

Investor Presentation for the Fiscal Quarter Ended

December 31, 2021

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## Gladstone Capital Overview

### **Background:**

- Founded in 2001, Gladstone Capital was one of the first business development companies (BDC) focused on making loans to lower middle market U.S. businesses (\$3-15MM of EBITDA) and today the investment team remains dedicated to the BDC's activities and performance and thus aligned with the BDC's investors
- Gladstone Capital is funded through publicly traded common stock (Nasdaq: GLAD) and is leveraged via various senior unsecured note issues and a bank revolving credit facility
- Managed by Gladstone Management Corporation, an SEC registered investment adviser that manages in excess of \$3.6 billion in assets across four publicly traded yield-oriented funds with significant insider equity holdings and a history of shareholder friendly actions to support fund distributions

### **Investment Strategy:**

- Target current yield investments in growth-oriented companies with proven cashflows, where capital flexibility is highly valued to support attractive investment yields
- Growth equity valuations support proportionately greater equity contributions and reduce the investment risk profile, while revenue growth also provides a path to organic deleveraging and multiple repayment options
- Majority of investments are backed by private equity sponsors, which provide institutional governance, strategic sector insight, experience managing leveraged balance sheets and investment capacity to support business
- Leverage seasoned origination team to source, structure and pro-actively manage investments to mitigate losses

### Investment Profile (as of December 31, 2021):

- \$577 million portfolio at fair value diversified across 47 companies and 14 different industries
- Conservative asset mix with 87% of investments in secured loans, 69% in lower risk 1st lien loans and weighted average EBITDA leverage across core proprietary loan portfolio of 3.8x
- Attractive weighted average portfolio yield of 10.3%, which is modestly leveraged (0.81:1 debt/equity) to support GLAD's net investment income (NII) yield on net asset value which averaged 9.6% for 2021

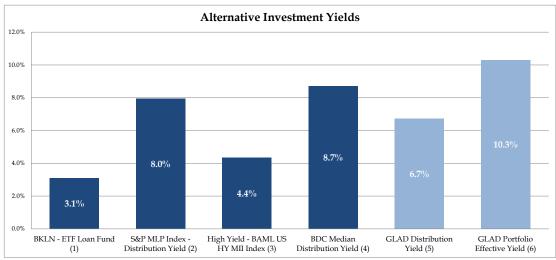
## Why Invest in a BDC?

BDCs are regulated by the SEC, which mandates asset diversity, investor transparency via quarterly SEC filings including fair value adjustments of all assets and limits financial leverage to a maximum of 2:1 debt to equity leverage.

BDCs typically operate as regulated investment companies for tax purposes and pay no corporate income taxes, provided they distribute at least 90% of taxable income and all earnings and gains are passed through to investors.

### **Investment Profile**

- Competitive returns Current yields typically exceed other yield-oriented investment alternatives
- Limited interest rate risk Distributions backed by floating rate loans supporting increased distributions as interest rates rise
- Credit protection Distributions generated by a diversified portfolio of secured loans
- Investment liquidity Established public equity market for common stock
- Experienced credit managers Experience and capital base structured to manage loan portfolio through various business cycles to minimize credit losses



- (1) PowerShares Exchange-Traded Fund Trust II Senior Loan Portfolio (BKLN) Yield 12/31/2021
- (2) S&P MLP Index Dividend Yield 12/31/2021
- (3) BAML US High Yield Master II Index Effective Yield 12/31/2021

- 4) Raymond James 1/27/2022 BDC Industry Investment Banking Weekly Newsletter
- 5) GLAD's stock price as of 12/31/2021
- (6) Reported in GLAD's Form 10-Q for the guarter ended 12/31/2021

## Gladstone Capital Strategy and Risk Management

### **Investment Strategy:**

- Originate secured debt investments in established lower middle market companies with sustainable margins/cash flows and favorable growth characteristics, which can support a leveraged capital structure
- Target companies with operating cash flow (EBITDA) of \$3-15 million and investments of \$7-30 million
- Maintain industry and borrower diversity across added value businesses with revenue visibility or competitive barriers including specialty manufacturing, industrial or business services, or healthcare services, while avoiding financial services, early stage or high-tech companies, commodity or cyclical businesses

### **Deal Sourcing:**

- Origination team provides regional coverage of middle market PE firms, investment banks and other deal sources
- Leverage seasoned investment team and dedicated lower middle market focus to deliver an elevated level of expertise to win investor-oriented financing solutions and actively manage ongoing investment portfolio risks
- Highly selective screening process where under 5% of deals reviewed ultimately close and the bulk of investments are backed by private equity (~70% of the portfolio at 12/31/21)

### **Due Diligence:**

• Thorough multi-disciplinary "equity like" underwriting approach – blending internal industry experience, onsite visits and management assessments, supplemented with third party financial reviews, industry assessments, management background checks, and legal and insurance investigations, etc.

### **Risk Management:**

- Gladstone Capital requires board level participation in portfolio companies to monitor operating performance and outlook to proactively manage risk profile
- Ongoing senior management reviews, quarterly third party expert investment valuations, and investments are subject to quarterly oversight by Gladstone Capital's audit committee and independent board members

## Attractive Lower Middle Market Dynamics

### Why we target lower middle market ("LMM") companies

- Greater industry diversity and more consistent flow of growth-oriented investment opportunities across the vast array of U.S. based businesses
- Lower middle market companies typically sell for lower cash flow multiples, which translates into reduced financial leverage and better asset collateral coverage
- Smaller investment size attracts less competition from larger funds or commercial banks which supports more attractive investment returns at lower relative leverage levels
- More receptive to equity co-investments, providing an opportunity to selectively participate in anticipated growth and equity appreciation

### Trends Enhancing Opportunity for Non-Bank Lenders

- A PE Sponsor's ability to scale LMM acquisitions and achieve their targeted equity returns often hinge on the support of a financing solution tailored to the business or deal framework which require a more experienced and responsive lender able to flex to the circumstances even if at a slightly higher financing cost
- The ability to provide simplified and expedient "one-stop" financing solutions serves to expedite closing and reduce execution risk
- Regulations have curtailed commercial bank capacity to hold leveraged investments and scale diminishes their flexibility to respond to changing business conditions or LMM opportunities
- Most private debt funds focused on senior loans to larger borrowers (>\$10 million EBITDA) with higher minimum investment thresholds to achieve costs efficiencies and meet deployment objectives of their institutional investor base

LMM investment strategy can provide attractive investment upside and is well suited for non-bank investment flexibility

## Gladstone Capital 12/31/2021 Quarter Summary

### **Originations/Portfolio Activity:**

- Invested \$110.8 million during the quarter, which included six new proprietary investments of which 65% were first lien loans which rose to 72.4% of the portfolio at cost.
- Received \$96.8 million in repayments and net proceeds, primarily from the exits of five portfolio companies including a \$13.4 million net realized gain in conjunction with our exit of Lignetics, Inc.

### Portfolio Yield / Net Investment Income (NII):

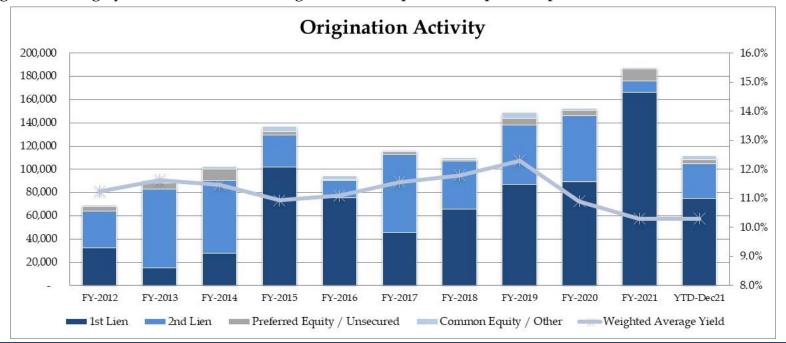
- The weighted average yield on the portfolio was unchanged at 10.3%; however interest income declined by \$0.4 million from the prior quarter as the average interest-bearing investment portfolio increase of 1.4% did not offset \$0.6 million of past due interest received during the prior quarter.
- Other income increased by \$2.2 million with fees generated from the portfolio exits which lifted total investment income for the quarter by 13% to \$16.2 million.
- Total expenses decreased by \$0.5 million, quarter over quarter, primarily due to a \$1.3 million decrease in the net base management fee due to the Adviser as a result of higher fee credits associated with the elevated level of originations, partially offset by a \$0.6 million increase in the net incentive fee due to the Adviser.
- Net investment income for the quarter ended December 31, 2021 was \$9.2 million, an increase of 33.9%, as compared to the prior quarter, or \$0.27 per share and covered the dividends paid of \$0.195 by 137%.

### Portfolio Performance and Valuation:

- Net Assets from Operations came in at \$12.1 million for the quarter, or \$0.35 per share, driven by the increase in net investment income and \$2.9 million in net realized and unrealized gains.
- Overall leverage performance improved as the core portfolio leverage remained unchanged at 3.8x with no non-performing assets as of 12/31/21.

# Gladstone Capital Origination Activity

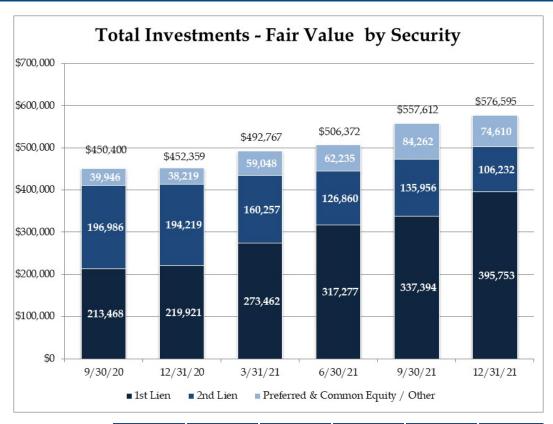
- Originations were able to outpace the material increase in repayments last quarter to grow the portfolio.
- Weighted average yield remained unchanged over the quarter despite the portfolio turnover.



Gladstone Capital Quarterly Net Investment										
	12/31/2019	3/31/2020	6/30/2020	9/30/2020	12/31/2020	3/31/2021	6/30/2021	9/30/2021	12/31/2021	
New Investments at Cost	\$ 38,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 53,500	\$ 20,650	\$ 29,000	\$ 72,000	\$ 37,992	\$ -	\$ 106,918	
Disbursements to Existing Portfolio Companies	4,535	10,792	2,177	1,252	98	-	15,200	27,551	3,876	
Sales, Repayments, Other Exits at Cost	(12,631)	(26,405)	(17,084)	(22,635)	(34,142)	(47,912)	(54,428)	(2,791)	(96,799)	
Net New Investments at Cost	\$ 29,904	\$ 3,387	\$ 38,593	\$ (733)	\$ (5,044)	\$ 24,088	\$ (1,236)	\$ 24,760	\$ 13,995	
Number of New Portfolio Company Investments	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	0	6	
Number of Portfolio Company Exits	4	4	2	1	3	3	3	1	5	
Total Portfolio Companies	51	48	48	48	47	47	47	46	47	

## Gladstone Capital Portfolio Trends

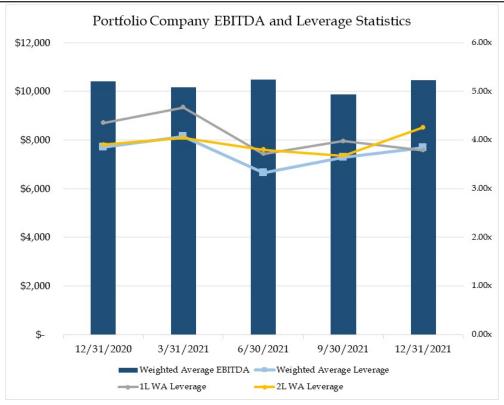
- Net originations of \$62 million over the last four quarters were driven by PE sponsor demand for flexible first lien/unitranche financing which combined with the repayment of legacy 2<sup>nd</sup> lien assets lifted 1<sup>st</sup> lien assets to 69% of the portfolio.
- Equity investments contracted with the realized gains in the December 2021 quarter; however four of the six new originations last quarter also included equity co-investments.
- This quarter's portfolio appreciation brings the cumulative NAV appreciation over the past two years (since 12/31/19) to \$39.8 million, or a 17% increase in NAV.



	9/30/20	12/31/20	3/31/21	6/30/21	9/30/21	12/31/21
First Lien Debt	47.4%	48.6%	55.5%	62.7%	60.5%	68.7%
Second Lien Debt	43.7%	42.9%	32.5%	25.1%	24.4%	18.4%
Equity / Other	8.9%	8.4%	12.0%	12.3%	15.1%	12.9%

## **Portfolio Metrics**

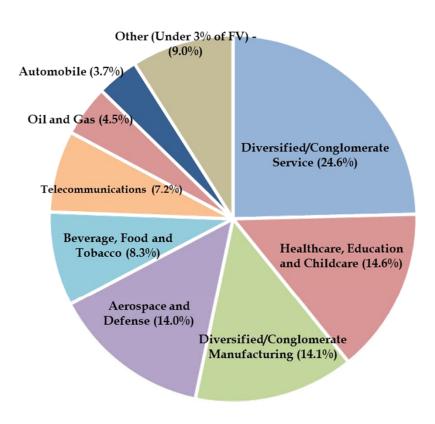
GLAD's core loan portfolio\* has an average EBITDA of \$10.5 million and consists of 88% in first lien and 12% in second lien loans and an average leverage multiple of 3.8x EBITDA



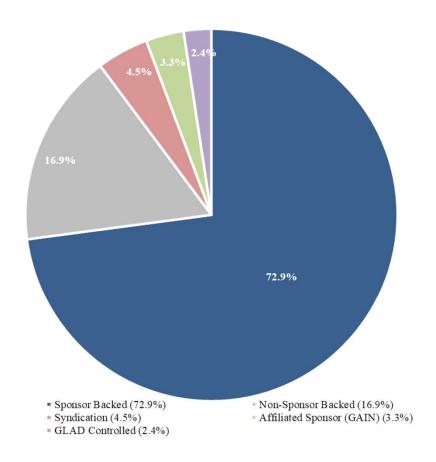
\*For the purposes of this presentation, the core loan portfolio excludes certain investments: (i) Broadly Syndicated Loans; (ii) co-investments with GAIN; (iii) residual investments under \$4 million; (iv) equity only investments; (v) one recently negative EBITDA business, (vi) two oil and gas investments that experienced outsized COVID-19 impacts; (vii) one investment with outsized TTM EBITDA (>10x average) which distorts weighted average EBITDA; and (viii) the restructured LWO Acquisitions Company LLC. Additionally, investment EBITDA and Leverage are weighted based on the size of the principal outstanding.

## Industry and Deal Sources Are Diversified

## Portfolio Diversification Across 14 Industries - At 12/31/2021 Fair Value



# Deal Source Composition - At 12/31/2021 Fair Value



# **Portfolio Composition**

Portfolio Characteristics As Of:	Marc	ch 31, 2021	June 30, 2021	Sej	otember 30, 2021	De	ecember 31, 2021
Total Portfolio - FV # of Portfolio Companies	\$	492,767 47	\$ 506,372 47	\$	557,612 46	\$	576,595 47
Average Investment Size - FV Top 5 Investments % FV WAVG Investment Yield**	\$	10,484 26.6% 10.6%	\$ 10,774 26.8% 10.5%	\$	12,122 29.8% 10.3%	\$	12,268 26.3% 10.3%
1st Lien FV 2nd Lien FV Equity / Other FV	\$	273,462 160,257 59,048	\$ 317,277 126,860 62,235	\$	337,394 135,956 84,262	\$	395,753 106,232 74,610
Proprietary % of FV Syndicated % of FV		93.2% 6.8%	94.0% 6.0%		94.3% 5.7%		95.5% 4.5%
Fixed Rate Debt % Cost Variable Rate Debt % of Cost		13.2% 86.8%	12.9% 87.1%		12.2% 87.8%		11.5% 88.5%
Performing % FV (Debt) Non-Performing % FV (Debt)		98.5% 1.5%	98.5% 1.6%		100.0% 0.0%		100.0% 0.0%
Accrued Potential Success Fees	\$	12,200	\$ 10,500	\$	11,700	\$	11,400

<sup>\*\*</sup>Weighted average yield on interest bearing debt investments (excludes non-accruals and reserves on interest receivables)

Note: \$'s are in (000's)

## Representative Portfolio Investments



NETFORTRIS CORP. delivers cloud communications solutions that enable people to NetFortris work, collaborate, and deliver customer service where and when business calls.



BELNICK, INC. is a distributor of branded furniture and sells to major e-commerce retailers and directly to consumers through its own furniture websites.



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VACATION RENTAL PROS is an innovative vacation home property management and rental reservation system with over 2,000 properties under exclusive management across the United States.



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THE MOCHI ICE CREAM COMPANY is a 106-year old producer of specialty frozen desserts and is the product leader in the mochi ice cream category.

# **Quarterly Financial Summary**

	Three Months Ended									
In Thousands, except per share data	March 31, 2021		June 30, 2021		September 30, 2021		December 31, 2021			
Income:					•					
Interest Income	\$	11,886	\$	12,746	\$	13,245	\$	12,866		
Other Investment Income		999		920		1,116		3,301		
Total Investment Income		12,885		13,666		14,361		16,167		
Expenses:										
Fees to Advisor & Admin		2,928		3,196		3,756		3,063		
Interest Expense		2,822		2,886		3,066		3,007		
Operating Expense		736		858		700		937		
Total Expenses		6,486		6,940		7,522		7,007		
Net Investment Income (NII)	\$	6,399	\$	6,604	\$	6,839	\$	9,160		
Weighted Average Shares*		32,766		33,766		34,304		34,304		
NII Per WAVG Share	\$	0.195	\$	0.196	\$	0.199	\$	0.267		
Realized/Unrealized Gains (Loss) per Share	\$	0.455	\$	0.336	\$	0.755	\$	0.086		
Dividend Per WAVG Share	\$	0.195	\$	0.195	\$	0.195	\$	0.195		
NAV Per Share	\$	8.11	\$	8.53	\$	9.28	\$	9.30		
Return on Equity (NII)**		10.2%		9.7%		9.3%		9.6%		
Portfolio at Fair Value		492,767		506,372		557,612		576,595		
Debt***		227,527		209,463		237,111		251,138		
Net Asset Value		270,888		292,506		318,439		323,853		
Debt-to-Equity *Total Shares outstanding at 12/31/2021 w	22 24 20	86.1%		76.0%		77.9%		77.5%		

<sup>\*</sup>Total Shares outstanding at 12/31/2021 was 34,304,371

Note: The financial information above is not comprehensive and is without notes, so readers should obtain and carefully review GLAD's Forms 10-K and 10-Q for the corresponding reporting periods as filed with the SEC.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Return on Equity (NII) defined as: LTM net investment income divided by LTM average net assets

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Debt includes Line of Credit and Long Term Debt

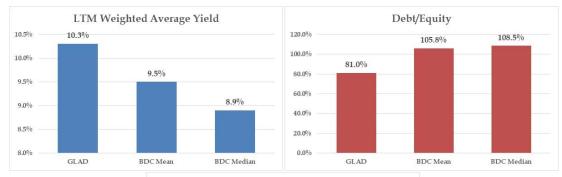
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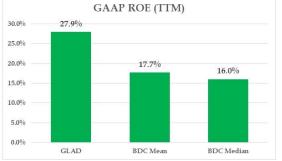
### Capital Base and Liquidity

- Liabilities rose to \$263 million as of 12/31/2021, consisting of \$150 million of 5.125% senior notes due 2026 and \$50.0 million of 3.75% senior notes due 2027 which were used to refund the \$38.8 million of senior notes due in 2024.
- Advances under our floating rate bank line of credit increased to \$53.9 million.
- Total leverage increased slightly during the quarter to 81% of Net Assets which was in line with investment growth.
- As of 12/31/2021, we had in excess of \$100 million of availability on our bank line of credit to grow our investment portfolio and capitalize on our conservative leverage position to increase net interest income.

#### **ROE Performance**

- Despite the elevated level of portfolio turnover and asset growth, shift to 1<sup>st</sup> lien assets and modest financial leverage, the portfolio generated an average ROE yield (NII) of 9.6% for 2021.
- This quarter's portfolio appreciation brings the cumulative NAV appreciation over 2021 to \$55.1 million and lifts the GAAP ROE for the period to 27.9% significantly outpacing the average BDC returns. (1)





(1) BDC ROE Source: Raymond James BDC Industry Weekly Newsletters

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