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Main Street Announces Fourth Quarter And Full Year 2017 Financial Results

Fourth Quarter 2017 Net Investment Income Increased to \$0.64 Per Share

Fourth Quarter 2017 Distributable Net Investment Income⁽¹⁾ Increased to \$0.69 Per Share

Net Asset Value Increased to \$23.53 Per Share

HOUSTON, Feb. 22, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Main Street Capital Corporation (NYSE: MAIN) ("Main Street") is pleased to announce its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2017.

Fourth Quarter 2017 Highlights

- Net investment income of \$37.5 million (or \$0.64 per share), representing a 23% increase from the fourth quarter of 2016
- Distributable net investment income⁽¹⁾ of \$40.0 million (or \$0.69 per share), representing a 22% increase from the fourth quarter of 2016
- Total investment income of \$55.8 million, representing a 19% increase from the fourth quarter of 2016
- Industry leading ratio of total non-interest operating expenses as a percentage of quarterly average total assets ("Operating Expense to Assets Ratio") on an annualized basis of 1.5%
- Net increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$61.4 million (or \$1.05 per share)
- Declared regular monthly dividends totaling \$0.57 per share for the first quarter of 2018, or \$0.19 per share for each of January, February and March 2018, representing a 2.7% increase from the regular monthly dividends paid for the first quarter of 2017
- Paid semi-annual supplemental cash dividend of \$0.275 per share in December 2017
- Net asset value of \$23.53 per share at December 31, 2017, representing an increase of \$0.51 per share, or 2.2%, compared to \$23.02 per share at September 30, 2017, or an increase of \$0.79 per share, or 3.4%, after excluding the effect of the semi-annual supplemental cash dividend paid in December 2017
- Completed \$13.8 million in total lower middle market ("LMM") portfolio investments, which after aggregate repayments of debt principal and return of invested equity capital from several LMM portfolio investments resulted in a net decrease of \$29.0 million in total LMM portfolio investments
- Net decrease of \$6.0 million in middle market portfolio investments
- Net decrease of \$17.9 million in private loan portfolio investments
- Further diversified our capital structure by issuing \$185.0 million of 4.50% Notes due 2022 ("4.50% Notes due 2022")

Full Year 2017 Highlights

- Net investment income of \$135.4 million (or \$2.39 per share), representing a 17% increase from 2016
- Distributable net investment income⁽¹⁾ of \$145.4 million (or \$2.56 per share), representing a 17% increase from 2016
- Total investment income of \$205.7 million, representing a 15% increase from 2016
- Industry leading Operating Expense to Assets Ratio of 1.6%, or 1.5% after excluding the effect of certain non-recurring professional fees and other expenses
- Net asset value of \$23.53 per share at December 31, 2017, representing an increase of \$1.43 per share, or 6.5%, compared to \$22.10 per share at December 31, 2016, or an increase of \$1.98 per share, or 9.0%, after excluding the effect of the semi-annual supplemental cash dividends paid in 2017
- Generated realized gains of \$29.8 million on the exits of equity investments in five LMM portfolio companies

- Net increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$170.6 million (or \$3.01 per share)
- Return on equity⁽²⁾ for the year of 13.3%
- Paid regular monthly dividends totaling \$2.235 per share, representing a 2.8% increase compared to \$2.175 for 2016
- Paid supplemental cash dividends totaling \$0.55 per share, unchanged from the prior year
- Completed \$173.1 million in total LMM portfolio investments, including investments totaling \$129.7 million in six new LMM portfolio companies, which after aggregate repayments of debt principal and return of invested equity capital from several LMM portfolio investments resulted in a net decrease of \$12.3 million in total LMM portfolio investments
- Net decrease of \$25.0 million in middle market portfolio investments
- Net increase of \$128.5 million in private loan portfolio investments
- Amended our long-term revolving credit facility ("Credit Facility") to increase the total commitments to \$585.0 million from a diversified group of fifteen participating lenders

In commenting on Main Street's results, Vincent D. Foster, Main Street's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are pleased with our operating results for both the fourth quarter and full year 2017, periods during which we increased our total investment income, our distributable net investment income per share and our net asset value per share, in each case over the same periods in the prior year and for the fourth quarter on a sequential basis over the third quarter of 2017. As a result of our positive performance, we again generated distributable net investment income per share in excess of our regular monthly dividends, exceeding the regular monthly dividends paid during the quarter and year by approximately 21% and 15%, respectively. In addition, we maintained our supplemental dividends at \$0.55 per share. We also completed our second investment grade debt offering, which provided significant enhancement to our already strong capital structure. We believe that our 2017 performance continues to highlight the unique benefits of our diversified portfolio, differentiated investment strategy and efficient operating structure."

Fourth Quarter 2017 Operating Results

The following table provides a summary of our operating results for the fourth quarter of 2017:

	Three Months Ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	Change (\$)	Change (%)
	(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)			
Interest income	\$ 44,594	\$ 37,508	\$ 7,086	19%
Dividend income	9,506	7,088	2,418	34%
Fee income	1,697	2,234	(537)	(24%)
Total investment income	\$ 55,797	\$ 46,830	\$ 8,967	19%
Net investment income	\$ 37,483	\$ 30,432	\$ 7,051	23%
Net investment income per share	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.07	12%
Distributable net investment income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 39,967	\$ 32,759	\$ 7,208	22%
Distributable net investment income per share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.08	13%
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 61,440	\$ 47,993	\$ 13,447	28%
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations per share	\$ 1.05	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.15	17%

The \$9.0 million increase in total investment income in the fourth quarter of 2017 from the comparable period of the prior year was principally attributable to (i) a \$7.1 million increase in interest income primarily related to higher average levels of portfolio debt investments and increased activities involving existing investment portfolio debt investments and (ii) a \$2.4 million increase in dividend income from investment portfolio equity investments, partially offset by a \$0.5 million decrease in fee income. The total investment income in the fourth quarter of 2017 includes (i) an increase of \$2.7 million related to interest income activity from portfolio companies that is considered to be less consistent on a recurring basis or non-recurring when compared to the same period in 2016 and (ii) an increase of \$1.1 million primarily related to higher accelerated prepayment, repricing and other activity for certain investment portfolio debt investments when compared to the same period in 2016.

Cash operating expenses (total operating expenses excluding non-cash, share-based compensation expense) increased to \$15.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2017 from \$14.1 million for the corresponding period of 2016. This comparable period increase in cash operating expenses was principally attributable to (i) a \$1.0 million increase in

interest expense primarily due to the issuance of our 4.50% Notes due 2022 in November 2017, (ii) a \$0.5 million increase in general and administrative expenses and (iii) a \$0.5 million increase in compensation expense related to increases in the number of personnel, base compensation levels and incentive compensation accruals, with these increases partially offset by a \$0.2 million increase in the expenses allocated to the external investment manager, a wholly owned portfolio company and registered investment advisor that provides investment management services to third parties (the "External Investment Manager"), in each case when compared to the same period in the prior year. Our Operating Expense to Assets Ratio was 1.5% on an annualized basis for the fourth quarter of 2017, which is consistent with the ratio for the fourth quarter of 2016. For the year ended December 31, 2017, excluding the effect of certain non-recurring professional fees and other expenses incurred prior to the fourth quarter of 2017, our Operating Expense to Assets Ratio was 1.5%, which is consistent with the ratio for the prior year. Including the effect of the non-recurring expenses, the ratio for the year ended December 31, 2017 was 1.6%.

The \$7.1 million increase in net investment income was primarily attributable to the increase in total investment income, partially offset by higher operating expenses both as discussed above.

The \$7.2 million increase in the fourth quarter of 2017 in distributable net investment income, which is net investment income before non-cash, share-based compensation expense, was primarily due to the higher level of total investment income, partially offset by higher operating expenses as discussed above. Distributable net investment income on a per share basis for the fourth quarter of 2017 reflects (i) an increase of approximately \$0.06 per share from the comparable period in 2016 attributable to the net increase in the comparable levels of accelerated prepayment, repricing and other unusual activity for certain investment portfolio debt investments and (ii) a greater number of average shares outstanding compared to the corresponding period in 2016 primarily due to shares issued through our at-the-market, or ATM, program, shares issued pursuant to our equity incentive plans and shares issued pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan.

The \$13.4 million change in the net increase in net assets resulting from operations was primarily the result of (i) a \$26.4 million improvement in net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) from portfolio investments, including the impact of accounting reversals relating to realized gains/income (losses), to net unrealized appreciation of \$47.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2017, which includes the impact of approximately \$15 million of unrealized appreciation in the LMM equity portfolio related to the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in December 2017, and (ii) a \$7.1 million increase in net investment income as discussed above, with these changes partially offset by (i) a \$12.3 million change in the income tax benefit (provision) from an income tax benefit of \$0.2 million for the fourth quarter of 2016 to an income tax provision of \$12.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2017 and (ii) a \$7.7 million increase in the net realized loss from investments to a net realized loss of \$11.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2017. The net realized loss from investments of \$11.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2017 was primarily the result of (i) the net realized loss of \$9.0 million in our middle market portfolio, which was the result of (a) the realized loss of \$5.6 million on the exit of a middle market investment and (b) the realized loss of \$3.4 million on the restructure of a middle market investment, (ii) the net realized loss of \$3.1 million in our LMM portfolio, which is primarily the net result of (a) the realized loss of \$3.7 million on the exit of a LMM investment, (b) the realized loss of \$1.5 million on the partial exits of two LMM investments and (c) realized gains of \$2.1 million related to other activity in the LMM portfolio, with these net realized losses partially offset by (iii) net realized gains of \$0.4 million resulting from a gain on the exit of a private loan investment and a loss on the restructure of a private loan investment.

The following table provides a summary of the total net unrealized appreciation of \$47.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2017:

	Three Months Ended December		
	LMM (a)	Middle Market	Private Loan
	(dollars in millions)		
Accounting reversals of net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation recognized in prior periods			
due to net realized (gains)/(income) losses recognized during the current period	\$ 4.6	\$ 6.9	\$ (1.0)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) relating to portfolio investments	<u>34.2</u>	<u>(1.0)</u>	<u>(0.9)</u>
Total net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) relating to portfolio investments	<u>\$ 38.8</u>	<u>\$ 5.9</u>	<u>\$ (1.9)</u>
Unrealized appreciation relating to SBIC debentures (c)			
Total net change in unrealized appreciation			

- (a) LMM includes unrealized appreciation on 34 LMM portfolio investments and unrealized depreciation on 14 LMM portfolio investments.
- (b) Other includes \$2.5 million of unrealized appreciation relating to the External Investment Manager and \$1.6 million of net unrealized appreciation relating to our other portfolio.
- (c) Relates to unrealized appreciation on the Small Business Investment Company ("SBIC") debentures held by Main Street Capital II, LP which are accounted for on a fair value basis.

The income tax provision for the fourth quarter of 2017 of \$12.1 million principally consisted of a deferred tax provision of \$9.4 million, which is primarily the result of the net activity relating to our portfolio investments held in our taxable subsidiaries, including changes in net operating loss carryforwards, changes in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation and other temporary book-tax differences, and other current tax expense of \$2.7 million related to (i) current tax expense of \$2.4 million related to accruals for U.S. federal and state income taxes and (ii) a \$0.3 million accrual for excise tax on our estimated undistributed taxable income.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2017, we had \$51.5 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$521.0 million of unused capacity under our Credit Facility, which we maintain to support our investment and operating activities.

Several details regarding our capital structure as of December 31, 2017 are as follows:

- Our Credit Facility included \$585.0 million in total commitments from a diversified group of fifteen participating lenders, plus an accordion feature which allows us to increase the total commitments under the facility to up to \$750.0 million.
- \$64.0 million in outstanding borrowings under our Credit Facility, bearing interest at an annual interest rate of 3.2%.
- \$295.8 million of outstanding SBIC debentures through our three wholly owned SBIC subsidiaries, with \$54.2 million of remaining capacity under the permitted maximum amount of SBIC debentures of \$350.0 million. These debentures, which are guaranteed by the U.S. Small Business Administration, had a weighted-average annual fixed interest rate of approximately 3.6% and mature ten years from original issuance. The first maturity related to our SBIC debentures does not occur until 2019, and the weighted-average remaining duration was approximately 5.8 years.
- \$185.0 million of notes outstanding, the 4.50% Notes due 2022, that bear interest at a rate of 4.50% per year. The 4.50% Notes due 2022 mature on December 1, 2022 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time at our option subject to certain make-whole provisions.
- \$175.0 million of notes outstanding that bear interest at a rate of 4.50% per year (the "4.50% Notes due 2019"). The 4.50% Notes due 2019 mature on December 1, 2019 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time at our option subject to certain make-whole provisions.
- \$90.7 million of notes outstanding that bear interest at a rate of 6.125% per year (the "6.125% Notes"). The 6.125% Notes mature on April 1, 2023, and may be redeemed in whole or in part at our option on or after April 1, 2018. The 6.125% Notes are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and trade under the symbol "MSCA."
- Our net asset value totaled \$1,380.4 million, or \$23.53 per share.

Investment Portfolio Information as of December 31, 2017 (3)

The following table provides a summary of the investments in our LMM portfolio, middle market portfolio and private loan portfolio as of December 31, 2017:

	As of December 31, 2017		
	LMM (a)	Middle Market	Private Loan
	(dollars in millions)		
Number of portfolio companies	70	62	54
Fair value	\$ 948.2	\$ 609.3	\$ 467.5
Cost	\$ 776.5	\$ 629.7	\$ 489.2
% of portfolio at cost - debt	67.1%	97.3%	93.6%
% of portfolio at cost - equity	32.9%	2.7%	6.4%
% of debt investments at cost secured by first priority lien	98.1%	90.5%	94.5%
Weighted-average annual effective yield (b)	12.0%	9.0%	9.2%
Average EBITDA (c)	\$ 4.4	\$ 78.3	\$ 39.6

- (a) We had equity ownership in 97% of our LMM portfolio companies, and the average fully diluted equity ownership in those portfolio companies was approximately 39%.
- (b) The weighted-average annual effective yields were computed using the effective interest rates for all debt investments at cost, including amortization of deferred debt origination fees and accretion of original issue discount but excluding fees payable upon repayment of the debt instruments and any debt investments on non-accrual status.
- (c) The average EBITDA is calculated using a simple average for the LMM portfolio and a weighted-average for the middle market and private loan portfolios. These calculations exclude certain portfolio companies, including six LMM portfolio companies, one middle market portfolio company and three private loan portfolio companies, as EBITDA is not a meaningful valuation metric for our investments in these portfolio companies, and those portfolio companies whose primary purpose is to own real estate.

The fair value of our LMM portfolio company equity investments was approximately 182% of the cost of such equity investments and our LMM portfolio companies had a median net senior debt (senior interest-bearing debt through our debt position less cash and cash equivalents) to EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization) ratio of 2.8 to 1.0 and a median total EBITDA to senior interest expense ratio of 2.7 to 1.0. Including all debt that is junior in priority to our debt position, these median ratios were 3.3 to 1.0 and 2.7 to 1.0, respectively.^{(3) (4)}

As of December 31, 2017, we had other portfolio investments in eleven companies, collectively totaling \$104.6 million in fair value and \$109.4 million in cost basis, which comprised approximately 4.8% of our investment portfolio at fair value.

As of December 31, 2017, there was no cost basis in our investment in the External Investment Manager and this investment had a fair value of \$41.8 million, which comprised approximately 1.9% of our investment portfolio at fair value.

As of December 31, 2017, we had five investments on non-accrual status, which comprised approximately 0.2% of the total investment portfolio at fair value and approximately 2.3% at cost. Our total portfolio investments at fair value were approximately 108% of the related cost basis as of December 31, 2017.

External Investment Manager

The External Investment Manager maintains an investment sub-advisory relationship with HMS Income Fund, Inc., a non-listed business development company ("HMS Income"), and earns management fees for the services provided to HMS Income. During the fourth quarter of 2017, the External Investment Manager generated \$2.9 million of fee income from this relationship, and HMS Income ended the fourth quarter of 2017 with total assets of over \$1.1 billion. The relationship with HMS Income benefited our net investment income by \$2.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2017 through a \$1.6 million reduction of our operating expenses for expenses we allocated to the External Investment Manager for services we provided to it and \$0.9 million of dividend income we received from the External Investment Manager.

Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2017 Financial Results Conference Call / Webcast

Main Street has scheduled a conference call for Friday, February 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time to discuss the fourth quarter and full year 2017 financial results.

You may access the conference call by dialing 412-902-0030 at least 10 minutes prior to the start time. The conference call can also be accessed via a simultaneous webcast by logging into the investor relations section of the Main Street web site at <http://www.mainstcapital.com>.

A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available through Friday, March 2, 2018 and may be accessed by dialing 201-612-7415 and using the passcode 13674997#. An audio archive of the conference call will also be available on the investor relations section of the company's website at <http://www.mainstcapital.com> shortly after the call and will be accessible for approximately 90 days.

For a more detailed discussion of the financial and other information included in this press release, please refer to the Main Street Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov) and Main Street's Fourth Quarter 2017 Investor Presentation to be posted on the investor relations section of the Main Street website at <http://www.mainstcapital.com>.

(1) Distributable net investment income is net investment income as determined in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or U.S. GAAP, excluding the impact of share-based compensation expense which is non-cash in nature. Main Street believes presenting distributable net investment income and the related per share amount is useful and appropriate supplemental disclosure for analyzing its financial performance since share-based compensation does not require settlement in cash. However, distributable net investment

income is a non-U.S. GAAP measure and should not be considered as a replacement for net investment income and other earnings measures presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Instead, distributable net investment income should be reviewed only in connection with such U.S. GAAP measures in analyzing Main Street's financial performance. A reconciliation of net investment income in accordance with U.S. GAAP to distributable net investment income is detailed in the financial tables included with this press release.

- (2) Return on equity equals the net increase in net assets resulting from operations divided by the average quarterly total net assets for the period.
- (3) Portfolio company financial information has not been independently verified by Main Street.
- (4) These credit statistics exclude certain portfolio companies for which EBITDA is not a meaningful metric for the statistic.

ABOUT MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION

Main Street (www.mainstcapital.com) is a principal investment firm that primarily provides long-term debt and equity capital to lower middle market companies and debt capital to middle market companies. Main Street's portfolio investments are typically made to support management buyouts, recapitalizations, growth financings, refinancings and acquisitions of companies that operate in diverse industry sectors. Main Street seeks to partner with entrepreneurs, business owners and management teams and generally provides "one stop" financing alternatives within its lower middle market portfolio. Main Street's lower middle market companies generally have annual revenues between \$10 million and \$150 million. Main Street's middle market debt investments are made in businesses that are generally larger in size than its lower middle market portfolio companies.

Main Street's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "MAIN." In addition, Main Street has outstanding 6.125% Notes due 2023, which trade on the NYSE under the symbol "MSCA."

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Main Street cautions that statements in this press release which are forward-looking and provide other than historical information involve risks and uncertainties that may impact its future results of operations. The forward-looking statements in this press release are based on current conditions and include statements regarding Main Street's goals, beliefs, strategies and future operating results and cash flows. Although its management believes that the expectations reflected in those forward-looking statements are reasonable, Main Street can give no assurance that those expectations will prove to have been correct. Those statements are made based on various underlying assumptions and are subject to numerous uncertainties and risks, including, without limitation: Main Street's continued effectiveness in raising, investing and managing capital; adverse changes in the economy generally or in the industries in which its portfolio companies operate; changes in laws and regulations that may adversely impact its operations or the operations of one or more of its portfolio companies; the operating and financial performance of its portfolio companies; retention of key investment personnel; competitive factors; and such other factors described under the captions "Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" included in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov). Main Street undertakes no obligation to update the information contained herein to reflect subsequently occurring events or circumstances, except as required by applicable securities laws and regulations.

MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(dollars in thousands, except shares and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(Unaudited)			
INVESTMENT INCOME:				
Interest, fee and dividend income:				
Control investments	\$ 20,042	\$ 11,824	\$ 62,762	\$ 52,221
Affiliate investments	7,908	10,607	37,509	37,702
Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments	27,847	24,399	105,470	88,242
Interest, fee and dividend income	55,797	46,830	205,741	178,165
Interest, fee and dividend income from marketable securities and idle funds investments				
	-	-	-	174
Total investment income	55,797	46,830	205,741	178,339
EXPENSES:				
Interest	(9,659)	(8,619)	(36,479)	(33,630)
Compensation	(4,799)	(4,327)	(18,560)	(16,408)
General and administrative	(2,926)	(2,475)	(11,674)	(9,284)
Share-based compensation	(2,484)	(2,327)	(10,027)	(8,304)
Expenses allocated to the External Investment Manager	1,554	1,350	6,370	5,089
Total expenses	(18,314)	(16,398)	(70,370)	(62,537)
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	37,483	30,432	135,371	115,802
NET REALIZED GAIN (LOSS):				
Control investments	-	-	259	32,220
Affiliate investments	(4,876)	(91)	8,044	25,167
Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments	(6,784)	(3,868)	7,879	(26,317)
Marketable securities and idle funds investments	-	-	-	(1,681)
SBIC debentures	-	-	(5,217)	-
Total net realized gain (loss)	(11,660)	(3,959)	10,965	29,389
NET CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION):				
Portfolio investments	46,902	21,434	42,545	(8,305)
Marketable securities and idle funds investments	-	-	-	1,729
SBIC debentures	804	(123)	6,212	(943)
Total net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	47,706	21,311	48,757	(7,519)
INCOME TAXES:				
Federal and state income, excise and other taxes	(2,718)	283	(5,206)	(2,089)
Deferred taxes	(9,371)	(74)	(19,265)	3,316
Income tax benefit (provision)	(12,089)	209	(24,471)	1,227
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 61,440	\$ 47,993	\$ 170,622	\$ 138,899
NET INVESTMENT INCOME PER SHARE - BASIC AND DILUTED				
	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.57	\$ 2.39	\$ 2.23
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS PER SHARE - BASIC AND DILUTED				
	\$ 1.05	\$ 0.90	\$ 3.01	\$ 2.67
DIVIDENDS PAID PER SHARE:				
Regular monthly dividends	\$ 0.570	\$ 0.555	\$ 2.235	\$ 2.175
Supplemental dividends	0.275	0.275	0.550	0.550
Total dividends	\$ 0.845	\$ 0.830	\$ 2.785	\$ 2.725
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING - BASIC AND DILUTED				
	58,326,827	53,473,204	56,691,913	52,025,002

MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Portfolio investments at fair value:		
Control investments	\$ 750,706	\$ 594,375
Affiliate investments	338,854	375,000
Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments	1,081,745	1,020,000
Total investments	2,171,305	1,990,000
Cash and cash equivalents	51,528	24,000
Interest receivable and other assets	36,343	35,000
Receivable for securities sold	2,382	1,000
Deferred financing costs, net	3,837	4,000
Deferred tax asset, net	-	5,000
Total assets	\$ 2,265,395	\$ 2,072,000
LIABILITIES		
Credit facility	\$ 64,000	\$ 343,000
SBIC debentures (par: \$295,800 and \$240,000 as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively)	288,483	235,000
4.50% Notes due 2022 (par: \$185,000 and \$0 as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively)	182,015	-
4.50% Notes due 2019 (par: \$175,000 as of both December 31, 2017 and 2016)	173,616	172,000
6.125% Notes (par: \$90,655 as of both December 31, 2017 and 2016)	89,057	88,000
Accounts payable and other liabilities	20,168	14,000
Payable for securities purchased	40,716	2,000
Interest payable	5,273	4,000
Dividend payable	11,146	10,000
Deferred tax liability, net	10,553	-
Total liabilities	885,027	876,000
NET ASSETS		
Common stock	586	586
Additional paid-in capital	1,310,780	1,143,000
Accumulated net investment income, net of cumulative dividends	7,921	15,000
Accumulated net realized gain from investments, net of cumulative dividends	(60,114)	(58,000)
Net unrealized appreciation, net of income taxes	121,195	99,000
Total net assets	1,380,368	1,205,000
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 2,265,395	\$ 2,072,000
NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE	\$ 23.53	\$ 22.00

MAIN STREET CAPITAL CORPORATION
Reconciliation of Distributable Net Investment Income
(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net investment income	\$ 37,483	\$ 30,432	\$ 135,371	\$ 115,802
Share-based compensation expense	2,484	2,327	10,027	8,304
Distributable net investment income (1)	\$ 39,967	\$ 32,759	\$ 145,398	\$ 124,106
Per share amounts:				
Net investment income per share -				
Basic and diluted	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.57	\$ 2.39	\$ 2.23
Distributable net investment income per share -				
Basic and diluted (1)	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.61	\$ 2.56	\$ 2.39

- (1) Distributable net investment income is net investment income, as determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, excluding the impact of share-based compensation expense which is non-cash in nature. Main Street believes presenting distributable net investment income and the related per share amount is useful and appropriate supplemental disclosure of information for analyzing its financial performance since share-based compensation does not require settlement in cash. However, distributable net investment income is a non-U.S. GAAP measure and should not be considered as a replacement for net investment income and other earnings measures presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Instead, distributable net investment income should be reviewed only in connection with such U.S. GAAP measures in analyzing Main Street's financial performance. A reconciliation of net investment income in accordance with U.S. GAAP to distributable net investment income is presented in the table above.

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