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FOURTH QUARTER 2019 INVESTOR PRESENTATION

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HERCULES CAPITAL

Structure	Internally Managed Business Development Company (BDC)
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IPO Date	June 9, 2005
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HTGC (NYSE) – Common Stock

Institutional Notes PAR \$1000.00

- 4.625% Notes due 2022
- 4.77% Notes due 2024
- 4.28% Notes due 2025

Retail Notes (Baby Bonds) PAR \$25.00

- HCXY (NYSE) 6.25% Notes due 2033
- HCXZ (NYSE) 5.25% Notes due 2025

Convertible Notes

- 4.375% Notes due 2022

Securitization Notes

- 4.605% Asset-backed Notes due 2027
- 4.703% Asset-backed Notes due 2028

Annualized Dividend Yield⁽¹⁾	9.1% as of December 31, 2019
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Distributions Declared	\$0.32 per share for Q4 2019 \$0.08 per share supplemental for Q4 2019
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Price to NAV	1.45x - as of February 14, 2020 ~1.3x to ~1.6x historical range
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(1) Annualized based on the \$0.32 distribution declared for Q4 2019 and a closing stock price of \$14.02 as of December 31, 2019

FOURTH QUARTER 2019 INVESTOR PRESENTATION

- Key Performance Highlights
- Company & Strategic Overview
- Financial Highlights
- Portfolio Highlights
- Venture Capital Market Opportunity
- Analyst Coverage
- Supplemental Information

KEY PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS



Q4 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Robust Earnings

- Net Investment Income (“NII”) of \$40.1M, up 31.1% Y-Y
- Total Investment Income of \$70.6M, up 24.1% Y-Y
- NII per share of \$0.38 and 119% distribution coverage
- 58 consecutive quarters of distributions since June 2005 IPO

Strong Shareholder Returns

- 1YR/3Yr/7YR Total Shareholder Returns⁽¹⁾: 38.4%/25.9%/103.1%
- ROAE^(1,2): 15.4%
- ROAA^(1,2): 7.3%
- Net Interest Margin (“NIM”): 11.0%

High-Yield Portfolio of Earning Assets

- Total Debt Investments (at cost): \$2.17B
- Total Investments (at cost): \$2.40B
- Effective Yield: 13.0%

Industry-Leading Originations Platform

- \$10.0B in total debt commitments since inception (as of 1/14/20)
- Cumulative Total Net Realized (Loss) since inception of (\$23.6M)
- Total debt & equity commitments: \$283.9M
- Debt & equity fundings: \$240.8M

Strong Liquidity and Balance Sheet

- \$235.5M available liquidity
- GAAP and regulatory leverage: 115.0% and 101.8%⁽³⁾

Strong Capital Raising Position

- Price-to-NAV: 1.45x⁽⁴⁾
- “ATM” Equity Distribution Agreement
- Investment Grade Credit Ratings: DBRS: BBB | KBRA: BBB+

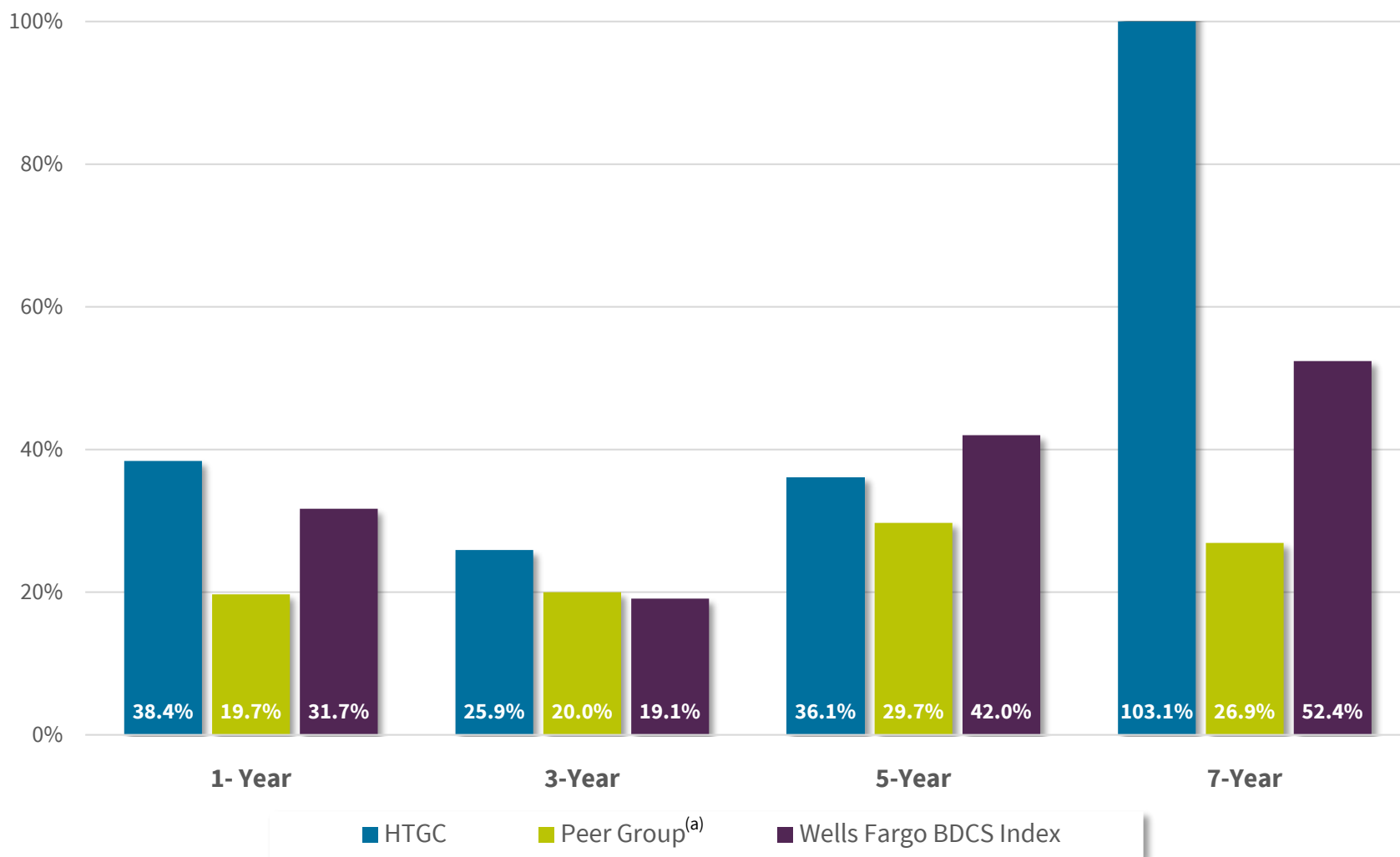
(1) Source: S&P CapIQ as of 12/31/19

(2) Based on NII, excludes realized and unrealized gains/losses

(3) Regulatory leverage is defined as GAAP leverage excluding SBA debentures

(4) As of February 14, 2020

TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN (TSR)^(b) vs. BDCs & WELLS FARGO INDEX



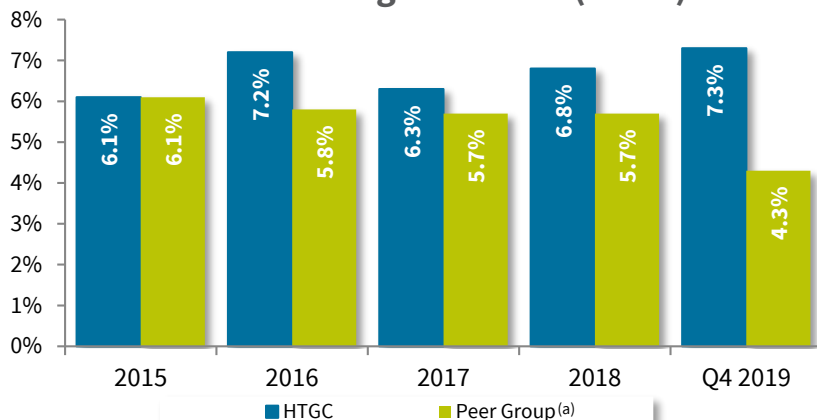
(a) Peer Group: AINV, ARCC, BKCC, OCSL, FSK, GBDC, GSB, MAIN, NMFC, OXSQ, PNNT, PSEC, SLRC, BBDC, TCPC, TCRD, TSLX

(b) TSR is defined as stock appreciation plus distributed dividend distributions

Source: S&P Capital IQ as of December 31, 2019

DELIVERING STRONG SHAREHOLDER RETURNS

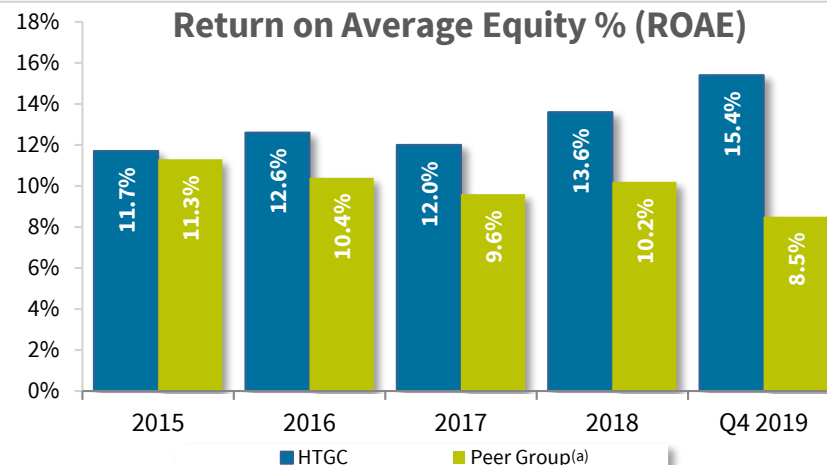
Return on Average Assets % (ROAA)



Source: S&P Capital IQ as of 12/31/19 for HTGC and Peer Group. Return on Average Assets excluding cash. NII divided by average of beginning of period total assets excluding cash and end of period total assets excluding cash.

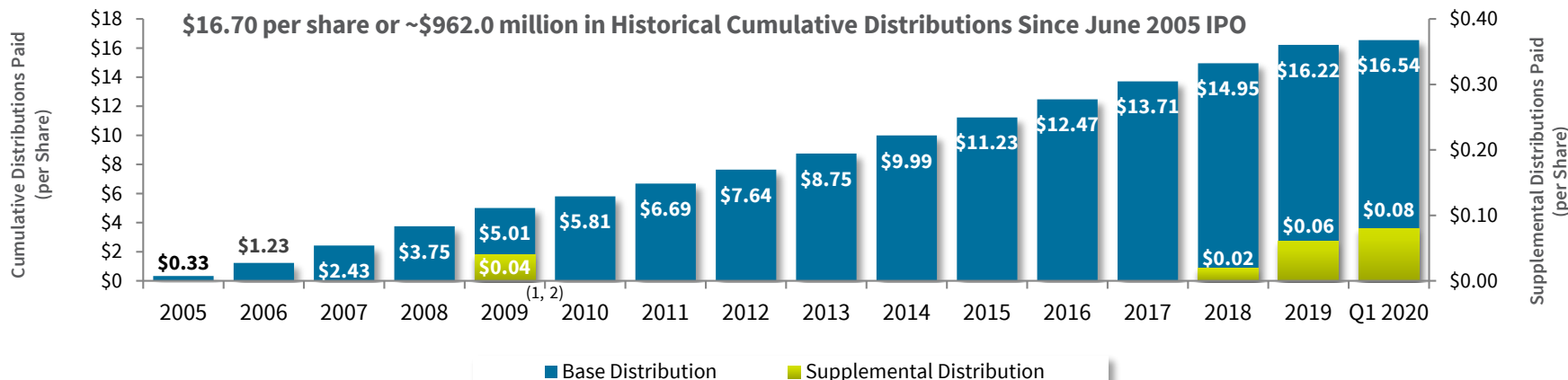
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Return on Average Equity % (ROAE)



Source: S&P Capital IQ as of 12/31/19 for HTGC and Peer Group. Return on Average Equity based on NII. NII divided by average of beginning of period equity and end of period equity.

\$16.70 per share or ~\$962.0 million in Historical Cumulative Distributions Since June 2005 IPO

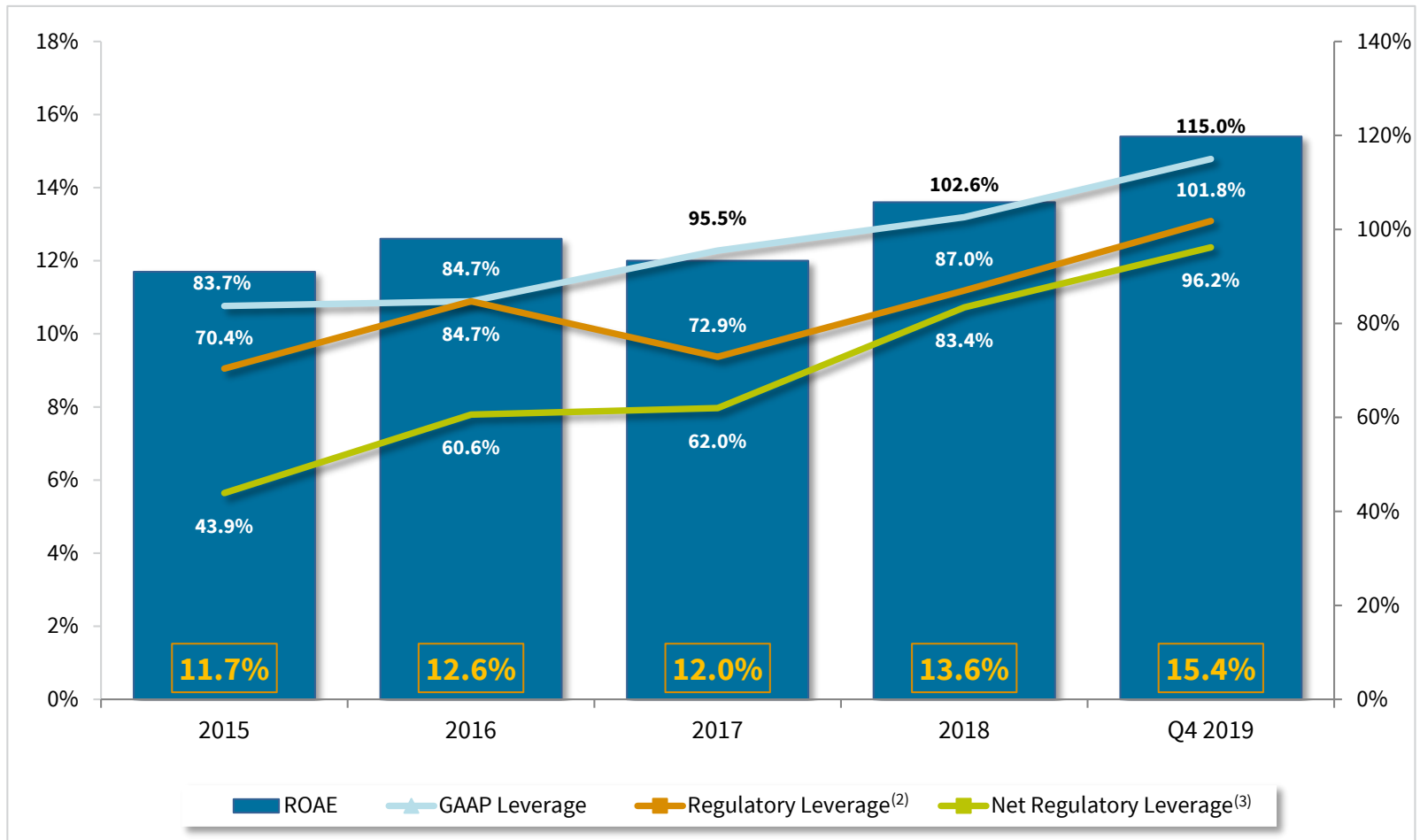


(1) Q1 09 distribution was paid in 10% cash and 90% stock; (2) Includes special \$0.04 distribution paid in December 2009

(2) Note: The Yield Calculation may include a potential tax return of capital. Any portion of a distribution that is ultimately deemed to be a tax return of capital should not be considered. The determination of the tax attributes of the Company's distributions is made annually as of the end of the Company's fiscal year based upon its taxable income for the full year and distributions paid for the full year. Therefore, a determination made on a quarterly basis may not be representative of the actual tax attributes of its distributions for a full year. The tax attributes of its distributions for the years ended December 31, 2008 through December 31, 2019 were paid 100% from earnings and profits; however, there can be no certainty to shareholders that this determination is representative of the tax attributes of the Company's 2020 full year distributions to stockholders.

AVAILABLE LEVERAGE FOR POTENTIAL EARNINGS GROWTH

Leverage to Return on Average Equity % (ROAE)⁽¹⁾



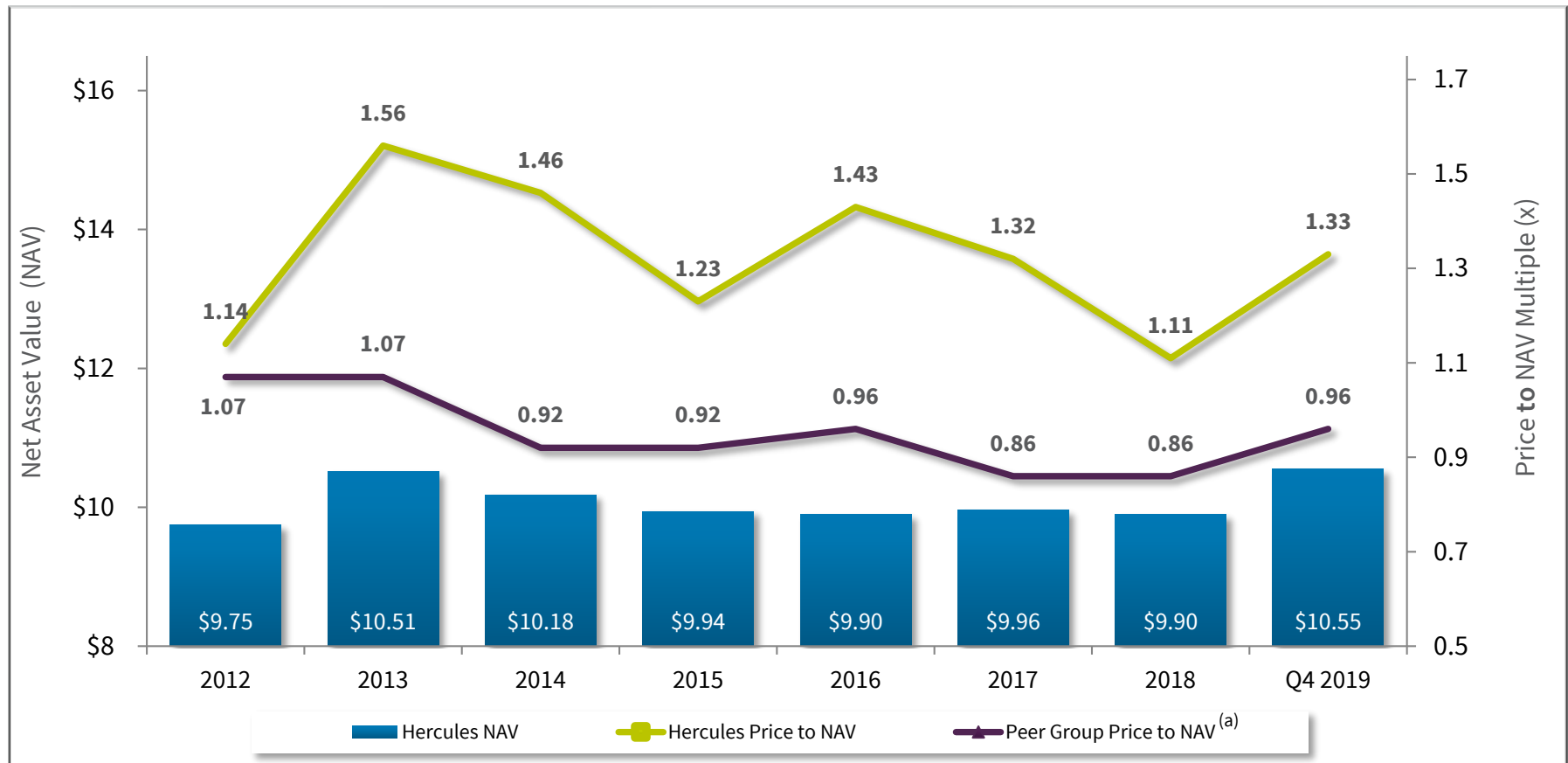
(1) Source: S&P Capital IQ as of 12/31/19. Return on Average Equity based on NII. NII divided by average of beginning of period equity and end of period equity.

(2) Excludes SBA

(3) Excludes SBA and cash

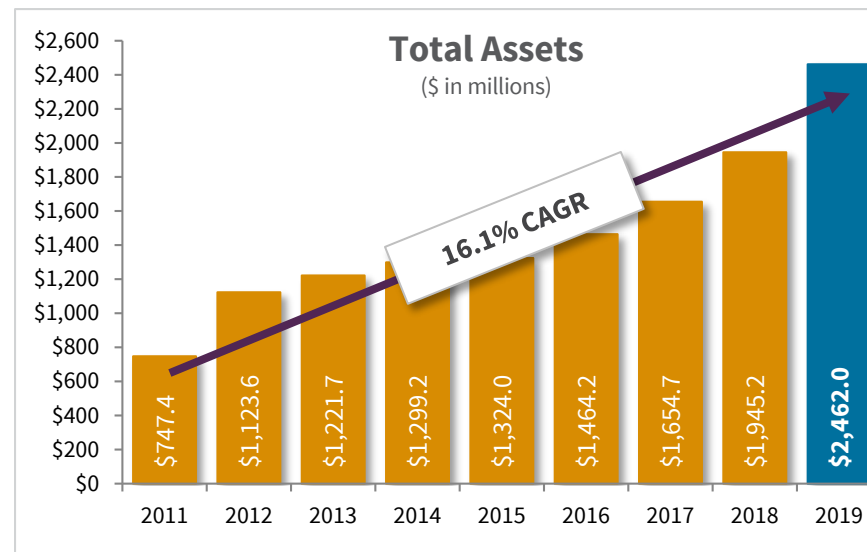
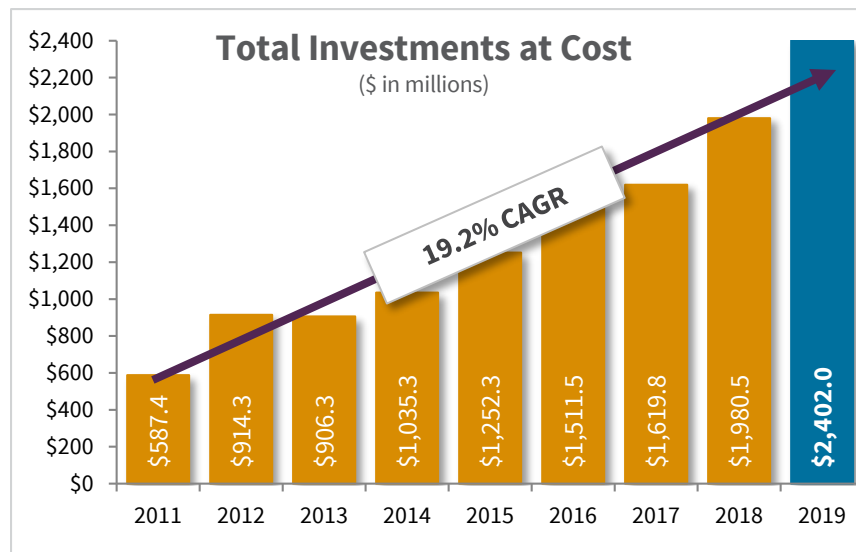
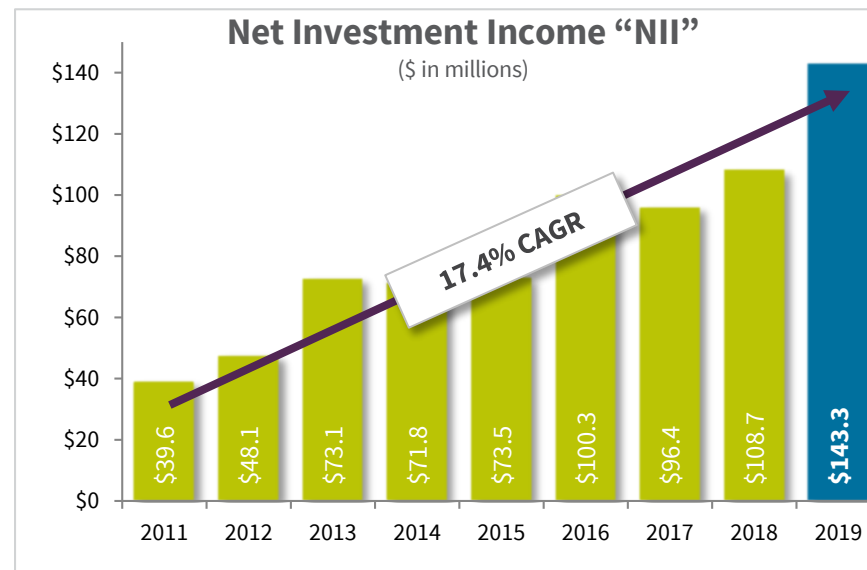
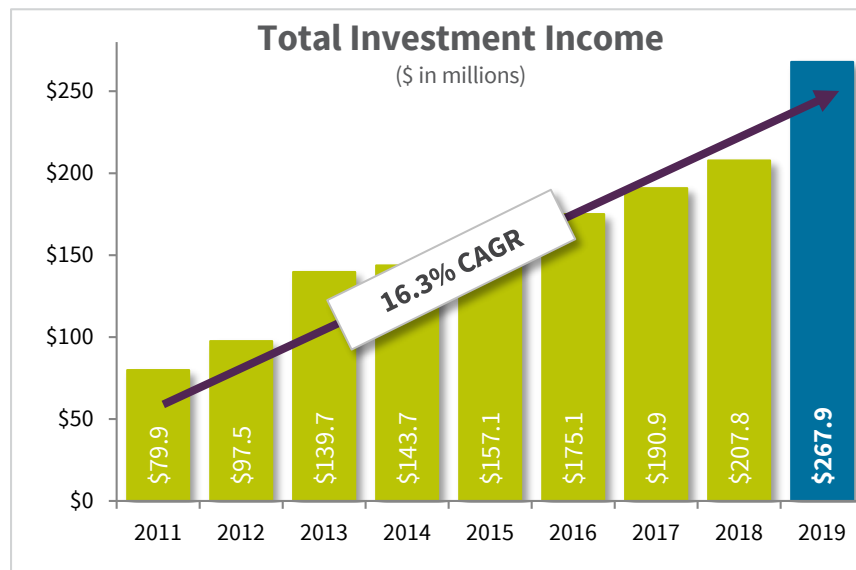
HERCULES CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINS A PREMIUM TO NAV

CREATES A STRONG CAPITAL RAISING POSITION TO SUPPORT GROWTH



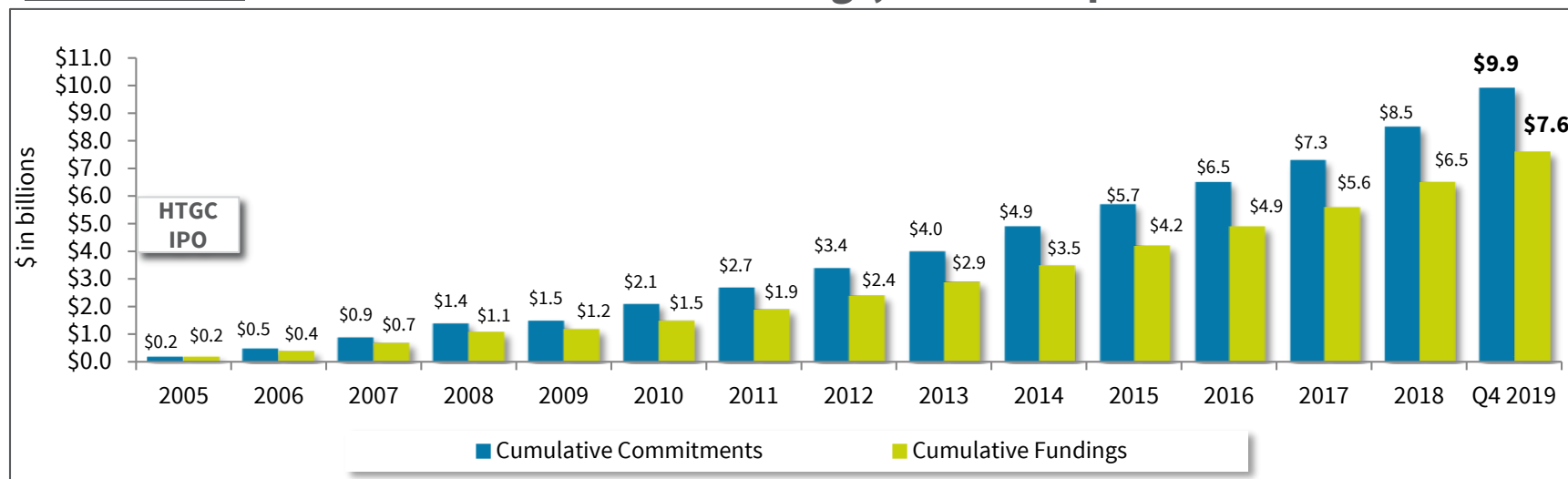
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Source: S&P CapIQ as of 12/31/19 for HTGC and Peer Group. Stock price based on closing price on last trading day of each calendar year or relative quarter.

HERCULES KEY PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

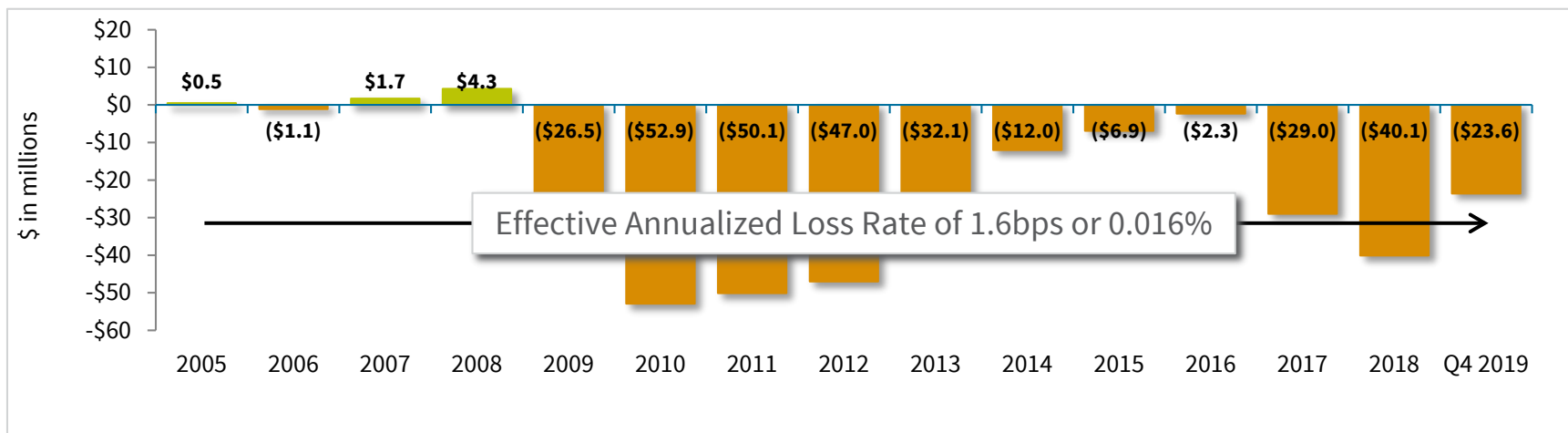


PORTFOLIO GROWTH WITH UNDERWRITING DISCIPLINE

Cumulative Debt Commitment and Fundings, Since Inception



Cumulative Total Aggregate Net Realized Gains/(Losses), Since Inception



COMPANY & STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



HERCULES AT-A-GLANCE

LARGEST BDC FOCUSED ON PROVIDING FINANCING TO HIGH-GROWTH VENTURE CAPITAL-BACKED COMPANIES

\$1.59
BILLION

MARKET CAPITALIZATION

FOUNDED DECEMBER 2003
IPO: June 2005 “HTGC”

ENTERPRISE VALUE
\$2.78 billion⁽¹⁾

MARKET CAPITALIZATION
\$1.59 billion⁽¹⁾

NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE
\$10.55 as of 12/31/19

HISTORICAL PRICE/NAV
~1.3x to ~1.6x range

CURRENT PRICE/NAV
1.45x⁽¹⁾

\$2.17
BILLION

DEBT INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

DEBT INVESTMENT COST BASIS
\$2.17 billion

DEBT INVESTMENT FAIR VALUE
\$2.15 billion

EFFECTIVE YIELD
13.0%

DEBT INVESTMENTS IN
97 companies

SHORT TERM MATURITIES
36-42 months

INVESTMENT SIZE
\$5 to \$200 million

120
COMPANIES

WARRANT & EQUITY PORTFOLIO

WARRANT HOLDINGS IN
120 companies

EQUITY HOLDINGS IN
53 companies

TOTAL WARRANT AND EQUITY
GAAP COST
\$231.9 million

TOTAL WARRANT AND EQUITY
FAIR VALUE
\$165.9 million

\$235.5
MILLION

LIQUIDITY & BALANCE SHEET

AVAILABLE LIQUIDITY TO
INVEST⁽²⁾
\$235.5 million

GAAP LEVERAGE
115.0% / 101.8% ex. SBA

INVESTMENT GRADE RATINGS
DBRS: BBB
KBRA: BBB+

SECURITIZATION INVESTMENT
GRADE RATINGS
KBRA: A(sf)

(1) As of February 14, 2020 and source for Enterprise Value and Market Capitalization is S&P Capital IQ

(2) Subject to existing terms and covenants

WHY IS HERCULES DIFFERENT THAN OTHER BDCs

WE INVEST IN INNOVATIVE VENTURE GROWTH-STAGE COMPANIES

What We Don't Do and What We Are Not

- No direct oil and gas exposure
- No CLO exposure
- No CMBS or RMBS exposure
- No metals or minerals exposure

What We Do

- We focus primarily on pre-IPO and M&A, innovative high-growth venture capital backed companies at their expansion (venture growth) and established stages in a broadly diversified variety of technology, life sciences and sustainable and renewable technology industries
- Highly asset sensitive debt investment portfolio – **97.4%** floating rate loans and with interest rate floors⁽¹⁾
- We are generally the only lender and **84.0%** are "true" first lien senior secured⁽¹⁾
- The majority of our debt investments include warrants for potential additional total return
- Substantially all of our debt investments have short term amortizing maturities (36-42 months)
- Focused on strong and sustainable shareholder returns
- Disciplined, proven investment philosophy with over 15 years of strong credit performance history

(1) As of December 31, 2019

STRATEGIC ACCESS TO EQUITY AND DEBT CAPITAL MARKETS

HERCULES' SUCCESSFUL ATM DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Hercules' At-the-Market "ATM" Equity Distribution Agreement

- Equity Distribution Agreement: Up to a total of 12 million shares of common stock

The Benefits and Competitive Advantages

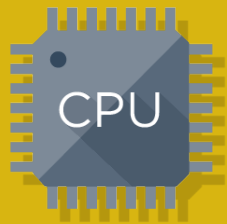
- "Just-in-Time" access provides control on the timing, pricing and amount of capital raised, with full control over leverage ratios
- Ideal for raising growth capital when needed, proceeds expeditiously invested in new investments
- Exceptionally low and cost-effective access to capital markets
- Equity issuances are highly accretive to NAV; HTGC trades at a premium to NAV

The Results

- Equity ATM Program FY 2019: sold ~ 4.6 million shares for total net proceeds of ~ \$62.7 million
- Equity ATM Program FY 2018: sold ~ 5.1 million shares for total net proceeds of ~ \$63.3 million

WE ARE AT CENTER STAGE OF THE INNOVATION ECONOMY

HERCULES HAS DOMAIN EXPERTISE IN FIVE SPECIALIZED LENDING GROUPS
“WE ARE NOT GENERALISTS”



Technology



**Life
Sciences**



**SaaS
Financing**



**Sustainable
and Renewable
Technology**



**Special
Situations**

We Invest at the Expansion “Venture Growth” and Established Stage

\$10.0 billion in total debt commitments to over 490 companies since inception (as of 1/14/20)

Offices in key venture capital markets: CA | MA | NY | DC | IL | CT

Over 1000 different VC & PE firms, financial investors

Over 170 portfolio companies completed/announced an IPO or M&A event since inception

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



INCOME STATEMENT: Q4 2019 VS. Q4 2018 SUMMARY RESULTS

	Three Months Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	Year/Year
<i>(\$ in 000's, except per share amounts)</i>	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	Change
Interest Income	\$ 66,086	\$ 52,687	25%
Fee Income	4,491	4,202	7%
Total Investment Income	70,577	56,889	24%
Interest and Loan Fees	15,954	11,941	34%
General and Administrative	4,573	3,802	20%
Employee Compensation	9,432	10,274	-8%
Tax Expenses	519	282	84%
Total Operating Expenses	30,478	26,299	16%
Other Income			
Pre-Tax Net Investment Income-NII	40,099	30,590	31%
Total Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/Loss	4,512	(47,728)	
Net Increase in Net Assets from Operations	44,611	(17,138)	-360%
NII - Net Investment Income per Share (Basic)	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.32	19%
DNOI - Distributable Net Operating Income per Share	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.35	14%
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Basic	105,634	96,357	10%

CURRENT & HISTORICAL INCOME STATEMENTS

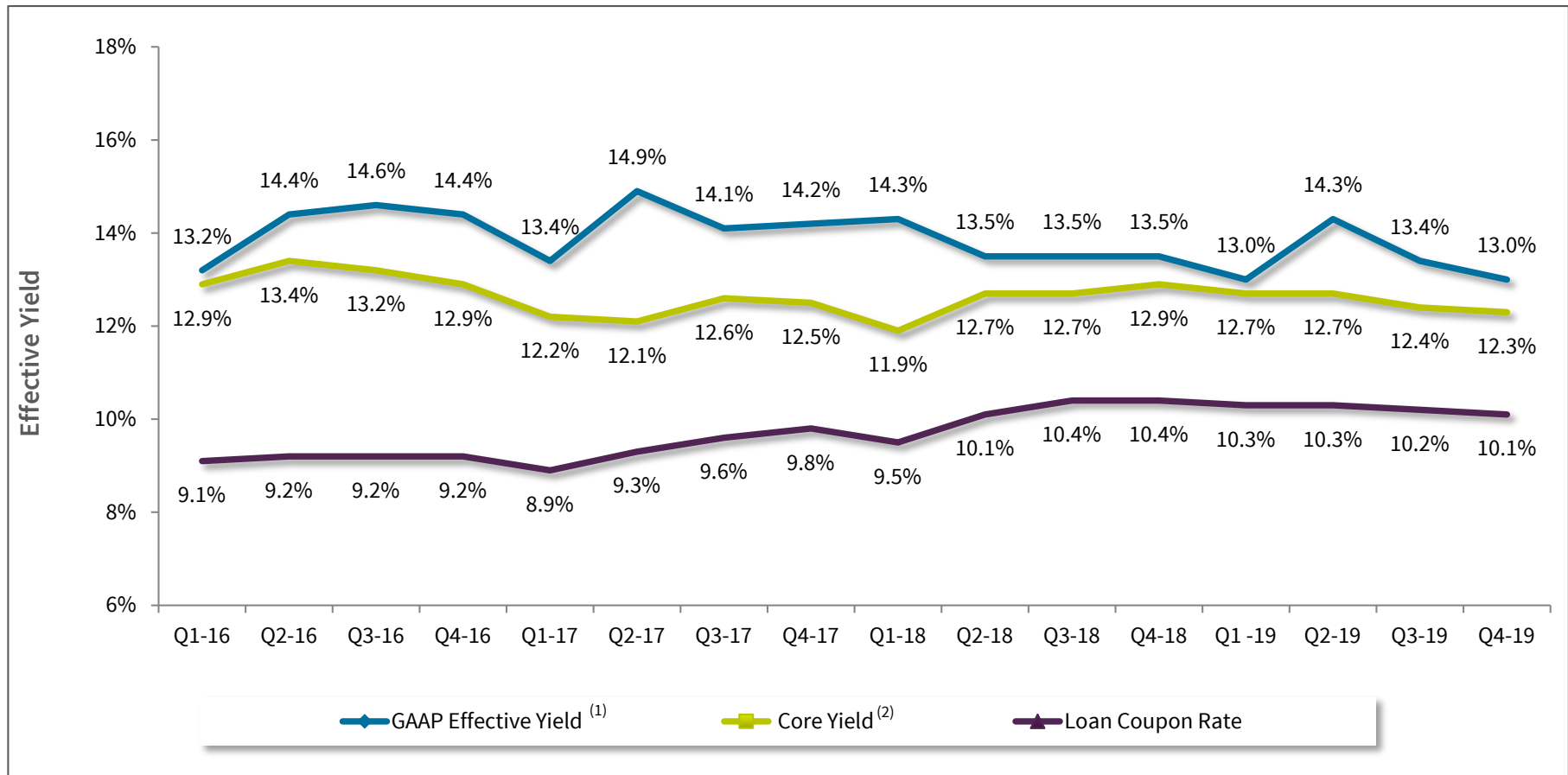
	Twelve Months Ended December 31,	Twelve Months Ended December 31,
	2019	2018
(\$ in 000's, except per share amounts)		
Interest Income	\$ 247,513	\$ 190,636
Fee Income	20,361	17,117
Total Investment Income	267,874	207,753
Interest and Loan Fees	61,674	46,695
General and Administrative	19,183	14,517
Employee Compensation	41,519	36,841
Tax Expenses	2,226	971
Total Operating Expenses	124,602	99,024
Other Income	-	-
Pre-Tax Net Investment Income - NII	143,272	108,729
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain / (Loss)	30,326	(32,233)
Net Increase in Net Assets from Operations	\$ 173,598	\$ 76,496
NII - Net Investment Income per Share (Basic)	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.19
DNOI - Distributable Net Operating Income per Share	\$ 1.53	\$ 1.32
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Basic	101,132	90,929

CURRENT & HISTORICAL BALANCE SHEET

	December 31,	December 31,
(\$ in 000's, except per share amounts)	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Total Investments	\$ 2,314,526	\$ 1,880,373
Cash and cash equivalents	64,393	34,212
Restricted cash	50,603	11,645
Interest receivable	20,207	16,959
Other assets	12,239	2,002
Total Assets	\$ 2,461,968	\$ 1,945,191
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	30,306	25,961
Operating Lease Liability	11,538	-
Credit Facilities	103,919	52,956
2022 Convertible Notes	226,614	225,051
2027 Asset-Backed Notes	197,312	197,265
2028 Asset-Backed Notes	247,395	-
2033 Notes	38,501	38,427
2024 Notes	-	81,852
Long-term SBA Debentures	148,165	147,655
2025 Notes	72,970	72,590
July 2024 Notes	103,685	-
2022 Notes	148,514	147,990
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,328,919	\$ 989,747
Net Assets	\$ 1,133,049	\$ 955,444
Shares Outstanding	107,364	96,501
Net Assets per Share	\$ 10.55	\$ 9.90

EFFECTIVE YIELD VS. CORE YIELD – LEADS TO STRONG EARNINGS

MEDIAN CORE YIELD FROM Q1 2016 TO Q4 2019: 12.7%

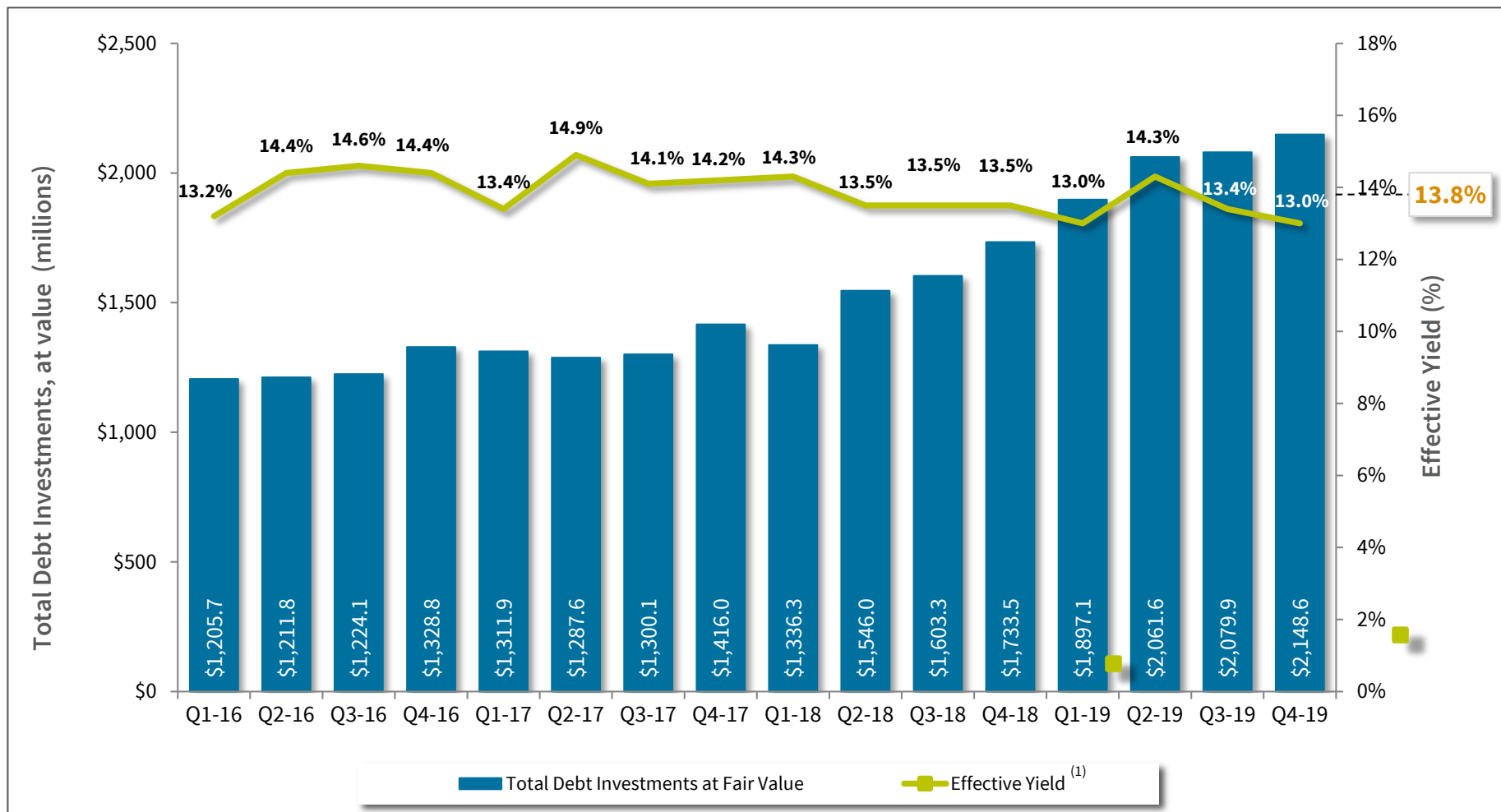


(1) Effective Yield is inclusive of all fees, including all realized unamortized fees and all realized transaction fees including but not limited to amendment fees and prepayment fees, and is calculated based on the weighted average principal balance of loans outstanding on a daily basis

(2) Core Yield excludes Early Repayments and One-Time Fees, and includes income and fees from expired commitments

HIGH-YIELD PORTFOLIO OF EARNING ASSETS

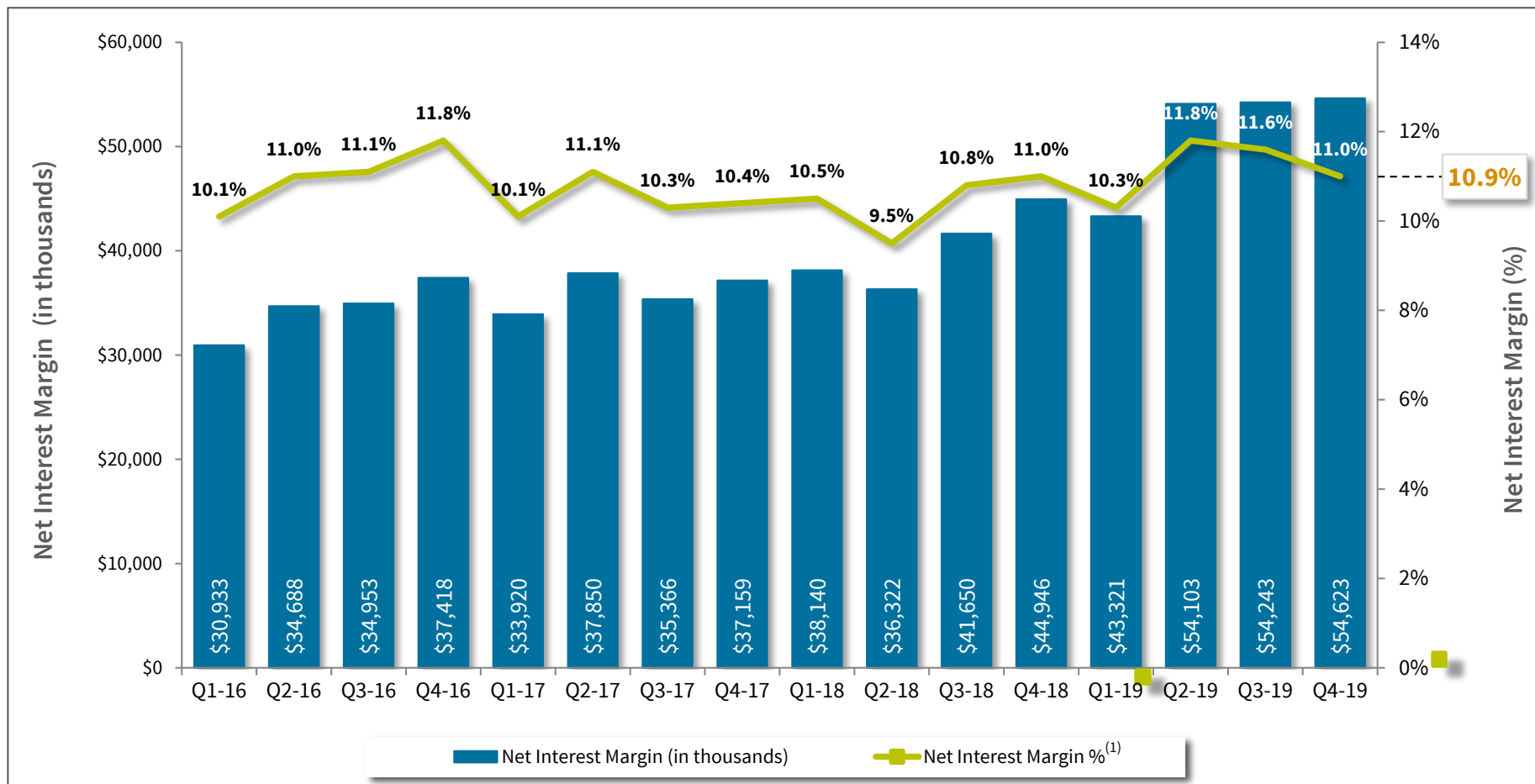
MEDIAN EFFECTIVE YIELD FROM Q1 2016 TO Q4 2019 OF 13.8%



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STRONG, CONSISTENT NET INTEREST MARGIN - NIM

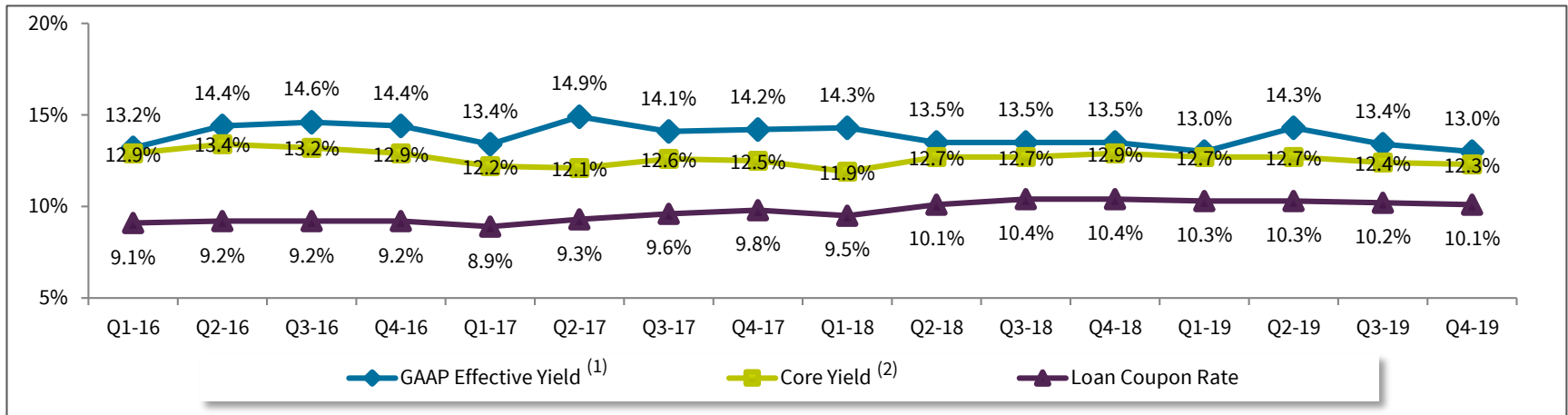
MEDIAN NIM FROM Q1 2016 TO Q4 2019 OF 10.9%



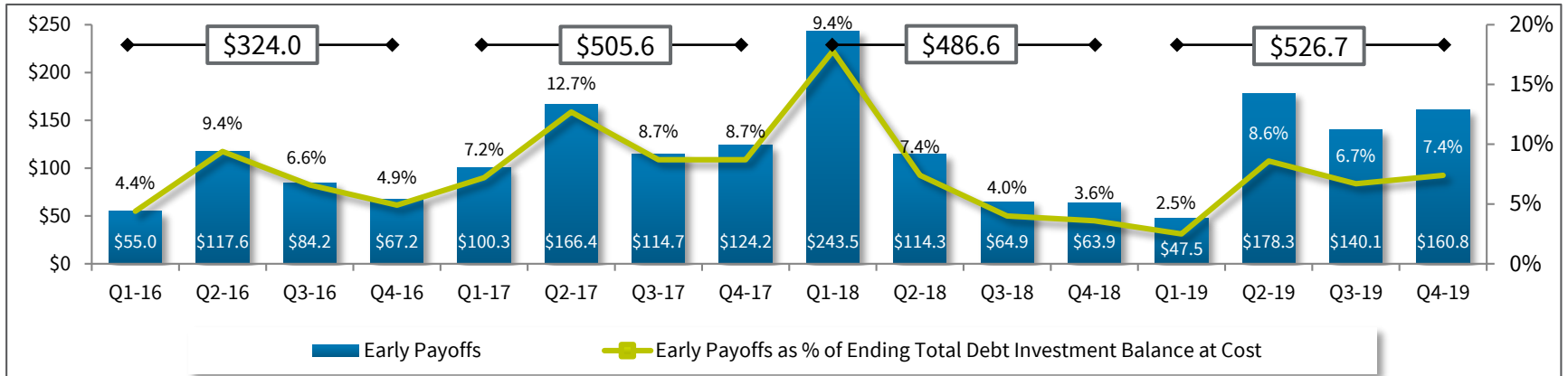
(1) Net Interest Margin = Net Interest Income/Average Yielding Assets excluding Equity Investments

IMPACT OF EARLY PAYOFFS ON EFFECTIVE YIELDS

Early Payoffs Lead to Higher Effective Yields and Earnings



EFFECTIVE YIELDS

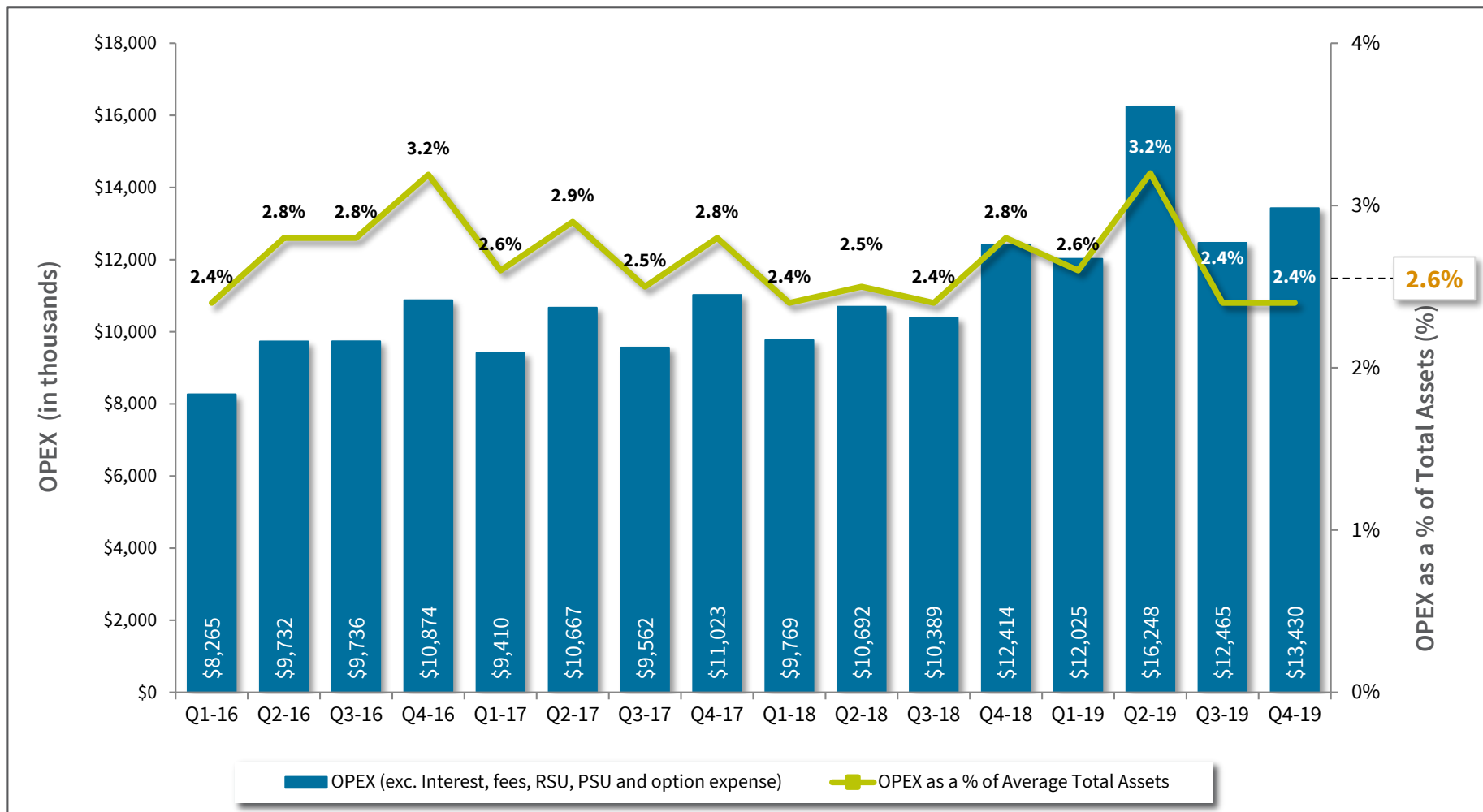


UNSCHEDULED EARLY PAYOFFS (\$ in millions)

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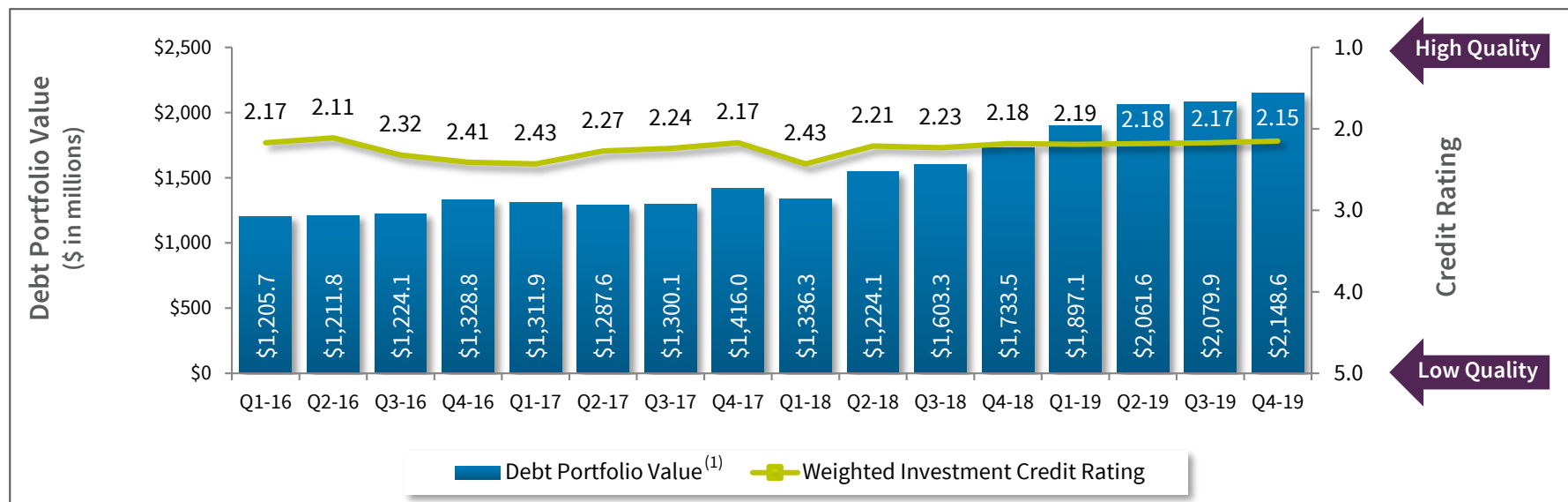
NON-INTEREST AND FEE EXPENSE TO AVERAGE TOTAL ASSETS

MEDIAN ADJ. OPEX TO AVERAGE TOTAL ASSETS FROM Q1 2016 TO Q4 2019 OF 2.6%



CONSISTENT AND DISCIPLINED UNDERWRITING STANDARDS

Disciplined credit underwriting standards deliver consistent long-term results



Credit Grading at Fair Value, Q4 2019 - Q4 2018 (\$ in millions)

	Q4 2019		Q3 2019		Q2 2019		Q1 2019		Q4 2018	
Grade 1 - High	\$ 387.3	18.0%	\$ 237.9	11.4%	\$ 256.2	12.4%	\$ 299.2	15.8%	\$ 311.6	18.0%
Grade 2	\$ 1,180.5	55.0%	\$ 1,331.2	64.0%	\$ 1,317.7	63.9%	\$ 1,056.4	55.7%	\$ 885.1	51.1%
Grade 3	\$ 509.9	23.7%	\$ 479.0	23.1%	\$ 413.0	20.1%	\$ 469.7	24.7%	\$ 474.9	27.3%
Grade 4	\$ 69.0	3.2%	\$ 29.7	1.4%	\$ 67.8	3.3%	\$ 66.5	3.5%	\$ 60.3	3.5%
Grade 5 - Low	\$ 1.8	0.1%	\$ 2.1	0.1%	\$ 6.9	0.3%	\$ 5.3	0.3%	\$ 1.6	0.1%
Weighted Avg.	2.15		2.17		2.18		2.19		2.18	

(1) Debt only; based on fair value

DIVERSIFIED SOURCES OF FUNDING: Q4 2019

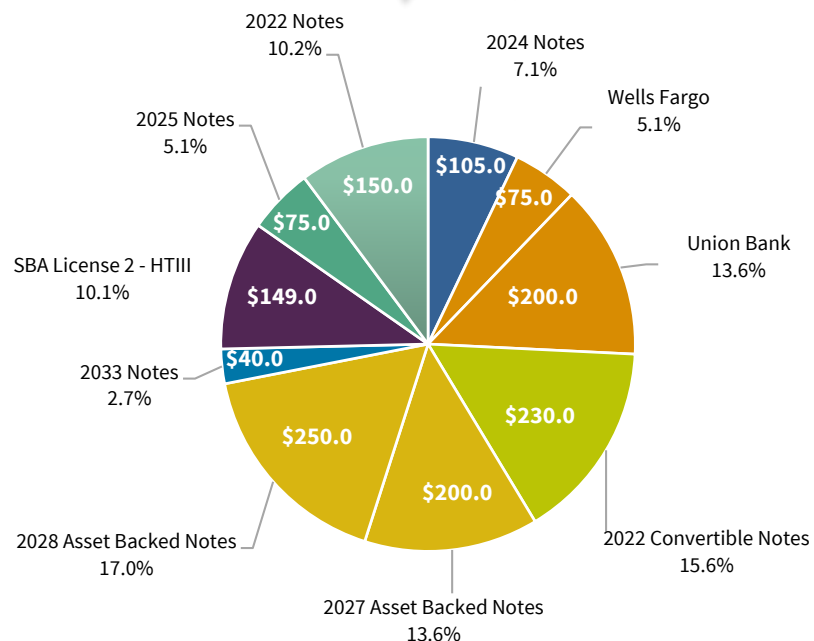
Entity Capitalization

Capital Sources as of 12/31/19

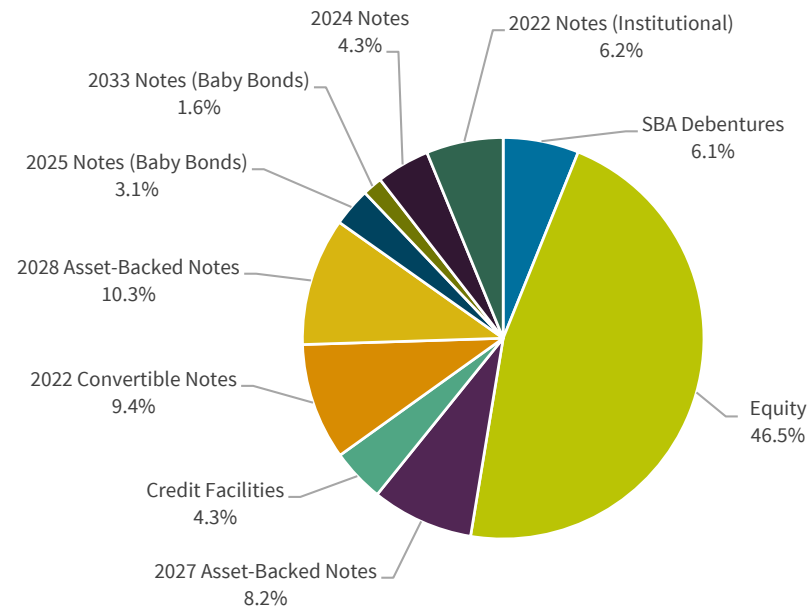
	\$ in Millions	% of Total
Equity	\$1,133.0	46.5%
SBA Debentures	\$149.0	6.1%
2027 Asset-Backed Notes	\$200.0	8.2%
2028 Asset-Backed Notes	\$250.0	10.3%
2022 Convertible Notes	\$230.0	9.4%
2022 Notes (Institutional)	\$150.0	6.2%
2024 Notes (Institutional)	\$105.0	4.3%
2025 Notes (Baby Bonds)	\$75.0	3.1%
2033 Notes (Baby Bonds)	\$40.0	1.6%
Credit Facilities	\$103.9	4.3%
Total Capital	\$2,435.9	100.0%

(\$ in millions)

Debt Capital Stack



Total Corporate Capitalization

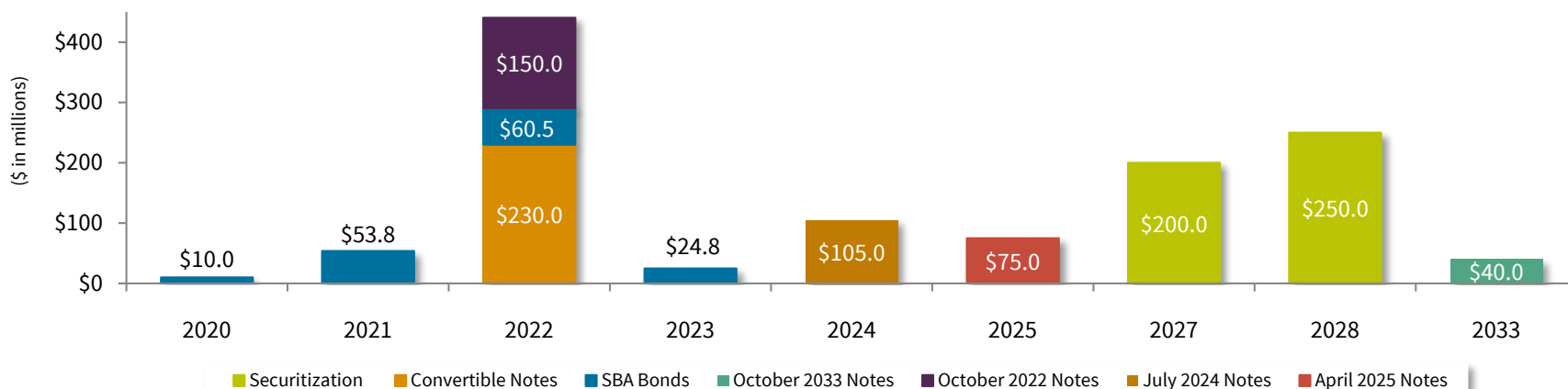


DIVERSIFIED SOURCES OF FUNDING (AS OF 12/31/19)

DATE ENTERED	Wells Fargo Credit Facility	Union Bank Credit Facility	Notes					SBA Debentures	Securitizations	
			January 2022 Conv. Notes	October 2022 Inst. Notes	April 2025 Notes	October 2033 Notes	July 2024 Notes	License 2 HTIII		
	Aug. 2008	Feb. 2010	Jan. 2017	Oct. 2017	April 2018	October 2018	July 2019	May 2010	Nov. 2018	January 2019
FACILITY SIZE (\$ in millions)	\$75.0	\$200.0	\$230.0	\$150.0	\$75.0	\$40.0	\$105.0	\$149.0	\$200.0	\$250.0
INTEREST RATE	LIBOR + 300bps	LIBOR + 270bps	4.375% unsecured	4.625% unsecured	5.25% unsecured	6.25% unsecured	4.77% unsecured	Range ⁽¹⁾ from 2.2% to 5.5%	4.605%	4.703%
MATURITY	January 2022	February 2022	February 2022	October 2022	April 2025	October 2033	July 2024	Mature 10 years after borrowing	November 2027	February 2028
ADDITIONAL INFO	(Expandable up to \$125.0)	(Expandable up to \$300.0)	DBRS: BBB KBRA: BBB+	DBRS: BBB KBRA: BBB+	NYSE: HXCZ DBRS: BBB KBRA: BBB+	NYSE: HCXY DBRS: BBB KBRA: BBB+	KBRA: BBB+	Set in March & Sept. (range: 2.2% to 5.5%)	Rated A(sf) by KBRA	Rated A(sf) by KBRA
OUTSTANDING (\$ in millions)	\$0.0	\$103.9	\$230.0	\$150.0	\$75.0	\$40.0	\$105.0	\$149.0	\$200.0	\$250.0

(1) Interest rate range for the SBA debentures does not include annual fees

Well Managed Debt Maturity Schedule

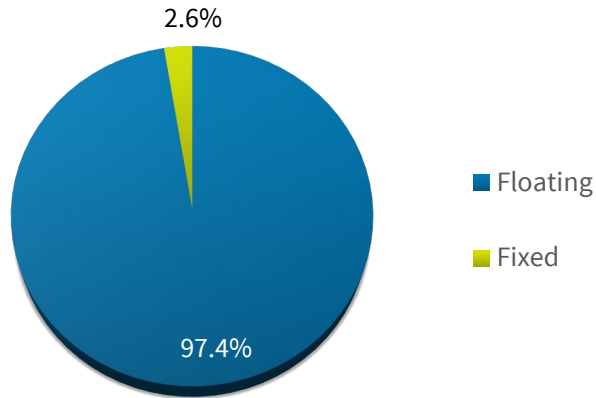


PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

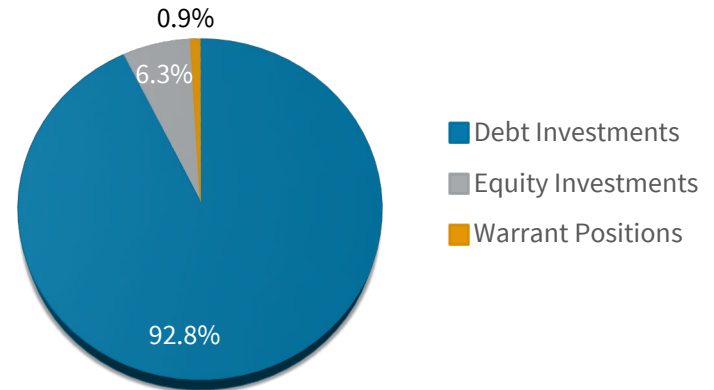


HERCULES' INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO: Q4 2019

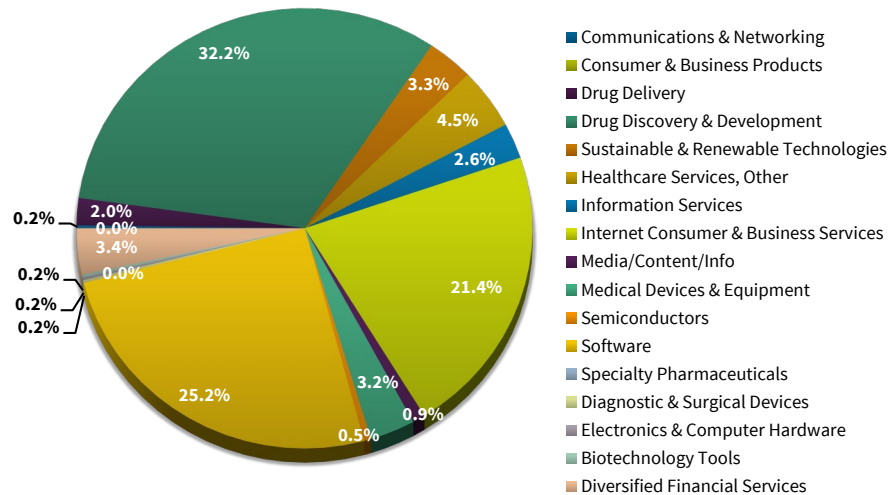
Floating vs. Fixed Rate



Investment Type Breakout

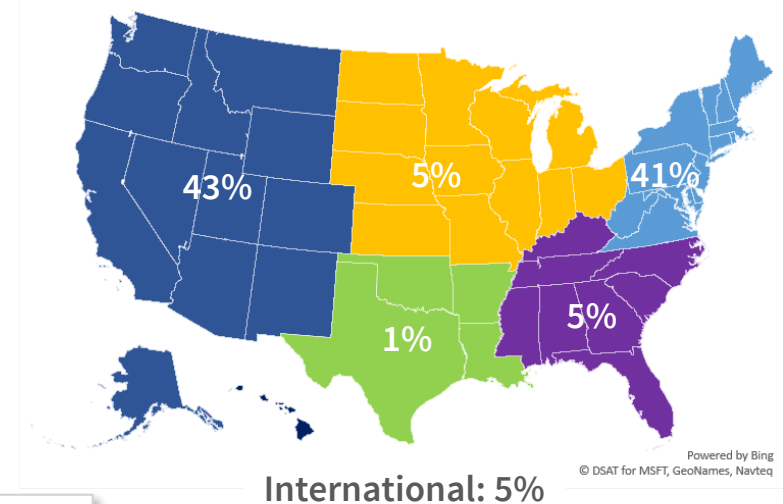


Industry Breakout



Hercules' Investments by Geography

(Portfolio Companies as of December 31, 2019)



HERCULES' WARRANT & EQUITY PORTFOLIO: POTENTIAL FUTURE UPSIDE FOR SHAREHOLDER'S TOTAL RETURN

15 Portfolio Companies completed IPOs or in Registration – 2019

- Stealth Bio, Avedro, Lightspeed POS, Lyft, X4 Pharmaceuticals, Pinterest, TransMedics, Fastly, BridgeBio, Brickell Biotech, Oportun Financial and TELA Bio completed IPOs
- 3 confidential JOBS Act filers

13 Portfolio Company M&A Liquidity Events – 2019

- WildTangent, Labcyte, Art.com, Aquantia, Avedro, Microsystems Holding, Brigade Group, Brickell Biotech, ClearObject, RedSeal, Rive Technology, Myovant Sciences, and Urovant Sciences

Current Warrant and Equity Portfolio – Q4 2019

- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 120 warrant holdings<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GAAP fair value ~\$20.9 million• GAAP cost ~\$35.0 million• ~\$78.8 million in nominal Exercise Value (as of 12/31/19) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 53 equity holdings<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GAAP fair value ~\$145.1 million• GAAP cost ~\$196.9 million |
|--|---|

- Illustrative models of potential warrant gains (as of 12/31/19)
 - Assumption: 50% of warrants will not monetize
 - GAAP cost ~\$17.5 million
 - Based on ~105.6 million weighted average shares

\$39.4M x 2X multiple:
\$78.8M - \$17.5M cost =
\$61.3M unrealized gain = **\$0.58/share**

\$39.4M x 3X multiple:
\$118.2M - \$17.5M cost =
\$100.7M unrealized gain = **\$0.95/share**

\$39.4M x 4X multiple:
\$157.6M - \$17.5M cost =
\$140.1M unrealized gain = **\$1.33/share**

SELECT LIST OF WARRANT AND EQUITY PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Technology

 Palantir

 DOORDASH

 docker

 contentful

 DocuSign

 lyft

 dashlane

 IMPOSSIBLE™

 fuze

 Couchbase

 Postmates

 lightspeed

 Nextdoor

 Thumbtack

 23andMe®

Life Sciences

 bridgebio

 TRICIDA

 insmed

 TransMedics

 uniQure

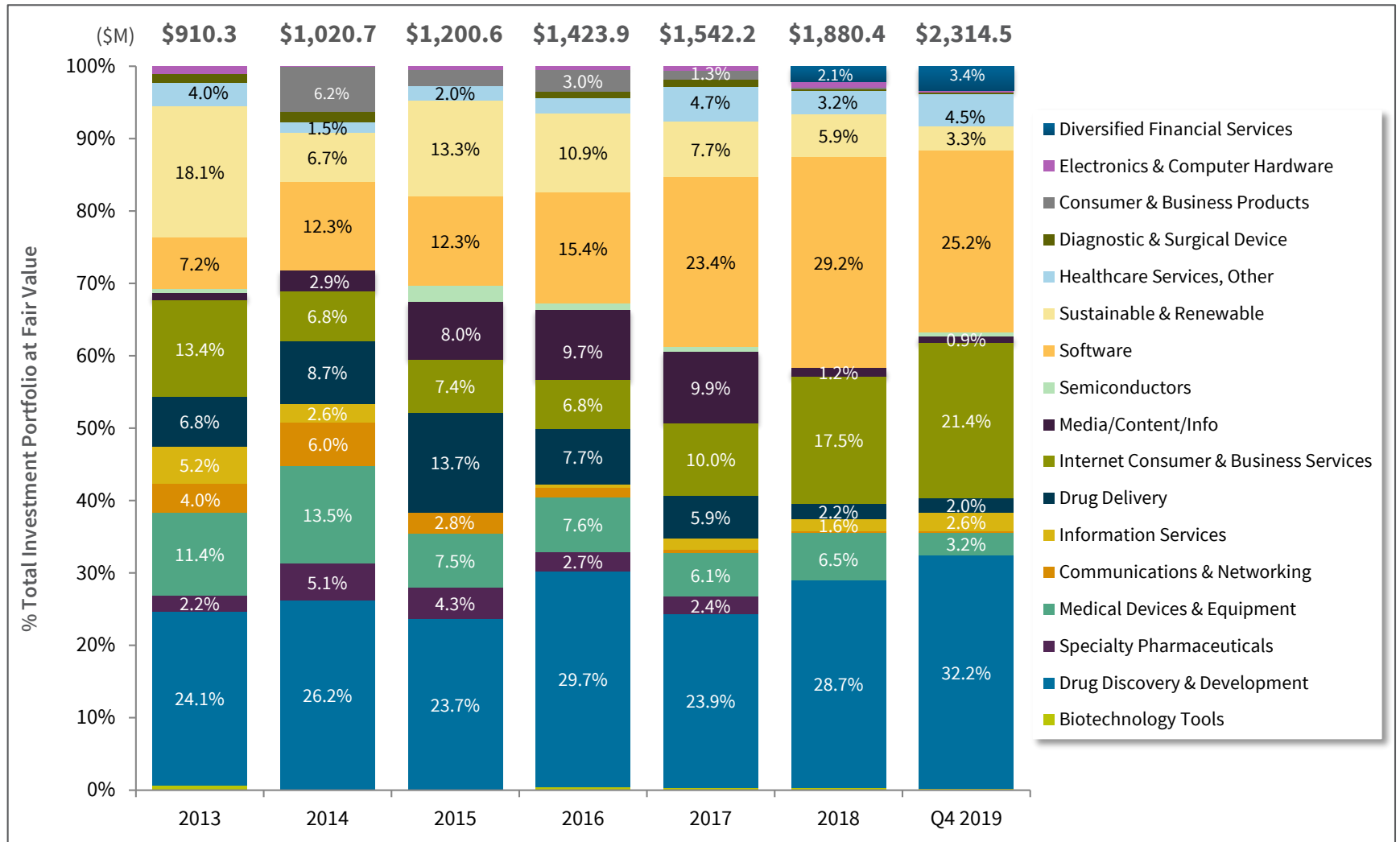
 avedro

 MYOVANT
SCIENCES

 Stealth
BIOTHERAPEUTICS

 CHEMOCENTRYX

A BROADLY DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIO RE-BALANCED ACCORDING TO OUR ASSESSMENT OF ONGOING MARKET CONDITIONS MITIGATES RISK



SELECT LIST OF DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIO COMPANIES

Technology



Life Sciences



SaaS Financing



Sustainable & Renewable Technology



Special Situations



DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENT APPROACH MITIGATES RISK



Four Key Diversification Strategies

FINANCIAL SPONSORS

More than
1000 Venture
Capital Firms
&
Investors

INDUSTRY SECTORS

Technology
SaaS Financing
Life Sciences
Sustainable &
Renewable
Special
Situations

STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

Expansion or
“Venture Growth”
&
Established

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

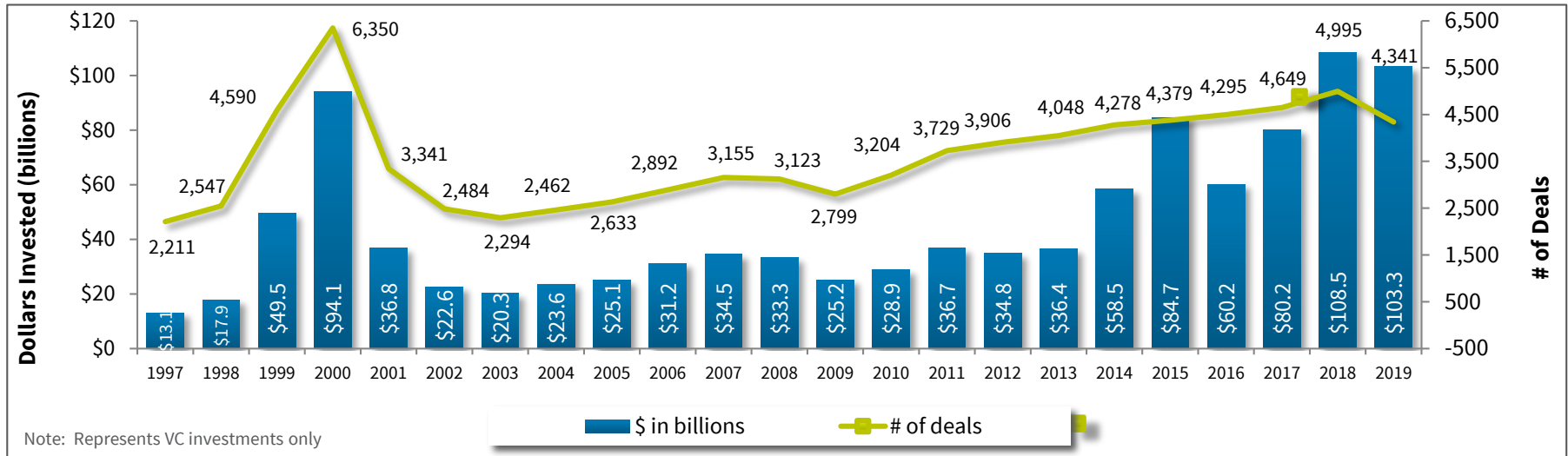
Key VC
Investment
Centers
Palo Alto
Boston
New York
Washington DC
Chicago
Hartford

VENTURE CAPITAL MARKET OPPORTUNITY



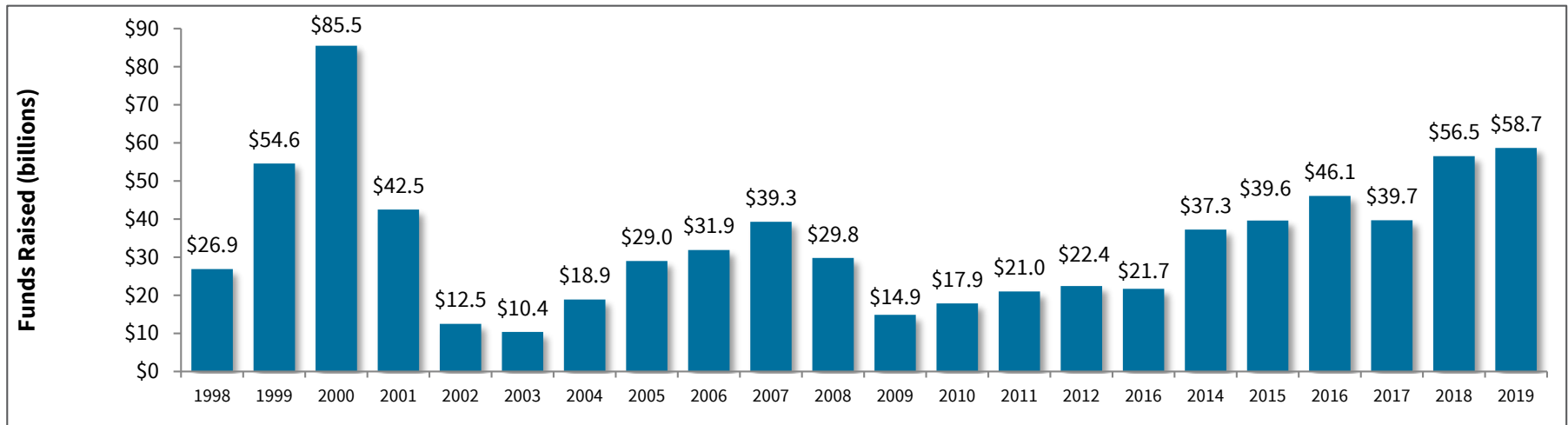
OVER \$1.0 TRILLION IN VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Venture Capital Investment Activity 1997 – 2019



Source: Dow Jones VentureSource Q4 2019

Venture Capital Fundraising Activity 1997 – 2019



Source: Dow Jones VentureSource Q4 2019

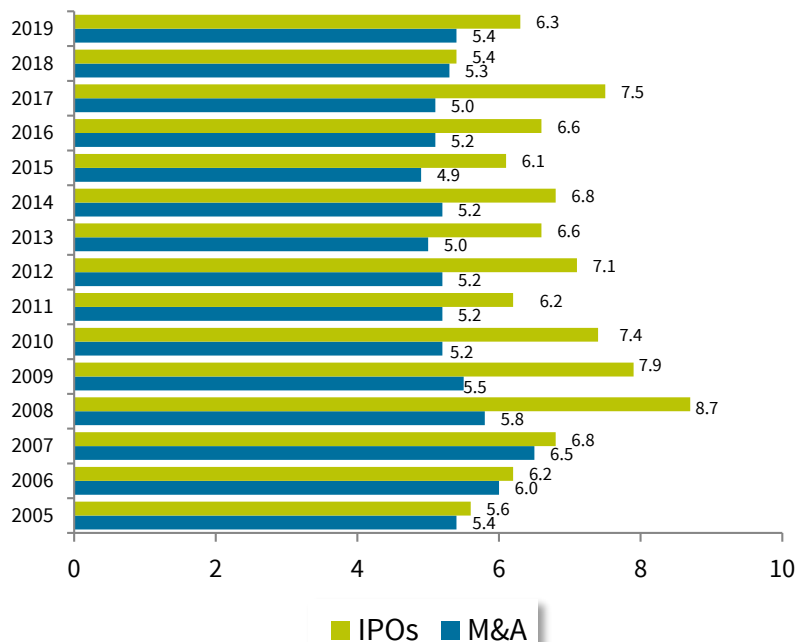
WHY VENTURE BACKED COMPANIES USE VENTURE DEBT?

Venture Debt Complements Equity Financing and Optimizes Capital Structure

- 1 Less dilutive than new VC round
- 2 Lengthens time before next equity round
- 3 Provides negotiating leverage for higher valuations
- 4 Leverages returns of equity investors

As Time to Exit has Remained Long...

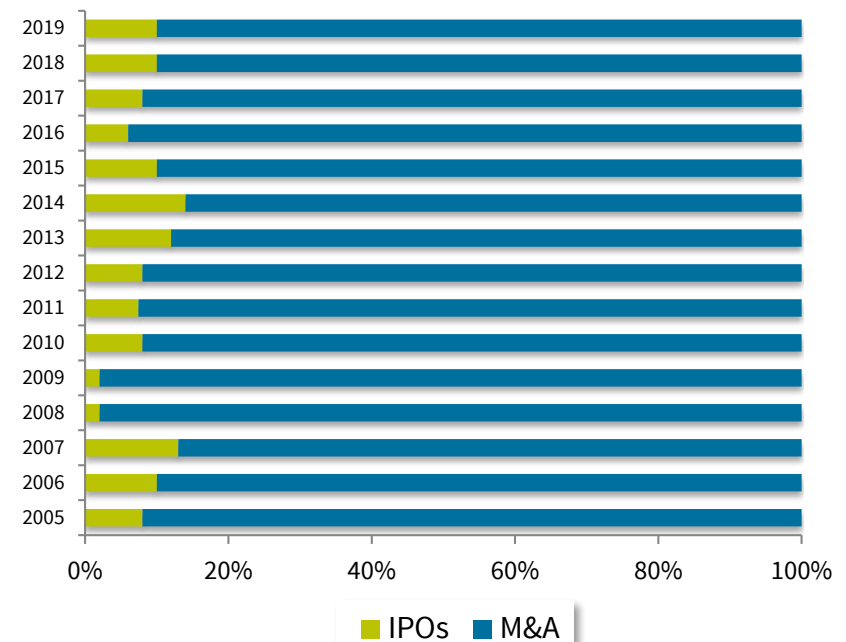
Median Time from Initial Equity Funding



Source: Dow Jones VentureSource Q4 2019

... M&A Remains the Exit of Choice

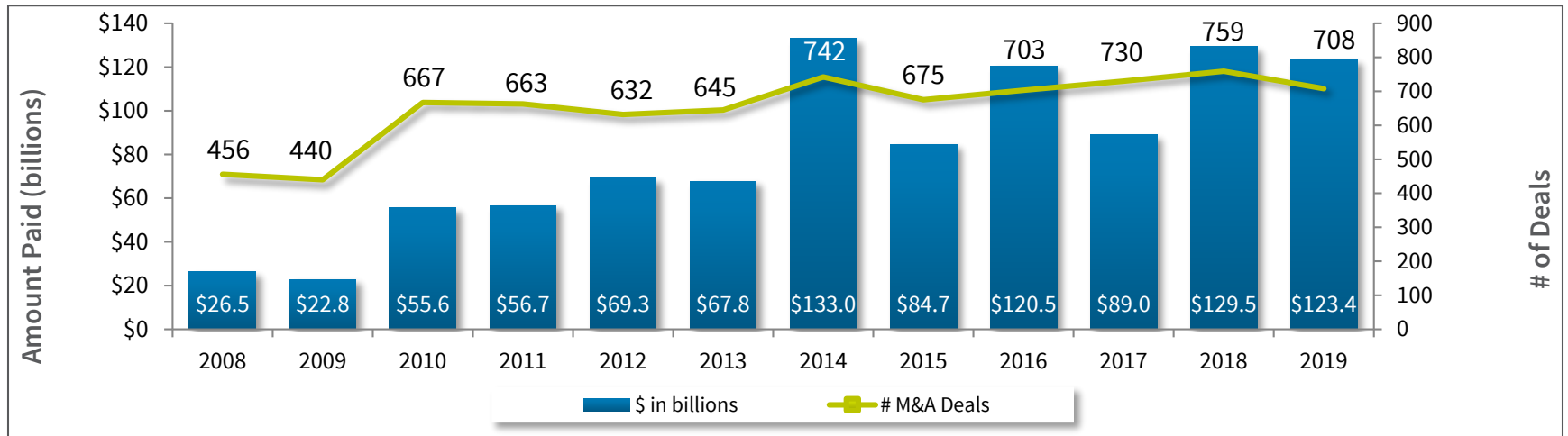
Breakdown of Venture Backed Liquidity Events



Source: Dow Jones VentureSource Q4 2019

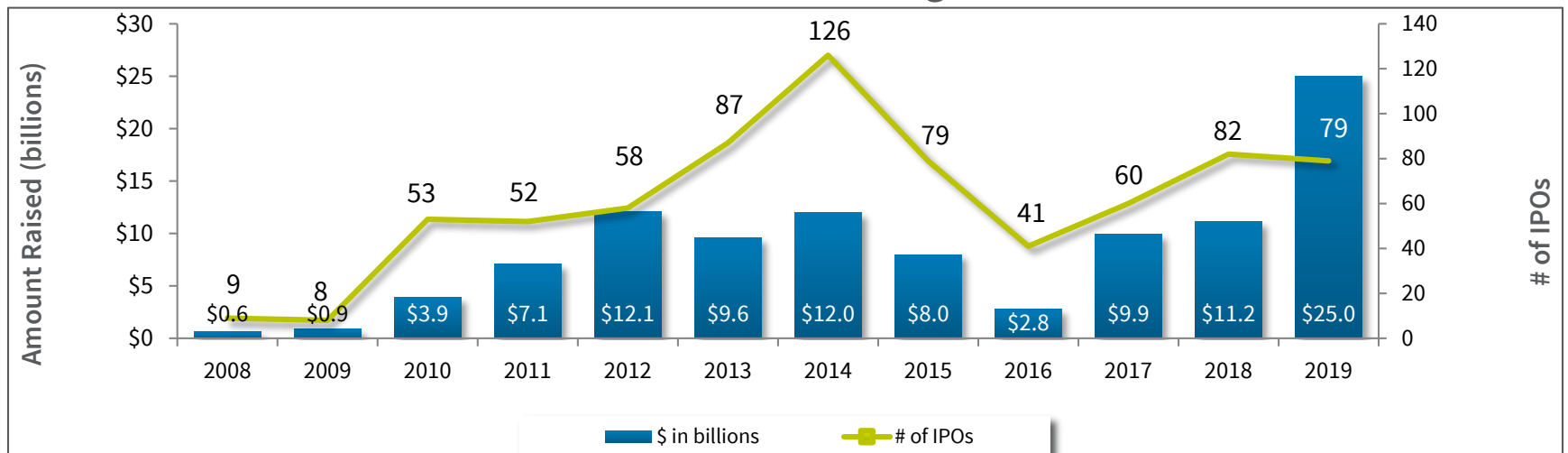
EXITS OF VENTURE CAPITAL-BACKED COMPANIES

Mergers & Acquisitions



Source: Dow Jones VentureSource Q4 2019

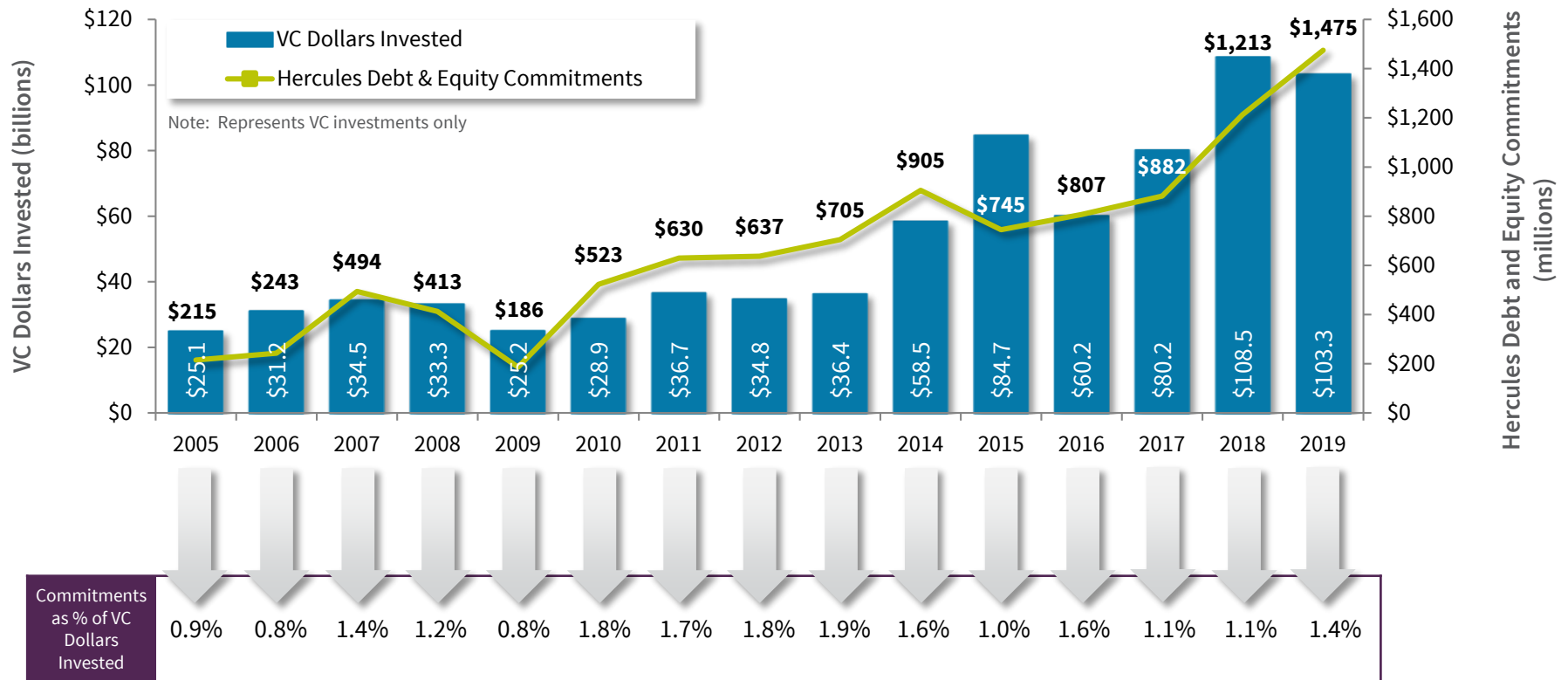
Initial Public Offerings



Source: Dow Jones VentureSource Q4 2019

HERCULES' TOTAL COMMITMENTS vs. VC DOLLARS INVESTED

VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENT ACTIVITY 2005 – 2019

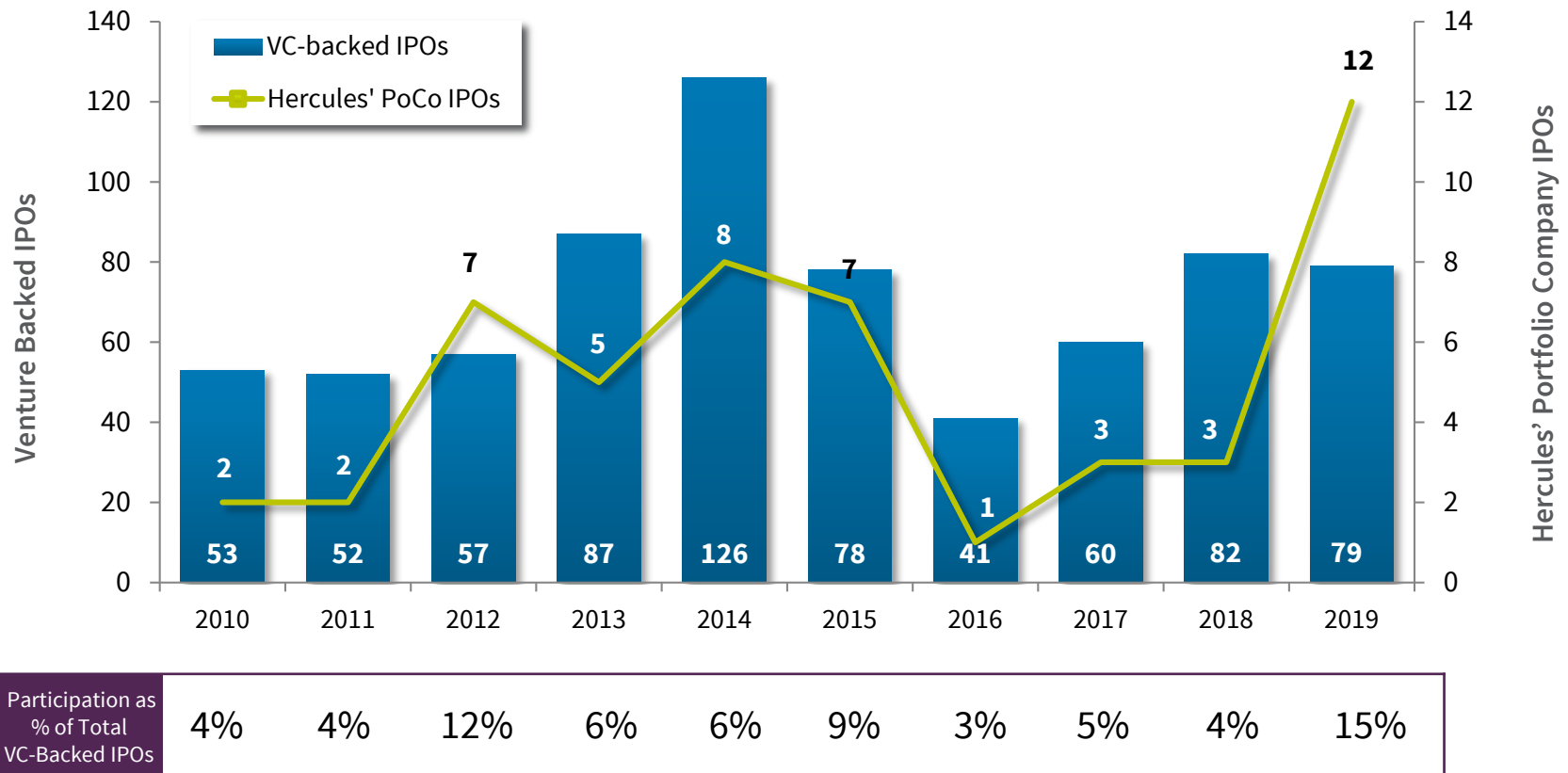


- Hercules' uncompromising yield and credit underwriting standards drives commitments
- Market conditions determine commitment activity more than pure VC investment activity
- Hercules' 15-year historical average: 1.3%

Source: Dow Jones VentureSource Q4 2019

HERCULES' PORTFOLIO COMPANY IPOs

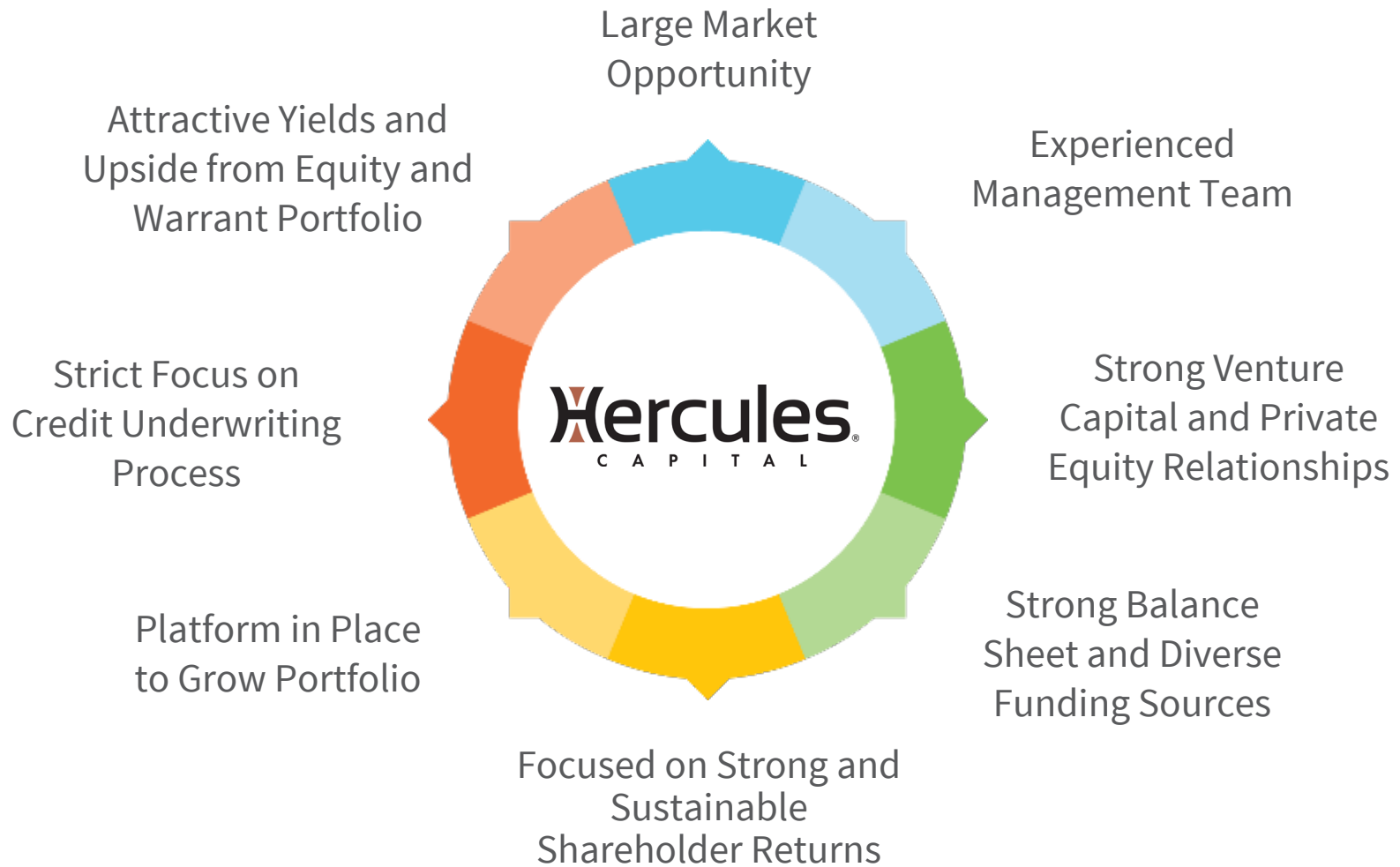
PROVIDING INVESTOR ACCESS TO SOME OF AMERICA'S MOST PROMISING COMPANIES



- M&A represents on average **91%** of venture capital investment exits since 2010

Source: Dow Jones VentureSource Q4 2019

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



ANALYST COVERAGE



BROAD INDUSTRY ANALYST COVERAGE – 10 FIRMS



Finian O'Shea
(Transferred Coverage 7/13/2018)

Jefferies

John Hecht
(Initiated Coverage 6/30/2015)

JMP

Chris York
(Initiated Coverage 10/24/2012)



A Stifel Company

Ryan Lynch
(Re-initiated Coverage 2/19/2013)



Tim Hayes
(Re-initiated Coverage 10/2/2017)

PIPER | SANDLER

Aaron James Deer
(Initiated Coverage 9/29/2011)



Casey Alexander
(Initiated Coverage 6/23/15)



Mitchel Penn
(Initiated Coverage 1/14/2015)



Henry Coffey
(Initiated Coverage 10/24/17)



Christopher Nolan
(Initiated Coverage 11/20/2017)

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION



REGULATION AND STRUCTURE

Hercules is an Internally Managed BDC under the 1940 Act and a RIC for Tax Purposes

Business Development Company (BDC)

- Regulated by the SEC under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- Leverage limited to approximately 2:1 debt/equity, unless an SEC exemptive order exists to exclude SBA debt
- Investments are required to be carried at fair value
- Majority of Board of Directors must be independent
- Offer managerial assistance to portfolio companies

Regulated Investment Company (RIC)

- Distribute taxable income as dividend distributions to shareholders
- Mandates asset diversification
- Eliminates corporate taxation
- Allows for the retention of capital gains and/or spillover of taxable income

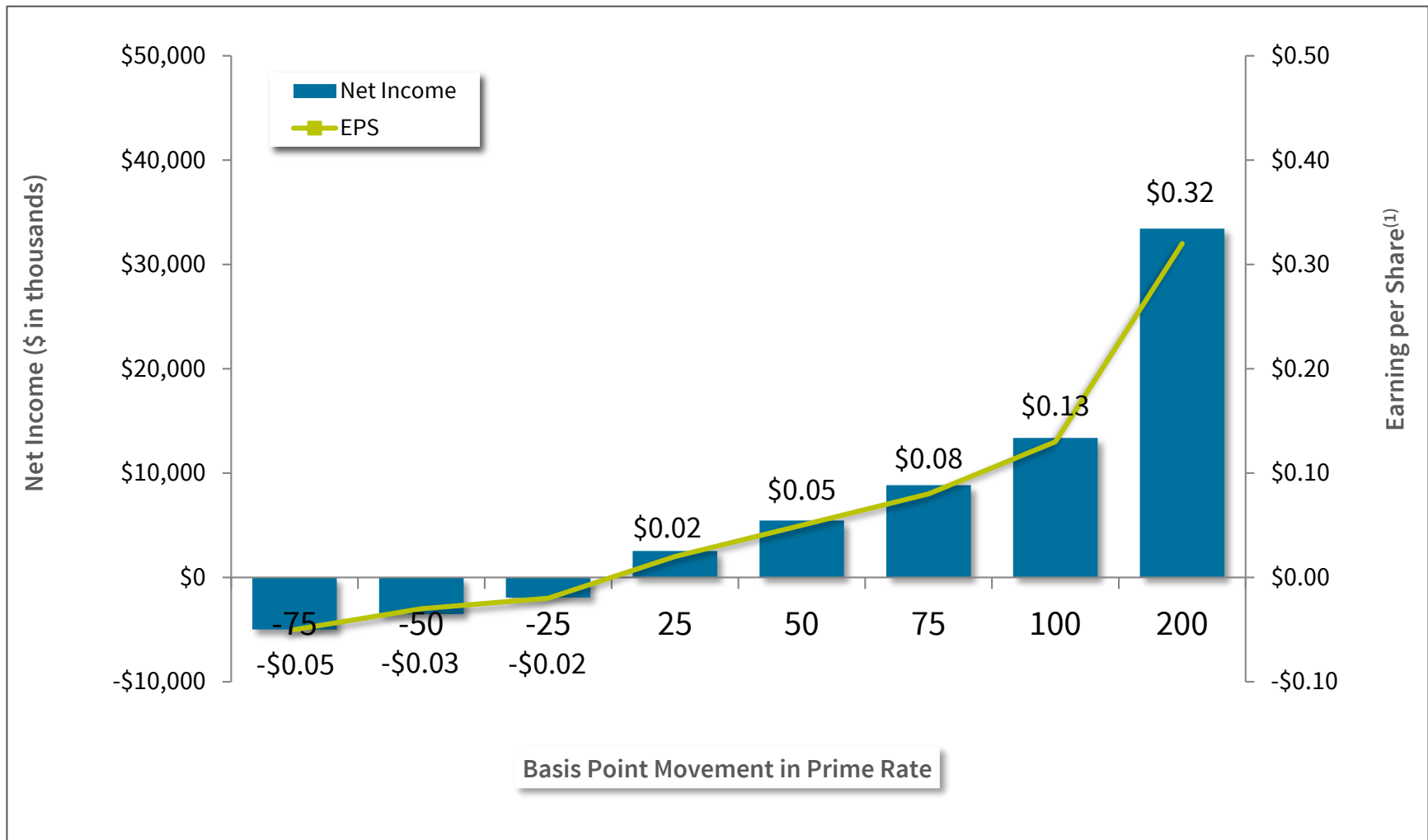
Small Business Investment Company (SBIC)

- One Small Business Investment Company (“SBIC”) license granted through the U.S. Small Business Administration (“SBA”)
- Currently, \$149.0 million exemption from SEC leverage restrictions for BDCs, excludes all SBIC debt from BDC 2:1 leverage test

PRIMARILY INVEST AT STAGES OF HIGH GROWTH

	Expansion Stage	Established
Type of Company	Follow-on Rounds of Growth Capital (Series B-Liquidity Event)	Private Late Stage/ Select Public Companies
Equity Capital Provider	Venture Capital/ Private Equity	Public Markets/ Private Equity
Expectation for Additional Sponsor Support	1-3 Additional Rounds	0-2 Additional Rounds
Targeted Warrant Gain Potential	3-7 x	2-4 x
Potential Time to Liquidity	4-6 years	2-4 years

INTEREST RATES & ASSET SENSITIVITY



(1) EPS calculated on basic weighted shares outstanding of 105.6 million and a static debt investment portfolio as of December 31, 2019. Estimates are also subject to change due to impact from potential participation in the Company's equity ATM program and future equity offerings.