

Investor Presentation for the Fiscal Quarter Ended

June 30, 2023

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# **Gladstone Capital Overview**

## Background:

- Gladstone Capital was founded in 2001 as 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
- 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 \$4.0 billion in assets across four publicly traded yield-oriented funds with significant insider equity holdings and a history of shareholder friendly actions in support of investor fund distributions

## **Investment Strategy:**

- Target current yield investments in growth-oriented companies with revenue visibility and proven cashflows where capital flexibility is highly valued to support the achievement of the company's growth plan
- Growth equity valuations support greater equity contributions reducing the debt risk profile (lower LTV) and near term growth provides visibility 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 capital structures and additional investment capacity support
- Leverage seasoned origination team to source, structure and pro-actively manage investments to mitigate losses

## Investment Profile (as of June 30, 2023):

- \$715 million portfolio at fair value diversified across 52 companies and 12 different industries
- Conservative asset mix with 91% of investments in secured loans, 75% in lower risk 1st lien loans and weighted average leverage across core proprietary loan portfolio of ~3.5x EBITDA while generating an attractive weighted average portfolio yield of 13.6%
- Modestly leveraged capital base (1.04:1.00 debt/equity) has generated net investment income (NII) yield on net asset value of 11.2% for the last four quarters and currently supports annual cash distribution of \$0.99/share

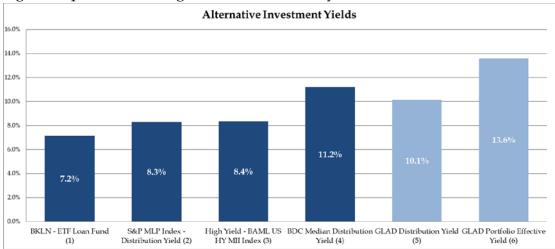
# Why Invest in a BDC?

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 BDC equity distributions typically exceed other yield-oriented investment alternatives
- Limited interest rate risk Distributions backed by floating rate loans which have supported increased distributions with the recent increase in interest rates
- Credit protection Equity is supported by a diversified portfolio of directly originated secured loans with lender friendly credit protections
- Investment liquidity Established public equity market for common stock
- Experienced credit managers Team experience, ongoing oversight and modestly leveraged 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 6/30/2023 (4)
- S&P MLP Index Dividend Yield 6/30/2023
- BAML US High Yield Master II Index Effective Yield 6/30/2023

- Raymond James 7/13/2023 BDC Industry Investment Banking Weekly Newsletter
- GLAD's stock price as of 6/30/2023
- (6) Reported in GLAD's 6/30/2023 10-Q

# Gladstone Capital Strategy and Risk Management

## **Investment Strategy:**

- Originate secured debt investments in established lower middle market companies with sustainable margins/cash flows to support a leveraged capital structure and favorable growth characteristics to deleverage risk profile
- 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, most consumer, 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 lower middle market focus to deliver an elevated level of expertise to win
  investor-oriented financing solutions and provide active portfolio monitoring to mitigate credit losses
- Highly selective screening process where under 5% of deals reviewed ultimately close and the bulk of investments are backed by private equity (~77% of the portfolio at 6/30/23)

## **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 or market assessments, management background checks, 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 which 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
- LMM companies typically sell for lower cash flow multiples, which translates into reduced financial leverage, better asset collateral coverage and ability to structure and control entire debt financing solution
- Smaller investment size attracts less competition from larger private debt 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/Private Credit Lenders

- PE Sponsor's ability to scale LMM platform investments and achieve their targeted equity returns often require the financing be structured to accommodate the growth needs of the business 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 transaction closing and reduce execution risk while simplifying the funding of future growth or facility modifications
- Shifting capital market conditions and leverage constraints are expected to reduce regional bank participation in LMM loan market and few large banks have coverage platforms able to originate or manage LMM investments
- Bulk of private debt funds raised exceed \$1B and are managed by multi-billion firms focused on larger borrowers (>\$25 million EBITDA) with higher minimum investment thresholds needed to achieve cost efficiencies and capital deployment objectives

LMM is a less competitive segment of the leverage finance market which provides a more attractive risk reward profile and matches up well with the investment flexibilities of Gladstone Capital's non-bank investment platform

# Gladstone Capital 6/30/2023 Quarter Summary

## Originations/Portfolio Activity:

• Invested \$53.5 million in three new portfolio companies and \$17.1 million in existing portfolio companies. Repayments and net proceeds totaled \$35.2 million, resulting in strong net originations of \$35.4 million for the quarter and lifted the net portfolio growth to over \$125 million (22%) for the past year.

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

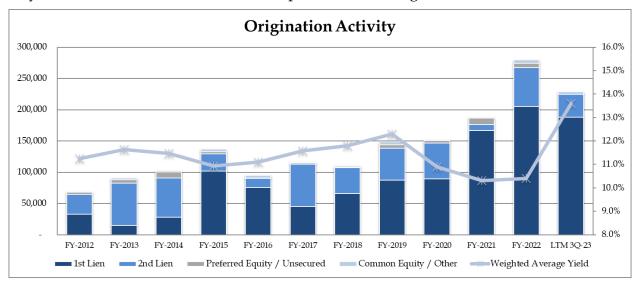
- Interest income for the quarter rose 11.4% to \$21.8 million as average earning assets rose 6.6% and the weighted average yield rose 50 basis points from the prior quarter to 13.6%.
- Other income was largely unchanged at \$1.0 million and total investment income rose \$2.3 million to \$22.8 million for the quarter.
- Total expenses increased \$0.2 million compared to the prior quarter with higher borrowing costs; however, net management fees declined \$0.5 million as closing and advisory fee credits more than offset higher incentive fees.
- Net investment income for the quarter rose 21.2% to \$11.7 million or \$0.31 per share, covering approximately 125% of the recently increased common stock distributions.

### Portfolio Performance and Valuation:

- Our portfolio continues to perform well with generally modest leverage metrics and favorable liquidity, and we ended the quarter with only one non-earning debt investment representing 0.4% of debt investments at fair value.
- Conservative asset mix with 91% of investments in secured loans, 75% in lower risk 1st lien loans and weighted average leverage across core proprietary loan portfolio of ~3.5x
- Appreciation for the quarter of \$0.2 million was primarily related to the net move in several equity positions as net depreciation of the debt investment portfolio was nominal.

# **Gladstone Capital Origination Activity**

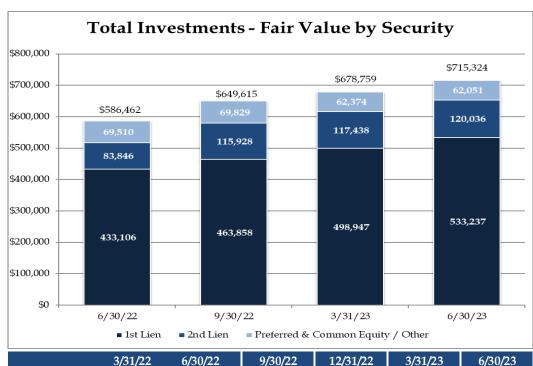
• Net originations of \$35.4 million for the June 30, 2023 quarter continue to demonstrate healthy LMM momentum over the past year and market demand for one-stop 1<sup>st</sup> lien financing solutions.



Gladstone Capital Quarterly Net Investment												
	6/30/	<b>2021</b>	9/30/2021	12/31/20	)21	3/31/2022	6	6/30/2022	9/30/2022	12/31/2022	3/31/2023	6/30/2023
New Investments at Cost	\$ 37	,992	\$ -	\$ 106,9	18	\$ -	\$	48,717	\$ 59,619	\$ 2,416	\$ 48,000	\$ 53,500
Disbursements to Existing Portfolio Companies	15	,200	27,551	3,8	76	10,775		18,565	26,428	10,963	16,090	17,115
Sales, Repayments, Other Exits at Cost	(54	,428)	(2,791)	(96,7	99)	(50,858)		(6,292)	(21,801)	(39,183)	(9,761)	(35,230)
Net New Investments at Cost	\$ (1	,236)	\$ 24,760	\$ 13,9	95	\$ (40,083)	\$	60,990	\$ 64,246	\$ (25,804)	\$ 54,329	\$ 35,385
Number of New Portfolio Company Investments	;	3	0		6	0		4	4	0	2	3
Number of Portfolio Company Exits		3	1		5	2		0	1	2	1	2
Total Portfolio Companies		47	46		47	45		49	52	50	51	52

# Gladstone Capital Portfolio Trends

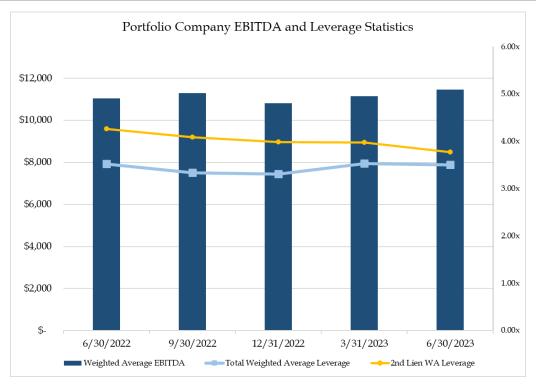
- Originations have exceeded portfolio exits and refinancings for the past several quarters lifting portfolio net asset growth by over \$125 million over the past twelve months.
- PE sponsor demand for unitranche financings has lifted 1<sup>st</sup> lien investments to 75% of the portfolio.
- Approximately 91.6% of our loan portfolio is subject to floating rates with minimum SOFR floors.
- We continue to make equity co-investments in approximately half of our new originations to reseed the equity portfolio after the realized gains of the past year.
- The current portfolio valuation of \$715.3 million represents 97.3% of cost as of 6/30/2023.



	3/31/22	6/30/22	9/30/22	12/31/22	3/31/23	6/30/23
First Lien Debt	70.3%	73.9%	68.7%	72.4%	73.5%	74.5%
Second Lien Debt	25.0%	14.3%	17.8%	17.2%	17.3%	16.8%
Equity / Other	13.8%	11.9%	10.7%	10.3%	11.8%	8.7%

# **Portfolio Metrics**

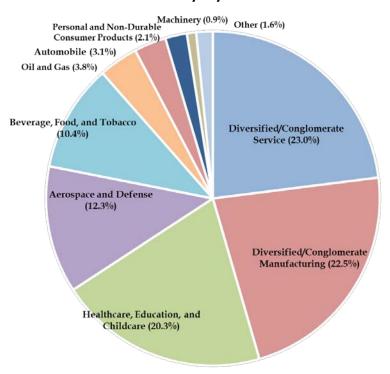
Consistent with GLAD's LMM focus, the core loan portfolio continues to represent companies with an average EBITDA of approx. \$11.5 million and an average leverage attachment point of ~3.5x EBITDA



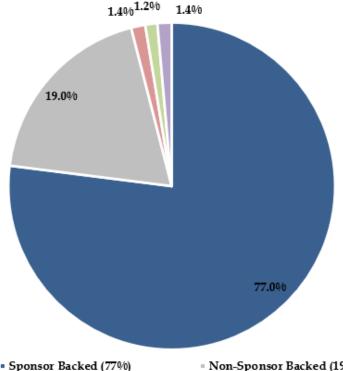
\*For the purposes of this presentation, certain investments have been excluded from the data used to develop the above analysis. Those exclusions include investments: (i) originated as Syndications; (ii) co-investments with GAIN; (iii) investments under \$5 million; (iv) equity only investments; (v) two oil and gas investments that saw outsized impacts from COVID-19; (vi) investments with outsized TTM EBITDA that skew weighted average EBITDA; and (vii) one investment with a de minimis TTM EBITDA relative to total debt skewing weighted average leverage. Additionally, investment EBITDA and Leverage are weighted based on the size of the principal outstanding.

# Industry and Deal Sources Are Diversified

# Portfolio Diversification Across 13 Industries - At 6/30/2023 Fair Value



# **Deal Source Composition -**At 6/30/2023 Fair Value



- Sponsor Backed (77%)
- Syndication (1.4%)
- GLAD Controlled (1.4%)
- Non-Sponsor Backed (19%)
- Affiliated Sponsor (GAIN) (1.2%)

# **Portfolio Composition**

Portfolio Characteristics As Of:	Septer	mber 30, 2022	Dec	ember 31, 2022	March 31, 2023	June 30, 2023
Total Portfolio - FV # of Portfolio Companies	\$	649,615 52	\$	621,739 50	\$ 678,759 51	\$ 715,324 52
Average Investment Size - FV Top 5 Investments % FV WAVG Investment Yield**	\$	12,493 26.9% 11.2%	\$	12,435 28.2% 12.3%	\$ 13,309 26.3% 13.1%	\$ 13,756 24.0% 13.6%
1st Lien FV 2nd Lien FV Equity / Other FV	\$	463,858 115,928 69,829	\$	450,243 107,170 64,326	\$ 498,947 117,438 62,374	\$ 533,237 120,036 62,051
Proprietary % of FV Syndicated % of FV		97.1% 2.9%		98.4% 1.6%	98.5% 1.5%	98.5% 1.5%
Fixed Rate Debt % of Principal Variable Rate Debt % of Principal		11.5% 88.5%		8.6% 91.4%	8.5% 91.5%	8.4% 91.6%
Performing % FV (Debt) Non-Performing % FV (Debt)		100.0% 0.0%		99.6% 0.4%	99.5% 0.5%	99.6% 0.4%
Accrued Potential Success Fees	\$	4,700	\$	4,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600

<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



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# **Quarterly Financial Summary**

	Three Months Ended										
In Thousands, except per share data	June 30, 2022		September 30, 2022			ecember 31, 2022	March 31, 2023			June 30, 2023	
Income:											
Interest Income	\$	12,593	\$	15,567	\$	18,367	\$	19,578	\$	21,816	
Other Investment Income		1,191		372		927		983		1,007	
Total Investment Income		13,784		15,939		19,294		20,561		22,823	
Expenses:											
Fees to Advisor & Admin		2,916		3,837		4,977		5,003		4,516	
Interest Expense		3,150		3,789		4,629		4,909		5,553	
Operating Expense		771		836		963		1,017		1,078	
Total Expenses		6,837		8,462		10,569		10,929		11,147	
Net Investment Income (NII)	\$	6,947	\$	7,477	\$	8,725	\$	9,632	\$	11,676	
Weighted Average Shares*		34,304		34,492		35,207		36,604		37,680	
NII Per WAVG Share	\$	0.203	\$	0.217	\$	0.248	\$	0.263	\$	0.310	
Realized/Unrealized Gains (Loss) per Share	\$	(0.366)	\$	(0.069)	\$	(0.086)	\$	0.064	\$	0.006	
Dividend Per WAVG Share	\$	0.203	\$	0.203	\$	0.210	\$	0.225	\$	0.240	
NAV Per Share	\$	9.12	\$	9.08	\$	9.06	\$	9.19	\$	9.27	
Return on Equity (NII)**		9.9%		10.1%		10.0%		10.1%		11.2%	
Portfolio at Fair Value		586,462		649,615		621,739		678,759		715,324	
Debt***		277,456		339,407		306,064		350,253		361,686	
Net Asset Value		312,921		315,487		324,326		341,811		357,946	
Debt-to-Equity		90.9%		109.5%		97.2%		104.7%		104.0%	

<sup>\*</sup>Total Shares outstanding at 6/30/2023 was 38,600,686

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

# Gladstone Capital 6/30/2023 Quarter Summary

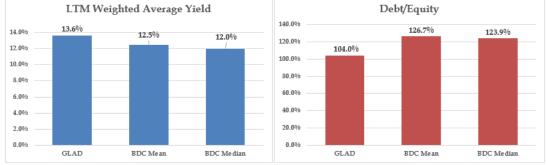
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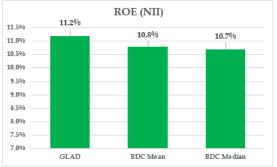
- Total Assets increased to \$730 million as of June 30, 2023, consisting of \$715 million in investments at fair value and \$15 million in cash and other assets.
- Leverage as of June 30, 2023 decreased slightly with new investment activity to 104% of Net Assets which is well below the BDC industry average of 127%.
- In June 2023, the revolving credit facility was renewed, extending the revolving period and final maturity to October 2025 and October 2027, respectively. Current line of credit borrowings totaled \$164 million with availability in excess of \$53 million as of June 30, 2023.

#### **ROE Performance**

- The portfolio generated an average ROE Yield (NII) of 11.2% for the twelve months ended June 2023.
- Based on the increases in NII with prevailing interest rates, the annual dividend was increased to \$0.99 per share and NII earnings for the quarter covered dividends by 129%.
- With floating rate investments exceeding floating rate liabilities by ~\$450 million and current market rates on pace to be up again this quarter, we expect net interest income to continue to rise through the quarter ended September 30, 2023.

(1) BDC ROE Source: Raymond James BDC Industry Weekly Newsletters (7/13/2023)





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