Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company registered as an investment adviser (the "Adviser") under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Advisers Act").

The Company has entered into an administration agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 (the "Administration Agreement"), with Monroe Capital Management Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Administrator").

The Adviser has entered into a staffing agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 (the "Staffing Agreement") with the Administrator.

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, the Company purchased an initial portfolio of loans for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million consisting of (1) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million of loans from MC Funding, Ltd. ("MC Funding") and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million of loans from Monroe Capital Partners Fund, LP ("Monroe SBIC") pursuant to portfolio acquisition agreements (the "Portfolio Acquisition Agreements"). On \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, the Company entered into a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million secured credit facility with ING Capital LLC (the "Credit Facility") to finance the purchase of such loans. These transactions are collectively referred to as the "Formation Transactions."

The Company, the Adviser, the Administrator and the Underwriters agree as follows:

1. Sale and Purchase. Upon the basis of the representations and warranties and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company agrees to issue and sell to the respective Underwriters and each of the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Company the number of Firm Shares set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule A attached hereto, subject to such other number of additional Firm Shares which such Underwriter may be obligated to purchase in accordance with Section 9 hereof, in each case at a purchase price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per Share. In addition, in connection with the sales of the Firm Shares, the Adviser agrees to pay to Baird, for the account of the Underwriters, \$[ \_\_\_\_\_ ] per share (the "Adviser Sales Load Payment") with respect to the Firm Shares The Company is advised by you that the Underwriters intend (i) to make a public offering of their respective portions of the Firm Shares as soon after the effective date of the Registration Statement as in your judgment is advisable and (ii) initially to offer the Firm Shares upon the terms set forth in the Prospectus. You may from time to time increase or decrease the public offering price after the initial public offering to such extent as you may determine.

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In addition, the Company hereby grants to the several Underwriters the option to purchase, and upon the basis of the representations and warranties and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Underwriters shall have the right to purchase, severally and not jointly, from the Company, ratably in accordance with the number of Firm Shares to be purchased by each of them, all or a portion of the Additional Shares as may be necessary to cover over-allotments made in connection with the offering of the Firm Shares, at the same purchase price per share to be paid by the Underwriters to the Company for the Firm Shares. This option may be exercised by Baird on behalf of the several Underwriters at any time on one or more occasions on or before the thirtieth day following the date of the Prospectus, by written notice to the Company. Such notice shall set forth the aggregate number of Additional Shares as to which the option is being exercised, and the date and time when the Additional Shares are to be delivered (such date and time being herein referred to as the "additional time of purchase"); provided, however, that the additional time of purchase shall not be earlier than the time of purchase (as defined below) nor earlier than the second business day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised nor later than the tenth business day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised. The number of Additional Shares to be sold to each Underwriter shall be the number which bears the same proportion to the aggregate number of Additional Shares being purchased as the number of Firm Shares set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter on Schedule A hereto bears to the total number of Firm Shares (subject, in each case, to such adjustment as you may determine to eliminate fractional shares), plus any additional number of Additional Shares which such Underwriter may become obligated to purchase in accordance with *Section 9* hereof. In addition, in connection with the sale of any Additional Shares, the Adviser agrees to make the per share Adviser Sales Load Payment with respect to such Additional Shares.

2. Payment and Delivery. Payment of the purchase price for the Firm Shares shall be made to the Company by Federal Funds wire transfer, against delivery of the certificates for the Firm Shares to you through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company ("DTIC") for the respective accounts of the Underwriters. Such payment and delivery shall be made at 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 (unless another time shall be agreed to by you and the Company or unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of *Section 9* hereof). The time at which such payment and delivery are to be made is hereinafter sometimes called "the time of purchase." Electronic transfer of the Firm Shares shall be made to you at the time of purchase in such names and in such denominations as you shall specify.

Payment of the purchase price for the Additional Shares shall be made at the additional time of purchase, if any, in the same manner and at the same office as the payment for the Firm Shares. Electronic transfer of the Additional Shares shall be made to you at the additional time of purchase in such names and in such denominations as you shall specify.

Deliveries of the documents described in *Section 7* hereof with respect to the purchase of the Shares shall be made at the offices of Dechert LLP at 1775 I Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006, at 9:00 A.M., New York City time, on the date of the closing of the purchase of the Firm Shares or the Additional Shares, as the case may be.

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3. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters, and the Adviser and the Administrator, jointly and severally, represent and warrant to and agree with each of the Underwriters as of the Effective Time, as of the date hereof, as of the time of purchase and as of the time of any additional purchase that:

(a) the Registration Statement has been declared effective under the Act; no stop order of the Commission preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for such purpose have been instituted or, to the Company's knowledge, are contemplated by the Commission;

(b) the Registration Statement complied when it became effective, complies as of the date hereof and, as amended or supplemented, at the time of purchase and each additional time of purchase, if any, and at all times during which a prospectus is required by the Act to be delivered (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 172 under the Act or any similar rule) in connection with any sale of Shares, will comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Act and the Investment Company Act; the conditions to the use of Form N-2 in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares as contemplated hereby have been satisfied; the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and each electronic roadshow together with the Disclosure Package did not, as of the Effective Time, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; the Preliminary Prospectus complied, at the time it was filed with the Commission, and complies as of the date hereof, in all material respects with the requirements of the Act and the Investment Company Act; at no time during the period that begins on the earlier of the date of the Preliminary Prospectus and the date such Preliminary Prospectus was filed with the Commission and ends at the time of purchase did or will the Preliminary Prospectus, as then amended or supplemented, include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; the Prospectus will comply, as of its date, the date that it is filed with the Commission, the time of purchase and each additional time of purchase, if any, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Act (including, without limitation, Section 10(a) of the Act); at no time during the period that begins on the earlier of the date of the Prospectus and the date the Prospectus is filed with the Commission and ends at the later of the time of purchase or the latest additional time of purchase did or will the Prospectus, as then amended or supplemented, include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Company makes no representation or warranty in this *Section 3(a)* with respect to any statement contained in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus in reliance upon and in conformity with information concerning an Underwriter and furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus;



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(c) as of the date of this Agreement, the Company has an authorized and outstanding capitalization as set forth under the heading “Actual” in the section of the Prospectus entitled “Capitalization,” just prior to the time of purchase, the Company shall have an authorized and outstanding capitalization as set forth in the heading “Pro Forma” in the section of the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus entitled “Capitalization,” and, just after the time of purchase, the Company shall have an authorized and outstanding capitalization as set forth under the heading “Pro Forma As Adjusted” in the section of the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus entitled “Capitalization”; all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock, including the Common Stock, of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, have been issued in compliance with all federal and state securities laws and were not issued in violation of any preemptive right or right of first refusal;

(d) the Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with full corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, to execute and deliver this Agreement and to issue, sell and deliver the Shares as contemplated herein;

(e) the Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation in \_\_\_\_\_, and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the ownership or leasing of its properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, (i) have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, financial condition, results of operations of the Company taken as a whole, (ii) prevent or materially interfere with consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or (iii) prevent the Common Stock from being accepted for listing on, or result in the delisting of the Common Stock from The Nasdaq Global Market (the occurrence of any such effect or any such prevention or interference or any such result described in the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) being herein referred to as a “Material Adverse Effect”);

(f) the Company has no subsidiaries (as defined in the Act); other than as disclosed in both the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, the Company does not own, directly or indirectly, any shares of stock or any other equity or long-term debt securities of any corporation or have any equity interest in any firm, partnership, joint venture, association or other entity; complete and correct copies of the articles of incorporation and the by-laws of the Company and all amendments thereto through the date hereof have been filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement;

(g) the Shares have been duly and validly authorized and, when issued and delivered against payment therefor by you as provided herein, will be duly and validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and free of statutory and contractual preemptive rights or rights of first refusal, and the holders of the Shares will not be subject to personal liability by reason of being such holders;

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(h) the capital stock of the Company, including the Shares, conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and the certificates for the Shares are in due and proper form;

(i) the Company is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company and has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act, has duly filed the Investment Company Act Notification with the Commission and is eligible to make such an election;

(j) each of this Agreement, the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; each of the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement is enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers) or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, (ii) general equitable principles and (iii) limitation on rights to indemnification and contribution imposed by state or federal securities laws or the policies underlying such law;

(k) the Company is not in breach or violation of or in default under (nor has any event occurred which with notice, lapse of time or both would reasonably be expected to result in any breach or violation of, constitute a default under or give the holder of any indebtedness (or a person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a part of such indebtedness under) (i) its charter or by-laws, (ii) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement or other evidence of indebtedness, or any license, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party, and the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement, the Investment Advisory Agreement and Administration Agreement or (iii) any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, judgment or order applicable to the Company, except, with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii), to the extent that any such contravention would not constitute a Material Adverse Effect; the issuance and sale of the Shares and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not conflict with, result in any breach or violation of or constitute a default under (nor constitute any event which with notice, lapse of time or both would result in any breach or violation of or constitute a default under) (i) the charter or by-laws of the Company, or (ii) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement or other evidence of indebtedness, or any license, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party, or (iii) any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, judgment or order applicable to the Company, except with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii), to the extent that any such contravention would not constitute a Material Adverse Effect;

(l) no approval, authorization, consent or order of or filing with any federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory commission, board, body, authority or agency is required in connection with the Formation Transactions or the issuance and sale of the Shares or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated

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hereby other than (i) registration of the Shares under the Act and the Exchange Act, which has been effected, and any necessary qualification under the securities or blue sky laws of the various jurisdictions in which the Shares are being offered by the Underwriters or under the rules and regulations of FINRA and (ii) filing of the Notification of Election under the Investment Company Act, which has been effected;

(m) except as set forth in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (i) no person has the right, contractual or otherwise, to cause the Company to issue or sell to it any shares of Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock or other equity interests of the Company, (ii) no person has any preemptive rights or rights of first refusal to purchase any shares of Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock or other equity interests of the Company, and (iii) no person has the right to act as an underwriter or as a financial advisor to the Company in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares, in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), whether as a result of the filing or effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the sale of the Shares as contemplated thereby or otherwise; no person has the right, contractual or otherwise, to cause the Company to register under the Act any shares of Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock or other equity interests of the Company, or to include any such shares or interests in the Registration Statement or the offering contemplated thereby;

(n) subject to official notice of issuance of the Shares filed by the Company with The Nasdaq Global Market, the Company has all necessary licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals and has made all necessary filings required under any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule, and has obtained all necessary authorizations, consents and approvals from other persons, in order to conduct its respective business; the Company is not in violation of, or in default under, or has received notice of any proceedings relating to revocation or modification of, any such license, authorization, consent or approval or any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, order or judgment applicable to the Company, except where such violation, default, revocation or modification would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect;

(o) the Company has filed all foreign, federal, state and local tax returns required to be filed or have requested extensions thereof, and have paid all taxes required to be paid by them and any other assessment, fine or penalty levied against any of them, to the extent that any of the foregoing is due and payable, except for any such tax, assessment, fine or penalty that is currently being contested in good faith and for which appropriate reserves have been included on the books and records of the Company;

(p) all legal proceedings, government proceedings known to the Company, affiliate transactions, contracts, licenses, agreements, leases or documents of a character required by the Act or the Investment Company Act to be described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or to be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement have been so described or filed as required;

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(q) except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no actions, suits, claims, investigations or proceedings pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened to which the Company or any of its directors or officers is or would be a party or of which any of its properties is or would be subject at law or in equity, before or by any federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory commission, board, body, authority or agency, except any action, suit, claim, investigation or proceeding as would not have a Material Adverse Effect;

(r) McGladrey LLP, whose report on the balance sheet of the Company and the special purpose schedule of investments being acquired by the Company is filed with the Commission as part of the Prospectus, are independent public accountants as required by the Act;

(s) the audited balance sheet and special purpose schedule of investments included in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, together with the related notes, present fairly the financial position of the Company and the condition of the assets being acquired by the Company as of the date indicated, comply as to form with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and the Investment Company Act and have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved (except as otherwise noted therein); there are no financial statements that are required to be included in the Prospectus that are not included as required; the Company does not have any material liabilities or obligations, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations), not disclosed in the Registration Statement; and all disclosures contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the rules and regulations of the Commission), if any, comply with Regulation G of the Exchange Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the Act, to the extent applicable;

(t) subsequent to the respective dates as to which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Preliminary Prospectus (exclusive of any amendments or supplements thereto subsequent to the date of this Agreement) there has not been (i) any material adverse effect in the business, properties, management, financial condition or results of operations of the Company, (ii) any transaction (other than in the ordinary course of business) which is material to the Company, (iii) any obligation, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations), incurred by the Company, other than as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the Preliminary Prospectus, which is material to the Company, (iv) any change in the capital stock or outstanding indebtedness of the Company or (v) any dividend of any kind declared, paid or made on the capital stock of the Company;

(u) the Company has obtained for the benefit of the Underwriters the agreement (a "Lock-Up Agreement"), in the form set forth as Exhibit B hereto, of each of its directors, officers and certain persons or entities affiliated with the Adviser, in each case as named in Exhibit C hereto; and immediately prior to the offering, there are no other stockholders of the Company;

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(v) the Company is not and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Shares, will not be required to register as an “investment company” or an entity “controlled” by an “investment company,” as such terms are used under the Investment Company Act;

(w) when each of the Notification of Election and any amendment or supplement thereto was filed with the Commission, it (i) contained all statements required to be stated therein in accordance with, and complied in all material respects with the requirements of, the Investment Company Act applicable to a business development company and (ii) did not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading;

(x) the Company owns or possesses sufficient licenses or other rights to use the inventions, patent applications, patents, trademarks (both registered and unregistered), tradenames, copyrights, trade secrets and other proprietary information described in the Prospectus as being licensed by it or which are necessary for the conduct of its businesses (collectively, “Intellectual Property”), except where the failure to own, license or have such right would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; the Company has not received notice and is not otherwise aware of any infringement of, or conflict with, asserted rights of third parties with respect to any Intellectual Property or of any facts or circumstances which would render any Intellectual Property invalid or inadequate to protect the interest of the Company therein, and which infringement or conflict (if the subject of any unfavorable decision, ruling or finding) or invalidity or inadequacy, would result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(y) as of the date hereof, the Company does not have, and at the time of purchase, the Company will not have, any employees. To the knowledge of the Company, no labor dispute with the employees of Monroe Capital, LLC and Monroe Capital Management Advisors LLC exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent;

(z) the Company maintains insurance covering its properties, operations, personnel and businesses as the Company deems adequate; such insurance insures against such losses and risks to an extent which is adequate in accordance with customary industry practice to protect the Company and its business; all such insurance is fully in force on the date hereof and will be fully in force at the time of purchase and any additional time of purchase; at the time of purchase and any additional time of purchase, the Company’s directors’ and officers’ errors and omissions insurance policy and its fidelity bond required by Rule 17g-1 of the Investment Company Act are subject to legal and valid binders and, as of the time of purchase, will be in full force and effect; the Company is in compliance with the terms of such policy and fidelity bond in all material respects; and there are no claims by the Company under any such policy or fidelity bond as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause; the Company has not been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and the Company has no reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus;

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(aa) the Company has not sent or received any communication regarding termination of or intent not to renew any of the material contracts or agreements filed as an exhibit to, the Registration Statement, and no such termination or non-renewal has been threatened by the Company or, to the Company's knowledge, any other party to any such contract or agreement;

(bb) the Company maintains a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences;

(cc) the Company has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act; such disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including material information pertaining to the Company's operations and assets managed by the Adviser, is made known to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer by others within the Company and the Adviser, and such disclosure controls and procedures are effective to perform the functions for which they were established;

(dd) neither the Company nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that has resulted or would result in a violation by such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "FCPA"), including, without limitation, making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any "foreign official" (as such term is defined in the FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of the FCPA, and the Company and, to the knowledge of the Company, its other affiliates (other than the Underwriters) have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith;

(ee) the operations of the Company are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money

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laundrying statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar applicable rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the “Money Laundering Laws”) and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened;

(ff) neither the Company nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, affiliate (other than the Underwriters) or person acting on behalf of the Company is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department (“OFAC”); and the Company will not knowingly directly or indirectly use any of the proceeds received by the Company from the sale of Securities contemplated by this Agreement, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available any such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of any person currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the OFAC;

(gg) the Company has not, directly or indirectly, extended credit, arranged to extend credit, or renewed any extension of credit, in the form of a personal loan, to or for any director or executive officer of the Company, or to or for any family member or affiliate of any director or executive officer of the Company;

(hh) neither the Company nor, to the Company’s knowledge, any of its respective directors, officers, affiliates or controlling persons has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed, or which has constituted or might reasonably be expected to cause or result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale of the Shares;

(ii) any statistical and market-related data included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate, the Company has obtained the written consent to the use of all such data from such sources to the extent required, and all such data included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus accurately reflect the materials upon which they are based or from which they were derived;

(jj) to the Company’s knowledge, there are no affiliations or associations between any member of FINRA and any of the Company’s officers, directors or securityholders, except as set forth in the Prospectus;

(kk) all of the information provided to the Underwriters or to counsel for the Underwriters by the Company and, to the knowledge of the Company, its officers and directors and the holders of any securities of the Company in connection with letters, filings or other supplemental information provided to FINRA pursuant to FINRA Conduct Rule 5100 is true, complete and correct in all material respects;

(ll) the terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement, including compensation terms, comply in all material respects with the provisions of Sections 15(a) and 15(c) of the Investment Company Act (as applicable to business development companies) and Section 205 of the Advisers Act;

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(mm) the approvals by the board of directors and the sole stockholder of the Company of the Investment Advisory Agreement have been made in accordance with the requirements of Section 15(c) of the Investment Company Act applicable to companies that have elected to be regulated as business development companies under the Investment Company Act;

(nn) except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (i) no person is serving or acting as an officer, director or investment adviser of the Company, except in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Company Act and the applicable published rules and regulations thereunder and (ii) to the knowledge of the Company, no director of the Company is an “affiliated person” (as defined in the Investment Company Act) of any of the Underwriters; for purposes of this Section 3(nn), the Company shall be entitled to reasonably rely on representations from such officers and directors;

(oo) the Company has duly elected to be treated by the Commission under the Investment Company Act as a business development company, such election is effective and all required action has been taken by the Company under the Act to make the public offering and consummate the sale of the Shares as provided in this Agreement; the provisions of the corporate charter and by-laws of the Company will comply with the requirements of the Investment Company Act;

(pp) the operations of the Company are in compliance with the provisions of the Investment Company Act applicable to business development companies and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; provided that the Company does not represent or warrant as to the compliance of Sections 10(a)(1)(iii) and 10(a)(3)(iii) with Section 17(i) of the Investment Company Act;

(qq) the Company has not offered, or caused the Underwriters to offer, Shares to any person pursuant to the Directed Share Program with the intent to influence unlawfully (i) a customer or supplier of the Company to alter the customer’s or supplier’s level or type of business with the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, or (ii) a trade journalist or publication to write or publish favorable information about the Company or any of its respective products or services;

(rr) the Company and, to its knowledge, its directors and officers (in such capacity) are in substantial compliance with the applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”) and the Commission’s applicable published rules promulgated thereunder that are applicable to the Company as of the date hereof;

(ss) the Formation Transactions have been fully consummated prior to the Effective Time (and at such times as described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus); and each of the Portfolio Acquisition Agreements and the Credit Facility has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company;



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(tt) since the enactment of the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act to the date hereof, the Company has been and is an “emerging growth company,” as defined in Section 2(a) of the Act (an “Emerging Growth Company”);

(uu) the Company has not engaged in any Testing-the-Waters Communication and (b) has not authorized anyone to engage in Testing-the-Waters Communications. The Company has not distributed any Written Testing-the-Waters Communications. “Testing-the-Waters Communication” means any oral or written communication with potential investors undertaken in reliance on Section 5(d) of the Act. “Written Testing-the-Waters Communication” means any Testing-the-Waters Communication that is a written communication within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Act;

(vv) each of the [Loan Documents] (as defined in the Credit Facility) to which the Company is a party has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and is a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers) or similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally, (ii) general equitable principles and (iii) limitation on rights to indemnification and contribution imposed by state or federal securities laws or the policies underlying such law;

(ww) the Company has good and valid title to each loan acquired pursuant to the Portfolio Acquisition Agreements, free and clear of any Liens (except Liens pursuant to the Credit Facility); all of the applicable investment documents and agreements governing such loans (the “Investment Documents and Agreements”) are in full force and effect; and the Company has no notice of any material claim of any sort that has been asserted by anyone adverse to the right of the Company under the Investment Documents and Agreements, or affecting or questioning the rights of the Company under any of the Investment Documents and Agreements; each portfolio company described in the Prospectus under “Portfolio Companies” is current with all of its obligations under the applicable Investment Documents and Agreements and no event of default (or a default which with the giving of notice or the passage of time would become an event of default) has occurred or is continuing under such Investment Documents and Agreements; and

(xx) the Company is not required to be registered under the Commodity Exchange Act as a “commodity pool.”

In addition, any certificate signed by any duly appointed officer of the Company and delivered to the Underwriters or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Shares shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company as to matters covered thereby, to each Underwriter.

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4. **Representations and Warranties of the Adviser and the Administrator.** The Adviser and the Administrator, jointly and severally, and, for purposes only of Sections 4(a), 4(d) and 4(r) hereof, Monroe Capital LLC represent and warrant to the Underwriters as of the Effective Time, as of the date hereof, as of the time of purchase and as of the time of any additional purchase that:

(a) each of the Adviser and the Administrator has been duly formed and is validly existing as a Delaware limited liability company, and is in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with full power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Prospectus and to execute and deliver this Agreement, the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Staffing Agreement and the Administration Agreement, to the extent a party thereto; each of the Adviser and the Administrator is duly qualified to do business as a foreign entity and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the ownership or leasing of its properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, financial condition, capitalization or regulatory status of such entity, or otherwise be reasonably expected to prevent such entity from carrying out its obligations under the Investment Advisory Agreement, Staffing Agreement or the Administration Agreement, as applicable (collectively, an “Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect”); and each of MC Funding has been duly organized and is validly existing as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware and has power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under the Portfolio Acquisition Agreements;

(b) the Adviser is duly registered with the Commission as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act and is not prohibited by the Advisers Act, the Investment Company Act or the applicable published rules and regulations thereunder from acting under the Investment Advisory Agreement for the Company as contemplated by the Prospectus. There does not exist any proceeding or, to the Adviser’s knowledge, any facts or circumstances the existence of which could lead to any proceeding which might adversely affect the registration of the Adviser with the Commission;

(c) there are no actions, suits, claims, investigations or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Adviser and the Administrator, threatened, to which either the Adviser or the Administrator or any of their officers, partners or members are or would be a party or of which any of their properties are or would be subject at law or in equity, or before or by any federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory commission, board, body, authority or agency, except any such action, suit, claim, investigation or proceeding which would not result in a judgment, decree or order either (A) constituting, individually or in the aggregate, an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect, or (B) preventing the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby;

(d) neither the Adviser nor the Administrator is in breach or violation of, or in default under (nor has any event occurred which with notice, lapse of time, or both would reasonably expected to result in any breach or violation of, constitute a default under or give the holder of any indebtedness (or person acting on such holder’s behalf), the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or part of such indebtedness

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under) (i) the limited liability company operating agreement or other organizational documents of the Adviser or the Administrator, (ii) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement or other evidence of indebtedness, or any license, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which the Adviser or the Administrator is a party, or (iii) under any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, judgment or order applicable to the Adviser or the Administrator, as the case may be, except, with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii), to the extent that any such contravention would not constitute an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect; the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement (and with respect to the Adviser only, the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Staffing Agreement and, with respect to the Administrator only, the Administration Agreement and the Staffing Agreement) and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, will not conflict with, result in any breach of violation of or constitute a default under (nor constitute any event which with notice, lapse of time or both would reasonably be expected to result in any breach or violation of or constitute a default under) (i) the limited liability company operating agreement or other organizational documents of the Adviser or the Administrator, (ii) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement or other evidence of indebtedness, or any license, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which the Adviser or the Administrator is a party, or (iii) any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, judgment or other applicable to the Adviser or the Administrator, as the case may be, except, with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii), to the extent that any such contravention would not constitute an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect; the execution, delivery and performance of the Portfolio Acquisition Agreements and consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, will not conflict with, result in any breach of violation of or constitute a default under (nor constitute any event which with notice, lapse of time or both would reasonably be expected to result in any breach or violation of or constitute a default under) (i) the limited liability company operating agreement or other organizational documents of MC Funding or Monroe SBIC, (ii) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement or other evidence of indebtedness, or any license, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which MC Funding or Monroe SBIC is a party, or (iii) any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, judgment or other applicable to MC Funding or Monroe SBIC; compliance by MC Funding and Monroe SBIC with their obligations under the Portfolio Acquisition Agreements do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default or Repayment Event under, or result in the creation or imposition of any Lien upon any property or assets of MC Funding or Monroe SBIC pursuant to any Fund Related Documents (as defined below), nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the organizational documents of MC Funding or Monroe SBIC or any applicable law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over MC Funding or Monroe SBIC or any of their respective assets, properties or operations; "Fund Related Documents" means any contracts, indentures, mortgages, deeds of trust, loan or credit agreements, bonds, notes, debentures, evidences of indebtedness, leases or other instruments or agreements to which MC Funding or Monroe SBIC is a party or by which

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MC Funding or Monroe SBIC is bound or to which any of the property or assets of MC Funding or Monroe SBIC is subject; "Repayment Event" means any event or condition which gives the holder of any bond, note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness.

(e) this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Adviser and the Administrator; the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Staffing Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Adviser; and the Administration Agreement and the Staffing Agreement have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Administrator; the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement constitute valid and legally binding agreements of the Adviser and the Administrator, respectively, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers) or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, (ii) general equitable principles and (iii) limitation on rights to indemnification and contribution imposed by state or federal securities laws or the policies underlying such law;

(f) the description of the Adviser and the Administrator contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus is true, accurate and complete in all material respects;

(g) each of the Adviser and the Administrator has the financial resources available to it necessary for the performance of its services and obligations as contemplated in the Prospectus and under this Agreement, the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Staffing Agreement and the Administration Agreement, as applicable;

(h) each of the Adviser and the Administrator owns or leases or has access to all properties and assets as are necessary to the conduct of its operations as presently conducted, except as would not have an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

(i) subsequent to the respective dates as to which information is given in the Registration Statement, Disclosure Package and Prospectus (exclusive of any amendments or supplements thereto subsequent to the date of this Agreement), there has not been any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in the business, properties, financial condition, capitalization or regulatory status of the Adviser or the Administrator, or that would otherwise prevent the Adviser or the Administrator from carrying out its respective obligations under the Investment Advisory Agreement, Administration Agreement or the Staffing Agreement, as appropriate;

(j) each of the Adviser and the Administrator has all necessary licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals and has made all necessary filings required under any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule and has obtained all necessary authorizations, consents and approvals from other persons, in order to conduct its business, except where the failure to obtain such licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals or to make such filings would not constitute an Adviser/Administrator Material

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Adverse Effect; neither the Adviser or the Administrator is in violation of, or in default under, nor has the Adviser or the Administrator received notice of any proceedings relating to revocation or modification of any such licenses, authorizations, consents or approvals or of any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, order or judgment applicable to the Adviser or the Administrator, except where such revocation or modification would not, individually or in the aggregate, constitute an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

(k) each Adviser and Administrator owns, or possesses adequate licenses or other rights to use, the inventions, patent applications, patents, trademarks (both registered and unregistered), tradenames, copyrights, trade secrets and other proprietary information described in the Prospectus as being licensed by it or which are necessary for the conduct of its businesses (collectively, "Adviser/Administrator Intellectual Property"), except where the failure to own, license or have such rights would not, individually or in the aggregate, cause an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect; neither the Adviser nor the Administrator has received notice nor is either the Adviser nor the Administrator otherwise aware of any infringement of, or conflict with, asserted rights of third parties with respect to any Intellectual Property or of any facts or circumstances which would render any Adviser/Administrator Intellectual Property invalid or inadequate to protect the interest of the Adviser or Administrator therein, and which infringement or conflict (if the subject of any unfavorable decision, ruling or finding) or invalidity or inadequacy, would result in an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

(l) neither the Adviser nor the Administrator is, and upon the sale of the Shares contemplated under this Agreement and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds" will be, an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company" as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act;

(m) each of the Adviser and the Administrator is insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; all policies of insurance and any fidelity or surety bonds insuring the Adviser or the Administrator or their respective businesses, assets, employees, officers and directors are in full force and effect; the Adviser and the Administrator are in compliance with the terms of such policies and instruments in all material respects; there are no claims by the Adviser or the Administrator under any such policy or instrument as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause; neither the Adviser nor the Administrator has been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and neither the Adviser nor the Administrator has any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not have an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

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(n) neither the Adviser, the Administrator nor, to their knowledge, any of their respective partners, officers, affiliates or controlling persons has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed, under the Exchange Act, to result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale of the Shares;

(o) the Adviser is not aware that (i) any executive, key employee or significant group of employees of the Company, if any, the Adviser or the Administrator, as applicable, plans to terminate employment with the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator or (ii) any such executive or key employee is subject to any noncompete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Company or the Adviser except where such termination or violation would not constitute an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

(p) the Adviser is using its best efforts to develop and implement a system of internal controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions effectuate by it under the Investment Advisory Agreement are executed in accordance with its management's general or specific authorization; and (ii) access to the Company's assets is permitted only in accordance with its management's general or specific authorization;

(q) the Administrator is using its best efforts to develop and implement a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions for which it has bookkeeping and record keeping responsibility for under the Administration Agreement are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of the Company's financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain accountability for the Company's assets and (iii) the recorded accountability for such assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences;

(r) the Portfolio Acquisition Agreements have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by MC Funding or Monroe SBIC, as applicable;

(s) The Adviser Sales Load payment with respect to the Shares shall have been deposited into an escrow account with a nationally recognized financial institution reasonably acceptable to Baird.

5. Certain Covenants of the Company, the Adviser and the Administrator. The Company agrees, and the Adviser and the Administrator, jointly and severally, agree:

(a) To use commercially reasonable efforts to furnish such information as may be required and otherwise to cooperate in qualifying the Shares for offering and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such states or other jurisdictions as you may designate and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to maintain such qualifications in effect so long as you may reasonably request for the distribution of the Shares; provided that, in connection therewith, the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation, to subject itself to taxation or to file a consent to the service of process under

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the laws of any such jurisdiction (except a limited consent to service of process with respect to the offering and sale of the Shares); and to advise you promptly of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose;

(b) to make available to the Underwriters in New York City, as soon as reasonably practicable after the Registration Statement becomes effective, and thereafter from time to time to furnish to the Underwriters, as many copies of the Prospectus (or of the Prospectus as amended or supplemented if the Company shall have made any amendments or supplements thereto after the effective date of the Registration Statement) as the Underwriters may reasonably request for the purposes contemplated by the Act during the period during which a prospectus is required by the Act to be delivered (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 172 under the Act or any similar rule) in connection with any sale of Shares (the "Prospectus Delivery Period"); in case any Underwriter is required to deliver a prospectus after the nine-month period referred to in Section 10(a)(3) of the Act in connection with the sale of the Shares, the Company will prepare, at the requesting Underwriter's expense, within a reasonable period of time of such request, such amendment or amendments to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as may be necessary to permit compliance with the requirements of Section 10(a)(3) of the Act;

(c) if, at the time this Agreement is executed and delivered, it is necessary for the Registration Statement, any post-effective amendment thereto or a registration statement under Rule 462(b) under the Act to be filed with the Commission and declared effective before the Shares may be sold, the Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Registration Statement or such post-effective amendment to become effective as soon as possible, and the Company will advise you promptly and, if requested by you, will confirm such advice in writing, (i) when the Registration Statement and any such post-effective amendment thereto has become effective, and (ii) if Rule 430A under the Act is used, when the Prospectus is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497(h) under the Act (which the Company agrees to file in a timely manner under such Rule) or any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication has been delivered;

(d) during the Prospectus Delivery Period, to advise you promptly, and, if requested, confirming such advice in writing, of any request by the Commission for amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or for additional information with respect thereto (including, but not limited to, any request for information concerning any Testing-the-Waters Communication), or of notice of institution of proceedings for, or the entry of a stop order, suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication and, if the Commission should enter a stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, the Company to use its best efforts to obtain the lifting or removal of such order as soon as possible; to advise you promptly of any proposal to amend or supplement the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, and to provide you and Underwriters' counsel copies of any such documents for review and comment a reasonable amount of time prior to any proposed filing and to file no such amendment or supplement to which you shall reasonably object in writing;

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(e) subject to Section 5(d) hereof and during the Prospectus Delivery Period, to file promptly all reports and any definitive proxy or information statement required to be filed by the Company with the Commission in order to comply with the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of the Prospectus;

(f) to furnish to its shareholders as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year an annual report (including a consolidated balance sheet and statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flow of the Company for such fiscal year accompanied by a copy of the certificate or report thereon of nationally recognized independent certified public accountants);

(g) to the extent not otherwise available on the Commission's EDGAR system, to furnish to you and to each of the other Underwriters (i) copies of any reports, proxy statements, or other communications which the Company shall send to its stockholders or shall from time to time publish or publicly disseminate, (ii) copies of all annual, quarterly and current reports filed with the Commission on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, or such other similar forms as may be designated by the Commission, (iii) copies of documents or reports filed with any national securities exchange on which any class of securities of the Company is listed, and (iv) such other information as you may reasonably report regarding the Company;

(h) [Intentionally Omitted];

(i) to advise the Underwriters promptly of the happening of any event within Prospectus Delivery Period known to the Company which could require the making of any change in the Prospectus then being used so that the Prospectus would not include an untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading, and, during such time, subject to Section 5(d) hereof, to prepare and furnish, at the Company's expense, to the Underwriters promptly such amendments or supplements to such Prospectus as may be necessary to reflect any such change;

(j) to make generally available to its security holders, an earnings statement of the Company (which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act) covering a period of twelve months beginning after the effective date of the Registration Statement (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the Act) as soon as is reasonably practicable after the termination of such twelve-month period but not later than the end of the fiscal quarter first occurring after the first anniversary of the effective date of the Registration Statement;

(k) to furnish to Baird seven copies of the Registration Statement, the Notice of Election and the Form 8-A, as initially filed with the Commission, and of all amendments thereto (including all exhibits thereto) for distribution of a copy of each of the other Underwriters;



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- (l) to apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Shares in the manner set forth under the caption "Use of Proceeds" in the Prospectus;
- (m) the Company, during a period of two years from the effective date of the Company's election to be a business development company, will use its best efforts to maintain its status as a business development company; provided, however, the Company may change the nature of its business so as to cease to be, or to withdraw its election as, a business development company, with the approval of the board of directors and a vote of stockholders as required by Section 58 of the Investment Company Act or any successor provision;
- (n) the Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to qualify for and elect to be treated as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and to maintain such qualification and election in effect for each full fiscal year during which it is a business development company under the Investment Company Act;
- (o) the Adviser will pay the expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including costs, expenses, fees and taxes in connection with (i) the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus, the Form 8-A, and any amendments or supplements thereto, and the printing and furnishing of copies of the Preliminary Prospectus and Prospectus to the Underwriters and to dealers (including costs of mailing and shipment), (ii) the registration, issue, sale and delivery of the Shares including any stock or transfer taxes and stamp or similar duties payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Shares to the Underwriters, (iii) the producing, word processing and/or printing of this Agreement, any Agreement Among Underwriters, any dealer agreements, any Powers of Attorney and Custody Agreements and any closing documents (including compilations thereof) and the reproduction and/or printing and furnishing of copies of each thereof to the Underwriters and (except closing documents) to dealers (including costs of mailing and shipment), (iv) the qualification of the Shares for offering and sale under state laws that the Company and Baird have mutually agreed are appropriate and the determination of their eligibility for investment under state law as aforesaid (including, on the Closing Date, the reasonable legal fees and filing fees and other disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters associated with such blue sky matters) and the furnishing of copies of any blue sky surveys or legal investment surveys to the Underwriters and to dealers, (v) any listing of the Shares on any securities exchange or qualification of the Shares for quotation on The Nasdaq Global Market and any registration thereof under the Exchange Act, (vi) any filing for review of the public offering of the Shares by FINRA, including the reasonable legal fees and filing fees and other disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters relating to FINRA matters, (vii) the fees and disbursements of any transfer agent or registrar for the Shares, (viii) the costs and expenses of the Company relating to presentations or meetings undertaken in connection with the marketing of the offering and sale of the Shares to prospective investors and the Underwriters' sales forces, including, without limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged by the Company in connection with the road show presentations, travel, lodging and other expenses incurred

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by the officers of the Company and any such consultants (but not of the representatives of the Underwriters), and the cost of any aircraft chartered in connection with the road show, (ix) the costs and expenses of qualifying the Shares for inclusion in the book-entry settlement system of the DTC, and (x) the offer and sale of the Reserved Shares, including all reasonable costs and expenses of Baird and the Underwriters, including the reasonable fees and disbursement of counsel for the Underwriters;

(p) that beginning on the date hereof and ending on, and including, the date that is 180 days after the date of the Prospectus (the "Lock-Up Period"), without the prior written consent of Baird, not to (i) issue, sell, offer to sell, contract or agree to sell, hypothecate, pledge, grant any option to purchase or otherwise dispose of or agree to dispose of, directly or indirectly, or establish or increase a put equivalent position or liquidate or decrease a call equivalent position within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder, with respect to, any Common Stock or any other securities of the Company that are substantially similar to Common Stock, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, or any warrants or other rights to purchase, the foregoing, (ii) file or cause to become effective a registration statement under the Act relating to the offer and sale of any Common Stock or any other securities of the Company that are substantially similar to Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, or any warrants or other rights to purchase, the foregoing, except, in each case, for (A) a bona fide gift, provided, that the recipient thereof executes a lock-up agreement for the remainder of the Lock-Up Period, (B) a disposition to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the holder and/or the holder's immediate family, provided, that (i) such disposition does not involve a disposition for value and (ii) such trust executes a lock-up agreement for the remainder of the Lock-Up Period, (C) a transfer to a wholly owned subsidiary thereof, or to the direct or indirect stockholders, members or partners or other affiliates thereof; provided, that (i) such transfer does not involve a disposition for value, (ii) the transferee executes a lock-up agreement for the remainder of the Lock-Up Period, and (iii) no filing pursuant to Section 16 of the Exchange Act is required as a result of such transfer, (D) a transfer which occurs by operation of law; provided, that (i) no filing pursuant to Section 16 of the Exchange Act is required as a result of such transfer and (ii) such transferee executes a lock-up agreement for the remainder of the Lock-Up Period, and (E) the disposition of shares of common stock acquired in open market transactions after the offering, provided, that such disposition is not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Exchange Act; provided, however, that if (a) during the period that begins on the date that is seventeen (17) calendar days before the last day of the Lock-Up Period and ends on the last day of the Lock-Up Period, the Company issues an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to the Company occurs; or (b) prior to the expiration of the Lock-Up Period, the Company announces that it will release earnings results during the sixteen (16) day period beginning on the last day of the Lock-Up Period, then the restrictions imposed by this Section 5(p) shall continue to apply until the expiration of the date that is eighteen (18) calendar days after the date on which the issuance of the earnings release or the material news or material event occurs; provided, however, that the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to the Shares to be sold hereunder, any shares of Common Stock issued in connection with the Formation Transactions or any shares of Common

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Stock issued by the Company pursuant to any dividend reinvestment plan of the Company disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(q) to use its best efforts to cause the Common Stock to be duly authorized for listing on The Nasdaq Global Market, including complying with any permitted delayed compliance periods with respect to certain provisions contained in Rules 4200 and 4350 of FINRA Manual;

(r) for so long as the Shares remain listed on any national securities exchange, to maintain a transfer agent, custodian and, if necessary under the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Company, a registrar for the Common Stock;

(s) to use its best efforts to ensure that the Directed Shares will be restricted from sale, transfer, assignment, pledge or hypothecation for a period of three months after the date of the Prospectus in accordance with FINRA's Free-Riding and Withholding Interpretation (IM-21 10-1); and to comply with all applicable securities and other applicable laws, rules and regulations in each jurisdiction in which the Reserved Shares are offered in connection with the Directed Share Program; and

(t) to promptly notify the Representatives if the Company ceases to be an Emerging Growth Company at any time prior to the later of (i) completion of the distribution of Shares within the meaning of the Act and (ii) completion of the Lock-Up Period.

6. Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses. If this Agreement is terminated and the Shares are not delivered for any reason other than the termination of this Agreement pursuant to the fifth paragraph of *Section 9* hereof or the default by one or more of the Underwriters in its or their respective obligations hereunder, the Adviser shall, in addition to paying the amounts described in *Section 5(o)* hereof, reimburse the Underwriters for all of their out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of their counsel incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transaction contemplated thereunder.

7. Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations. The several obligations of the Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company, the Adviser and the Administrator on the date hereof, at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, the performance by the Company, the Adviser and the Administrator of each of its obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions precedent:

(a) The Company shall furnish to Baird at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, an opinion of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, counsel for the Company, Adviser and Administrator addressed to the Underwriters, and dated the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be, with reproduced copies for each of the other Underwriters and in substantially the form and substance as set forth in Exhibit D hereto and to such further effect as the Underwriters may reasonably request.

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(b) You shall have received from McGladrey LLP letters dated, respectively, the date of this Agreement, the time of purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, and addressed to the Underwriters (with reproduced copies for each of the Underwriters) in the forms heretofore approved by the Joint Book-Running Managers.

(c) You shall have received at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, the favorable opinion of Dechert LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be.

(d) No Prospectus or amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall have been filed to which you reasonably object.

(e) The Registration Statement shall become effective not later than 5:30 p.m. New York City time on the date of this Agreement and, if Rule 430A under the Act is used, the Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497(h) under the Act at or before 5:30 p.m. New York City time on the second full business day after the date of this Agreement and any registration statement pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Act required in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares shall have been filed and become effective no later than 10:00 p.m. New York City time on the date of this Agreement.

(f) Prior to the time of purchase, and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, (i) no stop order with respect to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the Act or, to the Company's knowledge, proceedings initiated under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the Act; (ii) the Registration Statement and all amendments thereto shall not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; and (iii) none of the Preliminary Prospectus, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus and no amendment or supplement thereto, shall not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

(g) Between the time of execution of this Agreement and the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be, no material adverse change or any development involving a prospective material adverse change in the business, properties, management, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and the Adviser shall occur or become known.

(h) Each of the Adviser and the Administrator shall, at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, deliver to you a certificate of a duly authorized officer of the Advisor or the Administrator to the effect that (i) such officer has reviewed the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (ii) the representations and warranties in *Sections 3 and 4* hereof are true and correct as of the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, (iii) the Adviser or the Administrator, as applicable, shall have performed all obligations under the

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Agreement as are to be performed at or before the time of purchase and at or before the additional time of purchase, as the case may be and (iv) in the case of the Adviser, the conditions set forth in paragraph (g) of *Section 7* have been met; the Company shall, at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, deliver to you a certificate of its Chief Executive Officer or equivalent and Chief Financial Officer or equivalent in the form attached as Exhibit E hereto.

(i) You shall have received signed Lock-up Agreements referred to in *Section 3(u)* hereof.

(j) Baird shall have received the Adviser Sales Load payment with respect to the Firm Shares and, if applicable, the Additional Shares.

(k) The Shares shall have been approved for quotation on The Nasdaq Global Market, subject only to notice of issuance at or prior to the time of purchase and the additional time of purchase, as the case may be.

(l) The Company shall have furnished to you such other documents and certificates as to the accuracy and completeness of any statement in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as of the time of purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, as you may reasonably request.

8. Effective Date of Agreement; Termination. This Agreement shall become effective (i) if Rule 430A under the Act is not used, when you shall have received notification of the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, or (ii) if Rule 430A under the Act is used, when the parties hereto have executed and delivered this Agreement.

The obligations of the several Underwriters hereunder shall be subject to termination in the discretion of any of the Joint Book-Running Managers or any group of Underwriters (which may include any of the Joint Book-Running Managers) which has agreed to purchase in the aggregate at least 50% of the Firm Shares, if (x) since the time of execution of this Agreement or the earlier respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there has been any material adverse change or any development involving a prospective material adverse change in the business, properties, management, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and the Adviser taken as a whole, which would, in any of the Joint Book-Running Managers' judgment or in the judgment of such group of Underwriters, make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, or (y) since execution of this Agreement, there shall have occurred: (i) a suspension or material limitation in trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange or The Nasdaq Stock Market; (ii) a suspension or material limitation in trading in the Company's securities on The Nasdaq Global Market; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities declared by either federal or New York State authorities or a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States; (iv) an outbreak or escalation of hostilities or acts of terrorism involving the United States or a declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war, the effect of which on the United States or international financial markets is

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such as to make it, in the judgment of the Joint Book-Running Managers, impracticable to market Shares or enforce contracts for the sale of the Shares; or (v) any other calamity or crisis or any change in financial, political or economic conditions in the United States or elsewhere, if the effect of any such event specified in clause (iv) or (v) in any of the Joint Book-Running Managers' judgment or in the judgment of such group of Underwriters which has agreed to purchase in the aggregate at least 50% of the Firm Shares makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

If any of the Joint Book-Running Managers or any group of Underwriters elects to terminate this Agreement as provided in this *Section 8*, the Company and each other Underwriter shall be notified promptly in writing.

If the sale to the Underwriters of the Shares, as contemplated by this Agreement, is not carried out by the Underwriters for any reason permitted under this Agreement, or if such sale is not carried out because the Company shall be unable to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement, the Company shall not be under any obligation or liability under this Agreement (except to the extent provided in *Sections 6* and *10* hereof), and the Underwriters shall be under no obligation or liability to the Company under this Agreement (except to the extent provided in *Section 10* hereof) or to one another hereunder.

9. Increase in Underwriters' Commitments. Subject to *Sections 7* and *8* hereof, if one or more of the Underwriters shall default in their obligation to take up and pay for the Shares to be purchased by it hereunder at the time of closing or an additional time of closing (otherwise than for a failure of a condition set forth in *Section 7* hereof or a reason sufficient to justify the termination of this Agreement under the provisions of *Section 8* hereof), then the Representatives (excluding any defaulting Representative) shall use reasonable efforts within the 24 hours after such default to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Shares which such defaulting Underwriters have agreed but failed to take up and pay for (the "Defaulted Shares"). If, during such 24-hour period, the Representatives have not made such arrangements, the Company shall, at its option, be entitled to a 36-hour period within which to make arrangements for another party or parties to purchase all or a portion of the Defaulted Shares. Absent the completion of such arrangements within the 24-hour period provided above and, if applicable, the 36-hour period provided above, (i) if the number of Defaulted Shares does not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares to be purchased on such date, the non-defaulting Underwriters shall take up and pay for (in addition to the aggregate number of Shares they are obligated to purchase pursuant to *Section 1* hereof) the number of Shares agreed to be purchased by all such defaulting Underwriters as of the time of purchase or additional time of purchase, as applicable. Such Shares shall be taken up and paid for by such non-defaulting Underwriters in such amount or amounts as the non-defaulting Representatives may designate with the consent of each Underwriter so designated or, in the event no such designation is made, such Shares shall be taken up and paid for by all non-defaulting Underwriters pro rata in proportion to the aggregate number of Firm Shares set opposite the names of such non-defaulting Underwriters in Schedule A.

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Without relieving any defaulting Underwriter from its obligations hereunder, the Company agrees with the non-defaulting Underwriters that it will not sell any Shares hereunder on such date unless all of the Shares to be purchased on such date are purchased on such date by the non-defaulting Underwriters (or by substituted Underwriters selected by you with the approval of the Company or selected by the Company with your approval).

If a new Underwriter or Underwriters are substituted by the Underwriters or by the Company for a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters in accordance with the foregoing provision, the Company or the non-defaulting Representatives shall have the right to postpone the time of purchase or additional time of purchase, as applicable, for a period not exceeding five business days in order that any necessary changes in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and other documents may be effected.

The term Underwriter as used in this Agreement shall refer to and include any Underwriter substituted under this *Section 9* with like effect as if such substituted Underwriter had originally been named in Schedule A.

If the Defaulted Shares exceed 10% of the total number of Shares which all Underwriters agreed to purchase hereunder at the time of closing or additional time of closing, and if neither the non-defaulting Underwriters nor the Company shall make arrangements within the relevant periods provided above for the purchase of all the Defaulted Shares, this Agreement shall terminate without further act or deed and without any liability on the part of the Company to any non-defaulting Underwriter and without any liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter to the Company. Nothing in this paragraph, and no action taken hereunder, shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

10. Indemnity and Contribution

(a) (1) Each of the Company, the Adviser and the Administrator, jointly and severally, agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless each Underwriter, its partners, directors and officers, and any person who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and the successors and assigns of all of the foregoing persons, from and against any loss, damage, expense, liability or claim (including the reasonable cost of any investigation actually incurred in connection therewith) which, jointly or severally, any such Underwriter or any such person may incur under the Act, the Exchange Act, the common law or otherwise, insofar as such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or in the Registration Statement as amended by any post-effective amendment thereof by the Company) or in a Prospectus (the term Prospectus for the purpose of this *Section 10* being deemed to include the Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as amended or supplemented by the Company), or arises out of or is based upon (i) any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact required to be stated in either such Registration Statement or such Prospectus or necessary to make the statements

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made therein not misleading, except insofar as any such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in and in conformity with information concerning such Underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in such Registration Statement or such Prospectus or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in connection with such information required to be stated in such Registration Statement or such Prospectus or necessary to make such information not misleading (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement made by the Company in Section 3 hereof or the failure by the Company to perform when and as required any agreement or covenant contained herein or (iii) the Directed Share Program, provided that, subject to applicable provisions of the Investment Company Act, if any, the Company shall not be responsible under this clause (iii) for any loss, damage, expense, liability or claim that is finally judicially determined to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Underwriters in conducting the Directed Share Program.

(2) If any action, suit or proceeding (each, a "Proceeding") is brought against an Underwriter or any such person in respect of which indemnity may be sought against the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this *Section 10*, such Underwriter or such person shall promptly notify the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, in writing of the institution of such Proceeding and the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, shall assume the defense of such Proceeding, including the employment of counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party and payment of all fees and expenses; provided, however, that the omission to so notify the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, shall not relieve the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, from any liability which the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, may have to any Underwriter or any such person or otherwise. Such Underwriter or such person shall have the right to employ its or their own counsel in any such case, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Underwriter or of such person unless the employment of such counsel shall have been authorized in writing by the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, in connection with the defense of such Proceeding or the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, shall not have, within a reasonable period of time in light of the circumstances, employed counsel to have charge of the defense of such Proceeding or counsel to such indemnified party or parties shall have reasonably concluded that there may be defenses available to it or them which are different from, additional to or in conflict with those available to the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, (in which case the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, shall not have the right to direct the defense of such Proceeding on behalf of the indemnified party or parties), in any of which events such fees and expenses shall be borne by the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, and paid as incurred (it being understood, however,



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that the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, shall only be liable for the reasonable expenses incurred of one separate counsel (in addition to the reasonable expenses actually incurred of one local counsel) in any one Proceeding or series of related Proceedings in the same jurisdiction representing the indemnified parties who are parties to such Proceeding). None of the Company, the Adviser nor the Administrator, as appropriate, shall be liable for any settlement of any Proceeding effected without its written consent but if settled with the written consent of the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, as appropriate, agree to indemnify and hold harmless any Underwriter and any such person from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by the second sentence of this paragraph, then the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any Proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 60 business days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have fully reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement and (iii) such indemnified party shall have given the indemnifying party at least written notice of the terms of the settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened Proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such Proceeding and does not include an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of such indemnified party.

(3) The Company agrees, and the Adviser and the Administrator, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Baird and its partners, directors and officers, and any person who controls Baird within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and the successors and assigns of all of the foregoing persons, from and against any loss, damage, expense, liability or claim (including the reasonable cost of investigation actually incurred) which, jointly or severally, Baird or any person indemnified under this paragraph may incur under the Act, the Exchange Act, the common law or otherwise, insofar as such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim (i) arises out of or is based upon (a) any of the matters referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this *Section 10*, or (b) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any material prepared by or with the consent of the Company for distribution to Directed Share Participants in connection with the Directed Share Program or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; (ii) caused by the failure of any Directed Share Participant to pay for and accept delivery of Reserved

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Shares that the Directed Share Participant has agreed to purchase; or (iii) otherwise arises out of or is based upon the Directed Share Program, provided that, subject to applicable provisions of the Investment Company Act, if any, the Company shall not be responsible under this clause (iii) for any loss, damage, expense, liability or claim that is finally judicially determined to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Baird in conducting the Directed Share Program. Paragraph (a)(3) of this *Section 10* shall apply equally to any Proceeding brought against Baird or any person indemnified under this paragraph in respect of which indemnity may be sought against the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator pursuant to the foregoing sentence.

(b) (1) Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company, the Adviser and the Administrator, their directors, partners and officers, and any person who controls the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and the successors and assigns of all of the foregoing persons, from and against any loss, damage, expense, liability or claim (including the reasonable cost of investigation) which, jointly or severally, the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, or any such person may incur under the Act, the Exchange Act, the common law or otherwise, insofar as such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in and in conformity with information concerning such Underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or in the Registration Statement as amended by any post-effective amendment thereof by the Company) or in a Prospectus, or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in connection with such information required to be stated in such Registration Statement or such Prospectus or necessary to make such information not misleading.

(2) If any Proceeding is brought against the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, or any such person in respect of which indemnity may be sought against any Underwriter pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of this *Section 10*, the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, or such person shall promptly notify such Underwriter in writing of the institution of such Proceeding and such Underwriter shall assume the defense of such Proceeding, including the employment of counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party and payment of all fees and expenses; provided, however, that the omission to so notify such Underwriter shall not relieve any Underwriter from any liability which such Underwriter may have to the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, or any such person or otherwise. The Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, or such person so entitled to indemnification shall have the right to employ its own counsel in any such case, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, or such person unless the employment of such counsel shall have been authorized in writing by such Underwriter in connection with the defense of such Proceeding

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or such Underwriter shall not have, within a reasonable period of time in light of the circumstances, employed counsel to have charge of the defense of such Proceeding or counsel to such indemnified party or parties shall have reasonably concluded that there may be defenses available to it or them which are different from or additional to or in conflict with those available to such Underwriter (in which case such Underwriter shall not have the right to direct the defense of such Proceeding on behalf of the indemnified party or parties, but such Underwriter may employ counsel and participate in the defense thereof but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Underwriter), in any of which events such fees and expenses shall be borne by such Underwriter and paid as incurred (it being understood, however, that such Underwriters shall only be liable for the reasonable expenses incurred of one separate counsel (in addition to the reasonable expenses actually incurred of one local counsel) in any one Proceeding or series of related Proceedings in the same jurisdiction representing the indemnified parties who are parties to such Proceeding). No Underwriter shall be liable for any settlement of any Proceeding effected without the written consent of such Underwriter but if settled with the written consent of such Underwriter, such Underwriter agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and any such person from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by the first sentence of this paragraph, then the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any Proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 60 business days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement and (iii) such indemnified party shall have given the indemnifying party at least written notice of the terms of the settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened Proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such Proceeding.

(c) If the indemnification provided for in this *Section 10* is unavailable to an indemnified party under subsections (a) and (b) of this *Section 10* or insufficient to hold an indemnified party harmless in respect of any losses, damages, expenses, liabilities or claims referred to therein, then each applicable indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, damages, expenses, liabilities or claims (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the indemnifying party on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other hand from the offering of the Shares or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of

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the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, damages, expenses, liabilities or claims, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the indemnifying party on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total proceeds from the offering (net of underwriting discounts and commissions but before deducting expenses) received by the Company and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, bear to the aggregate public offering price of the Shares. The relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission relates to information supplied by such party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, damages, expenses, liabilities and claims referred to in this subsection shall be deemed to include any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with investigating, preparing to defend or defending any Proceeding.

(d) The Company, the Adviser, the Administrator and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this *Section 10* were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in paragraph (c) above. Notwithstanding the provisions of this *Section 10*, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares underwritten by such Underwriter and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damage which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations to contribute pursuant to this *Section 10* are several in proportion to their respective underwriting commitments and not joint. Any contribution by the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator shall be subject to the requirements and limitations of Section 17(i) of the Investment Company Act and Investment Company Act Release 11330.

(e) The indemnity and contribution agreements contained in this *Section 10* and the covenants, warranties and representations of the Company, the Adviser and the Administrator contained in this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter, its partners, directors or officers or any person (including each partner, officer or director of such person) who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, or by or on behalf of the Company, its directors or officers or any person who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and shall survive any termination of this Agreement or the issuance and delivery of the Shares. The Company, the Adviser, the Administrator and each Underwriter agree promptly to notify each other of the commencement of any Proceeding

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against it and, in the case of the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, against any of the Company's officers or directors, the Adviser and the Administrator or their partners or officers in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares, or in connection with the Registration Statement or the Prospectus.

11. Information Furnished by the Underwriters. The [names of the Underwriters and the figures appearing in the first and second sentences of the second paragraph of text under the caption "Underwriting—Over-Allotment Option"] in the Preliminary Prospectus and Prospectus constitute the only information furnished by or on behalf of the Underwriters as such information is referred to in *Sections 3 and 10* hereof.

12. Notices. Except as otherwise herein provided, all statements, requests, notices and agreements shall be in writing or by telegram and, if to the Underwriters, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent to Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 1751 Pinnacle Drive, Pinnacle Tower North, Suite 1100, McLean, Virginia 22102, facsimile no. [FAX #], Attention: [Mark Micklem], with a copy to (for informational purposes only) Thomas J. Friedmann, Dechert LLP, 1775 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006, facsimile no. (202) 261-3333; and, if to the Company, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent to the Company at the offices of the Company at 311 South Wacker Drive, Suite 6400, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Attention: Legal Department, with a copy to (for informational purposes only) Jonathan Talcott, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, 101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20001; facsimile no. (202) 712-2862.

13. Governing Law; Construction. This Agreement and any claim, counterclaim or dispute of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement ("Claim"), directly or indirectly, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York. The Section headings in this Agreement have been inserted as a matter of convenience of reference and are not a part of this Agreement.

14. Submission to Jurisdiction. Except as set forth below, no Claim may be commenced, prosecuted or continued in any court other than the courts of the State of Illinois located in Cook County or in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, which courts shall have jurisdiction over the adjudication of such matters, and the Company consents to the jurisdiction of such courts and personal service with respect thereto. The Company hereby consents to personal jurisdiction, service and venue in any court in which any Claim arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement is brought by any third party against the Joint Book-Running Managers or any indemnified party. Each of the Joint Book-Running Managers and the Company (on its behalf and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, on behalf of its stockholders and affiliates) waives all right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether based upon contract, tort or otherwise) in any way arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The Company agrees that a final judgment in any such action, proceeding or counterclaim brought in any such court shall be conclusive and binding upon the Company and may be enforced in any other courts to the jurisdiction of which the Company is or may be subject, by suit upon such judgment.

15. Parties at Interest. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Underwriters and the Company and their successors and assigns and any successor or

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assign of any substantial portion of the Company's and any of the Underwriters' respective businesses and/or assets. The Agreement herein set forth has been and is made solely for the benefit of the Underwriters and the Company, the Adviser, the Administrator and, to the extent provided in *Section 9* hereof, the controlling persons, partners, directors and officers referred to in such section, and their respective successors, assigns, heirs, personal representatives and executors and administrators. No other person, partnership, association or corporation (including a purchaser, as such purchaser, from any of the Underwriters) shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement.

16. No Fiduciary Relationship. The Company, the Adviser and the Administrator hereby acknowledge that the Underwriters are acting solely as underwriters in connection with the purchase and sale of the Company's securities. The Company, the Adviser and the Administrator each further acknowledge that the Underwriters are acting pursuant to a contractual relationship created solely by this Agreement entered into on an arm's length basis, and in no event do the parties intend that the Underwriters act or be responsible as a fiduciary to the Company management, stockholders or creditors or any other person in connection with any activity that the Underwriters may undertake or has undertaken in furtherance of the purchase and sale of the Company's securities, either before or after the date hereof. The Underwriters hereby expressly disclaim any fiduciary or similar obligations to the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator, either in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any matters leading up to such transactions, and the Company, the Adviser and the Administrator hereby confirm their understanding and agreement to that effect. The Company, the Adviser, the Administrator and the Underwriters agree that they are each responsible for making their own independent judgments with respect to any such transactions and that any opinions or views expressed by the Underwriters to the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator regarding such transactions, including, but not limited to, any opinions or views with respect to the price or market for the Company's securities, do not constitute advice or recommendations to the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator. The Company, the Adviser, the Administrator and the Underwriters agree that the Underwriters are acting as principal and not the agent or fiduciary of the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator and no Underwriter has assumed, and none of them will assume, any advisory responsibility in favor of the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether any Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator on other matters). The Company, the Adviser and the Administrator each hereby waive and release, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator may have against the Underwriters with respect to any breach or alleged breach of any fiduciary, advisory or similar duty to the Company, the Adviser or the Administrator in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any matters leading up to such transactions.

17. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed by the parties in one or more counterparts which together shall constitute one and the same agreement among the parties.

[Signatures begin on the following page.]

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If the foregoing correctly sets forth the understanding between the Company and the several Underwriters, please so indicate in the space provided below for that purpose, whereupon this agreement and your acceptance shall constitute a binding agreement between the Company and the Underwriters, severally.

Very truly yours,

MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

MONROE CAPITAL BDC ADVISORS, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

MONROE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORS, LLC

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Accepted and agreed to as of the date first above written, on behalf of themselves and the other several Underwriters named in Schedule A

ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

WILLIAM BLAIR & COMPANY, L.L.C.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:



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**SCHEDULE A**

<u>Underwriter</u>	<u>Number of Firm Shares</u>
Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated	
William Blair & Company, L.L.C.	
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC	
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of Scott & Stringfellow, LLC	
Stephens Inc.	
Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.	
Wunderlich Securities, Inc.	
Total	<hr/>

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**EXHIBIT A**

Company	Number of Initial Shares to be <u>Sold</u>	<u>Price Per Share</u>
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**EXHIBIT B**

[INSERT LOCK-UP AGREEMENT]

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**EXHIBIT C**

List of Persons or Entities to Execute Lock-Up Letter Agreements

Monroe Capital BDC Advisors, LLC  
Monroe Capital Management Advisors, LLC  
Theodore L. Koenig  
Aaron D. Peck  
Jeffrey A. Golman  
Robert S. Rubin  
Jeffrey D. Steele

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**EXHIBIT D**

[INSERT LEGAL OPINIONS]

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**EXHIBIT E**

Officer's Certificate

1. I have reviewed the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
2. The representations and warranties of the Company as set forth in the Agreement are true and correct as of the time of purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase.
3. The Company has performed all of its obligations under the Agreement as are to be performed at or before the time of purchase and at or before the additional time of purchase, as the case may be.
4. The conditions set forth in paragraph (g) of *Section 7* of the Agreement have been met.
5. The financial statements included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly in all material respects the financial information set forth therein.
6. As of the time of purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the Company's knowledge, are contemplated by the Commission.

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CUSTODY AGREEMENT

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dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012  
by and between

MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION  
("Company")

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
("Custodian")

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THIS CUSTODY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 and is by and between MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION (and any successor or permitted assign, the "Company"), a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Maryland, having its principal place of business at 311 South Wacker Drive, Suite 6400, Chicago, Illinois 60606, and U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (or any successor or permitted assign acting as custodian hereunder, the "Custodian"), a national banking association having a place of business at One Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company is a closed-end management investment company, which has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act");

WHEREAS, the Company desires to retain U.S. Bank National Association to act as custodian for the Company and each Subsidiary hereafter identified to the Custodian;

WHEREAS, the Company desires that the Company's Securities (as defined below) and cash be held and administered by the Custodian pursuant to this Agreement in compliance with Section 17(f) of the 1940 Act; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 Defined Terms. In addition to terms expressly defined elsewhere herein, the following words shall have the following meanings as used in this Agreement:

"Account" or "Accounts" means the Cash Account, the Securities Account, any Subsidiary Cash Account and any Subsidiary Securities Account, collectively.

"Agreement" means this Custody Agreement (as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof).

"Authorized Person" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.4.

"Business Day" means a day on which the Custodian or the relevant sub-custodian, including a Foreign Sub-custodian, is open for business in the market or country in which a transaction is to take place.

"Cash Account" means the trust segregated account to be established at the Custodian to which the Custodian shall deposit or credit and hold any cash or Proceeds received by it from time to time from or with respect to the Securities or the sale of the common stock of the Company, as applicable, which trust account shall be designated the "Monroe Capital Corporation Cash Proceeds Account."

"Company" has the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

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“Confidential Information” means any databases, computer programs, screen formats, screen designs, report formats, interactive design techniques, and other similar or related information that may be furnished to the Company by the Custodian from time to time pursuant to this Agreement.

“Custodian” has the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

“Document Custodian” means the Custodian when acting in the role of a document custodian hereunder.

“Eligible Investment” means any investment that at the time of its acquisition is one or more of the following:

- (a) United States government and agency obligations;
- (b) commercial paper having a rating assigned to such commercial paper by Standard & Poor’s Rating Services or Moody’s Investor Service, Inc. (or, if neither such organization shall rate such commercial paper at such time, by any nationally recognized rating organization in the United States of America) equal to one of the two highest ratings assigned by such organization, it being understood that as of the date hereof such ratings by Standard & Poor’s Rating Services are “A1+” and “A1” and such ratings by Moody’s Investor Service, Inc. are “P1” and “P2”;
- (c) interest bearing deposits in United States dollars in United States or Canadian banks with an unrestricted surplus of at least U.S. \$250,000,000, maturing within one year; and
- (d) money market funds (including funds of the bank serving as Custodian or its affiliates) or United States government securities funds designed to maintain a fixed share price and high liquidity.

“Eligible Securities Depository” has the meaning set forth in Section (b)(1) of Rule 17f-7 under the 1940 Act.

“Federal Reserve Bank Book-Entry System” means a depository and securities transfer system operated by the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States on which are eligible to be held all United States Government direct obligation bills, notes and bonds.

“Financing Documents” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.3(b)(ii).

“Foreign Intermediary” means a Foreign Sub-custodian and Eligible Securities Depository.

“Foreign Sub-custodian” means and includes (i) any foreign branch of a “U.S. Bank,” as that term is defined in Rule 17f-5 under the 1940 Act, (ii) any “Eligible Foreign Custodian,” as that term is defined in Rule 17f-5 under the 1940 Act, having a contract with the Custodian in accordance with Section 6.6, which the Custodian has determined will provide reasonable care of assets of the Company based on the standards specified in Section 6.7 below.

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“Foreign Securities” means Securities for which the primary market is outside the United States.

“Investment Advisor” means Monroe Capital BDC Advisors, LLC as investment manager under that certain Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between it and the Company, together with its successors and assigns.

“Loan” means any U.S. dollar denominated commercial loan, or Participation therein, made by a bank or other financial institution that by its terms provides for payments of principal and/or interest, including discount obligations and payment-in-kind obligations, acquired by the Company from time to time.

“Loan Checklist” means a list delivered to the Document Custodian in connection with delivery of each Loan to the Custodian by the Company that identifies the items contained in the related Loan File.

“Loan File” means, with respect to each Loan delivered to the Document Custodian, each of the Required Loan Documents identified on the related Loan Checklist.

“Noteless Loan” means a Loan with respect to which (i) the related loan agreement does not require the obligor to execute and deliver an Underlying Note to evidence the indebtedness created under such Loan and (ii) no Underlying Notes are outstanding with respect to the portion of the Loan transferred by the issuer or the prior holder of record.

“Participation” means an interest in a Loan that is acquired indirectly by way of a participation from a selling institution.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust (including any beneficiary thereof) unincorporated organization, or any government or agency or political subdivision thereof.

“Proceeds” means, collectively, (i) the net cash proceeds to the Company of the initial public offering by the Company and any subsequent offering by the Company of any class of securities issued by the Company, (ii) all cash distributions, earnings, dividends, fees and other cash payments paid on the Securities (or, as applicable, Subsidiary Securities) by or on behalf of the issuer or obligor thereof, or applicable paying agent, (iii) the net cash proceeds of the sale or other disposition of the Securities (or, as applicable, Subsidiary Securities) pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (and any Reinvestment Earnings from investment of the foregoing, as defined in Section 3.6(b) hereof) and (iv) the net cash proceeds to the Company of any borrowing or other financing by the Company.

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“Proper Instructions” means instructions (including Trade Confirmations) received by the Custodian in form acceptable to it, from the Company, or any Person duly authorized by the Company in any of the following forms acceptable to the Custodian:

- (a) in writing signed by an Authorized Person (and delivered by hand, by mail, by overnight courier or by telecopier);
- (b) by electronic mail from an Authorized Person;
- (c) in tested communication;
- (d) in a communication utilizing access codes effected between electro mechanical or electronic devices; or
- (e) such other means as may be agreed upon from time to time by the Custodian and the party giving such instructions, including oral instructions.

“Reinvestment Earnings” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.6(b).

“Required Loan Documents” means, for each Loan:

- (a) other than in the case of a Participation, an executed copy of the Assignment for such Loan, as identified on the Loan Checklist;
- (b) with the exception of Noteless Loans and Participations, the original executed Underlying Note endorsed by the issuer or the prior holder of record in blank or to the Company;
- (c) (i) if the Company is the sole lender or if the Company or an affiliate of the Company acts as agent for the lenders, (A) an executed copy of the Underlying Loan Agreement (which may be included in the Underlying Note if so indicated in the Loan Checklist), together with a copy of all amendments and modifications thereto, as identified on the Loan Checklist, (B) a copy of each related security agreement (if any) signed by the applicable obligor(s), as identified on the Loan Checklist, and (C) a copy of each related guarantee (if any) then executed in connection with such Loan, as identified on the Loan Checklist, and (ii) in all other cases, such copies of the documents described in clauses (A), (B) and (C), which may not be executed copies, as are reasonably available to the Company, as identified on the Loan Checklist; and
- (d) a copy of the Loan Checklist.

“Securities” means, collectively, (i) the investments, including Loans, acquired by the Company and delivered to the Custodian by the Company from time to time during the term of, and pursuant to the terms of, this Agreement and (ii) all dividends in kind (e.g., non-cash dividends) from the investments described in clause (i), all of which shall be in U.S. denomination.

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“Securities Account” means the segregated trust account to be established at the Custodian to which the Custodian shall deposit or credit and hold the Securities (other than Loans) received by it pursuant to this Agreement, which account shall be designated the “Monroe Capital Corporation Securities Custody Account.”

“Securities Custodian” means the Custodian when acting in the role of a securities custodian hereunder.

“Securities Depository” means The Depository Trust Company and any other clearing agency registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “1934 Act”), which acts as a system for the central handling of securities where all securities of any particular class or series of an issuer deposited within the system are treated as fungible and may be transferred or pledged by bookkeeping entry without physical delivery of the securities.

“Securities System” means the Federal Reserve Book-Entry System, a clearing agency which acts as a Securities Depository, or another book entry system for the central handling of securities (including an Eligible Securities Depository).

“Shares” means the shares of common stock issued by Monroe Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation.

“Street Delivery Custom” means a custom of the United States securities market to deliver securities which are being sold to the buying broker for examination to determine that the securities are in proper form.

“Street Name” means the form of registration in which the securities are held by a broker who is delivering the securities to another broker for the purposes of sale, it being an accepted custom in the United States securities industry that a security in Street Name is in proper form for delivery to a buyer and that a security may be re-registered by a buyer in the ordinary course.

“Subsidiary” means any wholly owned subsidiary of the Company identified to the Custodian pursuant to Section 3.13(b).

“Subsidiary Cash Account” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.13(b).

“Subsidiary Securities” collectively, (i) the investments, including Loans, acquired by a Subsidiary and delivered to the Custodian from time to time during the term of, and pursuant to the terms of, this Agreement and (ii) all dividends in kind (e.g., non-cash dividends) from the investments described in clause (i).

“Subsidiary Securities Account” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.13(a).

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“Trade Confirmation” means a confirmation to the Custodian from the Company of the Company’s acquisition of a Loan, and setting forth applicable information with respect to such Loan, which confirmation may be in the form of Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to such changes or additions as may be agreed to by, or in such other form as may be agreed to by, the Custodian and the Company from time to time.

“UCC” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.3(b)(ii).

“Underlying Loan Agreement” means, with respect to any Loan, the document or documents evidencing the commercial loan agreement or facility pursuant to which such Loan is made.

“Underlying Loan Documents” means, with respect to any Loan, the related Underlying Loan Agreement together with any agreements and instruments (including any Underlying Note) executed or delivered in connection therewith.

“Underlying Note” means the one or more promissory notes executed by an obligor to evidence a Loan.

1.2 Construction. In this Agreement unless the contrary intention appears:

- (a) any reference to this Agreement or another agreement or instrument refers to such agreement or instrument as the same may be amended, modified or otherwise rewritten from time to time;
- (b) a reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them;
- (c) any term defined in the singular form may be used in, and shall include, the plural with the same meaning, and vice versa;
- (d) a reference to a Person includes a reference to the Person’s executors, Custodian, successors and permitted assigns;
- (e) an agreement, representation or warranty in favor of two or more Persons is for the benefit of them jointly and severally;
- (f) an agreement, representation or warranty on the part of two or more Persons binds them jointly and severally;
- (g) a reference to the term “including” means “including, without limitation,” and
- (h) a reference to any accounting term is to be interpreted in accordance with generally accepted principles and practices in the United States, consistently applied, unless otherwise instructed by the Company.

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1.3 Headings. Headings are inserted for convenience and do not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF CUSTODIAN**

- 2.1 Appointment and Acceptance. The Company hereby appoints the Custodian as custodian of all Securities and cash owned by the Company and the Subsidiaries (as applicable) and delivered to the Custodian by the Company from time to time during the period of this Agreement, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement (which shall include any addendum hereto which is hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement), and the Custodian hereby accepts such appointment and agrees to perform the services and duties set forth in this Agreement with respect to it subject to and in accordance with the provisions hereof.
- 2.2 Instructions. The Company agrees that it shall from time to time provide, or cause to be provided, to the Custodian all necessary instructions and information, and shall respond promptly to all inquiries and requests of the Custodian, as may reasonably be necessary to enable the Custodian to perform its duties hereunder.
- 2.3 Company Responsible For Directions. The Company is solely responsible for directing the Custodian with respect to deposits to, withdrawals from and transfers to or from the Account. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Custodian has no responsibility for the Company's compliance with the 1940 Act, any restrictions, covenants, limitations or obligations to which the Company may be subject or for which it may have obligations to third-parties in respect of the Account, and the Custodian shall have no liability for the application of any funds made at the direction of the Company. The Company shall be solely responsible for properly instructing all applicable payors to make all appropriate payments to the Custodian for deposit to the Account, and for properly instructing the Custodian with respect to the allocation or application of all such deposits.

3. **DUTIES OF CUSTODIAN**

- 3.1 Segregation. All Securities and non-cash property held by the Custodian, as applicable, for the account of the Company (other than Securities maintained in a Securities Depository or Securities System) shall be physically segregated from other Securities and non-cash property in the possession of the Custodian (including the Securities and non-cash property of a Subsidiary) and shall be identified as subject to this Agreement.
- 3.2 Securities Custody Account. The Custodian shall open and maintain in its trust department a segregated trust account in the name of the Company, subject only to order of the Custodian, in which the Custodian shall enter and carry, subject to Section 3.3 (b), all Securities (other than Loans), cash and other investment assets of the Company which are delivered to it in accordance with this Agreement. For avoidance of doubt, the Custodian shall not be required to credit or deposit Loans in the Securities Account but shall instead maintain a register (in book-entry form

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or in such other form as it shall deem necessary or desirable) of such Loans, containing such information as the Company and the Custodian may reasonably agree; provided that, with respect to such Loans, all Required Loan Documents shall be held in safekeeping by the Document Custodian, individually segregated from the securities and investments of any other person and marked so as to clearly identify them as the property of the Company in a manner consistent with Rule 17f-1 under the 1940 Act and as set forth in this Agreement.

3.3 Delivery of Cash and Securities to Custodian.

- (a) The Company shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Custodian all of the Company's Securities, cash and other investment assets, including (a) all payments of income, payments of principal and capital distributions received by the Company with respect to such Securities, cash or other assets owned by the Company at any time during the period of this Agreement, and (b) all cash received by the Company for the issuance, at any time during such period, of Shares or other securities or in connection with a borrowing by the Company, except as otherwise permitted by the 1940 Act. With respect to Loans, the Required Loan Documents and other Underlying Loan Documents shall be delivered to the Custodian in its role as, and at the address identified for, the Document Custodian. With respect to assets other than Loans, such assets shall be delivered to the Custodian in its role as, and (where relevant) at the address identified for, the Securities Custodian. Except to the extent otherwise expressly provided herein, delivery of Securities to the Custodian shall be in Street Name or other good delivery form. The Custodian shall not be responsible for such Securities, cash or other assets until actually delivered to, and received by it.
- (b)
  - (i) In connection with its acquisition of a Loan or other delivery of a Security constituting a Loan, the Company shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Custodian (in its roles as, and at the address identified for, the Custodian and Document Custodian) a properly completed Trade Confirmation containing such information in respect of such Loan as the Custodian may reasonably require in order to enable the Custodian to perform its duties hereunder in respect of such Loan on which the Custodian may conclusively rely without further inquiry or investigation, in such form and format as the Custodian reasonably may require, and shall deliver to the Document Custodian (in its role as, and at the address identified for, the Document Custodian) the Required Loan Documents for all Loans, including the Loan Checklist.
  - (ii) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, delivery of Securities acquired by the Company (or, if applicable, a Subsidiary thereof) which constitute or is evidenced by a Noteless Loan or Participation or which are otherwise not evidenced by a "security" or "instrument" as defined in Section 8-102 and Section 9-



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102(a)(47) of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York (the “UCC”), respectively, shall be made by delivery to the Document Custodian of (i) in the case of a Noteless Loan, a copy of the loan register with respect to such Noteless Loan evidencing registration of such Loan on the books and records of the applicable obligor or bank agent to the name of the Company or, if applicable, a Subsidiary thereof (or, in either case, its nominee) or a copy (which may be a facsimile copy) of an assignment agreement in favor of the Company (or, if applicable, a Subsidiary thereof) as assignee, and (ii) in the case of a Participation, a copy of the related participation agreement. Any duty on the part of the Custodian with respect to the custody of such Loans shall be limited to the exercise of reasonable care by the Custodian in the physical custody of any such documents delivered to it, and any related instrument, security, credit agreement, assignment agreement and/or other agreements or documents, if any (collectively, “Financing Documents”), that may be delivered to it. Nothing herein shall require the Custodian to credit to the Securities Account or to treat as a financial asset (within the meaning of Section 8-102(a)(9) of the UCC) any such Loan or other asset in the nature of a general intangible (as defined in Section 9-102(a)(42) of the UCC) or to “maintain” a sufficient quantity thereof.

- (iii) The Custodian may assume the genuineness of any such Financing Document it may receive and the genuineness and due authority of any signatures appearing thereon, and shall be entitled to assume that each such Financing Document it may receive is what it purports to be. If an original “security” or “instrument” as defined in Section 8-102 and Section 9-102(a)(47) of the UCC, respectively, is or shall be or become available with respect to any Loan to be held by the Custodian under this Agreement, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Company to make or cause delivery thereof to the Document Custodian, and the Custodian shall not be under any obligation at any time to determine whether any such original security or instrument has been or is required to be issued or made available in respect of any Loan or to compel or cause delivery thereof to the Custodian.
- (iv) Contemporaneously with the acquisition of any Loan, the Company shall (A) cause the Required Loan Documents evidencing such Loan to be delivered to the Document Custodian; (B) if requested by the Custodian, provide to the Custodian an amortization schedule of principal payments and a schedule of the interest payable date(s) identifying the amount and due dates of all scheduled principal and interest payments for such Loan and (C) a properly completed Trade Confirmation containing such information in respect of such Loan as the Custodian may

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reasonably require in order to enable the Custodian to perform its duties hereunder in respect of such Loan on which the Custodian may conclusively rely without further inquiry or investigation, in such form and format as the Custodian reasonably may require; (D) take all actions necessary for the Company to acquire good title to such Loan; and (E) take all actions as may be necessary (including appropriate payment notices and instructions to bank agents or other applicable paying agents) to cause (1) all payments in respect of the Loan to be made to the Custodian and (2) all notices, solicitations and other communications in respect of such Loan to be directed to the Company. The Custodian shall have no liability for any delay or failure on the part of the Company to provide necessary information to the Custodian, or for any inaccuracy therein or incompleteness thereof, or for any delay or failure on the part of the Company to give such effective payment instruction to bank agents and other paying agents, in respect of the Loans. With respect to each such Loan, the Custodian shall be entitled to rely on any information and notices it may receive from time to time from the related bank agent, obligor or similar party with respect to the related Loan Asset, and shall be entitled to update its records (as it may deem necessary or appropriate), or from the Company, on the basis of such information or notices received, without any obligation on its part independently to verify, investigate or recalculate such information.

3.4 Release of Securities.

- (a) The Custodian shall release and ship for delivery, or direct its agents or sub-custodian to release and ship for delivery, as the case may be, Securities or Required Loan Documents (or other Underlying Loan Documents) of the Company held by the Custodian, its agents or its sub-custodian from time to time upon receipt of Proper Instructions (which shall, among other things, specify the Securities or Required Loan Documents (or other Underlying Loan Documents) to be released, with such delivery and other information as may be necessary to enable the Custodian to perform (including the delivery method)), which may be standing instructions (in form acceptable to the Custodian), in the following cases:
  - (i) upon sale of such Securities by or on behalf of the Company, and such sale may, unless and except to the extent otherwise directed by Proper Instructions, be carried out by the Custodian:
    - (A) in accordance with the customary or established practices and procedures in the jurisdiction or market where the transactions occur, including delivery to the purchaser thereof or to a dealer therefor (or an agent of such purchaser or dealer) against expectation of receiving later payment; or

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- (B) in the case of a sale effected through a Securities System, in accordance with the rules governing the operations of the Securities System;
- (ii) upon the receipt of payment in connection with any repurchase agreement related to such Securities;
  - (iii) to a depository agent in connection with tender or other similar offers for such Securities;
  - (iv) to the issuer thereof, or its agent, when such Securities are called, redeemed, retired or otherwise become payable (unless otherwise directed by Proper Instructions, the cash or other consideration is to be delivered to the Custodian, its agents or its sub-custodian);
  - (v) to an issuer thereof, or its agent, for transfer into the name of the Custodian or of any nominee of the Custodian or into the name of any of its agents or sub-custodian or their nominees, or for exchange for a different number of bonds, certificates or other evidence representing the same aggregate face amount or number of units;
  - (vi) to brokers, clearing banks or other clearing agents for examination in accordance with the Street Delivery Custom;
  - (vii) for exchange or conversion pursuant to any plan of merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reorganization or readjustment of the securities of the issuer of such Securities, or pursuant to any deposit agreement (unless otherwise directed by Proper Instructions, the new securities and cash, if any, are to be delivered to the Custodian, its agents or its sub-custodian);
  - (viii) in the case of warrants, rights or similar securities, the surrender thereof in the exercise of such warrants, rights or similar securities or the surrender of interim receipts or temporary securities for definitive securities (unless otherwise directed by Proper Instructions, the new securities and cash, if any, are to be delivered to the Custodian, its agents or its sub-custodian); and/or
  - (ix) for any other purpose, but only upon receipt of Proper Instructions and an officer's certificate signed by an officer of the Company (which officer shall not have been the Authorized Person providing the Proper Instructions) stating (i) the specified securities to be delivered, (ii) the purpose for such delivery, (iii) that such purpose is a proper corporate purpose and (iv) naming the person or persons to whom delivery of such securities shall be made and attaching a certified copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the Company or an authorized committee thereof approving the delivery of such Proper Instructions.

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- 3.5 Registration of Securities. Securities held by the Custodian, its agents or its sub-custodian (other than bearer securities, securities held in a Securities System or Securities that are Noteless Loans or Participations) shall be registered in the name of the Company or its nominee; or, at the option of the Custodian (if the Custodian determines it cannot hold such security in the name of the Company), in the name of the Custodian or in the name of any nominee of the Custodian, or in the name of its agents or its sub-custodian or their nominees; or if directed by the Company by Proper Instruction, may be maintained in Street Name. The Custodian, its agents and its sub-custodian shall not be obligated to accept Securities on behalf of the Company under the terms of this Agreement unless such Securities are in Street Name or other good deliverable form.
- 3.6 Bank Accounts, and Management of Cash.
- (a) Proceeds and other cash received by the Custodian from time to time shall be deposited or credited to the Cash Account. All amounts deposited or credited to the Cash Account shall be subject to clearance and receipt of final payment by the Custodian.
  - (b) Amounts held in the Cash Account from time to time may be invested in Eligible Investments pursuant to specific written Proper Instructions (which may be standing instructions) received by the Custodian from an Authorized Person acting on behalf of the Company. Such investments shall be subject to availability and the Custodian's then applicable transaction charges (which shall be at the Company's expense). The Custodian shall have no liability for any loss incurred on any such investment. Absent receipt of such written instruction from the Company, the Custodian shall have no obligation to invest (or otherwise pay interest on) amounts on deposit in the Cash Account. In no instance will the Custodian have any obligation to provide investment advice to the Company. Any earnings from such investment of amounts held in the Cash Account from time to time (collectively, "Reinvestment Earnings") shall be redeposited in the Cash Account (and may be reinvested at the written direction of the Company).
  - (c) In the event that the Company shall at any time request a withdrawal of amounts from the Cash Account, the Custodian shall be entitled to liquidate, and shall have no liability for any loss incurred as a result of the liquidation of, any investment of the funds credited to such account as needed to provide necessary liquidity. Investment instructions may be in the form of standing instructions (in the form of Proper Instructions acceptable to the Custodian).

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- (d) The Company acknowledges that cash deposited or invested with any bank (including the bank acting as Custodian) may make a margin or generate banking income for which such bank shall not be required to account to the Company.

3.7 Foreign Exchange.

- (a) Upon receipt of Proper Instructions, the Custodian, its agents or its sub-custodians may (but shall not be obligated to) enter into all types of contracts for foreign exchange on behalf of the Company, upon terms acceptable to the Custodian and the Company (in each case at the Company's expense), including transactions entered into with the Custodian, its sub-custodians or any affiliates of the Custodian or the sub-custodians. The Custodian shall have no liability for any losses incurred in or resulting from the rates obtained in such foreign exchange transactions; absent specific and acceptable Proper Instructions, the Custodian shall not be deemed to have any duty to carry out any foreign exchange on behalf of the Company. The Custodian shall be entitled at all times to comply with any legal or regulatory requirements applicable to currency or foreign exchange transactions.
- (b) The Company acknowledges that the Custodian, any sub-custodian or any affiliates of the Custodian or any sub-custodian involved in any such foreign exchange transactions may make a margin or generate banking income from foreign exchange transactions entered into pursuant to this section for which they shall not be required to account to the Company.

- 3.8 Collection of Income. The Custodian, its agents or its sub-custodian shall use reasonable efforts to collect on a timely basis all income and other payments with respect to the Securities held hereunder to which the Company shall be entitled, to the extent consistent with usual custom in the securities custodian business in the United States. Such efforts shall include collection of interest income, dividends and other payments with respect to registered domestic securities if, on the record date with respect to the date of payment by the issuer, the Security is registered in the name of the Custodian or its nominee (or in the name of its agent or sub-custodian, or their nominees); and interest income, dividends and other payments with respect to bearer domestic securities if, on the date of payment by the issuer, such Securities are held by the Custodian or its sub-custodian or agent; provided, however, that in the case of Securities held in Street Name, the Custodian shall use commercially reasonable efforts only to timely collect income. In no event shall the Custodian's agreement herein to collect income be construed to obligate the Custodian to commence, undertake or prosecute any legal proceedings.

3.9 Payment of Moneys.

- (a) Upon receipt of Proper Instructions, which may be standing instructions, the Custodian shall pay out from the Cash Account (or remit to its agents or its sub-custodian, and direct them to pay out) moneys of the Company on deposit therein in the following cases:
- (i) upon the purchase of Securities for the Company pursuant to such Proper Instruction; and such purchase may, unless and except to the extent otherwise directed by Proper Instructions, be carried out by the Custodian:
- (A) in accordance with the customary or established practices and procedures in the jurisdiction or market where the transactions occur, including delivering money to the seller thereof or to a dealer therefor (or any agent for such seller or dealer) against expectation of receiving later delivery of such securities; or
- (B) in the case of a purchase effected through a Securities System, in accordance with the rules governing the operation of such Securities System;
- (ii) For the purchase of or sale of foreign exchange or foreign exchange agreements for the accounts of the Company, including transactions executed with or through the Custodian, its agents or its sub-custodians, as contemplated by Section 3.8 above; and

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(iii) for any other purpose directed by the Company, but only upon receipt of Proper Instructions specifying the amount of such payment, and naming the Person or Persons to whom such payment is to be made.

(b) At any time or times, the Custodian shall be entitled to pay (i) itself from the Cash Account, whether or not in receipt of express direction or instruction from the Company, any amounts due and payable to it pursuant to Section 8 hereof, and (ii) as otherwise permitted by Section 7.5, 9.4 or Section 12.5 below, provided, however, that in each case all such payments shall be accounted for to the Company.

3.10 Proxies. The Custodian will, with respect to the Securities held hereunder, use reasonable efforts to cause to be promptly executed by the registered holder of such Securities proxies received by the Custodian from its agents or its sub-custodian or from issuers of the Securities being held for the Company, without indication of the manner in which such proxies are to be voted, and upon receipt of Proper Instructions shall promptly deliver such proxies, proxy soliciting materials and notices relating to such Securities. In the absence of such Proper Instructions, or in the event that such Proper Instructions are not received in a timely fashion, the Custodian shall be under no duty to act with regard to such proxies. Notwithstanding the above, neither Custodian nor any nominee of Custodian shall vote any of the Securities held hereunder by or for the account of the Company, except in accordance with Proper Instructions.

3.11 Communications Relating to Securities. The Custodian shall transmit promptly to the Company all written information (including proxies, proxy soliciting materials, notices, pendency of calls and maturities of Securities and expirations of rights in connection therewith) received by the Custodian, from its agents or its sub-custodian or from issuers of the Securities being held for the Company. The Custodian shall have no obligation or duty to exercise any right or power, or otherwise to preserve rights, in or under any Securities unless and except to the extent it has received timely Proper Instruction from the Company in accordance with the next sentence. The Custodian will not be liable for any untimely exercise of any right or power in connection with Securities at any time held by the Custodian, its agents or sub-custodian unless:

- (i) the Custodian has received Proper Instructions with regard to the exercise of any such right or power; and
- (ii) the Custodian, or its agents or sub-custodian are in actual possession of such Securities,

in each case, at least three (3) Business Days prior to the date on which such right or power is to be exercised. It will be the responsibility of the Company to notify the Custodian of the Person to whom such communications must be forwarded under this Section.

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3.12 Records. The Custodian shall create and maintain complete and accurate records relating to its activities under this Agreement with respect to the Securities, cash or other property held for the Company under this Agreement, with particular attention to Section 31 of the 1940 Act, and Rules 31a-1 and 32a-2 thereunder. To the extent that the Custodian, in its sole opinion, is able to do so, the Custodian shall provide assistance to the Company (at the Company's reasonable request made from time to time) by providing sub-certifications regarding certain of its services performed hereunder to the Company in connection with the Company's certification requirements pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended. All such records shall be the property of the Company and shall at all times during the regular business hours of the Custodian be open for inspection by duly authorized officers, employees or agents of the Company and employees and agents of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon reasonable request and prior notice and at the Company's expense. At the sole expense of the Company, upon reasonable request by the Company, the Custodian agrees to provide in either hard copy or on computer disc (whichever format is maintained by the Custodian) such records as required to be maintained by the Custodian under this Agreement. The Custodian shall, at the Company's request, supply the Company with a tabulation of Securities owned by the Company and held by the Custodian (or with respect to Loans, for which the Custodian is in custody of Financing Documents) and shall, when requested to do so by the Company and for such compensation as shall be agreed upon between the Company and the Custodian, include, to the extent applicable, the certificate numbers in such tabulations, to the extent such information is available to the Custodian.

3.13 Custody of Subsidiary Securities.

- (a) With respect to each Subsidiary identified to the Custodian by the Company, there shall be established at the Custodian a segregated trust account to which the Custodian shall deposit and hold any Subsidiary Securities (other than Loans) received by it (and any Proceeds received by it in the form of dividends in kind) pursuant to this Agreement, which account shall be designated the "[INSERT NAME OF SUBSIDIARY] Securities Account" (the "Subsidiary Securities Account").
- (b) With respect to each Subsidiary identified to the Custodian by the Company, there shall be established at the Custodian a segregated trust account to which the Custodian shall deposit and hold any cash Proceeds received by it from time to time from or with respect to Subsidiary Securities, which account shall be designated the "[INSERT NAME OF SUBSIDIARY] Cash Proceeds Account" (the "Subsidiary Cash Account").
- (c) To the maximum extent possible, the provisions of this Agreement regarding Securities of the Company, the Securities Account and the Cash Account shall be applicable to any Subsidiary Securities, Subsidiary Securities Account and Subsidiary Cash Account, respectively. The parties hereto agree that the Company shall notify the Custodian in writing

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as to the establishment of any Subsidiary as to which the Custodian is to serve as custodian pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; and identify in writing any accounts the Custodian shall be required to establish for such Subsidiary as herein provided.

3.14 Access to Information.

- (a) Each party shall keep confidential any non-public information relating to the other party's business ("Confidential Information"). Confidential Information may include: (i) any data or information that is competitively sensitive material, and not generally known to the public, including, but not limited to, information about product plans, marketing strategies, finances, operations, customer relationships, customer profiles, customer lists, sales estimates, business plans, and internal performance results relation to the past, present or future business activities of the Company or the Custodian, their respective subsidiaries and affiliated companies; (ii) any scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula, or improvement that is commercially valuable and secret in the sense that its confidentiality affords the Company or the Custodian a competitive advantage of its competitors; (iii) all confidential or proprietary concepts, documentation, reports, data, specifications, computer software, source code, object code, flow charts, databases, documentation, reports, data, specifications, computer software, source code, object code, flow charts, databases, inventions, know-how, and trade secrets, whether or not patentable or copyrightable; and (iv) anything designated as confidential. Confidential Information shall not include information which (i) is disclosed in a publication available to the public, is otherwise in the public domain at the time of disclosure, or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act on the part of the recipient, (ii) is obtained by the recipient in good faith from a third party source having the right to disclose such information, or (iii) was known by the receiving party, without any obligation of confidentiality, prior to the disclosure of such information.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the recipient may disclose Confidential Information (i) to regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the Custodian, as required by law or regulation, and (ii) to the Custodian's directors, officers, employees, attorneys, accountants, agents or advisors who have a need to know such information in the course of the performance of its duties hereunder.
- (c) The recipient may disclose Confidential Information to the extent and as required by applicable law or regulation in connection with oral questions, interrogatories, requests for information or documents, subpoena, civil investigative demand, any informal or formal investigation by any governmental entity, or pursuant to a judicial, administrative or legal proceeding in which either party is involved; *provided that* the recipient will, to the extent permitted to do so, provide prompt notice to the other



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party of such request and give the other party the opportunity to contest such request or seek a protective order, as necessary, prior to disclosing such Confidential Information under this Section 3.14(c). In the event that no such protective order or other remedy is obtained, or in the absence of such protective order, other remedy or the waiver by the other party and where the receiving party has been advised by counsel that it is legally compelled to disclose the Confidential Information, the receiving party and/or its counsel will furnish only that portion of the Confidential Information that the receiving party is advised by its counsel is legally required.

4. **REPORTING**

- (a) If requested by the Company, the Custodian shall render to the Company a monthly report of (i) all deposits to and withdrawals from the Cash Account during the month, and the outstanding balance (as of the last day of the preceding monthly report and as of the last day of the subject month) and (ii) an itemized statement of the Securities held pursuant to this Agreement as of the end of each month, as well as a list of all Securities transactions that remain unsettled at that time, and (iii) such other matters as the parties may agree from time to time.
- (b) For each Business Day, the Custodian shall render to the Company a daily report of (i) all deposits to and withdrawals from the Cash Account for such Business Day and the outstanding balance as of the end of such Business Day, and (ii) a report of settled trades of Securities for such Business Day.
- (c) The Custodian shall have no duty or obligation to undertake any market valuation of the Securities under any circumstance.
- (d) The Custodian shall provide the Company with such reports as are reasonably available to it and as the Company may reasonably request from time to time, on the internal accounting controls and procedures for safeguarding securities, which are employed by the Custodian or any Foreign Sub-custodian appointed pursuant to Section 6.1.
- (e) In accordance with Section 3.12, at the reasonable request by the Company, the Custodian agrees to cooperate with the Company's independent public accountants and shall provide requested information to the extent such information is reasonably available to the Custodian.

5. **DEPOSIT IN U.S. SECURITIES SYSTEMS**

The Custodian may deposit and/or maintain Securities in a Securities System within the United States in accordance with applicable Federal Reserve Board and Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations, including Rule 17f-4 under the 1940 Act, and subject to the following provisions:

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- (a) The Custodian may keep domestic Securities in a U.S. Securities System; *provided* that such Securities are represented in an account of the Custodian in the U.S. Securities System which shall not include any assets of the Custodian other than assets held by it as a fiduciary, custodian or otherwise for customers;
  - (b) The records of the Custodian with respect to Securities which are maintained in a U.S. Securities System shall identify by book-entry those Securities belonging to the Company;
  - (c) If requested by the Company, the Custodian shall provide to the Company copies of all notices received from the U.S. Securities System of transfers of Securities for the account of the Company; and
  - (d) Anything to the contrary in this Agreement notwithstanding, the Custodian shall not be liable to the Company for any direct loss, damage, cost, expense, liability or claim to the Company resulting from use of any U.S. Securities System (other than to the extent resulting from the gross negligence, misfeasance or misconduct of the Custodian itself, or from failure of the Custodian to enforce effectively such rights as it may have against the U.S. Securities System.)

6. **SECURITIES HELD OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES**

- 6.1 **Appointment of Foreign Sub-custodian.** The Company hereby authorizes and instructs the Custodian in its sole discretion to employ one or more Foreign Sub-custodians to act as Eligible Securities Depositories or as sub-custodian to hold the Securities and other assets of the Company maintained outside the United States, subject to the Company's approval in accordance with this Section 6.1. If the Custodian wishes to appoint a Foreign Sub-custodian to hold property of the Company subject to this Agreement, it will so notify the Company and provide it with information reasonably necessary to determine any such new Foreign Sub-custodian's eligibility under Rule 17f-5 under the 1940 Act, including a copy of the proposed agreement with such Foreign Sub-custodian. The Company shall at the meeting of its board of directors next following receipt of such notice and information give a written approval or disapproval of the proposed action.
- 6.2 **Assets to be Held.** The Custodian shall limit the Securities and other assets maintained in the custody of the Foreign Sub-custodian to:
  - (a) Foreign Securities and
  - (b) cash and cash equivalents in such amounts as the Company (through Proper Instructions) may determine to be reasonably necessary to effect the Company's transactions in such investments.
- 6.3 **Omnibus Accounts.** The Custodian may hold Foreign Securities and related Proceeds with one or more Foreign Sub-custodians or Eligible Securities Depositories in each case in a single account with such Foreign Sub-custodian or Eligible Securities Depository that is identified as belonging to the Custodian for the benefit of its customers; *provided however*, that the records of the Custodian with respect to Securities and related Proceeds which are property of the Company maintained in such account(s) shall identify by book-entry those Securities and other property as belonging to the Company.

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- 6.4 Reports Concerning Foreign Sub-custodian. The Custodian will supply to the Company, upon request from time to time, statements in respect of the Securities held by Foreign Sub-custodians or Eligible Securities Depositories, including an identification of the Foreign Sub-custodians and Eligible Securities Depositories having physical possession of the Foreign Securities.
- 6.5 Transactions in Foreign Custody Account. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, settlement and payment for Securities received by a Foreign Intermediary for the account of the Company may be effected in accordance with the customary established securities trading or securities processing practices and procedures in the jurisdiction or market in which the transaction occurs, including delivering securities to the purchaser thereof or to a dealer therefor (or an agent for such purchaser or dealer) against a receipt with the expectation of receiving later payment for such securities from such purchaser or dealer.
- 6.6 Foreign Sub-custodian. Each contract or agreement pursuant to which the Custodian employs a Foreign Sub-custodian shall include provisions that provide: (i) for indemnification or insurance arrangements (or any combination of the foregoing) such that the Company will be adequately protected against the risk of loss of assets held in accordance with such contract; (ii) that the Company's assets will not be subject to any right, charge, security interest, lien or claim of any kind in favor of the Foreign Sub-custodian or its creditors (except a claim of payment for their safe custody or administration) or, in the case of cash deposits, liens or rights in favor of creditors of the Foreign Sub-custodian arising under bankruptcy, insolvency, or similar laws; (iii) that beneficial ownership for the Company's assets will be freely transferable without the payment of money or value other than for safe custody or administration; (iv) that adequate records will be maintained identifying the assets as belonging to the Company or as being held by a third party for the benefit of the Company; (v) that the Company's independent public accountants will be given access to those records or confirmation of the contents of those records; and (vi) that the Company will receive periodic reports with respect to the safekeeping of the Company's assets, including notification of any transfer to or from a Company's account or a third party account containing assets held for the benefit of the Company. Such contract may contain, in lieu of any or all of the provisions specified above, such other provisions that the Custodian determines will provide, in their entirety, the same or a greater level of care and protection for Company assets as the specified provisions, in their entirety.
- 6.7 Custodian's Responsibility for Foreign Sub-custodian.
- (a) With respect to its responsibilities under this Article 6, the Custodian agrees to exercise reasonable care, prudence and diligence such as a person having responsibility for the safekeeping of property of the

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Company would exercise. The Custodian further agrees that the Foreign Securities will be subject to reasonable care, based on the standards applicable to Custodian in the relevant market, if maintained with each Foreign Sub-custodian, after considering all factors relevant to the safekeeping of such assets, including: (i) the Foreign Sub-custodian's practices, procedures, and internal controls, including the physical protections available for certificated securities (if applicable), the method of keeping custodial records, and the security and data protection practices; (ii) whether the Foreign Sub-custodian has the requisite financial strength to provide reasonable care for Company assets; (iii) the Foreign Sub-custodian's general reputation and standing and, in the case of Eligible Securities Depository, the Eligible Securities Depository's operating history and number of participants; and (iv) whether the Company will have jurisdiction over and be able to enforce judgments against the Foreign Sub-custodian, such as by virtue of the existence of any offices of the Foreign Sub-custodian in the United States or the Sub-custodian's consent to service of process in the United States.

- (b) At the end of each calendar quarter or at such other times as the Company's board of directors deems reasonable and appropriate based on the circumstances of the Company's foreign custody arrangements, the Custodian shall provide written reports notifying the board of directors of the Company as to of the placement of the Foreign Securities and cash of the Company with a particular Foreign Sub-custodian and of any material changes in the Company's foreign custody arrangements. The Custodian shall promptly take such steps as may be required to withdraw assets of the Company from any Foreign Sub-custodian that has ceased to meet the requirements of Rule 17f-5 under the 1940 Act.
- (c) The Custodian shall establish a system to monitor the appropriateness of maintaining the Company's assets with a particular Foreign Sub-custodian and the performance of the contract governing the Company's arrangements with such Foreign Sub-custodian. To the extent the Custodian holds Foreign Securities and related Proceeds with one or more Eligible Securities Depositories, the Custodian shall provide the Company with an analysis of the custody risks associated with maintaining assets with such Eligible Securities Depository and shall monitor such custody risks on a continuing basis and promptly notify the Company of any material change in these risks. The Custodian agrees to exercise reasonable care, prudence and diligence in performing its obligations under this Section 6.7(c).
- (d) The Custodian's responsibility with respect to the selection or appointment of a Foreign Sub-custodian shall be limited to a duty to exercise reasonable care in the selection or retention of such Foreign Sub-custodians in light of prevailing settlement and securities handling practices, procedures and controls in the relevant market. With respect to any costs, expenses, damages, liabilities, or claims (including attorneys'

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and accountants' fees) incurred as a result of the acts or the failure to act by any Foreign Sub-custodian, the Custodian shall take reasonable action to recover such costs, expenses, damages, liabilities, or claims from such Foreign Sub-custodian; *provided that* the Custodian's sole liability in that regard shall be limited to amounts actually received by it from such Foreign Sub-custodian (exclusive of related costs and expenses incurred by the Custodian). The Custodian shall have no responsibility for any act or omission (or the insolvency of) any Securities System (including an Eligible Securities Depository). In the event the Company incurs a loss due to the negligence, willful misconduct, or insolvency of a Securities System (including an Eligible Securities Depository), the Custodian shall make reasonable endeavors, in its discretion, to seek recovery from the Eligible Securities Depository.

7. **CERTAIN GENERAL TERMS**

- 7.1 **No Duty to Examine Underlying Instruments.** Nothing herein shall obligate the Custodian to review or examine the terms of any underlying instrument, certificate, credit agreement, indenture, loan agreement, promissory note, or other financing document evidencing or governing any Security to determine the validity, sufficiency, marketability or enforceability of any Security (and shall have no responsibility for the genuineness or completeness thereof), or otherwise.
- 7.2 **Resolution of Discrepancies.** In the event of any discrepancy between the information set forth in any report provided by the Custodian to the Company and any information contained in the books or records of the Company, the Company shall promptly notify the Custodian thereof and the parties shall cooperate to diligently resolve the discrepancy.
- 7.3 **Improper Instructions.** Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Custodian shall not be obligated to take any action (or forebear from taking any action), which it reasonably determines (at its sole option) to be contrary to the terms of this Agreement or applicable law. In no instance shall the Custodian be obligated to provide services on any day that is not a Business Day.
- 7.4 **Proper Instructions.**
- (a) The Company will give a notice to the Custodian, in form acceptable to the Custodian, specifying the names and specimen signatures of persons authorized to give Proper Instructions (collectively, "Authorized Persons" and each is an "Authorized Person") which notice shall be signed by an Authorized Person previously certified to the Custodian. The Custodian shall be entitled to rely upon the identity and authority of such persons until it receives written notice from an Authorized Person of the Company to the contrary. The initial Authorized Persons are set forth on Schedule B attached hereto and made a part hereof (as such Schedule B may be modified from time to time by written notice from the Company to the Custodian); and the Company hereby represents and warrants that the true and accurate specimen signatures of such initial Authorized Persons are set forth on the "funds transfer authorization" documentation that has been provided separately to the Custodian by the Company.

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- (b) The Custodian shall have no responsibility or liability to the Company (or any other person or entity), and shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company, in the event that a subsequent written confirmation of an oral instruction fails to conform to the oral instructions received by the Custodian. The Custodian shall not have an obligation to act in accordance with purported instructions to the extent that they conflict with applicable law or regulations, local market practice or the Custodian's operating policies and practices. The Custodian shall not be liable for any loss resulting from a delay while it obtains clarification of any Proper Instructions.

7.5 Actions Permitted Without Express Authority. The Custodian may, at its discretion, without express authority from the Company:

- (a) make payments to itself as described in or pursuant to Section 3.9(b), or to make payments to itself or others for minor expenses of handling securities or other similar items relating to its duties under this Agreement, provided that all such payments shall be accounted for to the Company;
- (b) surrender Securities in temporary form for Securities in definitive form;
- (c) endorse for collection cheques, drafts and other negotiable instruments; and
- (d) in general attend to all nondiscretionary details in connection with the sale, exchange, substitution, purchase, transfer and other dealings with the securities and property of the Company.

7.6 Evidence of Authority. The Custodian shall be protected in acting upon any instructions, notice, request, consent, certificate, instrument or paper reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been properly executed or otherwise given by or on behalf of the Company by an Authorized Officer. The Custodian may receive and accept a certificate signed by any Authorized Officer as conclusive evidence of:

- (a) the authority of any person to act in accordance with such certificate; or
- (b) any determination or action by the Company as described in such certificate,

and such certificate may be considered as in full force and effect until receipt by the Custodian of written notice to the contrary from an Authorized Officer of the Company.

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7.7 Receipt of Communications. Any communication received by the Custodian on a day which is not a Business Day or after 3:30 p.m., Eastern time (or such other time as is agreed by the Company and the Custodian from time to time), on a Business Day will be deemed to have been received on the next Business Day (but in the case of communications so received after 3:30 p.m., Eastern time, on a Business Day the Custodian will use its best efforts to process such communications as soon as possible after receipt).

8. **COMPENSATION OF CUSTODIAN**

8.1 Fees. The Custodian shall be entitled to compensation for its services in accordance with the terms of that certain fee letter dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, between the Company and the Custodian.

8.2 Expenses. The Company agrees to pay or reimburse to the Custodian upon its request from time to time all costs, disbursements, advances, and expenses (including reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel) incurred, and any disbursements and advances made (including any account overdraft resulting from any settlement or assumed settlement, provisional credit, chargeback, returned deposit item, reclaimed payment or claw-back, or the like), in connection with the preparation or execution of this Agreement, or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or the administration of this Agreement or performance by the Custodian of its duties and services under this Agreement, from time to time (including costs and expenses of any action deemed necessary by the Custodian to collect any amounts owing to it under this Agreement).

9. **RESPONSIBILITY OF CUSTODIAN**

9.1 General Duties. The Custodian shall have no duties, obligations or responsibilities under this Agreement or with respect to the Securities or Proceeds except for such duties as are expressly and specifically set forth in this Agreement, and the duties and obligations of the Custodian shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Agreement. No implied duties, obligations or responsibilities shall be read into this Agreement against, or on the part of, the Custodian.

9.2 Instructions.

- (a) The Custodian shall be entitled to refrain from taking any action unless it has such instruction (in the form of Proper Instructions) from the Company as it reasonably deems necessary, and shall be entitled to require, upon notice to the Company, that Proper Instructions to it be in writing. The Custodian shall have no liability for any action (or forbearance from action) taken pursuant to the Proper Instruction of the Company.

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- (b) Whenever the Custodian is entitled or required to receive or obtain any communications or information pursuant to or as contemplated by this Agreement, it shall be entitled to receive the same in writing, in form, content and medium reasonably acceptable to it and otherwise in accordance with any applicable terms of this Agreement; and whenever any report or other information is required to be produced or distributed by the Custodian it shall be in form, content and medium reasonably acceptable to it and the Company, and otherwise in accordance with any applicable terms of this Agreement.

9.3 General Standards of Care. Notwithstanding any terms herein contained to the contrary, the acceptance by the Custodian of its appointment hereunder is expressly subject to the following terms, which shall govern and apply to each of the terms and provisions of this Agreement (whether or not so stated therein):

- (a) The Custodian may rely on (and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting in reliance upon) any written notice, instruction, statement, certificate, request, waiver, consent, opinion, report, receipt or other paper or document furnished to it (including any of the foregoing provided to it by telecopier or electronic means), not only as to its due execution and validity, but also as to the truth and accuracy of any information therein contained, which it in good faith believes to be genuine and signed or presented by the proper person (which in the case of any instruction from or on behalf of the Company shall be an Authorized Person); and the Custodian shall be entitled to presume the genuineness and due authority of any signature appearing thereon. The Custodian shall not be bound to make any independent investigation into the facts or matters stated in any such notice, instruction, statement, certificate, request, waiver, consent, opinion, report, receipt or other paper or document; *provided, however*, that, if the form thereof is specifically prescribed by the terms of this Agreement, the Custodian shall examine the same to determine whether it substantially conforms on its face to such requirements hereof.
- (b) Neither the Custodian nor any of its directors, officers or employees shall be liable to anyone for any error of judgment, or for any act done or step taken or omitted to be taken by it (or any of its directors, officers or employees), or for any mistake of fact or law, or for anything which it may do or refrain from doing in connection herewith, unless such action or inaction constitutes gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith on its part and in breach of the terms of this Agreement. The Custodian shall not be liable for any action taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be within powers conferred upon it, or taken by it pursuant to any direction or instruction by which it is governed hereunder, or omitted to be taken by it by reason of the lack of direction or instruction required hereby for such action. The Custodian shall not be under any obligation at any time to ascertain whether the Company is in compliance with the 1940 Act, the regulations thereunder, or the Company's investment objectives and policies then in effect.



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- (c) In no event shall the Custodian be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages (including lost profits) whether or not it has been advised of the likelihood of such damages.
  - (d) The Custodian may consult with, and obtain advice from, legal counsel selected in good faith with respect to any question as to any of the provisions hereof or its duties hereunder, or any matter relating hereto, and the written opinion or advice of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by the Custodian in good faith in accordance with the opinion and directions of such counsel; the reasonable cost of such services shall be reimbursed pursuant to Section 8.2 above.
  - (e) The Custodian shall not be deemed to have notice of any fact, claim or demand with respect hereto unless actually known by an officer working in its Corporate Trust Services group and charged with responsibility for administering this Agreement or unless (and then only to the extent received) in writing by the Custodian at the applicable address(es) as set forth in Section 15 and specifically referencing this Agreement.
  - (f) No provision of this Agreement shall require the Custodian to expend or risk its own funds, or to take any action (or forbear from action) hereunder which might in its judgment involve any expense or any financial or other liability unless it shall be furnished with acceptable indemnification. Nothing herein shall obligate the Custodian to commence, prosecute or defend legal proceedings in any instance, whether on behalf of the Company or on its own behalf or otherwise, with respect to any matter arising hereunder, or relating to this Agreement or the services contemplated hereby.
  - (g) The permissive right of the Custodian to take any action hereunder shall not be construed as duty.
  - (h) The Custodian may act or exercise its duties or powers hereunder through agents or attorneys, and the Custodian shall not be liable or responsible for the actions or omissions of any such agent or attorney appointed and maintained with reasonable due care.
  - (i) All indemnifications contained in this Agreement in favor of the Custodian shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
  - (j) To the extent required under applicable law, each party shall have a duty to mitigate damages for which the other party may become responsible.

9.4 Indemnification; Custodian's Lien.

- (a) The Company shall and does hereby indemnify and hold harmless each of the Custodian, and any Foreign Sub-custodian appointed pursuant to Section 6.1 above, for and from any and all costs and expenses (including

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reasonable attorney's fees and expenses), and any and all losses, damages, claims and liabilities, that may arise, be brought against or incurred by the Custodian, and any advances or disbursements made by the Custodian (including in respect of any Account overdraft, returned deposit item, chargeback, provisional credit, settlement or assumed settlement, reclaimed payment, claw-back or the like), as a result of, relating to, or arising out of this Agreement, or the administration or performance of the Custodian's duties hereunder, or the relationship between the Company (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Subsidiary) and the Custodian created hereby, other than such liabilities, losses, damages, claims, costs and expenses as are directly caused by the Custodian's own action or inaction constituting gross negligence or willful misconduct.

- (b) The Custodian shall have and is hereby granted a continuing lien upon and security interest in, and right of set-off against, the Account, and any funds (and investments in which such funds may be invested) held therein or credited thereto from time to time, whether now held or hereafter required, and all proceeds thereof, to secure the payment of any amounts that may be owing to the Custodian under or pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, whether now existing or hereafter arising.

9.5 Force Majeure. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Custodian shall be without liability to the Company for any damage or loss resulting from or caused by events or circumstances beyond the Custodian's reasonable control including nationalization, expropriation, currency restrictions, the interruption, disruption or suspension of the normal procedures and practices of any securities market, power, mechanical, communications or other technological failures or interruptions, computer viruses or the like, fires, floods, earthquakes or other natural disasters, civil and military disturbance, acts of war or terrorism, riots, revolution, acts of God, work stoppages, strikes, national disasters of any kind, or other similar events or acts; errors by the Company (including any Authorized Person) in its instructions to the Custodian; or changes in applicable law, regulation or orders.

10. SECURITY CODES

If the Custodian issues to the Company, security codes, passwords or test keys in order that it may verify that certain transmissions of information, including Proper Instructions, have been originated by the Company, the Company shall take all commercially reasonable steps to safeguard any security codes, passwords, test keys or other security devices which the Custodian shall make available.

11. TAX LAW

11.1 Domestic Tax Law. The Custodian shall have no responsibility or liability for any obligations now or hereafter imposed on the Company or the Custodian as custodian of the Securities or the Proceeds, by the tax law of the United States or

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any state or political subdivision thereof. The Custodian shall be kept indemnified by and be without liability to the Company for such obligations including taxes, (but excluding any income taxes assessable in respect of compensation paid to the Custodian pursuant to this Agreement), withholding, certification and reporting requirements, claims for exemption or refund, additions for late payment interest, penalties and other expenses (including legal expenses) that may be assessed against the Company, or the Custodian as custodian of the Securities or Proceeds.

- 11.2 Foreign Tax Law. It shall be the responsibility of the Company to notify the Custodian of the obligations imposed on the Company, or the Custodian as custodian of any Foreign Securities or related Proceeds, by the tax law of foreign (i.e., non-U.S.) jurisdictions, including responsibility for withholding and other taxes, assessments or other government charges, certifications and government reporting. The sole responsibility of the Custodian with regard to such tax law shall be to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Company with respect to any claims for exemption or refund under the tax law of the jurisdictions for which the Company has provided such information.

12. **EFFECTIVE PERIOD, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT**

- 12.1 Effective Date. This Agreement shall become effective as of its due execution and delivery by each of the parties. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until terminated as hereinafter provided. This Agreement may only be amended by mutual written agreement of the parties hereto. This Agreement may be terminated by the Custodian or the Company pursuant to Section 12.2.
- 12.2 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate upon the earliest of (a) occurrence of the effective date of termination specified in any written notice of termination given by either party to the other not later than ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of termination specified therein, (b) such other date of termination as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties in writing.
- 12.3 Resignation. The Custodian may at any time resign under this Agreement by giving not less than ninety (90) days advance written notice thereof to the Company. The Company may at any time remove the Custodian under this Agreement by giving not less than ninety (90) days' advance written notice thereof to the Custodian.
- 12.4 Successor. Prior to the effective date of termination of this Agreement, or the effective date of the resignation or removal of the Custodian, as the case may be, the Company shall give Proper Instruction to the Custodian designating a successor Custodian, if applicable.
- 12.5 Payment of Fees, etc. Upon termination of this Agreement or resignation or removal of the Custodian, the Company shall pay to the Custodian such compensation, and shall likewise reimburse the Custodian for its costs, expenses and disbursements, as may be due as of the date of such termination or resignation (or removal, as the case may be). All indemnifications in favor of the Custodian under this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement, or any resignation or removal of the Custodian.

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12.6 Final Report. In the event of any resignation or removal of the Custodian, the Custodian shall provide to the Company a complete final report or data file transfer of any Confidential Information as of the date of such resignation or removal.

13. **REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

13.1 Representations of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to the Custodian that:

- (a) it has the power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, and it has duly authorized and executed this Agreement so as to constitute its valid and binding obligation; and
- (b) in giving any instructions which purport to be “Proper Instructions” under this Agreement, the Company will act in accordance with the provisions of its certificate of incorporation and bylaws and any applicable laws and regulations.

13.2 Representations of the Custodian. The Custodian hereby represents and warrants to the Company that:

- (a) it is qualified to act as a custodian pursuant to Section 26(a)(1) of the 1940 Act;
- (b) it has the power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) it has duly authorized and executed this Agreement so as to constitute its valid and binding obligations; and
- (d) that it maintains business continuity policies and standards that include data file backup and recovery procedures that comply with all applicable regulatory requirements.

14. **PARTIES IN INTEREST; NO THIRD PARTY BENEFIT**

This Agreement is not intended for, and shall not be construed to be intended for, the benefit of any third parties and may not be relied upon or enforced by any third parties (other than successors and permitted assigns pursuant to Section 19).

15. **NOTICES**

Any Proper Instructions(to the extent given by hand, mail, courier or telecopier) shall be given to the following address (or such other address as either party may designate by written notice to the other party), and otherwise any notices, approvals and other communications hereunder shall be sufficient if made in writing and given to the parties at the following address (or such other address as either of them may subsequently designate by notice to the other), given by (i) hand, (ii) certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, (iii) recognized courier or delivery service, or (iv) confirmed telecopier or telex, with a duplicate sent on the same day by first class mail, postage prepaid:

- (a) if to the Company or any Subsidiary, to

Monroe Capital Corporation  
311 South Wacker Drive, Suite 6400  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Attention: Aaron D. Peck  
Facsimile No. (312) 258-8350

- (b) if to the Custodian (other than in its role as Document Custodian), to

U.S. Bank National Association  
Corporate Trust Services  
One Federal Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110  
Ref: Monroe Capital Corporation  
Attention: [ i ]  
Facsimile No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

- (c) if to the Custodian solely in its role as Document Custodian, to

U.S. Bank National Association  
1719 Range Way  
Florence, South Carolina 29501  
Mail Code: Ex - SC - FLOR  
Ref: Monroe Capital Corporation  
Attention: Steven Garrett  
E-mail: steven.garrett@usbank.com  
Facsimile No.: (843) 673-0162

16. **CHOICE OF LAW AND JURISDICTION**

This Agreement shall be construed, and the provisions thereof interpreted under and in accordance with and governed by the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts for all purposes (without regard to its choice of law provisions); except to the extent such laws are inconsistent with federal securities laws, including the 1940 Act.

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17. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT; COUNTERPARTS**

- 17.1 **Complete Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the complete and exclusive agreement of the parties with regard to the matters addressed herein and supersedes and terminates as of the date hereof, all prior agreements or understandings, oral or written between the parties to this Agreement relating to such matters.
- 17.2 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and all counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 17.3 **Facsimile Signatures.** The exchange of copies of this Agreement and of signature pages by facsimile transmission or electronic transmission of a .pdf file shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Agreement as to the parties and may be used in lieu of the original Agreement for all purposes. Signatures of the parties transmitted by facsimile or .pdf file shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

18. **AMENDMENT; WAIVER**

- 18.1 **Amendment.** This Agreement may not be amended except by an express written instrument duly executed by each of the Company and the Custodian.
- 18.2 **Waiver.** In no instance shall any delay or failure to act be deemed to be or effective as a waiver of any right, power or term hereunder, unless and except to the extent such waiver is set forth in an express written instrument signed by the party against whom it is to be charged.

19. **SUCCESSOR AND ASSIGNS**

- 19.1 **Successors Bound.** The covenants and agreements set forth herein shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Neither party shall be permitted to assign their rights under this Agreement without the written consent of the other party; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not limit the ability of the Custodian to delegate certain duties or services to or perform them through agents or attorneys appointed with due care as expressly provided in this Agreement.
- 19.2 **Merger and Consolidation.** Any corporation or association into which the Custodian may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation or association resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Custodian shall be a party, or any corporation or association to which the Custodian transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business, shall be the successor of the Custodian hereunder, and shall succeed to all of the rights, powers and duties of the Custodian hereunder, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto.

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20. **SEVERABILITY**

The terms of this Agreement are hereby declared to be severable, such that if any term hereof is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the remaining terms.

21. **INSTRUMENT UNDER SEAL; HEADINGS**

This Agreement is intended to take effect as, and shall be deemed to be, an instrument under seal.

22. **REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS**

If, in performing its duties under this Agreement, the Custodian is required to decide between alternative courses of action, the Custodian may (but shall not be obliged to) request written instructions from the Company as to the course of action desired by it. If the Custodian does not receive such instructions within two (2) Business Days after it has requested them, the Custodian may, but shall be under no duty to, take or refrain from taking any such courses of action. The Custodian shall act in accordance with instructions received from the Company in response to such request after such two (2)-Business Day period except to the extent it has already taken, or committed itself to take, action inconsistent with such instructions.

23. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Nothing herein shall prevent the Custodian or any of its affiliates from engaging in other business, or from entering into any other transaction or financial or other relationship with, or receiving fees from or from rendering services of any kind to the Company or any other Person. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall constitute the Company and/or the Custodian (and/or any other Person) as members of any partnership, joint venture, association, syndicate, unincorporated business or similar assignment as a result of or by virtue of the engagement or relationship established by this Agreement.

24. **REPRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

This Agreement and all schedules, exhibits, attachments and amendment hereto may be reproduced by any photographic, photostatic, microfilm, micro-card, miniature photographic or other similar process. The parties hereto each agree that any such reproduction shall be admissible in evidence as the original itself in any judicial or administrative proceeding, whether or not the original is in existence and whether or not such reproduction was made by a party in the regular course of business, and that any enlargement, facsimile or further production shall likewise be admissible in evidence.

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25. **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Company acknowledges receipt of the following notice:

**“IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT.**

**To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a trust or other legal entity the Custodian will ask for documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. The Custodian may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.”**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by a duly authorized officer, intending the same to take effect as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

Witness:

**MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Witness:

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

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**SCHEDULE A**  
(Trade Confirmation)  
**[See Attached.]**

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**SCHEDULE B**

Any of the following persons (each acting singly) shall be an Authorized Person (as this list may subsequently be modified by the Company from time to time by written notice to the Custodian):

NAME:	SPECIMEN SIGNATURE:

ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by and between Monroe Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), and Monroe Capital Management Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Administrator").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act");

WHEREAS, the Company desires to retain the Administrator to provide administrative services to the Company, and the Administrator wishes to be retained to provide such services, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the covenants hereinafter contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Administrator hereby agree as follows:

1. Duties of the Administrator.

(a) Employment of the Administrator. The Company hereby employs the Administrator to act as administrator of the Company and to perform, or oversee the performance of, the administrative services, personnel and facilities necessary for the operation of the Company, subject to the supervision and control of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), during the term hereof and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. The Administrator hereby accepts such employment and agrees during the term hereof to render, or arrange for the rendering of, such services, subject to the reimbursement of costs and expenses provided for herein.

(b) Certain Services. Without limiting the generality of Section 1(a), the Administrator shall provide the Company with office facilities and equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at such facilities and such other services as the Administrator, subject to review by the Board, shall from time to time determine to be necessary or useful to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Administrator shall also, on behalf of the Company, conduct relations with custodians, depositories, transfer agents, dividend disbursing agents, other stockholder servicing agents, accountants, attorneys, underwriters, brokers and dealers, corporate fiduciaries, insurers, banks and such other persons in any such other capacity deemed to be necessary or desirable. The Administrator shall make reports to the Board of its performance of obligations hereunder and furnish advice and recommendations with respect to such other aspects of the business and affairs of the Company as it shall determine to be desirable; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to require the Administrator to, and the Administrator shall not, provide any advice or recommendation relating to the subject matter of, nor perform any of the investment advisory services described in, the Investment Advisory Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, between the Company and Monroe Capital BDC Advisors, LLC (the "Advisor"). The Administrator shall be responsible for the financial and other records that the Company is required to maintain and shall prepare reports to stockholders

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and all other reports and materials required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) or any other regulatory authority. The Administrator shall provide, on the Company’s behalf, managerial assistance to those portfolio companies that have accepted the Company’s offer to provide such assistance. In addition, the Administrator shall assist the Company in determining and publishing the Company’s net asset value, overseeing the preparation and filing of the Company’s tax returns and the printing and disseminating of reports to stockholders, and generally overseeing the payment of the Company’s expenses and the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to the Company by others.

(c) Independent Contractor. The Administrator, and such others as it may arrange to provide services hereunder, shall for all purposes herein each be deemed to be an independent contractor and, except as expressly provided or authorized herein, shall have no authority to act for or represent the Company in any way or otherwise be deemed an agent of the Company.

(d) Books and Records. The Administrator agrees to maintain and keep all books, accounts and other records of the Company that relate to activities performed by the Administrator hereunder and shall maintain and keep such books, accounts and records in accordance with the Investment Company Act requirements. In compliance with the requirements of Rule 31a-3 under the Investment Company Act, the Administrator agrees that all records that it maintains for the Company shall at all times remain the property of the Company, shall be readily accessible during normal business hours and shall be promptly surrendered to the Company upon the termination of this Agreement or otherwise on written request. The Administrator further agrees that all records which it maintains for the Company pursuant to Rule 31a-1 under the Investment Company Act shall be preserved for the periods prescribed by Rule 31a-2 under the Investment Company Act unless any such records are earlier surrendered as provided above. Records shall be surrendered in usable machine-readable form. The Administrator shall have the right to retain copies of such records, subject to observance of its confidentiality obligations under this Agreement.

2. Confidentiality. The parties hereto agree that each shall treat confidentially all information provided by a party hereto to the other party regarding its business and operations. All confidential information provided by a party hereto, including nonpublic personal information (regulated pursuant to Regulation S-P of the SEC), shall be used by the other party hereto solely for the purpose of rendering services pursuant to this Agreement and, except as may be required in carrying out this Agreement, shall not be disclosed to any third party, without the prior consent of such providing party. The foregoing shall not be applicable to any information that is publicly available when provided or thereafter becomes publicly available other than through a breach of this Agreement, or that is required to be disclosed by any regulatory authority, by judicial or administrative process or otherwise by applicable law or regulation.

3. Compensation; Allocation of Costs and Expenses.

(a) In full consideration of the provision of the services of the Administrator, the Company shall reimburse the Administrator for the costs and expenses incurred by the Administrator in performing its obligations hereunder, which shall be equal to an amount based

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on the Company's allocable portion (subject to review and approval of the Board) of the Administrator's overhead in performing its obligations under this Agreement, including rent, and the allocable portion of the cost of the Company's officers, including a chief financial officer and chief compliance officer, if any, and their respective staffs. To the extent the Administrator outsources any of its functions, the Company shall pay the fees associated with such functions on a direct basis without profit to the Administrator.

(b) Other than those expenses specifically assumed by the Administrator or the Advisor, the Company shall bear all costs and expenses that are incurred by the Administrator or Advisor in their respective capacities as advisor for the operation, administration and transactions, including those relating to:

- (i) organization and offering;
- (ii) calculating the Company's net asset value (including the cost and expenses of any independent valuation firm);
- (iii) fees and expenses incurred by the Advisor payable to third parties, including agents, consultants or other advisors, in monitoring financial and legal affairs for the Company and conducting research and due diligence on prospective investments and equity sponsors, analyzing investment opportunities and structuring the Company's investments and portfolio companies on an ongoing basis;
- (iv) interest payable on debt, if any, incurred to finance the Company's investments;
- (v) offerings of the Company's common stock and other securities;
- (vi) investment advisory fees;
- (vii) administration fees and expenses, if any, payable under this Agreement;
- (viii) transfer agent, dividend agent and custodial fees and expenses;
- (ix) federal and state registration fees;
- (x) all costs of registration and listing the Company's shares on any securities exchange;
- (xi) federal, state and local taxes;
- (xii) independent directors' fees and expenses;
- (xiii) costs of preparing and filing reports or other documents required by the SEC or other regulators;

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- (xiv) costs of any reports, proxy statements or other notices to stockholders, including printing costs;
  - (xv) the Company's allocable portion of any fidelity bond, directors and officers/errors and omissions liability insurance, and any other insurance premiums;
  - (xvi) direct costs and expenses of administration, including printing, mailing, long distance telephone, copying, secretarial and other staff, independent auditors and outside legal costs;
  - (xvii) proxy voting expenses; and
  - (xviii) all other expenses incurred by the Company or the Administrator in connection with administering the Company's business.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 3, amounts payable to the Administrator from the Company in any quarter through the quarter ending December 31, 2013 shall not exceed the greater of (i) 0.375% of average assets for such quarter and (ii) \$375,000.

4. Activities of the Administrator. The services of the Administrator to the Company are not exclusive, and the Administrator and/or any of its affiliates may engage in any other business or render similar or different services to others. It is understood that directors, officers, employees and stockholders of the Company are or may become interested in the Administrator and its affiliates, as members, managers, partners, officers, employees or otherwise, and that the Administrator and directors, officers, employees, partners, stockholders, members and managers of the Administrator and its affiliates are or may become similarly interested in the Company as stockholders or otherwise.

5. Limitation of Liability of the Administrator; Indemnification. The Administrator and its affiliates and its and its affiliates' respective directors, officers, employees, members, managers, agents, controlling persons, partners and stockholders (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") shall not be liable to the Company or its subsidiaries or its and its subsidiaries' respective directors, officers, employees, members, managers, partners or stockholders for any action taken or omitted to be taken by the Administrator in connection with the performance of any of its duties or obligations under this Agreement or otherwise as administrator for the Company, and the Company shall indemnify, defend and protect the Indemnified Parties (each of whom shall be deemed a third party beneficiary hereof) and hold them harmless from and against all claims or liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees) and other expenses reasonably incurred by the Indemnified Parties in or by reason of any pending, threatened or completed action, suit, investigation or other proceeding (including an action or suit by or in the right of the Company or its security holders) arising out of or in connection with the performance of any of the Administrator's duties or obligations under this Agreement or otherwise as administrator for the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 5 to the contrary, nothing contained herein shall protect or be deemed to protect the Indemnified Parties against, or entitle or be deemed to entitle the Indemnified Parties to indemnification in respect of, any liability to the Company or its security holders to which the Indemnified Parties would otherwise be subject by

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reason of willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of the Administrator's duties and obligations under this Agreement or by reason of the reckless disregard of the Administrator's duties and obligations under this Agreement (to the extent applicable, as the same shall be determined in accordance with the Investment Company Act and any interpretations or guidance by the SEC or its staff thereunder).

6. Effectiveness, Duration and Termination.

(a) This Agreement shall become effective as of the first date above written. This Agreement shall remain in effect for two years after such date, and thereafter shall continue automatically for successive annual periods; provided that such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by:

(i) the vote of the Board, or by the vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Company; and

(ii) the vote of a majority of the Company's directors who are not "interested persons" (as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act) of any party hereto, in accordance with the requirements of the Investment Company Act;

(b) This Agreement may be terminated at any time, without the payment of any penalty, upon 60 days' written notice, by (i) the vote of holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Company, (ii) the vote of the Board or (iii) the Administrator.

(c) The provisions of Section 5 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, and the Administrator shall remain entitled to the benefits thereof, notwithstanding any termination or expiration of this Agreement. Further, notwithstanding the termination or expiration of this Agreement as aforesaid, the Administrator shall be entitled to any amounts owed under Section 3 through the date of termination or expiration.

7. Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party hereto without the consent of the other party; provided that the rights and obligations of the Company under this Agreement shall not be deemed to be assigned to a newly-formed entity in the event of the merger of the Company into, or conveyance of all of the assets of the Company to, such newly-formed entity; provided, further, that the sole purpose of that merger or conveyance is to effect a mere change in the Company's legal form into another limited liability entity. No assignment by either party permitted hereunder shall relieve the applicable party of its obligations under this Agreement. Any assignment by either party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall be pursuant to a written assignment agreement in which the assignee expressly assumes the assigning party's rights and obligations hereunder.

8. Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement, either express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any person other than the parties hereto and the Indemnified Parties any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.



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9. Amendments of this Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by both parties hereto.

10. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, including Sections 5-1401 and 5-1402 of the New York General Obligations Law and New York Civil Practice Laws and Rules 327(b), and the applicable provisions of the Investment Company Act, if any. To the extent that the applicable laws of the State of New York, or any of the provisions herein, conflict with the applicable provisions of the Investment Company Act, if any, the latter shall control. The parties hereto unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in the State of New York and waive any objection with respect thereto, for the purpose of any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

11. No Waiver. The failure of either party hereto to enforce at any time for any period the provisions of or any rights deriving from this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of such provisions or rights or the right of such party thereafter to enforce such provisions, and no waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing by all parties hereto.

12. Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any law or public policy, all other terms and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to either party hereto. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

13. Headings. The descriptive headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

14. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original instrument and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

15. Notices. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given or made (and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made upon receipt) by delivery in person, by overnight courier service (with signature required), by facsimile, or by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) to the parties hereto at their respective principal executive office addresses.

16. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the parties hereto with respect to such subject matter.

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17. Certain Matters of Construction.

(a) The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereunder” and words of similar import shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Section or provision of this Agreement, and reference to a particular Section of this Agreement shall include all subsections thereof.

(b) Definitions shall be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of the terms defined, and references to the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include each other gender.

(c) The word “including” shall mean including without limitation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

**MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Theodore L. Koenig  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

**MONROE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORS, LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Theodore L. Koenig  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

**TRADEMARK LICENSE AGREEMENT**

This TRADEMARK LICENSE AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 (the "Effective Date") by and between Monroe Capital, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Licensor"), and Monroe Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company").

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Licensor and its affiliates, including Monroe Capital Management Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Administrator") and Monroe Capital BDC Advisors, LLC (the "Advisor"), have used the trademark "Monroe Capital" (the "Licensed Mark") in the United States of America (the "Territory") in connection with the investment management, investment consultation and investment advisory services they provide.

WHEREAS, the Company is a newly organized externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, between the Advisor and the Company (the "Advisory Agreement"), the Company has engaged the Advisor to act as the investment advisor to the Company;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Administration Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, between the Administrator and the Company (the "Administration Agreement"), the Company has engaged the Administrator to act as administrator to the Company;

WHEREAS, it is intended that the Advisor and the Administrator be third party beneficiaries of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Company desires to use the Licensed Mark as part of its corporate name in connection with the operation of its business, and Licensor is willing to permit the Company to use the Licensed Mark, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**  
**LICENSE GRANT**

1.1 License. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Licensor hereby grants to the Company, and the Company hereby accepts from Licensor, a personal, non-exclusive, royalty-free right and license to use the Licensed Mark solely and exclusively as an

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element of each of the Company's own company name and in connection with the marketing and operation of its business. During the term of this Agreement, the Company shall use the Licensed Mark only to the extent permitted under this License and, except as provided above, neither the Company nor any of its affiliates, owners, directors, officers, employees or agents thereof shall otherwise use the Licensed Mark or any derivative thereof without the prior express written consent of Licensor in its sole and absolute discretion. All rights not expressly granted to the Company hereunder shall remain the exclusive property of Licensor.

1.2 Licensor's Use. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude Licensor, its affiliates, or any of their respective successors or assigns from using or permitting other entities to use the Licensed Mark whether or not such entity directly or indirectly competes or conflicts with the Company's respective business in any manner.

## ARTICLE 2 OWNERSHIP

2.1 Ownership. The Company acknowledges and agrees that Licensor is the owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the Licensed Mark, and all such right, title, and interest shall remain with the Licensor. The Company shall not otherwise contest, dispute, or challenge Licensor's right, title, and interest in and to the Licensed Mark.

2.2 Goodwill. All goodwill and reputation generated by the Company and the Advisor's use of the Licensed Mark shall inure to the benefit of Licensor. The Company and the Advisor shall not by any act or omission use the Licensed Mark in any manner that disparages or reflects adversely on Licensor or its business or reputation. Except as expressly provided herein, neither party may use any trademark or service mark of the other party without that party's prior written consent, which consent shall be given in that party's sole discretion.

## ARTICLE 3 COMPLIANCE

3.1 Quality Control. In order to preserve the inherent value of the Licensed Mark, the Company agrees to use reasonable efforts to ensure that it maintains the quality of its business and the operation thereof equal to the standards prevailing in the operation of the Licensor's business as of the date of this Agreement. The Company further agrees to use the Licensed Mark in accordance with such quality standards as may be reasonably established by Licensor and communicated to each of them from time to time in writing, or as may be agreed to by Licensor and the Company from time to time in writing.

3.2 Compliance With Laws. The Company agrees that businesses operated in connection with the Licensed Mark shall comply in all material respects with all laws, rules, regulations and requirements of any governmental body in the Territory or elsewhere as may be applicable to the operation, advertising and promotion of the businesses.

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3.3 Notification of Infringement. Each party shall immediately notify the other party and provide to the other party all relevant background facts upon becoming aware of (a) any registrations of, or applications for registration of, marks in the Territory that do or may conflict with any Licensed Mark; (b) any infringements, imitations, or illegal use or misuse of the Licensed Mark in the Territory; or (c) any claim that the Company's use of the Licensed Mark infringes the intellectual property rights of any third party ("Third Party Claim"). Licensor hereby agrees to indemnify, release and hold harmless the Company, its employees, officers, agents, successors and assigns, from and against any and all claims, expenses, costs, damages, losses and liabilities, whether accrued, absolute, contingent or otherwise (including reasonable attorneys' fees), which may at any time be asserted against or suffered by the Company, its employees, officers, agents, successors and assigns, as a result of, on account of, or arising from use of the Licensed Mark.

ARTICLE 4  
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

4.1 Mutual Representations. Each party hereby represents and warrants to the other party as follows:

(a) Due Authorization. Each party represents and warrants that it has the right and authority to enter into and perform under this Agreement and that each such party is duly formed and in good standing as of the Effective Date, and the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by such party have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of such party.

(b) Due Execution. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by such party and, with due authorization, execution and delivery by the other parties, constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of such party, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms.

(c) No Conflict. Such party's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement do not: (i) violate, conflict with or result in the breach of any provision of the organizational documents of such party; (ii) conflict with or violate any law or governmental order applicable to such party or any of its assets, properties or businesses; or (iii) conflict with, result in any breach of, constitute a default (or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become a default) under, require any consent under, or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration, suspension, revocation or cancellation of any contract, agreement, lease, sublease, license, permit, franchise or other instrument or arrangement to which it is a party.

4.2 Licensor's Representations. Licensor has the right to license or sublicense the Licensed Mark and Licensor owns or has received all proprietary rights to the text, graphics and images contained in the Licensed Mark.

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ARTICLE 5  
EFFECTIVENESS TERM AND TERMINATION

5.1 Term. This Agreement shall become effective as of the first date written above. This Agreement shall remain in effect only for so long as the Advisor remains the Company's investment adviser.

5.2 Termination. This Agreement may be terminated at anytime, without the payment of any penalty, upon 60 days' written notice, by either party. This Agreement may be terminated at anytime, upon written notice, by Licensor in the event that (a) Licensor receives notice of any Third Party Claim arising out of the Company's use of the Licensed Mark or (b) the Company assigns or attempts to assign or sublicense this Agreement or any of the Company's rights or duties hereunder without prior consent of Licensor.

5.3 Upon Termination. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, all rights granted to the Company under this Agreement with respect to the Licensed Mark shall cease, and the Company shall immediately discontinue use of the Licensed Mark.

ARTICLE 6  
MISCELLANEOUS

6.1 Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns. No party may assign, delegate or otherwise transfer this Agreement or any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other parties. No assignment by any party permitted hereunder shall relieve the applicable party of its obligations under this Agreement. Any assignment by either party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall be pursuant to a written assignment agreement in which the assignee expressly assumes the assigning party's rights and obligations hereunder. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the rights and obligations of the Company under this Agreement shall be deemed to be assigned to a newly-formed entity in the event of the merger of the Company into, or conveyance of all of the assets of the Company to, such newly-formed entity; *provided, further, however*, that the sole purpose of that merger or conveyance is to effect a mere change in the legal form of the Company into another limited liability entity.

6.2 Independent Contractor. This Agreement does not give any party, or permit any party to represent that it has, any power, right or authority to bind the other party to any obligation or liability, or to assume or create any obligation or liability on behalf of the other parties.

6.3 Notices. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given or made (and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made upon receipt) by delivery in person, by overnight courier service (with signature required), by facsimile, or by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) to the respective parties at the following addresses:

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If to Licensor:

Monroe Capital, LLC  
311 South Wacker Drive  
Suite 6400  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Tel. No.: (312) 258-8300  
Attention: Theodore L. Koenig

If to Company:

Monroe Capital Corporation  
311 South Wacker Drive  
Suite 6400  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Tel. No.: (312) 258-8300  
Attention: Theodore L. Koenig

6.4 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law rules. The parties unconditionally and irrevocably consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in the State of Illinois and waive any objection with respect thereto, for the purpose of any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

6.5 Amendment. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by all parties hereto.

6.6 No Waiver. The failure of any party to enforce at any time for any period the provisions of or any rights deriving from this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of such provisions or rights or the right of such party thereafter to enforce such provisions, and no waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing by all parties hereto.

6.7 Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any law or public policy, all other terms and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.



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6.8 Headings. The descriptive headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

6.9 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original instrument and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

6.10 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.

6.11 Third Party Beneficiaries. The parties agree that the Advisor and the Administrator shall be third party beneficiaries of this Agreement, and shall have the obligations, rights and protections provided to the Company under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement, either express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any third party other than the Advisor and the Administrator any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party has caused this Agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date, as defined on the first page of this Agreement, by its duly authorized officer.

LICENSOR:

MONROE CAPITAL, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

COMPANY:

MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Theodore L. Koenig

Title: Chief Executive Officer

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED:

MONROE CAPITAL BDC ADVISORS, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

MONROE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORS, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

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October 17, 2012

MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION  
311 South Wacker Drive, Suite 6400  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

**Re: Registration Statement on Form N-2**

We have acted as counsel to Monroe Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of a Registration Statement on Form N-2 (Registration No. 333-172601) as originally filed on March 3, 2011 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), and as subsequently amended on April 19, 2011, May 18, 2011, June 23, 2011, July 25, 2011, March 23, 2012, October 5, 2012, October 15, 2012 and October 17, 2012 (the "Registration Statement"), relating to the proposed issuance by the Company of up to an aggregate of \$80,000,000 of shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), to be sold to underwriters pursuant to an underwriting agreement substantially in the form to be filed as Exhibit (h) to the Registration Statement (the "Underwriting Agreement"). This opinion letter is being furnished to the Company in accordance with the requirements of Item 25 of Form N-2 under the Investment Company Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter other than as to the legality of the Shares.

In rendering the opinion expressed below, we have examined and relied on originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documents, corporate records and other instruments and such agreements, certificates and receipts of public officials, certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company and others, and such other documents as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for rendering this opinion, including the following documents:

- (i) the Registration Statement;
- (ii) the Company's notice of intent to be subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the Investments Company Act;
- (iii) the Underwriting Agreement;

- (iv) the form of certificate evidencing the Shares, to be filed as Exhibit (d) to the Registration Statement;
- (v) the form of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, to be filed as Exhibit (a)(1) to the Registration Statement;
- (vi) the form of Bylaws of the Company, to be filed as Exhibit (b)(1) to the Registration Statement;
- (vii) a certificate of good standing with respect to the Company issued by the Secretary of State of the State of Maryland dated October 15, 2012; and
- (viii) resolutions of the board of directors of the Company relating to, among other things, the authorization and issuance of the Shares.

As to the facts upon which this opinion is based, we have relied, to the extent we deem proper, upon certificates of public officials and certificates and written statements of officers, directors, employees and representatives of the Company.

In our examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as original documents and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies. In addition, we have assumed (i) the legal capacity of natural persons, (ii) the legal power and authority of all persons signing on behalf of the parties to all documents (other than the Company), (iii) the formation transactions will have been completed as described in the Registration Statement, (iv) the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws will have become effective substantially in the form of the documents filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement and (v) the Registration Statement will have been declared effective by the Commission.

Based on the foregoing, and subject to the further assumptions and qualifications set forth in this letter, it is our opinion that when (i) the Registration Statement becomes effective under the Securities Act, (ii) the Underwriting Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto, (iii) the Form N-54A is filed with the Commission and becomes effective and (iv) certificates representing the Common Stock in the form of the specimen certificate examined by us have been manually signed by an authorized officer of the Company and an authorized officer of the transfer agent for the Shares and registered by such transfer agent, and have been delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters at a price per share not less than the per share par value of the Common Stock as contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement, the issuance and sale of the Common Stock will have been duly authorized, and the Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Maryland. We are not members of the bar of the State of Maryland, nor do we purport to be experts in the laws of the State of Maryland.

This opinion letter has been prepared for your use solely in connection with the Registration Statement. We assume no obligation to advise you of any changes in the foregoing subsequent to the date of this opinion.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to this firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the prospectus which forms a part of the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP

NELSON MULLINS RILEY & SCARBOROUGH LLP

**JOINT CODE OF ETHICS  
FOR  
MONROE CAPITAL CORPORATION AND  
MONROE CAPITAL BDC ADVISORS, LLC**

**Section I — Statement of General Fiduciary Principles**

This Joint Code of Ethics (the “**Code**”) has been adopted by each of Monroe Capital Corporation (the “**Corporation**”) and Monroe Capital BDC Advisors, LLC, the Corporation’s investment advisor (the “**Advisor**”), in compliance with Rule 17j-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “**Act**”) and Section 204A of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the “**Advisers Act**”). The purpose of the Code is to establish standards and procedures for the detection and prevention of activities by which persons having knowledge of the investments and investment intentions of the Corporation may abuse their fiduciary duty to the Corporation, and otherwise to deal with the types of conflict of interest situations to which Rule 17j-1 is addressed. As it relates to Section 204A of the Advisers Act, the purpose of this Code is to establish procedures that, taking into consideration the nature of the Advisor’s business, are reasonably designed to prevent misuse of material non-public information in violation of the federal securities laws by persons associated with the Advisor.

The Code is based on the principle that the directors and officers of the Corporation, and the managers, partners, officers and employees of the Advisor, who provide services to the Corporation, owe a fiduciary duty to the Corporation to conduct their personal securities transactions in a manner that does not interfere with the Corporation’s transactions or otherwise take unfair advantage of their relationship with the Corporation. All directors, managers, partners, officers and employees of the Corporation, and of the Advisor (“**Covered Personnel**”) are expected to adhere to this general principle as well as to comply with all of the specific provisions of this Code that are applicable to them. Any Covered Personnel who are affiliated with another entity that is a registered investment advisor are, in addition, expected to comply with the provisions of the code of ethics that has been adopted by such other investment advisor.

Technical compliance with the Code will not automatically insulate any Covered Personnel from scrutiny of transactions that show a pattern of compromise or abuse of the individual’s fiduciary duty to the Corporation. Accordingly, all Covered Personnel must seek to avoid any actual or potential conflicts between their personal interests and the interests of the Corporation and its shareholders. In sum, all Covered Personnel shall place the interests of the Corporation before their own personal interests.

All Covered Personnel must read and retain this Code.

**Section II—Definitions**

A. “**Access Person**” means any director, officer, general partner or Advisory Person (as defined below) of the Corporation or the Advisor.

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- B. An “**Advisory Person**” of the Corporation or the Advisor means: (i) any employee of the Corporation or the Advisor, or any company in a Control (as defined below) relationship to the Corporation or the Advisor, who in connection with his or her regular functions or duties makes, participates in, or obtains information regarding the purchase or sale of any Covered Security (as defined below) by the Corporation, or whose functions relate to the making of any recommendation with respect to such purchases or sales; and (ii) any natural person in a Control relationship to the Corporation or the Advisor, who obtains information concerning recommendations made to the Corporation with regard to the purchase or sale of any Covered Security by the Corporation.
- C. “**Beneficial Ownership**” is interpreted in the same manner as it would be under Rule 16a-1(a)(2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “**1934 Act**”) in determining whether a person is a beneficial owner of a security for purposes of Section 16 of the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. This means that Access Persons should generally consider themselves to have Beneficial Ownership in any securities in which each has a direct pecuniary interest, which includes securities held by family members of Access Persons. In addition, Access Persons should consider themselves to have Beneficial Ownership in any securities held by other persons where, by reason of any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship, such Access Persons have sole or shared voting or investment power.
- D. “**Chief Compliance Officer**” means the Chief Compliance Officer of the Corporation (who also may serve as the compliance officer of the Advisor and/or one or more affiliates of the Advisor).
- E. “**Control**” shall have the same meaning as that set forth in Section 2(a)(9) of the Act. This means that Access Persons having the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company, unless such power is solely the result of an official position with such company. Any person who owns beneficially, either directly or indirectly through one or more controlled companies, more than 25% of the voting securities of a company shall be presumed to control such company. Any person who does not own beneficially, either directly or indirectly through one or more controlled companies, more than 25% of the voting securities of a company shall be presumed not to control such company.
- F. “**Covered Security**” means a security as defined in Section 2(a)(36) of the Act, which includes: any note, stock, treasury stock, security future, bond, debenture, evidence of indebtedness, certificate of interest or participation in any profit-sharing agreement, collateral-trust certificate, pre-organization certificate or subscription, transferable share, investment contract, voting-trust certificate, certificate of deposit for a security, fractional undivided interest in oil, gas, or other mineral rights, any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege on any security (including a certificate of deposit) or on any group or index of securities (including any interest therein or based on the value thereof), or any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege entered into on a national securities exchange relating to foreign currency, or, in general, any interest or instrument commonly known as a

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“security,” or any certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, receipt for, guarantee of, or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase, any of the foregoing.

Except that “Covered Security” does not include: (i) direct obligations of the Government of the United States; (ii) bankers’ acceptances, bank certificates of deposit, commercial paper and high quality short-term debt instruments, including repurchase agreements; and (iii) shares issued by open-end investment companies registered under the Act. References to a Covered Security in this Code (e.g., a prohibition or requirement applicable to the purchase or sale of a Covered Security) shall be deemed to refer to and to include any warrant for, option in, or security immediately convertible into that Covered Security, and shall also include any instrument that has an investment return or value that is based, in whole or in part, on that Covered Security (collectively, “**Derivatives**”). Therefore, except as otherwise specifically provided by this Code: (i) any prohibition or requirement of this Code applicable to the purchase or sale of a Covered Security shall also be applicable to the purchase or sale of a Derivative relating to that Covered Security; and (ii) any prohibition or requirement of this Code applicable to the purchase or sale of a Derivative shall also be applicable to the purchase or sale of a Covered Security relating to that Derivative.

- G. “**Independent Director**” means a director of the Corporation who is not an “interested person” of the Corporation within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.
- H. “**Initial Public Offering**” means an offering of securities registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “**1933 Act**”), the issuer of which, immediately before the registration, was not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act.
- I. “**Limited Offering**” means an offering that is exempt from registration under the 1933 Act pursuant to Section 4(2) or Section 4(6) thereof or pursuant to Rule 504, Rule 505, or Rule 506 thereunder.
- J. “**Security Held or to be Acquired**” by the Corporation means: (i) any Covered Security which, within the most recent 15 days: (a) is or has been held by the Corporation; or (b) is being or has been considered by the Corporation or the Advisor for purchase by the Corporation; and (ii) any option to purchase or sell, and any security convertible into or exchangeable for, a Covered Security.
- K. “**17j-1 Organization**” means the Corporation or the Advisor, as the context requires.

### **Section III — Objective and General Prohibitions**

Covered Personnel may not engage in any investment transaction under circumstances in which the Covered Personnel benefits from or interferes with the purchase or sale of investments by the Corporation. In addition, Covered Personnel may not use information concerning the investments or investment intentions of the Corporation, or their ability to influence such



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investment intentions, for personal gain or in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Corporation.

Covered Personnel may not engage in conduct that is deceitful, fraudulent or manipulative, or that involves false or misleading statements, in connection with the purchase or sale of investments by the Corporation. In this regard, Covered Personnel should recognize that Rule 17j-1 makes it unlawful for any affiliated person of the Corporation, or any affiliated person of an investment advisor for the Corporation, in connection with the purchase or sale, directly or indirectly, by the person of a Security Held or to be Acquired by the Corporation to:

- (i) employ any device, scheme or artifice to defraud the Corporation;
- (ii) make any untrue statement of a material fact to the Corporation or omit to state to the Corporation a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading;
- (iii) engage in any act, practice or course of business that operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the Corporation; or
- (iv) engage in any manipulative practice with respect to the Corporation.

Covered Personnel should also recognize that a violation of this Code or of Rule 17j-1 may result in the imposition of: (1) sanctions as provided by Section IX below; or (2) administrative, civil and, in certain cases, criminal fines, sanctions or penalties.

#### **Section IV — Prohibited Transactions**

- A. An Access Person may not purchase or otherwise acquire direct or indirect Beneficial Ownership of any Covered Security, and may not sell or otherwise dispose of any Covered Security in which he or she has direct or indirect Beneficial Ownership, if he or she knows or should know at the time of entering into the transaction that: (1) the Corporation has purchased or sold the Covered Security within the last 15 calendar days, or is purchasing or selling or intends to purchase or sell the Covered Security in the next 15 calendar days; or (2) the Advisor has within the last 15 calendar days considered purchasing or selling the Covered Security for the Corporation or within the next 15 calendar days intends to consider purchasing or selling the Covered Security for the Corporation.
- B. Every Advisory Person of the Corporation or the Advisor must obtain approval from the Corporation or the Advisor, as the case may be, before directly or indirectly acquiring Beneficial Ownership in any securities in an Initial Public Offering or in a Limited Offering. Such approval must be obtained from the Chief Compliance Officer, unless he or she is the person seeking such approval, in which case it must be obtained from the President of the 17j-1 Organization.

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- C. No Access Person shall recommend any transaction in any Covered Securities by the Corporation without having disclosed to the Chief Compliance Officer his or her interest, if any, in such Covered Securities or the issuer thereof, including: the Access Person's Beneficial Ownership of any Covered Securities of such issuer; any contemplated transaction by the Access Person in such Covered Securities; any position the Access Person has with such issuer; and any present or proposed business relationship between such issuer and the Access Person (or a party in which the Access Person has a significant interest).
- D. All Access Persons are prohibited from buying or selling shares issued by the Corporation except during an open trading window announced by the Corporation's Chief Compliance Officer. Except with the express written consent of the Corporation's Chief Compliance Officer, all Access Persons are prohibited from buying or selling options on, or futures or other derivatives related to, shares issued by the Corporation, and are likewise prohibited from selling short shares of the Corporation.

#### **Section V — Reports by Access Persons**

##### **A. Personal Securities Holdings Reports.**

All Access Persons shall within 10 days of the date on which they become Access Persons, and thereafter within 30 days after the end of each calendar year, disclose the title, number of shares and principal amount of all Covered Securities in which they have a Beneficial Ownership as of the date the person became an Access Person, in the case of such person's initial report, and as of the last day of the year, as to annual reports. A form of such report, which is hereinafter called a "Personal Securities Holdings Report," is attached as Attachment A. Each Personal Securities Holdings Report must also disclose the name of any broker, dealer or bank with whom the Access Person maintained an account in which any securities were held for the direct or indirect benefit of the Access Person as of the date the person became an Access Person or as of the last day of the year, as the case may be. Each Personal Securities Holdings Report shall state the date it is being submitted.

##### **B. Quarterly Securities Transaction Reports.**

Within 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each Access Person shall make a written report to the Chief Compliance Officer of all transactions occurring in the quarter in a Covered Security in which he or she had any Beneficial Ownership. A form of such report, which is hereinafter called a "Quarterly Securities Transaction Report," is attached as Attachment B.

A Quarterly Securities Transaction Report shall be in the form of Attachment B or such other form approved by the Chief Compliance Officer and must contain the following information with respect to each reportable transaction:

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- (1) Date and nature of the transaction (purchase, sale or any other type of acquisition or disposition);
  - (2) Title, interest rate and maturity date (if applicable), number of shares and principal amount of each Covered Security involved and the price of the Covered Security at which the transaction was effected;
  - (3) Name of the broker, dealer or bank with or through whom the transaction was effected; and
  - (4) The date the report is submitted by the Access Person.

**C. Annual Holdings Report.**

Within forty-five (45) days of the end of each calendar year, each Access Person must complete an Annual Covered Securities certification, in a form designated by the Chief Compliance Officer, with respect to the holdings of Covered Securities.

**D. Independent Directors.**

Notwithstanding the reporting requirements set forth in this Section V, an Independent Director who would be required to make a report under this Section V solely by reason of being a director of the Corporation is not required to file a Personal Securities Holdings Report upon becoming a director of the Corporation or an annual Personal Securities Holdings Report. Such an Independent Director also need not file a Quarterly Securities Transaction Report unless such director knew or, in the ordinary course of fulfilling his or her official duties as a director of the Corporation, should have known that during the 15-day period immediately preceding or after the date of the transaction in a Covered Security by the director such Covered Security is or was purchased or sold by the Corporation or the Corporation or the Advisor considered purchasing or selling such Covered Security.

**E. Access Persons of the Advisor.**

An Access Person of the Advisor need not make a Quarterly Securities Transaction Report if all of the information in the report would duplicate information required to be recorded pursuant to Rules 204-2(a)(12) or (13) under the Advisers Act.

**F. Brokerage Accounts and Statements.**

Access Persons, except Independent Directors, shall:

- (1) within 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, identify the name of the broker, dealer or bank with whom the Access Person established an account in which any securities were held during the quarter for the direct or indirect benefit of the Access Person and identify any new account(s) and the date the account(s)

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were established. This information shall be included on the appropriate Quarterly Securities Transaction Report.

- (2) instruct the brokers, dealers or banks with whom they maintain such an account to provide duplicate account statements to the Chief Compliance Officer.
- (3) on an annual basis, certify that they have complied with the requirements of (1) and (2) above.

**G. Form of Reports.**

A Quarterly Securities Transaction Report may consist of broker statements or other statements that provide a list of all personal Covered Securities holdings and transactions in the time period covered by the report and contain the information required in a Quarterly Securities Transaction Report.

**H. Responsibility to Report.**

It is the responsibility of each Access Person to take the initiative to comply with the requirements of this Section V. Any effort by the Corporation, or by the Advisor and its affiliates, to facilitate the reporting process does not change or alter that responsibility. A person need not make a report hereunder with respect to transactions effected for, and Covered Securities held in, any account over which the person has no direct or indirect influence or control.

**I. Where to File Reports.**

All Quarterly Securities Transaction Reports and Personal Securities Holdings Reports must be filed with the Chief Compliance Officer.

**J. Disclaimers.**

Any report required by this Section V may contain a statement that the report will not be construed as an admission that the person making the report has any direct or indirect Beneficial Ownership in the Covered Security to which the report relates.

**Section VI — Additional Prohibitions**

**A. Confidentiality of the Corporation's Transactions.**

Until disclosed in a public report to shareholders or to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") in the normal course, all information concerning the securities "being considered for purchase or sale" by the Corporation shall be kept confidential by all Covered Personnel and disclosed by them only on a "need-to-know" basis. It shall be

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the responsibility of the Chief Compliance Officer to report any inadequacy found in this regard to the directors of the Corporation.

**B. Outside Business Activities and Directorships.**

Access Persons may not engage in any outside business activities that may give rise to conflicts of interest or jeopardize the integrity or reputation of the Corporation. Similarly, no such outside business activities may be inconsistent with the interests of the Corporation. All directorships of public or private companies held by Access Persons shall be reported to the Chief Compliance Officer.

**C. Gratuities.**

Covered Personnel shall not, directly or indirectly, take, accept or receive gifts or other consideration in merchandise, services or otherwise of more than nominal value from any person, firm, corporation, association or other entity other than such person's employer that does business, or proposes to do business, with the Corporation.

**Section VII — Prohibition Against Insider Trading**

This Section VII is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 204A of the Advisers Act, which is applicable to the Advisor and requires that the Advisor establish and enforce procedures designed to prevent the misuse of material, non-public information by its associated persons. It applies to all Advisory Persons. Trading securities while in possession of material, non-public information, or improperly communicating that information to others, may expose an Advisory Person to severe penalties. Criminal sanctions may include a fine of up to \$1,000,000 and/or ten years imprisonment. The SEC can recover the profits gained or losses avoided through the violative trading, a penalty of up to three times the illicit windfall, and an order permanently barring an Advisory Person from the securities industry. Finally, an Advisory Person may be sued by investors seeking to recover damages for insider trading violations.

- A. No Advisory Person may trade a security, either personally or on behalf of any other person or account (including any fund), while in possession of material, non-public information concerning that security or the issuer thereof, nor may any Advisory Person communicate material, non-public information to others in violation of the law.
- B. Information is "material" where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor would consider it important in making his or her investment decisions. Generally, this includes any information the disclosure of which will have a substantial effect on the price of a security. No simple test exists to determine when information is material; assessments of materiality involve a highly fact-specific inquiry. For this reason, an Advisory Person should direct any questions about whether information is material to the Chief Compliance Officer. Material information often relates to a company's results and operations, including, for example, dividend changes, earnings results, changes in previously released earnings estimates, significant merger or acquisition proposals or

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agreements, major litigation, liquidation problems, and extraordinary management developments. Material information may also relate to the market for a company's securities. Information about a significant order to purchase or sell securities may, in some contexts, be material. Pre-publication information regarding reports in the financial press may also be material.

- C. Information is "public" when it has been disseminated broadly to investors in the marketplace. For example, information is public after it has become available to the general public through a public filing with the SEC or some other government agency, the Dow Jones "tape" or The Wall Street Journal or some other publication of general circulation, and after sufficient time has passed so that the information has been disseminated widely.
- D. An Advisory Person, before executing any trade for himself or herself, or others, including the Corporation or other accounts managed by the Advisor or by a stockholder of the Advisor, or any affiliate of the stockholder ("Client Accounts"), must determine whether he or she has material, non-public information. Any Advisory Person who believes he or she is in possession of material, non-public information must take the following steps:
  - (1) Report the information and proposed trade immediately to the Chief Compliance Officer;
  - (2) Do not purchase or sell the securities on behalf of anyone, including Client Accounts; and
  - (3) Do not communicate the information to any person, other than to the Chief Compliance Officer.

After the Chief Compliance Officer has reviewed the issue, the Chief Compliance Officer will determine whether the information is material and non-public and, if so, what action the Advisory Person should take. An Advisory Person must consult with the Chief Compliance Officer before taking any further action. This degree of caution will protect the Advisory Person and the Advisor.

- E. To prevent and detect insider trading from occurring, the Chief Compliance Officer shall prepare and maintain a "Restricted List" in order to monitor and prevent the occurrence of insider trading in certain securities that Access Persons are prohibited or restricted from trading. The Chief Compliance Officer manages, maintains and updates the Restricted List to actually restrict trading (no buying, no selling, no shorting, no trading, etc.) in the securities of specific issuers for personal accounts and on behalf of Advisor's clients. Before executing any trade for himself or herself, Advisory Persons are required to determine whether the transaction involves a security on the Restricted List. Advisory Persons are prohibited from trading any security which appears on the Restricted List, except that, with prior approval, an Advisory Person may sell securities which were not on the Restricted List when acquired (or which were acquired at a time when the

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Advisory Person was not subject to such restrictions). The Restricted List must be maintained strictly confidential and not disclosed to anyone outside of the Advisor and the Corporation.

- F. Contacts with public companies will sometimes be a part of an Advisor's research efforts. Persons providing investment advisory services to the Corporation may make investment decisions on the basis of conclusions formed through such contacts and analysis of publicly available information. Difficult legal issues arise, however, when, in the course of these contacts, an Advisory Person becomes aware of material, non-public information. This could happen, for example, if a company's chief financial officer prematurely discloses quarterly results to an analyst, or an investor relations representative makes selective disclosure of adverse news to a handful of investors. In such situations, the Advisor must make a judgment as to its further conduct. To protect themselves, clients and the Advisor, Advisory Persons should contact the Chief Compliance Officer immediately if they believe that they may have received material, non-public information.

#### **Section VIII—Annual Certification**

##### **A. Access Persons.**

Access Persons who are directors, managers, officers or employees of the Corporation or the Advisor shall be required to certify annually that they have read this Code and that they understand it and recognize that they are subject to it. Further, such Access Persons shall be required to certify annually that they have complied with the requirements of this Code.

##### **B. Board Review.**

No less frequently than annually, the Corporation and the Advisor must furnish to the Corporation's board of directors, and the board must consider, a written report that: (A) describes any issues arising under this Code or procedures since the last report to the board, including, but not limited to, information about material violations of the Code or procedures and sanctions imposed in response to material violations; and (B) certifies that the Corporation or the Advisor, as applicable, has adopted procedures reasonably necessary to prevent Access Persons from violating the Code.

#### **Section IX—Sanctions**

Any violation of this Code shall be subject to the imposition of such sanctions by the 17j-1 Organization as may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances to achieve the purposes of Rule 17j-1 and this Code. The sanctions to be imposed shall be determined by the board of directors of the Corporation, including a majority of the Independent Directors; *provided, however*, that with respect to violations by persons who are directors, managers, officers or

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employees of the Advisor (or of a company that controls the Advisor), the sanctions to be imposed shall be determined by the Advisor (or the controlling person thereof). Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, suspension or termination of employment, a letter of censure and/or restitution of an amount equal to the difference between the price paid or received by the Corporation and the more advantageous price paid or received by the offending person.

**Section X—Administration and Construction**

- A. The administration of this Code shall be the responsibility of the Chief Compliance Officer.
- B. The duties of the Chief Compliance Officer are as follows:
  - (1) Continuous maintenance of a current list of the names of all Access Persons with an appropriate description of their title or employment, including a notation of any directorships held by Access Persons who are officers or employees of the Advisor or of any company that controls the Advisor, and informing all Access Persons of their reporting obligations hereunder;
  - (2) On an annual basis, providing all Covered Personnel a copy of this Code and informing such persons of their duties and obligations hereunder including any supplemental training that may be required from time to time;
  - (3) Maintaining or supervising the maintenance of all records and reports required by this Code;
  - (4) Preparing listings of all transactions effected by Access Persons who are subject to the requirement to file Quarterly Securities Transaction Reports and reviewing such transactions against a listing of all transactions effected by the Corporation;
  - (5) Issuance either personally or with the assistance of counsel as may be appropriate, of any interpretation of this Code that may appear consistent with the objectives of Rule 17j-1 and this Code;
  - (6) Conduct such inspections or investigations as shall reasonably be required to detect and report, with recommendations, any apparent violations of this Code to the board of directors of the Corporation; and
  - (7) Submission of a written report to the board of directors of the Corporation, no less frequently than annually, that describes any issues arising under the Code since the last such report, including but not limited to the information described in this Section VIII.B.



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- C. The Chief Financial Officer shall maintain and cause to be maintained in an easily accessible place at the principal place of business of the 17j-1 Organization, the following records:
- (1) A copy of all codes of ethics adopted by the Corporation or the Advisor and its affiliates, as the case may be, pursuant to Rule 17j-1 that have been in effect at any time during the past five years;
  - (2) A record of each violation of such codes of ethics and of any action taken as a result of such violation for at least five years after the end of the fiscal year in which the violation occurs;
  - (3) A copy of each report made by an Access Person for at least two years after the end of the fiscal year in which the report is made, and for an additional three years in a place that need not be easily accessible;
  - (4) A copy of each report made by the Chief Compliance Officer to the board of directors of the Corporation for two years from the end of the fiscal year of the Corporation in which such report is made or issued and for an additional three years in a place that need not be easily accessible;
  - (5) A list of all persons who are, or within the past five years have been, required to make reports pursuant to Rule 17j-1 and this Code of Ethics, or who are or were responsible for reviewing such reports;
  - (6) A copy of each report required by Section VIII.B. for at least two years after the end of the fiscal year in which it is made, and for an additional three years in a place that need not be easily accessible; and
  - (7) A record of any decision, and the reasons supporting the decision, to approve the acquisition by an Advisory Person of securities in an Initial Public Offering or Limited Offering for at least five (5) years after the end of the fiscal year in which the approval is granted.
- D. This Code may not be amended or modified except in a written form that is specifically approved by majority vote of the Independent Directors.
- This Joint Code of Ethics, originally adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, is annually reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, including a majority of the Independent Directors.

**ATTACHMENT A  
PERSONAL SECURITIES HOLDINGS REPORT**

- (1) I have read and understand the Joint Code of Ethics of Monroe Capital Corporation and Monroe Capital BDC Advisors, LLC (the "**Code**"), recognize that the provisions of the Code apply to me and agree to comply in all respects with the procedures described therein. Furthermore, if during the past calendar year I was subject to the Code, I certify that I complied in all respects with the requirement of the Code as in effect during that year. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I certify that I have identified all new securities accounts established during each calendar quarter.
- (2) I also certify that the following securities brokerage and commodity trading accounts are the only brokerage or commodity accounts in which I trade or hold Covered Securities in which I have a direct or indirect Beneficial Ownership interest, as such terms are defined by the Code, and that I have requested that the firms at which such accounts are maintained send duplicate account statements to the Chief Compliance Officer.

<u>Title of Covered Security</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Broker, Dealer of Bank</u>	<u>Date Opened</u>
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Date of Report: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT B  
QUARTERLY SECURITIES TRANSACTION REPORT**

The following lists all transactions in Covered Securities, in which I had any direct or indirect Beneficial Ownership interest, that were affected during the last calendar quarter and required to be reported by Section V.B. of the Joint Code of Ethics of Monroe Capital Corporation and Monroe Capital BDC Advisors, LLC. (If no such transactions took place write "NONE.")

Please sign and date this report and return it to the Chief Compliance Officer no later than the 10th day of the month following the end of the quarter. Use reverse side if additional space if needed.

**PURCHASES AND ACQUISITIONS**

<u>Trade Date</u>	<u>No. of Shares or Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate and Maturity Date</u>	<u>Name of Security</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>	<u>Broker, Dealer, or Bank</u>
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**SALES AND OTHER DISPOSITIONS**

<u>Trade Date</u>	<u>No. of Shares or Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate and Maturity Date</u>	<u>Name of Security</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>	<u>Broker, Dealer, or Bank</u>
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**NEW ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED DURING THE QUARTER**

<u>Trade Date</u>	<u>No. of Shares or Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate and Maturity Date</u>	<u>Name of Security</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>	<u>Broker, Dealer, or Bank</u>
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_