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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File No. 0-22832

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

52-1081052
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1919 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C.
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

20006
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (202) 331-1112
Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of Each Class | Name of Each Exchange On Which Registered |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value | New York Stock Exchange |

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

NONE

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. YES NO

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES NO

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (check one)

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES NO

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2005, was approximately \$3.6 billion based upon the last sale price for the registrant's common stock on that date. As of March 9, 2006, there were 139,825,334 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 16, 2006, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.

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PART I

Item 1. Business.

General

We are a business development company, or BDC, and we are in the private equity business. Specifically, we provide long-term debt and equity capital to primarily private middle market companies in a variety of industries. We believe the private equity capital markets are important to the growth of small and middle market companies because such companies often have difficulty accessing the public debt and equity capital markets. We believe that we are well positioned to be a source of capital for such companies. We provide our investors the opportunity to participate in the U.S. private equity industry through an investment in our publicly traded stock.

We have participated in the private equity business since we were founded in 1958. Since then, we have invested more than \$9 billion in thousands of companies nationwide. We primarily invest in the American entrepreneurial economy, helping to build middle market businesses and support American jobs. We generally invest in established companies with adequate cash flow for debt service. We are not venture capitalists, and we generally do not provide seed, or early stage, capital. At December 31, 2005, our private finance portfolio included investments in over 100 companies that generate aggregate annual revenues of over \$10 billion and employ more than 85,000 people.

Our investment objective is to achieve current income and capital gains. In order to achieve this objective, we invest in companies in a variety of industries.

Private Equity Investing

As a private equity investor, we spend significant time and effort identifying, structuring, performing due diligence, monitoring, developing, valuing, and ultimately exiting our investments. We generally target companies in less cyclical industries with, among other things, high returns on invested capital, management teams with meaningful equity ownership, well-constructed balance sheets, and the ability to generate free cash flow. Each investment is subject to an extensive due diligence process. It is not uncommon for a single investment to take from two months to a full year to complete, depending on the complexity of the transaction.

Our investment activity is primarily focused on making long-term investments in the debt and equity of primarily private middle market companies. We have chosen these investments because they can be structured to provide recurring cash flow to us as the investor. In addition to earning interest income, we may earn income from management, consulting, diligence, structuring or other fees. We may also enhance our total return with capital gains realized from equity features, such as nominal cost warrants, or by investing in equity instruments. For the years 1998 through 2005, we have realized \$575.1 million in

cumulative net realized gains from our investment portfolio. Net realized gains for this period as a percentage of total assets are shown in the chart below.

Our investments in the debt and equity of primarily private middle market companies are generally long-term in nature and are privately negotiated, and no readily available market exists for them. This makes our investments highly illiquid and, as a result, we cannot readily trade them. When we make an investment, we enter into a long-term arrangement where our ultimate exit from that investment may be three to ten years in the future.

We believe illiquid investments generally provide better investment returns on average over time than do more liquid investments, such as public equities and public debt instruments, because of the increased liquidity risk in holding such investments. Investors in illiquid investments cannot manage risk through investment trading techniques. In order to manage our risk, we focus on careful investment selection, thorough due diligence, portfolio monitoring and portfolio diversification. Our investment management processes have been designed to incorporate these disciplines. We are led by an experienced management team with our senior officers possessing, on average, 20 years of experience in the private equity industry.

We believe our business model is well suited for long-term illiquid investing. Our balance sheet is capitalized with significant equity capital and we use only a modest level of debt capital, which allows us the ability to be patient and to manage through difficult market conditions with less risk of liquidity issues. Under the Investment Company Act of 1940, we are restricted to a debt to equity ratio of approximately one-to-one. Thus, our capital structure, which includes a modest level of long-term leverage, is well suited for long-term illiquid investments.

In general, we compete for investments with a large number of private equity funds and mezzanine funds, other business development companies, hedge funds, investment banks, other equity and non-equity based investment funds, and other sources of financing, including specialty finance companies and traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks. However, we primarily compete with other providers of long-term debt and equity capital to middle market companies, including private equity funds and other business development companies.

Private Finance Portfolio. Our private finance portfolio is primarily composed of debt and equity securities. We generally invest in private companies though, from time to time, we may invest in companies that are public but lack access to additional public capital. These investments are also generally illiquid.

Our capital is generally used to fund:

| | |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| Buyouts | Recapitalizations |
| Acquisitions | Note purchases |
| Growth | Other types of financings |

When assessing a prospective private finance investment, we generally look for companies in less cyclical industries in the middle market (i.e., generally \$50 million to \$500 million in revenues) with certain target characteristics, which may or may not be present in the companies in which we invest. Our target investments generally are in companies with the following characteristics:

Management team with meaningful equity ownership

Dominant or defensible market position

High return on invested capital

Stable operating margins

Ability to generate free cash flow

Well-constructed balance sheet

We generally target investments in the following industries as they tend to be less cyclical, cash flow intensive and generate a high return on invested capital:

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Business Services | Healthcare Services |
| Financial Services | Energy Services |
| Consumer Products | |

We intend to take a balanced approach to private equity investing that emphasizes a complementary mix of debt investments and buyout investments. The combination of these two types of investments provides current interest and related portfolio income and the potential for future capital gains. It is our preference to structure our investments with a focus on current recurring interest and other income, which may include management, consulting or other fees. We generally target debt investments of \$10 million to \$50 million and buyout investments of up to \$250 million of invested capital.

Debt investments may include senior loans, unitranche debt (a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt), or subordinated debt (with or without equity features). The junior debt that we invest in that is lower in repayment priority than senior debt is also known as subordinated or mezzanine debt. We may make equity investments for a minority equity stake in portfolio companies in conjunction with our debt investments. We generally target a minimum weighted average portfolio yield of 10% on the debt component of our private finance portfolio. The weighted average yield on our private finance loans and debt securities was 13.0% at December 31, 2005.

Senior loans generally carry a floating rate of interest, usually set as a spread over LIBOR, and generally require payments of both principal and interest throughout the life of the loan. Interest is generally paid to us monthly or quarterly. Senior loans generally have maturities of three to five years. Unitranche debt and subordinated debt generally carry a fixed rate of interest generally with maturities of five to ten years and generally have interest-only payments in the early years and payments of both principal and interest in the later years, although maturities and principal amortization schedules may vary. Interest is generally paid to us quarterly. At December 31, 2005, 87% of our private finance loans and debt securities carried a fixed rate of interest and 13% carried a floating rate of interest.

Through our wholly owned subsidiary, AC Finance LLC, (AC Finance) we may underwrite senior loans related to our portfolio investments or for other companies that are not in our portfolio. When AC Finance underwrites senior loans, we may earn a fee for such loan underwriting activities. Senior loans originated and underwritten by AC Finance may or may not be funded by us at closing. When these

senior loans are closed, we may fund all or a portion of the underwritten commitment pending sale of the loan to other investors, which may include loan sales to Callidus Capital Corporation (Callidus) or funds managed by Callidus, a portfolio company controlled by us. After completion of the sale process, we may or may not retain a position in these senior loans. We may also invest in the bonds or preferred shares/income notes of collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) or collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), where the underlying collateral pool consists of senior loans. Certain of the CLOs and CDOs in which we invest may be managed by Callidus Capital Management, a subsidiary of Callidus.

In a buyout transaction, we generally invest in senior debt, subordinated debt and equity (preferred and/or voting or non-voting common) where our equity ownership represents a significant portion of the equity, but may or may not represent a controlling interest. If we invest in non-voting equity in a buyout investment, we generally have an option to acquire a controlling stake in the voting securities of the portfolio company at fair market value. We generally structure our buyout investments such that we seek to earn a blended current return on our total capital invested of approximately 10% through a combination of interest income on our senior loans and subordinated debt, dividends on our preferred and common equity, and management, consulting, or transaction services fees to compensate us for the managerial assistance that we may provide to the portfolio company. We believe that the transaction fees charged for the services we provide to portfolio companies are generally comparable with transaction fees charged by others in the private equity industry for performing similar services. As a result of our significant equity investment in a buyout investment there is potential to realize larger capital gains through buyout investing as compared to debt or mezzanine investing.

The structure of each debt and equity security is specifically negotiated to enable us to protect our investment, with a focus on preservation of capital, and maximize our returns. We include many terms governing interest rate, repayment terms, prepayment penalties, financial covenants, operating covenants, ownership parameters, dilution parameters, liquidation preferences, voting rights, and put or call rights. Our senior loans and unintranche debt are generally secured, however in a liquidation scenario, the collateral may not be sufficient to support our outstanding investment. Our junior or mezzanine loans are generally unsecured. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market.

At December 31, 2005, 60.2% of the private finance portfolio at value consisted of loans and debt securities and 39.8% consisted of equity securities (equity securities included 26.4% in investment cost basis and 13.4% in net unrealized appreciation). At December 31, 2005, 54.2% of the private finance investments at value were in companies more than 25% owned, 4.6% were in companies 5% to 25% owned, and 41.2% were in companies less than 5% owned.

Our ten largest investments at value at December 31, 2005, were as follows:

| | | At December 31, 2005 | | |
|---|--|----------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | | |
| Portfolio Company | Company Information | Cost | Value | Percentage of Total Assets |
| Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Sales and marketing agency providing outsourced sales, merchandising, and marketing services to the consumer packaged goods industry. | \$ 257.7 | \$ 660.4 | 16.4% |
| Business Loan Express, LLC ⁽¹⁾ | Originates, sells, and services primarily real estate secured small business loans specifically for businesses with financing needs of up to \$4.0 million. Provides SBA 7(a) loans, conventional small business loans and small investment real estate loans. Nationwide non-bank preferred lender in the SBA s 7(a) guaranteed loan program. | \$ 299.4 | \$ 357.1 | 8.9% |
| Mercury Air Centers, Inc. | Owns and operates fixed base operations under long-term leases from local airport authorities, which generally consist of terminal and hangar complexes that service the needs of the general aviation community. | \$ 113.3 | \$ 167.1 | 4.2% |
| Financial Pacific Company | Specialized commercial finance company that leases business-essential equipment to small businesses nationwide. | \$ 95.0 | \$ 127.2 | 3.2% |
| Meineke Car Care Centers, Inc. | Business format franchisor in the car care sector of the automotive aftermarket industry with approximately 900 locations worldwide. | \$ 126.5 | \$ 126.2 | 3.1% |
| Norwesco, Inc. | Designs, manufactures and markets a broad assortment of polyethylene tanks primarily to the agricultural and septic tank markets. | \$ 120.0 | \$ 120.0 | 3.0% |
| Triview Investments, Inc. | Holds investments in Triax Holdings, LLC, a developer and marketer of specialty pharmaceutical products with a focus on dermatology, and Longview Cable & Data LLC, a multi-system cable operator. | \$ 151.7 | \$ 87.0 | 2.2% |
| Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation | Over-the-counter pharmaceutical company with a broad portfolio of 20 brands, including Sucrets, Anacin, NIX and Bonine. | \$ 89.6 | \$ 85.3 | 2.1% |
| STS Operating, Inc. | Distributes systems, components and engineering services for hydraulic, pneumatic, electronic and filtration systems. | \$ 10.1 | \$ 72.1 | 1.8% |
| Healthy Pet Corp. | Veterinary hospitals offering medical and surgical services, specialized treatments, diagnostic services, pharmaceutical products, | \$ 68.4 | \$ 68.4 | 1.7% |

as well as routine health exams and vaccinations.

- (1) See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.
- (2) In March 2006, we announced that we had signed a definitive agreement to sell a majority interest in Advantage. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for further detail.

We monitor the portfolio to maintain diversity within the industries in which we invest. Our portfolio is not concentrated and we currently do not have a policy with respect to concentrating (i.e., investing 25% or more of our total assets) in any particular industry. We may or may not concentrate in any industry or group of industries in the future. The industry composition of the private finance portfolio at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004, was as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Industry | | |
| Business services | 45% | 32% |
| Financial services | 15 | 21 |
| Consumer products | 14 | 20 |
| Industrial products | 10 | 8 |
| Retail | 3 | 2 |
| Healthcare services | 2 | 8 |
| Energy services | 2 | 2 |
| Broadcasting and cable | 1 | 2 |
| Other ⁽¹⁾ | 8 | 5 |
| Total | 100% | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Includes investments in senior debt CDO and CLO funds. These funds invest in senior debt representing a variety of industries.

Commercial Real Estate Finance Portfolio. Since 1998, our commercial real estate investments have generally been in the non-investment grade tranches of commercial mortgage-backed securities, also known as CMBS, and in the bonds and preferred shares of collateralized debt obligations, also known as CDOs. On May 3, 2005, we completed the sale of our portfolio of CMBS and CDO investments to affiliates of Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (the Caisse). See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. After the completion of this sale, our commercial real estate finance portfolio consists of commercial mortgage loans, real estate owned and equity interests, which totaled \$127.1 million at value on December 31, 2005.

Simultaneous with the sale of our CMBS and CDO portfolio, we entered into a platform assets purchase agreement with CWCapital Investments LLC, an affiliate of the Caisse (CWCapital), pursuant to which we sold certain commercial real estate related assets, including servicer advances, intellectual property, software and other platform assets, subject to certain adjustments. Under this agreement, we have agreed not to invest in CMBS and real estate related CDOs and refrain from certain other real estate related investing or servicing activities for a period of three years, subject to certain limitations and excluding our existing portfolio and related activities.

Business Processes

Business Development and New Deal Origination. Over the years, we believe we have developed and maintained a strong industry reputation and an extensive network of relationships with numerous private equity investors, investment banks, business brokers, merger and acquisition advisors, financial services companies, banks, law firms and accountants through whom we source investment opportunities. Through these relationships, we believe we have been able to strengthen our position as a private equity investor. We are well known in the private equity industry, and we believe that our experience and reputation provide a competitive advantage in originating new investments.

From time to time, we may receive referrals for new prospective investments from our portfolio companies as well as other participants in the capital markets. We generally pay referral fees to those who refer transactions to us that we

consummate.

New Deal Underwriting and Investment Execution. In a typical transaction, we review, analyze, and substantiate through due diligence, the business plan and operations of the potential portfolio company.

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We perform financial due diligence, perform operational due diligence, study the industry and competitive landscape, and conduct reference checks with company management or other employees, customers, suppliers, and competitors, as necessary. We may work with external consultants, including accounting firms and industry or operational consultants, in performing due diligence and in monitoring our portfolio investments.

Once we have determined that a prospective portfolio company is suitable for investment, we work with the management and the other capital providers, including senior, junior, and equity capital providers, to structure a deal. We negotiate among these parties to agree on the rights and terms of our investment relative to the other capital in the portfolio company's capital structure. The typical debt transaction requires approximately two to six months of diligence and structuring before funding occurs. The typical buyout transaction may take up to one year to complete because the due diligence and structuring process is significantly longer when investing in a substantial equity stake in the company.

Our investments are tailored to the facts and circumstances of each deal. The specific structure is designed to protect our rights and manage our risk in the transaction. We generally structure the debt instrument to require restrictive affirmative and negative covenants, default penalties, lien protection, or other protective provisions. In addition, each debt investment is individually priced to achieve a return that reflects our rights and priorities in the portfolio company's capital structure, the structure of the debt instrument, and our perceived risk of the investment. Our loans and debt securities have an annual stated interest rate; however, that interest rate is only one factor in pricing the investment. The annual stated interest rate may include some component of contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity or upon prepayment. In addition to the interest earned on loans and debt securities, our debt investments may include equity features, such as warrants or options to buy a minority interest in the portfolio company. The warrants we receive with our debt securities generally require only a nominal cost to exercise, and thus, if the portfolio company appreciates in value, we achieve additional investment return from this equity interest. We may structure the warrants to provide minority rights provisions and event-driven puts. In many cases, we will also obtain registration rights in connection with these equity interests, which may include demand and piggyback registration rights.

We have a centralized, credit-based approval process. The key steps in our investment process are:

Initial investment screening;

Initial investment committee approval;

Due diligence, structuring and negotiation;

Internal review of diligence results;

Final investment committee approval;

Approval by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (for all debt investments that represent a commitment equal to or greater than \$20 million and every buyout transaction); and

Funding of the investment (due diligence must be completed with final investment committee approval and Executive Committee approval, as needed, before funds are disbursed).

The investment process benefits from the significant professional experience of the members of our investment committee, which is chaired by our Chief Executive Officer and includes our Chief Operating Officer, our Chief Financial Officer, and certain of our Managing Directors.

Portfolio Monitoring and Development. Middle market companies often lack the management expertise and experience found in larger companies. As a BDC, we are required by the 1940 Act to make available significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. Our senior level professionals work with portfolio company management teams to assist them in building their businesses. Managerial assistance includes, but is not limited to,

management and consulting services related to corporate finance, marketing, human resources, personnel and board member recruiting, business operations, corporate

governance, risk management and other general business matters. Our corporate finance assistance includes supporting our portfolio companies' efforts to structure and attract additional capital. We believe our extensive network of industry relationships and our internal resources help make us a collaborative partner in the development of our portfolio companies.

Our team of investment professionals regularly monitors the status and performance of each investment. This portfolio company monitoring process generally includes review of the portfolio company's financial performance against its business plan, review of current financial statements and compliance with financial covenants, evaluation of significant current developments and assessment of future exit strategies. For debt investments we may have board observation rights that allow us to attend portfolio company board meetings. For buyout investments, we generally hold a majority of the seats on the board of directors where we own a controlling interest in the portfolio company and we have board observation rights where we do not own a controlling interest in the portfolio company.

Our portfolio management committee oversees the overall performance of the portfolio, including reviewing the performance of selected portfolio companies, overseeing portfolio companies in workout status, reviewing and approving certain amendments or modifications to existing investments, reviewing and approving certain portfolio exits, and reviewing and approving certain actions by portfolio companies whose voting securities are more than 50% owned by us. Our portfolio management committee is chaired by our Chief Executive Officer and includes our Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Valuation Officer (non-voting member), and three Managing Directors. From time to time we will identify investments that require closer monitoring or become workout assets. We develop a workout strategy for workout assets and the portfolio management committee gauges our progress against the strategy.

We seek to price our investments to provide an investment return considering the fact that certain investments in the portfolio may underperform or result in loss of investment return or investment principal. As a private equity investor, we will incur losses from our investing activities, however we have a history of working with troubled portfolio companies in order to recover as much of our investments as is practicable.

Portfolio Grading

We employ a grading system to monitor the quality of our portfolio. Grade 1 is for those investments from which a capital gain is expected. Grade 2 is for investments performing in accordance with plan. Grade 3 is for investments that require closer monitoring; however, no loss of investment return or principal is expected. Grade 4 is for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of current investment return is expected, but no loss of principal is expected. Grade 5 is for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of principal is expected.

Portfolio Valuation

We determine the value of each investment in our portfolio on a quarterly basis, and changes in value result in unrealized appreciation or depreciation being recognized in our statement of operations. Value, as defined in Section 2(a)(41) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, is (i) the market price for those securities for which a market quotation is readily available and (ii) for all other securities and assets, fair value is as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors pursuant to a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. Because of the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. Unlike

banks, we are not permitted to provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses. Instead, we are required to specifically value each individual investment on a quarterly basis. We will record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or our equity security has appreciated in value. Changes in fair value are recorded in the statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

As a business development company, we invest in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies. The structure of each debt and equity security is specifically negotiated to enable us to protect our investment and maximize our returns. We include many terms governing interest rate, repayment terms, prepayment penalties, financial covenants, operating covenants, ownership parameters, dilution parameters, liquidation preferences, voting rights, and put or call rights. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. Because of the type of investments that we make and the nature of our business, our valuation process requires an analysis of various factors. Our fair value methodology includes the examination of, among other things, the underlying investment performance, financial condition, and market changing events that impact valuation.

Valuation Methodology. Our process for determining the fair value of a private finance investment begins with determining the enterprise value of the portfolio company. The fair value of our investment is based on the enterprise value at which the portfolio company could be sold in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The liquidity event whereby we exit a private finance investment is generally the sale, the recapitalization or, in some cases, the initial public offering of the portfolio company.

There is no one methodology to determine enterprise value and, in fact, for any one portfolio company, enterprise value is best expressed as a range of fair values, from which we derive a single estimate of enterprise value. To determine the enterprise value of a portfolio company, we analyze its historical and projected financial results. We generally require portfolio companies to provide annual audited and quarterly unaudited financial statements, as well as annual projections for the upcoming fiscal year. Typically in the private equity business, companies are bought and sold based on multiples of EBITDA, cash flow, net income, revenues or, in limited instances, book value. The private equity industry uses financial measures such as EBITDA or EBITDAM (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and, in some instances, Management fees) in order to assess a portfolio company's financial performance and to value a portfolio company. EBITDA and EBITDAM are not intended to represent cash flow from operations as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and such information should not be considered as an alternative to net income, cash flow from operations, or any other measure of performance prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. When using EBITDA to determine enterprise value, we may adjust EBITDA for non-recurring items. Such adjustments are intended to normalize EBITDA to reflect the portfolio company's earnings power. Adjustments to EBITDA may include compensation to previous owners, acquisition, recapitalization, or restructuring related items or one-time non-recurring income or expense items.

In determining a multiple to use for valuation purposes, we generally look to private merger and acquisition statistics, discounted public trading multiples or industry practices. In estimating a reasonable multiple, we consider not only the fact that our portfolio company may be a private company relative to a peer group of public comparables, but we also consider the size and scope of our portfolio company and its specific strengths and weaknesses. In some cases, the best valuation methodology may be a discounted cash flow analysis based on future projections. If a portfolio company is distressed, a liquidation analysis may provide the best indication of enterprise value.

If there is adequate enterprise value to support the repayment of our debt, the fair value of our loan or debt security normally corresponds to cost unless the borrower's condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount. The fair value of equity interests in portfolio companies is determined based on various factors, including the enterprise value remaining for equity holders after the repayment of the portfolio company's debt and other preference capital, and other pertinent factors such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company's equity securities, liquidation events, or other events. The determined equity values are generally discounted when we have a minority position, restrictions on resale, specific concerns about the receptivity of the capital markets to a specific company at a certain time, or other factors.

As a participant in the private equity business, we invest primarily in private middle market companies for which there is generally no publicly available information. Because of the private nature of these businesses, there is a need to maintain the confidentiality of the financial and other information that we have for the private companies in our portfolio. We believe that maintaining this confidence is important, as disclosure of such information could disadvantage our portfolio companies and could put us at a disadvantage in attracting new investments. Therefore, we do not intend to disclose financial or other information about our portfolio companies, unless required, because we believe doing so may put them at an economic or competitive disadvantage, regardless of our level of ownership or control. To balance the lack of publicly available information about our private portfolio companies, we will continue to work with third-party consultants to obtain assistance in determining fair value for a portion of the private finance portfolio each quarter as discussed below.

Valuation Process. The portfolio valuation process is managed by our Chief Valuation Officer (CVO). The CVO works with the investment professionals responsible for each investment. The following is a description of the steps we take each quarter to determine the value of our portfolio.

Our valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the deal team, led by the Managing Director or senior officer who is responsible for the portfolio company relationship.

The CVO reviews the preliminary valuation as determined by the deal team.

The CVO, members of the valuation team, and third-party consultants, as applicable (see below), meet with each Managing Director or responsible senior officer to discuss the preliminary valuation determined and documented by the deal team for each of their respective investments.

The CEO, COO, CFO and the managing directors meet with the CVO to discuss the preliminary valuation results.

Valuation documentation is distributed to the members of the Board of Directors.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors meets with the third-party consultants (see below) to discuss the assistance provided and results.

The Board of Directors and the CVO meet to discuss and review valuations.

To the extent there are changes or if additional information is deemed necessary, a follow-up Board meeting may take place.

The Board of Directors determines the fair value of the portfolio in good faith.

In connection with our valuation process to determine the fair value of a private finance investment, we work with third-party consultants to obtain assistance and advice as additional support in the preparation of our internal valuation analysis for a portion of the portfolio each quarter. In addition, we may receive other third-party assessments of a

particular private finance portfolio company's value in the ordinary course of business, most often in the context of a prospective sale transaction or in the context of a bankruptcy process. The valuation analysis prepared by management using these third-party valuation resources, when applicable, is submitted to our Board of Directors for its determination of fair value of the portfolio in good faith.

During 2005, we received third-party valuation assistance from Duff & Phelps, LLC (Duff & Phelps) and Houlihan Lokey Howard and Zukin (Houlihan Lokey). We currently intend to continue to obtain valuation assistance from third parties. We currently anticipate that we will generally obtain valuation assistance for all companies in the portfolio where we own more than 50% of the outstanding voting equity securities on a quarterly basis and that we will generally obtain assistance for companies where we own equal to or less than 50% of the outstanding voting equity securities at least once during the course of the calendar year. Valuation assistance may or may not be obtained for new companies that enter the portfolio after June 30 of any calendar year during that year or for investments with a cost and value less than \$250,000. For the quarter ended December 31, 2005, Duff & Phelps and Houlihan Lokey assisted us by reviewing our valuation of 80 portfolio companies, which represented 92.4% of the private finance portfolio at value. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations below.

Disposition of Investments

We manage our portfolio of investments in an effort to maximize our expected returns. Our portfolio is large and we frequently are repaid by our borrowers and exit our debt and equity investments as portfolio companies are sold, recapitalized or complete an initial public offering. In our debt investments where we have equity features, we frequently are in a minority ownership position in a portfolio company, and as a result, generally exit the investment when the majority equity stakeholder decides to sell or recapitalize the company. Where we have a control position in an investment, as we may have in buyout investments, we have more flexibility and can determine whether or not we should exit our investment. Our most common exit strategy for a buyout investment is the sale of a portfolio company to a strategic or financial buyer. If an investment has appreciated in value, we may realize a gain when we exit the investment. If an investment has depreciated in value, we may realize a loss when we exit the investment.

We are in the investment business, which includes acquiring and exiting investments. It is our policy not to comment on potential transactions in the portfolio prior to reaching a definitive agreement or, in many cases, prior to consummating a transaction. To the extent we enter into any material transactions, we would provide disclosure as required.

Dividends

We have elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code. As such, we are not subject to corporate level income taxation on income we timely distribute to our stockholders as dividends. We pay regular quarterly dividends based upon an estimate of annual taxable income, which includes our taxable interest, dividend, and fee income, as well as taxable net capital gains. Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. Taxable income includes non-cash income, such as changes in accrued and reinvested interest and dividends, which includes contractual payment-in-kind interest, and the amortization of discounts and fees. Cash collections of income resulting from contractual payment-in-kind interest or the amortization of discounts and fees generally occur upon the repayment of the loans or debt securities that include such items. Non-cash taxable income is reduced by non-cash expenses, such as realized losses and depreciation and amortization expense.

As a regulated investment company, we distribute substantially all of our annual taxable income to shareholders through the payment of cash dividends. Our Board of Directors reviews the dividend rate quarterly, and may adjust the quarterly dividend throughout the year. Dividends are declared considering our estimate of annual taxable income available for distribution to shareholders. Our goal is to declare what we believe to be sustainable increases in our regular quarterly dividends. To the extent that we earn annual taxable income in excess of dividends paid for the year, we may carry over the excess taxable income into the next year and such excess income will be available for distribution in the next year as permitted under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code). The amount of excess taxable income

that may be carried over for distribution in the next year under the Code is approximately three quarters of dividend payments. Excess taxable income carried over and paid out in the next year may be subject to a 4% excise tax (see Other Matters Regulated Investment Company Status). We believe that carrying over excess taxable income into future periods may provide increased visibility with respect to taxable earnings available to pay the regular quarterly dividend.

We began paying quarterly dividends in 1963, and our portfolio has provided sufficient ordinary taxable income and realized net capital gains to sustain or grow our dividends over time. Since inception, our average annual total return to shareholders (assuming all dividends were reinvested) was 18.0%. Over the past one, three, five and ten years, our total return to shareholders (assuming all dividends were reinvested) has been 23.5%, 20.6%, 17.1% and 19.8%, respectively, with the dividend providing a meaningful portion of this return.

The percentage of our dividend generated by ordinary taxable income versus capital gain income will vary from year to year. The percentage of ordinary taxable income versus net capital gain income supporting the dividend since 1986 is shown below.

Corporate Structure and Offices

We are a Maryland corporation and a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. We have a wholly owned subsidiary, Allied Investments L.P. (Allied Investments), that is licensed under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 as a Small Business Investment Company. We own all of the partnership interests in Allied Investments. The assets held by Allied Investments represented 2.6% of our total assets at December 31, 2005. See Certain Government Regulations below for further information about small business investment company regulation.

In addition, we have a real estate investment trust subsidiary, Allied Capital REIT, Inc., and several subsidiaries that are single-member limited liability companies established for specific purposes, including holding real estate property. We also have a subsidiary, A.C. Corporation, that generally provides diligence and structuring services on our transactions, as well as structuring, transaction, management, and other services to Allied Capital and our portfolio companies. A.C. Corporation has a wholly owned subsidiary, AC Finance LLC, that generally underwrites and arranges senior loans for our portfolio companies and other third parties.

Our executive offices are located at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, 3rd Floor, NW, Washington, DC 20006-3434 and our telephone number is (202) 331-1112. In addition, we have regional offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York.

Available Information

Our Internet address is www.alliedcapital.com. We make available free of charge on our website our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this annual report on Form 10-K and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this annual report on Form 10-K.

Employees

At December 31, 2005, we employed 131 individuals including investment and portfolio management professionals, operations professionals and administrative staff. The majority of our employees are located in our Washington, DC office. We believe that our relations with our employees are excellent.

Certain Government Regulations

We operate in a highly regulated environment. The following discussion generally summarizes certain government regulations.

Business Development Company. A business development company is defined and regulated by the 1940 Act. A business development company must be organized in the United States for the purpose of investing in or lending to primarily private companies and making managerial assistance available to them. A business development company may use capital provided by public shareholders and from other sources to invest in long-term, private investments in businesses. A business development company provides shareholders the ability to retain the liquidity of a publicly traded stock, while sharing in the possible benefits, if any, of investing in primarily privately owned companies.

As a business development company, we may not acquire any asset other than qualifying assets unless, at the time we make the acquisition, the value of our qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the value of our total assets. The principal categories of qualifying assets relevant to our business are:

Securities purchased in transactions not involving any public offering, the issuer of which is an eligible portfolio company;

Securities received in exchange for or distributed with respect to securities described in the bullet above or pursuant to the exercise of options, warrants or rights relating to such securities; and

Cash, cash items, government securities or high quality debt securities (within the meaning of the 1940 Act), maturing in one year or less from the time of investment.

An eligible portfolio company is generally a domestic company that is not an investment company (other than a small business investment company wholly owned by a business development company) and that:

does not have a class of securities with respect to which a broker may extend margin credit at the time the acquisition is made;

is actively controlled by the business development company and has an affiliate of a business development company on its board of directors; or

meets such other criteria as may be established by the SEC.

Control, as defined by the 1940 Act, is presumed to exist where a business development company beneficially owns more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the portfolio company.

To include certain securities described above as qualifying assets for the purpose of the 70% test, a business development company must make available to the issuer of those securities significant managerial assistance such as providing significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations, or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company. We offer to provide significant managerial assistance to our portfolio companies. See Item 1A. Risk Factors Our ability to invest in private companies may be limited in certain circumstances.

As a business development company, we are entitled to issue senior securities in the form of stock or senior securities representing indebtedness, including debt securities and preferred stock, as long as each class of senior security has an asset coverage of at least 200% immediately after each such issuance. In addition, while any senior securities remain outstanding, we must make provisions to prohibit any distribution to our shareholders unless we meet the applicable asset coverage ratio at the time of the distribution. This limitation is not applicable to borrowings by our small business investment company subsidiary, and therefore any borrowings by this subsidiary are not included in this asset coverage test pursuant to exemptive relief. See Small Business Administration Regulations.

We may also be prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of the members of our Board of Directors who are not interested persons and, in some cases, prior approval by the SEC. We have been granted an exemptive order by the SEC permitting us to engage in certain transactions that would be permitted if we and our subsidiaries were one company and permitting certain transactions among our subsidiaries, subject to certain conditions and limitations.

We have designated a chief compliance officer and established a compliance program pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act. We are periodically examined by the SEC for compliance with the 1940 Act.

As with other companies regulated by the 1940 Act, a business development company must adhere to certain substantive regulatory requirements. A majority of our directors must be persons who are not interested persons, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act. Additionally, we are required to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company to protect us against larceny and embezzlement. Furthermore, as a business development company, we are prohibited from protecting any director or officer against any liability to us or our shareholders arising from willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such person's office.

We maintain a code of ethics that establishes procedures for personal investment and restricts certain transactions by our personnel. Our code of ethics generally does not permit investment by our employees in securities that have been or are contemplated to be purchased or held by us. Our code of ethics is also posted on our website at www.alliedcapital.com. The code of ethics is also filed as an exhibit to our registration statement which is on file with the SEC. You may read and copy the code of ethics at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. You may obtain information on operations of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the code of ethics is available on the EDGAR database on the SEC Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may obtain copies of the code of ethics, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following email address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549.

As a business development company under the 1940 Act, we are entitled to provide and have provided loans to our officers in connection with the exercise of options. However, as a result of provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we have been prohibited from making new loans to our executive officers since July 2002.

We may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or withdraw our election as, a business development company unless authorized by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities, as defined in the 1940 Act. A majority of the outstanding voting securities of a company is defined under the 1940 Act as the lesser of:
(i) 67% or more of such company's shares present at a

meeting if more than 50% of the outstanding shares of such company are present and represented by proxy or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of such company.

Small Business Administration Regulations. Allied Investments, a wholly owned subsidiary of Allied Capital, is licensed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) as a small business investment company under Section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

Small business investment companies are designed to stimulate the flow of private equity capital to eligible small businesses. Under present SBA regulations, eligible small businesses include businesses that have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$18 million and have average annual net income after federal income taxes not exceeding \$6 million for the two most recent fiscal years. In addition, a small business investment company must devote 20% of its investment activity to smaller concerns as defined by the SBA. A smaller concern is one that has a tangible net worth not exceeding \$6 million and has average annual net income after federal income taxes not exceeding \$2 million for the two most recent fiscal years. SBA regulations also provide alternative size standard criteria to determine eligibility, which depend on the industry in which the business is engaged and are based on such factors as the number of employees and gross sales. According to SBA regulations, small business investment companies may make loans to small businesses, invest in the equity securities of such businesses, and provide them with consulting and advisory services. Allied Investments provides long-term loans to qualifying small businesses; equity investments and consulting and other services are typically provided only in connection with such loans.

Allied Investments is periodically examined and audited by the SBA's staff to determine its compliance with small business investment company regulations.

We, through Allied Investments, have debentures payable to the SBA with contractual maturities of ten years. The notes require payment of interest only semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity. Under the small business investment company program, we may borrow up to \$124.4 million from the Small Business Administration. At December 31, 2005, we had \$28.5 million outstanding.

Regulated Investment Company Status. We have elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, otherwise referred to as the Code. As long as we qualify as a regulated investment company, we are not taxed on our investment company taxable income or realized net capital gains, to the extent that such taxable income or gains are distributed, or deemed to be distributed, to shareholders on a timely basis.

Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. In addition, gains realized for financial reporting purposes may differ from gains included in taxable income as a result of our election to recognize gains using installment sale treatment, which results in the deferment of gains for tax purposes until notes received as consideration from the sale of investments are collected in cash.

Dividends declared and paid by the Company in a year generally differ from taxable income for that year as such dividends may include the distribution of current year taxable income, the distribution of prior year taxable income carried over into and distributed in the current year, or returns of capital. We are generally required to distribute 98% of our taxable income during the year the income is earned (and 100% of any previously undistributed and untaxed income) to avoid paying an excise tax. If this requirement is not met, the Code imposes a nondeductible excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of the current year's taxable income (and 100% of any previously undistributed and untaxed income) exceeds the distribution for the year. The taxable income on which an excise tax is paid is generally carried over and distributed to shareholders in the next year. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry over taxable income in excess of current year distributions into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax, as required.

In order to maintain our status as a regulated investment company, we must, in general, (1) continue to qualify as a business development company; (2) derive at least 90% of our gross income from dividends,

interest, gains from the sale of securities and other specified types of income; (3) meet asset diversification requirements as defined in the Code; and (4) timely distribute to shareholders at least 90% of our annual investment company taxable income as defined in the Code. We intend to take all steps necessary to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company. However, there can be no assurance that we will continue to qualify for such treatment in future years.

Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the Sarbanes-Oxley Act) imposes a wide variety of regulatory requirements on publicly held companies and their insiders. Many of these requirements apply to us, including:

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer certify the financial statements contained in our periodic reports through the filing of Section 302 certifications;

Our periodic reports disclose our conclusions about the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures;

Our annual report on Form 10-K contains a report from our management on internal control over financial reporting, including a statement that our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as well as our management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, which must be audited by our independent registered public accounting firm;

Our periodic reports disclose whether there were significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect our internal control over financial reporting subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses; and

We may not make any loan to any director or executive officer and we may not materially modify any existing loans.

We have adopted procedures to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. We will continue to monitor our compliance with all future regulations that are adopted under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and will take actions necessary to ensure that we are in compliance therewith.

In addition, the New York Stock Exchange adopted corporate governance changes to its listing standards. We have adopted certain policies and procedures to comply with the New York Stock Exchange's corporate governance rules, and in 2004 and 2005 we submitted the required CEO certification to the New York Stock Exchange pursuant to Section 303A.12(a) of the listed company standards.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Investing in Allied Capital involves a number of significant risks relating to our business and investment objective. As a result, there can be no assurance that we will achieve our investment objective.

Our portfolio of investments is illiquid. We generally acquire our investments directly from the issuer in privately negotiated transactions. The majority of the investments in our portfolio are subject to certain restrictions on resale or otherwise have no established trading market. We typically exit our investments when the portfolio company has a liquidity event such as a sale, recapitalization, or initial public offering of the company. The illiquidity of our investments may adversely affect our ability to dispose of debt and equity securities at times when we may need to or when it may be otherwise advantageous for us to liquidate such investments. In addition, if we were forced to immediately liquidate some or all of the investments in the portfolio, the proceeds of such liquidation could be significantly less than the current value of such investments.

Investing in private companies involves a high degree of risk. Our portfolio primarily consists of long-term loans to and investments in middle market private companies. Investments in private businesses involve a high degree of business and financial risk, which can result in substantial losses for us in those investments and accordingly should be considered speculative. There is generally no publicly available

information about the companies in which we invest, and we rely significantly on the diligence of our employees and agents to obtain information in connection with our investment decisions. If we are unable to identify all material information about these companies, among other factors, we may fail to receive the expected return on our investment or lose some or all of the money invested in these companies. In addition, these businesses may have shorter operating histories, narrower product lines, smaller market shares and less experienced management than their competition and may be more vulnerable to customer preferences, market conditions, loss of key personnel, or economic downturns, which may adversely affect the return on, or the recovery of, our investment in such businesses. As an investor, we are subject to the risk that a portfolio company may make a business decision that does not serve our interest, which could decrease the value of our investment. Deterioration in a portfolio company's financial condition and prospects may be accompanied by deterioration in any collateral for the loan.

Substantially all of our portfolio investments are recorded at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors and, as a result, there is uncertainty regarding the value of our portfolio investments. At December 31, 2005, portfolio investments recorded at fair value were approximately 90% of our total assets. Pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act, we value substantially all of our investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, our Board of Directors determines in good faith the fair value of these investments pursuant to a valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. Unlike banks, we are not permitted to provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses; we are instead required by the 1940 Act to specifically value each individual investment on a quarterly basis and record unrealized depreciation for an investment that we believe has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or our equity security has appreciated in value. Without a readily available market value and because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material. Our net asset value could be affected if our determination of the fair value of our investments is materially different than the value that we ultimately realize.

We adjust quarterly the valuation of our portfolio to reflect the Board of Directors' determination of the fair value of each investment in our portfolio. Any changes in fair value are recorded in our statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

Economic recessions or downturns could impair our portfolio companies and harm our operating results. Many of the companies in which we have made or will make investments may be susceptible to economic slowdowns or recessions. An economic slowdown may affect the ability of a company to repay our loans or engage in a liquidity event such as a sale, recapitalization, or initial public offering. Our nonperforming assets are likely to increase and the value of our portfolio is likely to decrease during these periods. Adverse economic conditions also may decrease the value of collateral securing some of our loans. These conditions could lead to financial losses in our portfolio and a decrease in our revenues, net income, and assets.

Our business of making private equity investments and positioning them for liquidity events also may be affected by current and future market conditions. The absence of an active senior lending environment or a slowdown in middle market merger and acquisition activity may slow the amount of private equity investment activity generally. As a result, the pace of our investment activity may slow. In addition,

significant changes in the capital markets could have an effect on the valuations of private companies and on the potential for liquidity events involving such companies. This could affect the timing of exit events in our portfolio and could negatively affect the amount of gains or losses upon exit.

Our borrowers may default on their payments, which may have a negative effect on our financial performance. We primarily make long-term unsecured, subordinated loans and invest in equity securities, which may involve a higher degree of repayment risk. We primarily invest in companies that may have limited financial resources, may be highly leveraged and may be unable to obtain financing from traditional sources. Numerous factors may affect a borrower's ability to repay its loan, including the failure to meet its business plan, a downturn in its industry, or negative economic conditions. A portfolio company's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by us or other lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, termination of its loans or foreclosure on its secured assets, which could trigger cross defaults under other agreements and jeopardize our portfolio company's ability to meet its obligations under the loans or debt securities that we hold. In addition, our portfolio companies may have, or may be permitted to incur, other debt that ranks senior to or equally with our securities. This means that payments on such senior-ranking securities may have to be made before we receive any payments on our loans or debt securities. Deterioration in a borrower's financial condition and prospects may be accompanied by deterioration in any related collateral and may have a negative effect on our financial results.

Our private finance investments may not produce current returns or capital gains. Our private finance investments are typically structured as unsecured debt securities with a relatively high fixed rate of interest and with equity features such as conversion rights, warrants, or options, or as buyouts of companies where we invest in debt and equity securities. As a result, our private finance investments are generally structured to generate interest income from the time they are made and may also produce a realized gain from an accompanying equity feature. We cannot be sure that our portfolio will generate a current return or capital gains.

Our financial results could be negatively affected if a significant portfolio investment fails to perform as expected. Our total investment in companies may be significant individually or in the aggregate. As a result, if a significant investment in one or more companies fails to perform as expected, our financial results could be more negatively affected and the magnitude of the loss could be more significant than if we had made smaller investments in more companies. At December 31, 2005, our largest investments at value were in Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. and Business Loan Express, LLC (BLX) and represented 16.4% and 8.9% of our total assets, respectively, and each individually represented 10.0% of our total interest and related portfolio income for the year ended December 31, 2005. BLX is a lender under the Small Business Administration 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program. Our financial results could be negatively affected if government funding for, or regulations related to, this program change.

We borrow money, which magnifies the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and may increase the risk of investing in us. Borrowings, also known as leverage, magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and, therefore, increase the risks associated with investing in our securities. We borrow from and issue senior debt securities to banks, insurance companies, and other lenders. Lenders of these senior securities have fixed dollar claims on our consolidated assets that are superior to the claims of our common shareholders. If the value of our consolidated assets increases, then leveraging would cause the net asset value attributable to our common stock to increase more sharply than it would have had we not leveraged. Conversely, if the value of our consolidated assets decreases, leveraging would cause net asset value to decline more sharply than it otherwise would have had we not leveraged. Similarly, any increase in our consolidated income in excess of consolidated interest payable on the borrowed funds would cause our net income to increase more than it would without the leverage, while any decrease in our consolidated income would cause net income to decline more sharply than it would have had we not borrowed. Such a decline could negatively affect our ability to make common stock dividend payments. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique. Our revolving line of credit, notes payable and debentures contain financial and operating covenants that could restrict our business activities, including our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions.

At December 31, 2005, we had \$1.3 billion of outstanding indebtedness bearing a weighted average annual interest cost of 6.5%. In order for us to cover these annual interest payments on indebtedness, we must achieve annual returns on our assets of at least 2.1%.

We may not borrow money unless we maintain asset coverage for indebtedness of at least 200%, which may affect returns to shareholders. We must maintain asset coverage for total borrowings of at least 200%. Our ability to achieve our investment objective may depend in part on our continued ability to maintain a leveraged capital structure by borrowing from banks, insurance companies or other lenders on favorable terms. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain such leverage. If asset coverage declines to less than 200%, we may be required to sell a portion of our investments when it is disadvantageous to do so. As of December 31, 2005, our asset coverage for senior indebtedness was 309%.

Changes in interest rates may affect our cost of capital and net investment income. Because we borrow money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest these funds. As a result, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which would reduce our net investment income. We use a combination of long-term and short-term borrowings and equity capital to finance our investing activities. We utilize our revolving line of credit as a means to bridge to long-term financing. Our long-term fixed-rate investments are financed primarily with long-term fixed-rate debt and equity. We may use interest rate risk management techniques in an effort to limit our exposure to interest rate fluctuations. Such techniques may include various interest rate hedging activities to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act. We have analyzed the potential impact of changes in interest rates on interest income net of interest expense.

Assuming that the balance sheet as of December 31, 2005, were to remain constant and no actions were taken to alter the existing interest rate sensitivity, a hypothetical immediate 1% change in interest rates would have affected net income by less than 1% over a one year horizon. Although management believes that this measure is indicative of our sensitivity to interest rate changes, it does not adjust for potential changes in credit quality, size and composition of the assets on the balance sheet and other business developments that could affect net increase in net assets resulting from operations, or net income. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that actual results would not differ materially from the potential outcome simulated by this estimate.

We will continue to need additional capital to grow because we must distribute our income. We will continue to need capital to fund growth in our investments. Historically, we have borrowed from financial institutions and have issued equity securities to grow our portfolio. A reduction in the availability of new debt or equity capital could limit our ability to grow. We must distribute at least 90% of our taxable ordinary income, which excludes realized net long-term capital gains, to our shareholders to maintain our regulated investment company status. As a result, such earnings will not be available to fund investment originations. In addition, as a business development company, we are generally required to maintain a ratio of at least 200% of total assets to total borrowings, which may restrict our ability to borrow in certain circumstances. We expect to continue to borrow from financial institutions and issue additional debt and equity securities. If we fail to obtain funds from such sources or from other sources to fund our investments, it could limit our ability to grow, which could have a material adverse effect on the value of our common stock.

Loss of regulated investment company tax treatment would substantially reduce net assets and income available for dividends. We have operated so as to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. If we meet source of income, asset diversification, and distribution requirements, we will not be subject to corporate level income taxation on income we timely distribute to our stockholders as dividends. We would cease to qualify for such tax treatment if we were unable to comply with these requirements. In addition, we may have difficulty meeting the requirement to make distributions to our shareholders because in certain cases we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income. If we fail to qualify as a regulated investment company, we will

have to pay corporate-level taxes on all of our income whether or not we distribute it, which would substantially reduce the amount of income available for distribution to our stockholders. Even if we qualify as a regulated investment company, we generally will be subject to a corporate-level income tax on the income we do not distribute. If we do not distribute at least 98% of our annual taxable income in the year earned, we generally will be required to pay an excise tax on amounts carried over and distributed to shareholders in the next year equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of our annual taxable income exceeds the distributions for the current year.

There is a risk that you may not receive dividends or distributions. We intend to make distributions on a quarterly basis to our stockholders. We may not be able to achieve operating results that will allow us to make distributions at a specific level or to increase the amount of these distributions from time to time. In addition, due to the asset coverage test applicable to us as a business development company, we may be limited in our ability to make distributions. Also, our credit facilities limit our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions. If we do not distribute a certain percentage of our income annually, we will suffer adverse tax consequences, including possible loss of our status as a regulated investment company. In addition, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and tax regulations, we include in income certain amounts that we have not yet received in cash, such as contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest added to the loan balance that becomes due at the end of the loan term, or the accrual of original issue discount. The increases in loan balances as a result of contractual payment-in-kind arrangements are included in income in advance of receiving cash payment and are separately included in the change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends in our consolidated statement of cash flows. Since we may recognize income before or without receiving cash representing such income, we may have difficulty meeting the requirement to distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income to maintain our status as a regulated investment company.

We operate in a competitive market for investment opportunities. We compete for investments with a large number of private equity funds and mezzanine funds, other business development companies, investment banks, other equity and non-equity based investment funds, and other sources of financing, including specialty finance companies and traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks. Some of our competitors may have greater resources than we do. Increased competition would make it more difficult for us to purchase or originate investments at attractive prices. As a result of this competition, sometimes we may be precluded from making otherwise attractive investments.

Our business depends on our key personnel. We depend on the continued services of our executive officers and other key management personnel. If we were to lose any of these officers or other management personnel, such a loss could result in inefficiencies in our operations and lost business opportunities, which could have a negative effect on our business.

Changes in the law or regulations that govern us could have a material impact on us or our operations. We are regulated by the SEC and the Small Business Administration. In addition, changes in the laws or regulations that govern business development companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, and small business investment companies may significantly affect our business. Any change in the law or regulations that govern our business could have a material impact on us or our operations. Laws and regulations may be changed from time to time, and the interpretations of the relevant laws and regulations also are subject to change, which may have a material effect on our operations.

Our ability to invest in private companies may be limited in certain circumstances. If we are to maintain our status as a business development company, we must not acquire any assets other than qualifying assets unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such acquisition, at least 70% of our total assets are qualifying assets. If we acquire debt or equity securities from an issuer that has outstanding marginable securities at the time we make an investment, these acquired assets cannot be treated as qualifying assets. This result is dictated by the definition of eligible portfolio company under the 1940 Act, which in part looks to whether a company has outstanding marginable securities.

Amendments promulgated in 1998 by the Federal Reserve expanded the definition of a marginable security under the Federal Reserve's margin rules to include any non-equity security. Thus, any debt securities issued by any entity are marginable securities under the Federal Reserve's current margin rules. As a result, the staff of the SEC has raised the question as to whether a private company that has outstanding debt securities would qualify as an eligible portfolio company under the 1940 Act.

Until the question raised by the staff of the SEC pertaining to the Federal Reserve's 1998 change to its margin rules has been addressed by legislative, administrative or judicial action, we intend to treat as qualifying assets only those debt and equity securities that are issued by a private company that has no marginable securities outstanding at the time we purchase such securities or those that otherwise qualify as an eligible portfolio company under the 1940 Act.

In November 2004, the SEC issued proposed rules to correct the unintended consequence of the Federal Reserve's 1998 margin rule amendments of apparently limiting the investment opportunities of business development companies. In general, the SEC's proposed rules would define an eligible portfolio company as any company that does not have securities listed on a national securities exchange or association. We currently do not believe that these proposed rules will have a material adverse effect on our operations.

Results may fluctuate and may not be indicative of future performance. Our operating results may fluctuate and, therefore, you should not rely on current or historical period results to be indicative of our performance in future reporting periods. Factors that could cause operating results to fluctuate include, but are not limited to, variations in the investment origination volume and fee income earned, variation in timing of prepayments, variations in and the timing of the recognition of net realized gains or losses and changes in unrealized appreciation or depreciation, the level of our expenses, the degree to which we encounter competition in our markets, and general economic conditions.

Our common stock price may be volatile. The trading price of our common stock may fluctuate substantially. The price of the common stock may be higher or lower than the price you pay for your shares, depending on many factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be directly related to our operating performance. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market from time to time;

significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of business development companies or other financial services companies;

volatility resulting from trading in derivative securities related to our common stock including puts, calls, long-term equity anticipation securities, or LEAPs, or short trading positions;

changes in laws or regulatory policies or tax guidelines with respect to business development companies or regulated investment companies;

actual or anticipated changes in our earnings or fluctuations in our operating results or changes in the expectations of securities analysts;

general economic conditions and trends;

loss of a major funding source; or

departures of key personnel.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

Item 2. Properties.

Our principal offices are located at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20006-3434. Our lease for approximately 59,000 square feet of office space at that location expires in December 2010. The office is equipped with an integrated network of computers for word processing, financial analysis, accounting and loan servicing. We believe our office space is suitable for our needs for the foreseeable future. We also maintain offices in Chicago, Los Angeles and New York.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

On June 23, 2004, we were notified by the SEC that they are conducting an informal investigation of us. On December 22, 2004, we received letters from the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia requesting the preservation and production of information regarding us and Business Loan Express, LLC in connection with a criminal investigation. Based on the information available to us at this time, the inquiries appear to primarily pertain to matters related to portfolio valuation and our portfolio company, Business Loan Express, LLC. To date, we have produced materials in response to requests from both the SEC and the U.S. Attorney's office, and certain current and former employees have provided testimony and have been interviewed by the staff of the SEC and the U.S. Attorney's Office. We are voluntarily cooperating with these investigations.

On May 28, 2004, Ferolie Corporation, a food broker with business and contractual relationships with an entity that is now affiliated with one of our portfolio companies, Advantage Sales & Marketing Inc., filed suit against us, Advantage Sales & Marketing and the affiliated entity in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia alleging that, among other things, we and Advantage Sales & Marketing had tortiously interfered with Ferolie's contract with the affiliated entity by causing the affiliated entity (i) to breach its obligations to Ferolie regarding Ferolie's participation in a reorganization transaction involving the affiliated entity and (ii) to induce clients of Ferolie to transfer their business to the affiliated entity. Ferolie sought actual and punitive damages against us and Advantage Sales & Marketing and declaratory and injunctive relief. On July 15, 2004, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed the lawsuit for lack of jurisdiction. On August 18, 2004, Ferolie filed a Petition to Compel Arbitration in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois naming us, Advantage Sales & Marketing and the affiliated entity as respondents. Ferolie attached to its petition an Amended Demand for Arbitration and Statement of Claims that asserts essentially the same claims as were asserted in the lawsuit that was dismissed by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. On October 29, 2004, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois dismissed Ferolie's petition after finding that Ferolie had failed to adequately allege the existence of subject matter jurisdiction.

On November 4, 2004, Ferolie refiled its Petition to Compel Arbitration in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. The allegations and relief requested in this proceeding were identical to the assertions made by Ferolie in the two previously dismissed proceedings. On February 15, 2005, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois entered an order denying Ferolie's motion for an order compelling us to arbitrate the claims asserted by Ferolie against us. In the same order, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois granted Ferolie's motion to compel arbitration of the claims asserted against Advantage Sales & Marketing and the affiliated entity. The arbitration is proceeding. We are not a party to the arbitration.

In addition to the above matters, we are party to certain lawsuits in the normal course of business.

While the outcome of these legal proceedings and other matters cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, we do not expect that the outcome of these matters will have a material effect upon our financial condition or results of operations.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

No matters were submitted to a vote of stockholders during the fourth quarter of 2005.

PART II**Item 5. Market For Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.**

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol ALD. There are approximately 4,900 shareholders of record and approximately 166,000 beneficial shareholders of the Company. The quarterly stock prices quoted below represent interdealer quotations and do not include markups, markdowns, or commissions and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

Quarterly Stock Prices for 2005 and 2004

| | 2005 | | | | 2004 | | | |
|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| High | \$ 27.84 | \$ 29.29 | \$ 29.17 | \$ 30.80 | \$ 30.85 | \$ 30.25 | \$ 25.80 | \$ 28.47 |
| Low | \$ 24.89 | \$ 25.83 | \$ 26.92 | \$ 26.11 | \$ 27.15 | \$ 23.06 | \$ 22.22 | \$ 24.46 |
| Close | \$ 26.10 | \$ 29.11 | \$ 28.63 | \$ 29.37 | \$ 30.29 | \$ 24.42 | \$ 24.39 | \$ 25.84 |

We began paying quarterly dividends in 1963, and our portfolio has provided sufficient ordinary taxable income and realized net capital gains to sustain or grow our dividends over time. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Other Matters and Note 10, Dividends and Distributions and Excise Taxes from our Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8.

Dividend Declarations

The following table summarizes our dividends declared during 2005 and 2004:

| Date Declared | Record Date | Payment Date | Amount |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|
| February 1, 2005 | March 18, 2005 | March 31, 2005 | \$ 0.57 |
| April 27, 2005 | June 10, 2005 | June 30, 2005 | \$ 0.57 |
| July 22, 2005 | September 9, 2005 | September 30, 2005 | \$ 0.58 |
| October 21, 2005 | December 9, 2005 | December 29, 2005 | \$ 0.58 |
| December 9, 2005 | December 28, 2005 | January 27, 2006 | \$ 0.03 |
| Total declared for 2005 | | | \$ 2.33 |
| January 30, 2004 | March 12, 2004 | March 31, 2004 | \$ 0.57 |
| April 15, 2004 | June 11, 2004 | June 30, 2004 | \$ 0.57 |
| July 22, 2004 | September 10, 2004 | September 30, 2004 | \$ 0.57 |
| October 22, 2004 | December 10, 2004 | December 30, 2004 | \$ 0.57 |
| December 10, 2004 | December 29, 2004 | January 28, 2005 | \$ 0.02 |
| Total declared for 2004 | | | \$ 2.30 |

Sales of Unregistered Securities

During 2005, we issued 330,629 shares of common stock pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan. This plan is not registered and relies on an exemption from registration under the Securities Act of 1933. See Note 6, Shareholders Equity of our Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The following table provides information for the quarter ended December 31, 2005, regarding shares of our common stock that were purchased under The 2005 Allied Capital Corporation Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan I (2005 DCP I) and The 2005 Allied Capital Corporation Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan II (2005 DCP II), which are administered by third-party trustees. The administrator of the 2005 DCP I and 2005 DCP II is the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors.

| | | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Weighted Average Price Paid Per Share |
|----------------------------------|------------|---|--|
| 2005 DCP I⁽¹⁾ | | | |
| 10/1/2005 | 10/31/2005 | 52 | \$ 28.13 |
| 11/1/2005 | 11/30/2005 | | |
| 12/1/2005 | 12/31/2005 | | |
| 2005 DCP II⁽²⁾ | | | |
| 10/1/2005 | 10/31/2005 | 12,991 | 28.13 |
| 11/1/2005 | 11/30/2005 | | |
| 12/1/2005 | 12/31/2005 | 53,370 | 29.35 |
| Total | | 66,413 | \$ 29.11 |

(1) The 2005 DCP I is an unfunded plan, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, that provides for the deferral of compensation by our directors, employees, and consultants. In addition, we may make contributions to 2005 DCP I on compensation deemed ineligible for a 401(k) contribution. Our directors, employees, or consultants are eligible to participate in the plan at such time and for such period as designated by the Board of Directors. The 2005 DCP I is administered through a trust by a third-party trustee, and we fund this plan through cash contributions. Directors may choose to defer director's fees through the 2005 DCP I, and may choose to invest such deferred income in shares of our common stock. To the extent a director elects to invest in our common stock, the trustee of the 2005 DCP I will be required to use such deferred director's fees to purchase shares of our common stock in the market.

(2) We have established a long-term incentive compensation program whereby we will generally determine an individual performance award for certain officers annually at the beginning of each year. The Compensation Committee may adjust the individual performance awards as needed, or make new awards as new officers are hired. In conjunction with the program, we instituted the 2005 DCP II, which is an unfunded plan as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is administered through a trust by a third-party trustee. The individual performance awards are deposited in the trust in four equal installments, generally on a quarterly basis in the form of cash and the 2005 DCP II requires the trustee to use the cash to purchase shares of our common stock in the market.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table sets forth information as of December 31, 2005, with respect to compensation plans under which the Company's equity securities are authorized for issuance:

Number of

| Plan Category | Number of Securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options (a) | Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options (b) | securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c) |
|--|---|---|--|
| Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders | 22,259,228 | \$ 24.52 | 3,038,162 |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders | | | |
| Total | 22,259,228 | \$ 24.52 | 3,038,162 |

Item 6. Selected Financial Data.**SELECTED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA**

You should read the condensed consolidated financial information below with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included herein. Financial information at and for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, 2003, and 2002, has been derived from our financial statements that were audited by KPMG LLP. Financial information at and for the year ended December 31, 2001, has been derived from our financial statements that were audited by Arthur Andersen LLP. For important information about Arthur Andersen LLP, see the section entitled Notice Regarding Arthur Andersen LLP. See **Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations** below for more information.

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (in thousands, except per share data) | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Operating Data: | | | | | |
| Interest and related portfolio income: | | | | | |
| Interest and dividends | \$ 317,153 | \$ 319,642 | \$ 290,719 | \$ 264,042 | \$ 240,464 |
| Loan prepayment premiums | 6,250 | 5,502 | 8,172 | 2,776 | 2,504 |
| Fees and other income | 50,749 | 41,946 | 30,338 | 43,110 | 46,142 |
| Total interest and related portfolio income | 374,152 | 367,090 | 329,229 | 309,928 | 289,110 |
| Expenses: | | | | | |
| Interest | 76,798 | 75,650 | 77,233 | 70,443 | 65,104 |
| Employee | 78,300 | 53,739 | 36,945 | 33,126 | 29,656 |
| Administrative | 70,267 | 34,686 | 22,387 | 21,504 | 15,299 |
| Total operating expenses | 225,365 | 164,075 | 136,565 | 125,073 | 110,059 |
| Net investment income before income taxes | 148,787 | 203,015 | 192,664 | 184,855 | 179,051 |
| Income tax expense (benefit), including excise tax | 11,561 | 2,057 | (2,466) | 930 | (412) |
| Net investment income | 137,226 | 200,958 | 195,130 | 183,925 | 179,463 |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses): | | | | | |
| Net realized gains | 273,496 | 117,240 | 75,347 | 44,937 | 661 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation | 462,092 | (68,712) | (78,466) | (571) | 20,603 |
| Total net gains (losses) | 735,588 | 48,528 | (3,119) | 44,366 | 21,264 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | \$ 872,814 | \$ 249,486 | \$ 192,011 | \$ 228,291 | \$ 200,727 |

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| | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Diluted earnings per common share | \$ 6.36 | \$ 1.88 | \$ 1.62 | \$ 2.20 | \$ 2.16 |
| Dividends per common share ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 2.33 | \$ 2.30 | \$ 2.28 | \$ 2.23 | \$ 2.01 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding diluted | 137,274 | 132,458 | 118,351 | 103,574 | 93,003 |

At December 31,

| (in thousands, except per share data) | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Balance Sheet Data: | | | | | |
| Portfolio at value | \$ 3,606,355 | \$ 3,013,411 | \$ 2,584,599 | \$ 2,488,167 | \$ 2,329,590 |
| Total assets | 4,025,880 | 3,260,998 | 3,019,870 | 2,794,319 | 2,460,713 |
| Total debt outstanding ⁽²⁾ | 1,284,790 | 1,176,568 | 954,200 | 998,450 | 1,020,806 |
| Preferred stock issued to Small Business Administration ⁽²⁾ | | | 6,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Shareholders' equity | 2,620,546 | 1,979,778 | 1,914,577 | 1,546,071 | 1,352,123 |
| Shareholders' equity per common share (net asset value) ⁽³⁾ | \$ 19.17 | \$ 14.87 | \$ 14.94 | \$ 14.22 | \$ 13.57 |
| Common shares outstanding at end of year | 136,697 | 133,099 | 128,118 | 108,698 | 99,607 |

Year Ended December 31,

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Other Data: | | | | | |
| Investments funded | \$ 1,675,773 | \$ 1,524,523 | \$ 931,450 | \$ 506,376 | \$ 680,329 |
| Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales | 1,503,388 | 909,189 | 788,328 | 356,641 | 204,441 |
| Realized gains | 343,061 | 267,702 | 94,305 | 95,562 | 10,107 |
| Realized losses | (69,565) | (150,462) | (18,958) | (50,625) | (9,446) |

| (in thousands, except per share data) | 2005 | | | | 2004 | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Qtr 4 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 1 | Qtr 4 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 1 |
| Quarterly Data (unaudited): | | | | | | | | |
| Total interest and related portfolio income | \$ 98,169 | \$ 94,857 | \$ 86,207 | \$ 94,919 | \$ 100,962 | \$ 96,863 | \$ 87,500 | \$ 81,765 |
| Net investment income | 37,073 | 46,134 | 15,267 | 38,752 | 54,678 | 52,745 | 48,990 | 44,545 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | 328,140 | 113,168 | 311,885 | 119,621 | 47,837 | 85,999 | 95,342 | 20,308 |
| Diluted earnings per common share | 2.36 | 0.82 | 2.29 | 0.88 | 0.35 | 0.66 | 0.73 | 0.15 |
| Dividends declared per common share ⁽⁴⁾ | 0.61 | 0.58 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.59 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.57 |
| Net asset value per common share ⁽³⁾ | 19.17 | 17.37 | 17.01 | 15.22 | 14.87 | 14.90 | 14.77 | 14.60 |

- (1) Dividends are based on taxable income, which differs from income for financial reporting purposes.
- (2) See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for more information regarding our level of indebtedness.
- (3) We determine net asset value per common share as of the last day of the period presented. The net asset values shown are based on outstanding shares at the end of each period presented.
- (4) Dividends declared per common share for the fourth quarter of 2004 included the regular quarterly dividend of \$0.57 per common share and an extra dividend of \$0.02 per common share. Dividends declared per common share for the fourth quarter of 2005 included the regular quarterly dividend of \$0.58 per common share and an extra dividend of \$0.03 per common share.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes thereto. In addition, this annual report on Form 10-K contains certain forward-looking statements. These statements include the plans and objectives of management for future operations and financial objectives and can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as *may*, *will*, *expect*, *intend*, *anticipate*, *estimate*, or *continue* or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements are subject to the inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions. Certain factors that could cause actual results and conditions to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements are set forth in *Risk Factors* above. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include:

changes in the economy;

risks associated with possible disruption in our operations due to terrorism;

future changes in laws or regulations and conditions in our operating areas; and

other risks and uncertainties as may be detailed from time to time in our public announcements and SEC filings.

Financial or other information presented for private finance portfolio companies has been obtained from the portfolio companies, and this financial information presented may represent unaudited, projected or pro forma financial information, and therefore may not be indicative of actual results. In addition, the private equity industry uses financial measures such as EBITDA or EBITDAM (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and, in some instances, Management fees) in order to assess a portfolio company's financial performance and to value a portfolio company. EBITDA and EBITDAM are not intended to represent cash flow from operations as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and such information should not be considered as an alternative to net income, cash flow from operations or any other measure of performance prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

OVERVIEW

As a business development company, we are in the private equity business. Specifically, we provide long-term debt and equity investment capital to companies in a variety of industries. Our lending and investment activity has generally been focused on private finance and commercial real estate finance, which included primarily the investment in non-investment grade commercial mortgage-backed securities, which we refer to as CMBS, and collateralized debt obligation bonds and preferred shares, which we refer to as CDOs.

On May 3, 2005, we completed the sale of our portfolio of CMBS and real estate related CDO investments. Upon the completion of this transaction, our lending and investment activity has been focused primarily on private finance investments. Our private finance activity principally involves providing financing to middle market U.S. companies through privately negotiated long-term debt and equity investment capital. Our financing is generally used to fund growth, acquisitions, buyouts, recapitalizations, note purchases, bridge financings, and other types of financings. We generally invest in private companies though, from time to time, we may invest in companies that are public but lack access to additional public capital. Our investment objective is to achieve current income and capital gains.

Our portfolio composition at December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Private finance | 96% | 76% | 74% |
| Commercial real estate finance | 4% | 24% | 26% |

Our earnings depend primarily on the level of interest and dividend income, fee and other income, and net realized and unrealized gains or losses on our investment portfolio after deducting interest expense

on borrowed capital, operating expenses and income taxes, including excise tax. Interest income results from the stated interest rate earned on a loan or debt security and the amortization of loan origination fees and discounts. The level of interest income is directly related to the balance of the interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the year multiplied by the weighted average yield. Our ability to generate interest income is dependent on economic, regulatory, and competitive factors that influence new investment activity, interest rates on the types of loans we make, the level of repayments in the portfolio, the amount of loans and debt securities for which interest is not accruing and our ability to secure debt and equity capital for our investment activities.

Because we are a regulated investment company for tax purposes, we intend to distribute substantially all of our annual taxable income as dividends to our shareholders. See **Other Matters** below.

PORTFOLIO AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

The total portfolio at value, investment activity, and the yield on interest-bearing investments at and for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

| | At and for the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Portfolio at value | \$ 3,606.4 | \$ 3,013.4 | \$ 2,584.6 |
| Investments funded | \$ 1,675.8 | \$ 1,524.5 | \$ 931.5 |
| Change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends | \$ 6.6 | \$ 52.2 | \$ 45.0 |
| Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales | \$ 1,503.4 | \$ 909.2 | \$ 788.3 |
| Yield on interest-bearing investments ⁽¹⁾ | 12.8% | 14.0% | 14.7% |

⁽¹⁾ The weighted average yield on interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing interest-bearing investments less the annual amortization of loan origination costs, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date.

Private Finance

The private finance portfolio at value, investment activity, and the yield on loans and debt securities at and for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

| | At and for the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Portfolio at value: | | | |
| Loans and debt securities | \$ 2,094.9 | \$ 1,602.9 | \$ 1,214.9 |
| Equity securities | 1,384.4 | 699.2 | 687.8 |
| Total portfolio | \$ 3,479.3 | \$ 2,302.1 | \$ 1,902.7 |
| Investments funded ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 1,462.3 | \$ 1,140.8 | \$ 498.0 |
| Change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends | \$ 24.6 | \$ 45.6 | \$ 41.8 |
| Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales | \$ 703.9 | \$ 551.9 | \$ 318.6 |
| Yield on interest-bearing investments ⁽²⁾ | 13.0% | 13.9% | 15.0% |

- (1) Investments funded for the year ended December 31, 2004, included a \$47.5 million subordinated debt investment in The Hillman Companies, Inc. received in conjunction with the sale of Hillman as discussed below.
- (2) The weighted average yield on loans and debt securities is computed as the (a) annual stated interest plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities less the annual amortization of loan origination costs, divided by (b) total loans and debt securities at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date.

Our investment activity is focused on making long-term investments in the debt and equity of primarily private middle market companies. Debt investments may include senior loans, unitranche debt (a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt), or subordinated debt (with or without equity features). The junior debt that we invest in that is lower in repayment priority than senior debt is also known as mezzanine debt. Equity investments may include a minority equity stake in connection with a debt investment or a substantial equity stake in connection with a buyout transaction. In a buyout transaction, we generally invest in senior and/or subordinated debt and equity (preferred and/or voting or non-voting common) where our equity ownership represents a significant portion of the equity, but may or may not represent a controlling interest. In addition, we may fund most or all of the debt and equity capital upon the closing of certain buyout transactions, which may include investments in lower-yielding senior debt. Subsequent to the closing, the portfolio company may refinance all or a portion of the lower-yielding senior debt, which would reduce our investment. Repayments include repayments of senior debt funded by us that was subsequently refinanced or repaid by the portfolio companies.

We intend to take a balanced approach to private equity investing that emphasizes a complementary mix of debt investments and buyout investments. The combination of these two types of investments provides current interest and related portfolio income and the potential for future capital gains. Recently, we have seen junior debt financing opportunities in the market that we believe are unattractive from a risk/return perspective. We believe many of these transactions employ too much leverage and are priced too low relative to the risks inherent in junior debt instruments. To address the currently active merger and acquisition market for private companies, our strategy is to focus on buyout and recapitalization transactions where we can manage risk through the structure and terms of our debt and equity investments and where we can potentially realize more attractive total returns from both current interest and fee income and future capital gains. We are also focusing our debt investing on smaller middle market companies where we can provide both senior and subordinated debt or unitranche debt, where our current yield may be lower than traditional subordinated debt. We believe that providing both senior and subordinated debt or unitranche debt provides greater protection in the capital structures of our portfolio companies.

Investments Funded. Investments funded and the weighted average yield on investments funded for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, consisted of the following:

| | 2005 Investments Funded | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Debt Investments | | Buyout Investments | | Total | |
| | Amount | Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾ | Amount | Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾ | Amount | Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾ |
| (\$ in millions) | | | | | | |
| Loans and debt securities: | | | | | | |
| Senior loans ⁽³⁾ | \$ 76.8 | 10.0% | \$ 250.2 | 6.4% | \$ 327.0 | 7.2% |
| Unitranche debt ⁽²⁾ | 259.5 | 10.5% | | | 259.5 | 10.5% |
| Subordinated debt | 296.9 | 12.3% | 330.9 | 12.5% | 627.8 | 12.4% |
| Total loans and debt securities | 633.2 | 11.3% | 581.1 | 9.9% | 1,214.3 | 10.6% |
| Equity | 82.5 | | 165.5 | | 248.0 | |
| Total | \$ 715.7 | | \$ 746.6 | | \$ 1,462.3 | |

(1)

The weighted average yield on interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing interest-bearing investments, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments funded.

- (2) Unitranche debt is a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt. The yield on a unitranche investment reflects the blended yield of senior and subordinated debt combined.
- (3) Buyout senior loans funded include \$217.2 million which was repaid during the year.

2004 Investments Funded

| | Debt Investments | | Buyout Investments | | Total | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Amount | Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾ | Amount | Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾ | Amount | Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾ |
| (\$ in millions) | | | | | | |
| Loans and debt securities: | | | | | | |
| Senior loans | \$ 25.1 | 9.1% | \$ 140.8 | 7.2% | \$ 165.9 | 7.5% |
| Unitranche debt ⁽²⁾ | 18.9 | 13.0% | | | 18.9 | 13.0% |
| Subordinated debt | 396.4 | 13.4% | 320.1 | 15.5% | 716.5 | 14.4% |
| Total loans and debt securities | 440.4 | 13.2% | 460.9 | 13.0% | 901.3 | 13.1% |
| Equity | 72.3 | | 167.2 | | 239.5 | |
| Total | \$ 512.7 | | \$ 628.1 | | \$ 1,140.8 | |

2003 Investments Funded

| | Debt Investments | | Buyout Investments | | Total | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| | Amount | Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾ | Amount | Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾ | Amount | Weighted Average Yield ⁽¹⁾ |
| (\$ in millions) | | | | | | |
| Loans and debt securities: | | | | | | |
| Senior loans | \$ 44.6 | 9.4% | \$ 28.6 | 2.6% | \$ 73.2 | 6.7% |
| Unitranche debt ⁽²⁾ | 25.0 | 15.5% | | | 25.0 | 15.5% |
| Subordinated debt | 354.8 | 14.6% | 1.2 | 25.0% | 356.0 | 14.6% |
| Total loans and debt securities | 424.4 | 14.1% | 29.8 | 3.5% | 454.2 | 13.4% |
| Equity | 15.6 | | 28.2 | | 43.8 | |
| Total | \$ 440.0 | | \$ 58.0 | | \$ 498.0 | |

(1) The weighted average yield on interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on accruing interest-bearing investments, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments funded.

(2) Unitranche debt is a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt. The yield on a unitranche investment reflects the blended yield of senior and subordinated debt combined. In January and February 2006, we funded private finance investments totaling \$525.4 million.

We generally fund new investments using cash. In addition, we may acquire securities in exchange for our common equity. Also, we may acquire new securities through the reinvestment of previously accrued interest and dividends in debt or equity securities, or the current reinvestment of interest and dividend income through the receipt of a debt or equity security (payment-in-kind income). From time to time we may opt to reinvest accrued interest receivable in a new debt or equity security in lieu of receiving such interest in cash.

The level of investment activity for investments funded and principal repayments for private finance investments can vary substantially from period to period depending on the number and size of investments that we make or that we exit and many other factors, including the amount of debt and equity capital available to middle market companies, the level of merger and acquisition activity for such companies, the general economic environment, and the competitive environment for the types of investments we make. We believe that merger and acquisition activity in the middle market was strong in 2004 and continued into 2005, which has resulted in an increase in private finance investment opportunities, as well as increased repayments. We currently have an active pipeline of new investments under consideration. We believe that merger and acquisition activity for middle market companies will continue to be strong into 2006.

Portfolio Yield. The yield on the private finance loans and debt securities was 13.0% at December 31, 2005, as compared to 13.9% and 15.0% at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The weighted average yield on the private finance loans and debt securities may fluctuate from year to year depending on the yield on new loans and debt securities funded, the yield on loans and debt securities repaid, the amount of loans and debt securities for which interest is not accruing and the amount of lower-yielding senior or unitranche debt in the portfolio at the end of the year. The yield on the private finance

portfolio has declined partly due to our strategy to pursue more buyout and recapitalization transactions, which may include investing in senior debt, as well as pursue unitranche investments.

Outstanding Investment Commitments. At December 31, 2005, we had outstanding private finance investment commitments totaling \$221.6 million, including the following:

\$33.3 million in the form of debt to Promo Works, LLC.

\$20.0 million in the form of debt to Business Loan Express, LLC.

\$14.0 million in the form of debt to S.B. Restaurant Company.

\$12.5 million in the form of equity to eight private venture capital funds.

\$12.0 million in the form of debt and equity to Amerex Group, LLC.

\$7.8 million in the form of debt to Mercury Air Centers, Inc.

\$7.5 million in the form of equity to Pennsylvania Avenue Investors, L.P., a limited partnership controlled by us that invests in private equity buyout funds.

\$6.5 million in co-investment commitments to Pine Creek Equity Partners, LLC.

We have various commitments to Callidus Capital Corporation (Callidus), which owns 80% of Callidus Capital Management, LLC, an asset management company that structures and manages collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), and other related investments. Our commitment to Callidus consisted of the following at December 31, 2005:

| (\$ in millions) | Committed Amount | Amount Drawn | Amount Available to be Drawn |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Subordinated debt to support warehouse facilities & warehousing activities ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 40.0 | \$ | \$ 40.0 |
| Revolving line of credit for working capital | 4.0 | 0.6 | 3.4 |
| Total⁽²⁾ | \$ 44.0 | \$ 0.6 | \$ 43.4 |

(1) Callidus has a secured warehouse credit facilities with a third party for up to \$400 million. The facility is used primarily to finance the acquisition of loans pending securitization through a CDO or CLO. In conjunction with this warehouse credit facility, we have agreed to designate our \$40 million subordinated debt commitment for Callidus to draw upon to provide first loss capital as needed to support the warehouse facility.

(2) Subsequent to December 31, 2005, we provided Callidus with a new \$50.0 million revolving credit facility to support its purchase of middle market senior loans pending the sale of such loans to its warehouse credit facilities.

In addition, we had a commitment to Callidus to purchase preferred equity in future CLO transactions of \$32.4 million at December 31, 2005.

In addition to these outstanding investment commitments at December 31, 2005, we may be required to fund additional amounts under earn-out arrangements primarily related to buyout transactions in the future if those companies meet agreed-upon performance targets. We also had commitments to private finance portfolio companies in the form of standby letters of credit and guarantees totaling \$178.6 million. See Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources.

Our largest investments at value at December 31, 2005, were in Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. and Business Loan Express, LLC (BLX). See Results of Operations for a discussion of the net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation related to these investments.

Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. At December 31, 2005, our investment in Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. (Advantage) totaled \$257.7 million at cost and \$660.4 million at value, or 16.4% of our total assets, which included unrealized appreciation of \$402.7 million. We completed the purchase of a majority ownership in Advantage in June 2004.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from our investment in Advantage for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, was as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | |
| Interest income | \$ 30.9 | \$ 15.5 |
| Fees and other income | 6.5 | 5.8 |
| Total | \$ 37.4 | \$ 21.3 |

Interest income from Advantage for the year ended December 31, 2004, included interest income of \$2.2 million which was paid in kind. The interest paid in kind was paid to us through the issuance of additional debt in 2004, which was subsequently paid in cash in 2005.

Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net increase in unrealized appreciation on our investment in Advantage of \$378.4 million and \$24.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Advantage is a sales and marketing agency providing outsourced sales, merchandising, and marketing services to the consumer packaged goods industry. Advantage has offices across the United States and is headquartered in Irvine, CA.

In March 2006, we announced that a definitive agreement had been signed to sell a majority equity interest in Advantage. We will retain an equity investment valued at \$15 million as a minority shareholder. Based on the definitive agreement, Advantage will sell for an enterprise value of approximately \$1.05 billion, subject to pre-and post-closing adjustments. In connection with the transaction, we will be repaid our \$184 million in subordinated debt currently outstanding. We also expect to realize a gain on our equity being sold of approximately \$415 million, subject to pre- and post-closing adjustments. As consideration for the common stock we are selling in the transaction, we expect to receive a \$180 million subordinated note, with the balance of the consideration to be paid in cash. Approximately \$35 million of our proceeds will be subject to certain holdback provisions. In addition, there is potential for us to receive additional consideration through an earn-out payment that would be based on Advantage's 2006 audited results. Our estimated realized gain of approximately \$415 million excludes any earn-out amounts. The sale transaction is expected to close by March 31, 2006, subject to certain closing conditions.

Business Loan Express, LLC. At December 31, 2005, our investment in BLX totaled \$299.4 million at cost and \$357.1 million at value, or 8.9% of our total assets, which includes unrealized appreciation of \$57.7 million. We acquired BLX in 2000.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from the Company's investment in BLX for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Interest income | \$ 14.3 | \$ 23.2 | \$ 21.9 |
| Dividend income | 14.0 | 14.8 | 7.8 |
| Loan prepayment premiums | | | 0.1 |
| Fees and other income | 9.2 | 12.0 | 16.9 |
| Total | \$ 37.5 | \$ 50.0 | \$ 46.7 |

Interest and dividend income from BLX for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, included interest and dividend income of \$8.9 million, \$25.4 million, and \$17.5 million, respectively, which was paid in kind. The

interest and dividends paid in kind were paid to us through the issuance of additional debt or equity interests. Accrued interest and dividends receivable at December 31, 2005, included accrued interest and fees due from BLX totaling \$5.7 million, of which \$5.5 million was paid in cash in the first quarter of 2006.

Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net increase in unrealized appreciation on our investment in BLX of \$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, a net decrease in unrealized appreciation of \$32.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, and a net increase in unrealized appreciation of \$51.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

BLX is a national, non-bank lender that participates in the SBA's 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program and is licensed by the SBA as a Small Business Lending Company (SBLC). BLX is a nationwide preferred lender, as designated by the SBA, and originates, sells, and services small business loans. In addition, BLX originates conventional small business loans and small investment real estate loans. BLX has offices across the United States and is headquartered in New York, New York. Changes in the laws or regulations that govern SBLCs or the SBA 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program or changes in government funding for this program could have a material adverse impact on BLX and, as a result, could negatively affect our financial results.

As a limited liability company, BLX's taxable income flows through directly to its members. BLX's annual taxable income generally differs from its book income for the fiscal year due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses. We hold all of BLX's Class A and Class B interests, and 94.9% of the Class C interests. BLX's taxable income is first allocated to the Class A interests to the extent that dividends are paid in cash or in kind on such interests, with the remainder being allocated to the Class B and C interests. BLX declares dividends on its Class B interests based on an estimate of its annual taxable income allocable to such interests.

We have a commitment to BLX of \$30.0 million in the form of a subordinated revolving credit facility to provide working capital to the company that matures on April 30, 2006. There was \$10.0 million outstanding under this facility at December 31, 2005.

At December 31, 2005, BLX had a three-year \$275.0 million revolving credit facility provided by third party lenders that matures in January 2007. The facility provides for a sub-facility for the issuance of letters of credit for up to a total of \$50.0 million. As the controlling equity owner in BLX, we have provided an unconditional guaranty to the revolving credit facility lenders in an amount equal to 50% of the total obligations (consisting of principal, letters of credit issued under the facility, accrued interest, and other fees) of BLX under the revolving credit facility. At December 31, 2005, the principal amount outstanding on the revolving credit facility was \$228.2 million and letters of credit issued under the facility were \$41.7 million. The total obligation guaranteed by us at December 31, 2005, was \$135.4 million. This guaranty can be called by the lenders only in the event of a default by BLX. BLX was in compliance with the terms of the revolving credit facility at December 31, 2005. At December 31, 2005, we had also provided four standby letters of credit totaling \$34.1 million in connection with four term securitization transactions completed by BLX.

The Hillman Companies, Inc. On March 31, 2004, we sold our control investment in The Hillman Companies, Inc. (Hillman) for a total transaction value of \$510 million, including the repayment of outstanding debt and adding the value of Hillman's outstanding trust preferred shares. We were repaid our existing \$44.6 million in outstanding debt. Total consideration to us from this sale, including the repayment of debt, was \$245.6 million, which included net cash proceeds of \$198.1 million and the receipt of a new subordinated debt instrument of \$47.5 million. During the second quarter of 2004, we sold a \$5.0 million participation in our subordinated debt in Hillman to a third party, which reduced our investment, and no gain or loss resulted from the transaction. For the year ended December 31, 2004, we realized a gain of \$150.3 million on the transaction.

Commercial Real Estate Finance

The commercial real estate finance portfolio at value, investment activity, and the yield on interest-bearing investments at and for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

At and for the Years Ended December 31,

| | 2005 | | 2004 | | 2003 | |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | Value | Yield ⁽¹⁾ | Value | Yield ⁽¹⁾ | Value | Yield ⁽¹⁾ |
| (\$ in millions) | | | | | | |
| Portfolio at value: | | | | | | |
| CMBS bonds | \$ | | \$ 373.8 | 14.6% | \$ 394.0 | 14.1% |
| CDO bonds and preferred shares | | | 212.6 | 16.8% | 186.6 | 16.7% |
| Commercial mortgage loans | 102.6 | 7.6% | 95.0 | 6.8% | 83.6 | 8.6% |
| Real estate owned | 13.9 | | 16.9 | | 12.8 | |
| Equity interests | 10.6 | | 13.0 | | 4.9 | |
| Total portfolio | \$ 127.1 | | \$ 711.3 | | \$ 681.9 | |
| Investments funded | \$ 213.5 | | \$ 383.7 | | \$ 433.5 | |
| Change in accrued or reinvested interest | \$ (18.0) | | \$ 6.6 | | \$ 3.2 | |
| Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales ⁽²⁾ | \$ 799.5 | | \$ 357.3 | | \$ 469.7 | |

(1) The weighted average yield on the interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing interest-bearing investments less the annual amortization of origination costs, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date. Interest-bearing investments for the commercial real estate finance portfolio include all investments except for real estate owned and equity interests.

(2) Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales for the year ended December 31, 2005, included \$718.1 million related to the sale of our CMBS and CDO portfolio.

Our commercial real estate investments funded for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

| | Face Amount | Discount | Amount Funded |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| For the Year Ended December 31, 2005 | | | |
| CMBS bonds (4 new issuances) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 211.5 | \$ (90.5) | \$ 121.0 |
| Commercial mortgage loans | 88.5 | (0.8) | 87.7 |
| Equity interests | 4.8 | | 4.8 |
| Total | \$ 304.8 | \$ (91.3) | \$ 213.5 |

For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

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|---|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| CMBS bonds (13 new issuances ⁽¹⁾) | \$ 419.1 | \$ (183.7) | \$ 235.4 |
| CDO bonds and preferred shares (3 issuances) | 40.5 | (0.1) | 40.4 |
| Commercial mortgage loans | 112.1 | (8.2) | 103.9 |
| Equity interests | 4.0 | | 4.0 |
| Total | \$ 575.7 | \$ (192.0) | \$ 383.7 |

For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| CMBS bonds (15 new issuances ⁽¹⁾) | \$ 508.5 | \$ (225.9) | \$ 282.6 |
| CDO bonds and preferred shares (3 issuances) | 145.8 | (0.4) | 145.4 |
| Commercial mortgage loans | 3.0 | | 3.0 |
| Equity interests | 2.5 | | 2.5 |
| Total | \$ 659.8 | \$ (226.3) | \$ 433.5 |

⁽¹⁾ CMBS investments also include investments in issuances in which we have previously purchased CMBS bonds.

⁽²⁾ The CMBS bonds invested in during the year ended December 31, 2005, were sold on May 3, 2005.

At December 31, 2005, we had outstanding funding commitments related to commercial mortgage loans and equity interests of \$81.2 million, including \$59.7 million to Timarron Capital, Inc., and commitments in the form of standby letters of credit and guarantees related to equity interests of \$7.1 million. In January 2006, certain assets of Timarron Capital, Inc. were sold and this outstanding commitment was canceled.

Sale of CMBS Bonds and Collateralized Debt Obligation Bonds and Preferred Shares. On May 3, 2005, we completed the sale of our portfolio of commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) and real estate related collateralized debt obligation (CDO) bonds and preferred shares to affiliates of Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (the Caisse) for cash proceeds of \$976.0 million and a net realized gain of \$227.7 million, after transaction and other costs of \$7.8 million. Transaction costs included investment banking fees, legal and other professional fees, and other transaction costs. The CMBS and CDO assets sold had a cost basis at closing of \$739.8 million, including accrued interest of \$21.7 million. Upon the closing of the sale, we settled all the hedge positions relating to these assets, which resulted in a net realized loss of \$0.7 million, which has been included in the net realized gain on the sale.

For tax purposes, we estimate that the net gain from the sale of the CMBS and CDO portfolio will be approximately \$244 million, after transaction and other costs of \$7.8 million. The difference between the net gain for book and tax purposes results from temporary differences in the recognition of income and expenses related to these assets.

Simultaneous with the sale of our CMBS and CDO portfolio, we entered into a platform assets purchase agreement with CWCcapital Investments LLC, an affiliate of the Caisse (CWCcapital), pursuant to which we agreed to sell certain commercial real estate related assets, including servicer advances, intellectual property, software and other platform assets, subject to certain adjustments. This transaction was completed on July 13, 2005, and we received total cash proceeds of approximately \$5.3 million. No gain or loss resulted from the transaction. Under this agreement, we have agreed not to invest in CMBS and real estate-related CDOs and refrain from certain other real estate-related investing or servicing activities for a period of three years, subject to certain limitations and excluding our existing portfolio and related activities.

The real estate securities purchase agreement, under which we sold the CMBS and CDO portfolio, and the platform asset purchase agreement contain customary representations and warranties, and require us to indemnify the affiliates of the Caisse that are parties to the agreements for certain liabilities arising under the agreements, subject to certain limitations and conditions.

We also entered into a transition services agreement with CWCcapital pursuant to which we provided certain transition services to CWCcapital for a limited transition period to facilitate the transfer of various servicing and other rights related to the CMBS and CDO portfolio. During the transition period, we agreed, among other things, to continue to act as servicer or special servicer with respect to the CMBS and CDO portfolio. Services provided under the transition services agreement, except for certain information technology services, were completed on July 13, 2005. For the year ended December 31, 2005, we received a total of \$1.4 million under the transition services agreement as reimbursement for employee and administrative expenses. These amounts reduced our employee expenses by \$1.1 million and administrative expenses by \$0.3 million.

Hedging Activities

We have invested in commercial mortgage loans and CMBS and CDO bonds, which were purchased at prices that were based in part on comparable Treasury rates. We have entered into transactions with one or more financial institutions to hedge against movement in Treasury rates on certain of the commercial mortgage loans and CMBS and CDO bonds. These transactions, referred to as short sales, involve receiving the proceeds from the short sales of borrowed Treasury securities, with the obligation to replenish the borrowed Treasury securities at a later date based on the then current market price, whatever that price may be. Risks in these contracts arise from movements in the value of the borrowed Treasury securities due to changes in interest rates and from the possible inability of counterparties to meet the

terms of their contracts. If the value of the borrowed Treasury securities increases, we will incur losses on these transactions. These losses are limited to the increase in value of the borrowed Treasury securities; conversely, the value of the hedged commercial real estate assets would likely increase. If the value of the borrowed Treasury securities decreases, we will incur gains on these transactions which are limited to the decline in value of the borrowed Treasury securities; conversely, the value of the hedged commercial real estate assets would likely decrease. We do not anticipate nonperformance by any counterparty in connection with these transactions.

The total obligations to replenish borrowed Treasury securities, including accrued interest payable on the obligations, were \$17.7 million and \$38.2 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The net proceeds related to the sales of the borrowed Treasury securities plus or minus the additional cash collateral provided or received under the terms of the transactions were \$17.7 million and \$38.2 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The hedge at December 31, 2005, related to commercial mortgage loans and the hedge at December 31, 2004, related primarily to CMBS and CDO bonds. The amount of the hedge will vary from period to period depending upon the amount of commercial real estate assets that we own and have hedged as of the balance sheet date.

Accrued Interest and Dividends Receivable

Accrued interest and dividends receivable as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, was as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | |
| Private finance | \$ 58.7 | \$ 59.8 |
| Commercial real estate finance | | |
| CMBS and CDO bonds | | 18.9 |
| Commercial mortgage loans and other | 1.7 | 0.8 |
| Total | \$ 60.4 | \$ 79.5 |

Total accrued interest and dividends receivable declined from December 31, 2004, to December 31, 2005, primarily as a result of the sale of our portfolio of CMBS and CDO assets on May 3, 2005. See *Commercial Real Estate Finance* above.

Portfolio Asset Quality

Portfolio by Grade. We employ a grading system for our entire portfolio. Grade 1 is used for those investments from which a capital gain is expected. Grade 2 is used for investments performing in accordance with plan. Grade 3 is used for investments that require closer monitoring; however, no loss of investment return or principal is expected. Grade 4 is used for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of current investment return is expected, but no loss of principal is expected. Grade 5 is used for investments that are in workout and for which some loss of principal is expected.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, our portfolio was graded as follows:

| Grade | 2005 | | 2004 | |
|------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| | Portfolio at Value | Percentage of Total Portfolio | Portfolio at Value ⁽¹⁾ | Percentage of Total Portfolio |
| (\$ in millions) | | | | |
| 1 | \$ 1,643.0 | 45.6% | \$ 952.5 | 31.6% |
| 2 | 1,730.8 | 48.0 | 1,850.5 | 61.4 |
| 3 | 149.1 | 4.1 | 121.2 | 4.0 |

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| 4 | 26.5 | 0.7 | 11.7 | 0.4 |
| 5 | 57.0 | 1.6 | 77.5 | 2.6 |
| | \$ 3,606.4 | 100.0% | \$ 3,013.4 | 100.0% |

(1) The value of the CMBS and CDO assets sold on May 3, 2005, was \$586.4 million at December 31, 2004, and this value was included in Grade 2 assets. See Commercial Real Estate Finance above.

Grade 1 portfolio assets increased from \$952.5 million at December 31, 2004, to \$1.6 billion at December 31, 2005, primarily as a result of the appreciation in value of our investment in Advantage Sales

& Marketing, Inc. (Advantage) as well as certain other companies. Advantage had a value of \$660.4 million, including \$402.7 million of unrealized appreciation, at December 31, 2005, as compared to a value of \$283.0 million, including \$24.3 million of unrealized appreciation, at December 31, 2004. See further discussion of the valuation of Advantage below. In March 2006, we announced that we had signed a definitive agreement to sell a majority interest in Advantage. See Portfolio and Investment Activity above for further discussion.

Total Grade 3, 4 and 5 portfolio assets were \$232.6 million and \$210.4 million, respectively, or were 6.4% and 7.0%, respectively, of the total portfolio at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

Grade 4 and 5 assets include loans, debt securities, and equity securities. We expect that a number of portfolio companies will be in the Grades 4 or 5 categories from time to time. Part of the private equity business is working with troubled portfolio companies to improve their businesses and protect our investment. The number of portfolio companies and related investment amount included in Grade 4 and 5 may fluctuate from period to period. We continue to follow our historical practice of working with such companies in order to recover the maximum amount of our investment.

Loans and Debt Securities on Non-Accrual Status. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, loans and debt securities at value not accruing interest for the total investment portfolio were as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|----------|----------|
| (\$ in millions) | | |
| Loans and debt securities in workout status (classified as Grade 4 or 5) ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Private finance | | |
| Companies more than 25% owned | \$ 15.6 | \$ 34.4 |
| Companies less than 5% owned | 11.4 | 16.5 |
| Commercial real estate finance | 12.9 | 5.6 |
| Loans and debt securities not in workout status | | |
| Private finance | | |
| Companies more than 25% owned | 58.0 | 29.4 |
| Companies 5% to 25% owned | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Companies less than 5% owned | 49.5 | 15.8 |
| Commercial real estate finance | 7.9 | 12.5 |
| Total | \$ 155.8 | \$ 114.9 |
| Percentage of total portfolio | 4.3% | 3.8% |

⁽¹⁾ Workout loans and debt securities exclude equity securities that are included in the total Grade 4 and 5 assets above.

Loans and Debt Securities Over 90 Days Delinquent. Loans and debt securities greater than 90 days delinquent at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004, were as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| (\$ in millions) | | |
| Private finance | \$ 74.6 | \$ 73.5 |
| Commercial real estate finance | | |
| CMBS bonds | | 49.0 |
| Commercial mortgage loans | 6.1 | 10.1 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Total | \$ 80.7 | \$ 132.6 |
| Percentage of total portfolio | 2.2% | 4.4% |

In general, interest is not accrued on loans and debt securities if we have doubt about interest collection or where the enterprise value of the portfolio company may not support further accrual. In addition, interest may not accrue on loans to portfolio companies that are more than 50% owned by us depending on such company's capital requirements. To the extent interest payments are received on a loan that is not accruing interest, we may use such payments to reduce our cost basis in the investment in lieu of recognizing interest income.

Our loans and debt securities on non-accrual status increased by \$40.9 million during 2005. This net increase during the year resulted primarily from the move of two loans to non-accrual status totaling

\$46.7 million at value at December 31, 2005, offset by a net decrease in the value of loans that were on non-accrual status at both December 31, 2005 and 2004.

As a result of these and other factors, the amount of the private finance portfolio that is greater than 90 days delinquent or on non-accrual status may vary from period to period. Loans and debt securities on non-accrual status and over 90 days delinquent should not be added together as they are two separate measures of portfolio asset quality. Loans and debt securities that are in both categories (i.e., on non-accrual status and over 90 days delinquent) totaled \$60.7 million and \$43.9 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**Comparison of the Years Ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003**

The following table summarizes our operating results for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003.

| | 2005 | 2004 | Change | Percent Change | 2004 | 2003 | Change | Percent Change |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| (in thousands, except per share amounts) | | | | | | | | |
| Interest and Related Portfolio Income | | | | | | | | |
| Interest and dividends | \$ 317,153 | \$ 319,642 | \$ (2,489) | (1)% | \$ 319,642 | \$ 290,719 | \$ 28,923 | 10% |
| Loan prepayment premiums | 6,250 | 5,502 | 748 | 14% | 5,502 | 8,172 | (2,670) | (33)% |
| Fees and other income | 50,749 | 41,946 | 8,803 | 21% | 41,946 | 30,338 | 11,608 | 38% |
| Total interest and related portfolio income | 374,152 | 367,090 | 7,062 | 2% | 367,090 | 329,229 | 37,861 | 11% |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Interest | 76,798 | 75,650 | 1,148 | 2% | 75,650 | 77,233 | (1,583) | (2)% |
| Employee | 78,300 | 53,739 | 24,561 | 46% | 53,739 | 36,945 | 16,794 | 45% |
| Administrative | 70,267 | 34,686 | 35,581 | 103% | 34,686 | 22,387 | 12,299 | 55% |
| Total operating expenses | 225,365 | 164,075 | 61,290 | 37% | 164,075 | 136,565 | 27,510 | 20% |
| Net investment income before income taxes | 148,787 | 203,015 | (54,228) | (27)% | 203,015 | 192,664 | 10,351 | 5% |
| Income tax expense (benefit), including excise tax | 11,561 | 2,057 | 9,504 | ** | 2,057 | (2,466) | 4,523 | ** |
| Net investment income | 137,226 | 200,958 | (63,732) | (32)% | 200,958 | 195,130 | 5,828 | 3% |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) | | | | | | | | |
| Net realized gains | 273,496 | 117,240 | 156,256 | 133% | 117,240 | 75,347 | 41,893 | 56% |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation or | 462,092 | (68,712) | 530,804 | * | (68,712) | (78,466) | 9,754 | * |

depreciation

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------|------------|------------|-----------|-----|
| Total net gains (losses) | 735,588 | 48,528 | 687,060 | * | 48,528 | (3,119) | 51,647 | * |
| Net income | \$ 872,814 | \$ 249,486 | \$ 623,328 | 250% | \$ 249,486 | \$ 192,011 | \$ 57,475 | 30% |
| Diluted earnings per common share | \$ 6.36 | \$ 1.88 | \$ 4.48 | 238% | \$ 1.88 | \$ 1.62 | \$ 0.26 | 16% |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding diluted | 137,274 | 132,458 | 4,816 | 4% | 132,458 | 118,351 | 14,107 | 12% |

* Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation and net gains (losses) can fluctuate significantly from year to year.

** Percentage change is not meaningful.

Total Interest and Related Portfolio Income. Total interest and related portfolio income includes interest and dividend income, loan prepayment premiums, and fees and other income.

Interest and dividend income for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was composed of the following:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Interest | | | |
| Private finance loans and debt securities | \$ 251.0 | \$ 195.2 | \$ 177.3 |
| CMBS and CDO portfolio | 29.4 | 93.3 | 86.2 |
| Commercial mortgage loans | 7.6 | 9.4 | 9.0 |
| Cash and cash equivalents and other | 9.4 | 3.1 | 2.8 |
| Total interest | 297.4 | 301.0 | 275.3 |
| Dividends | 19.8 | 18.6 | 15.4 |
| Total interest and dividends | \$ 317.2 | \$ 319.6 | \$ 290.7 |

The level of interest income, which includes interest paid in cash and in kind, is directly related to the balance of the interest-bearing investment portfolio outstanding during the period multiplied by the weighted average yield. The weighted average yield varies from period to period based on the current

stated interest on interest-bearing investments and the amount of loans and debt securities for which interest is not accruing. The interest-bearing investments in the portfolio at value and the weighted average yield on the interest-bearing investments in the portfolio at December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

| (\$ in millions) | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Interest-bearing portfolio at value | \$ 2,211.4 | \$ 2,301.2 | \$ 1,891.9 |
| Portfolio yield | 12.8% | 14.0% | 14.7% |

We sold our CMBS and CDO portfolio on May 3, 2005. As a result of this transaction, our interest income for the year ended December 31, 2005, was reduced due to the loss of interest from the portfolio sold (net of interest income earned on short-term excess cash investments). The CMBS and CDO portfolio sold on May 3, 2005, had a cost basis of \$718.1 million and a weighted average yield on the cost basis of the portfolio of approximately 13.8%. Excess cash proceeds from the sale that were not used for the repayment of debt or other general corporate purposes were held in cash and money market securities until the cash was reinvested in the portfolio.

The portfolio yield at December 31, 2005, of 12.8% as compared to the portfolio yield of 14.0% and 14.7% at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, reflects the sale of the CMBS and CDO portfolio on May 3, 2005, as well as the mix of debt investments in the private finance portfolio. See the discussion of the private finance portfolio yield above under the caption Private Finance.

Dividend income results from the dividend yield on preferred equity interests, if any, or the declaration of dividends by a portfolio company on preferred or common equity interests. Dividend income will vary from period to period depending upon the timing and amount of dividends that are declared or paid by a portfolio company on preferred or common equity interests. Dividend income included dividends from BLX on the Class B equity interests held by us of \$14.0 million, \$14.8 million, and \$7.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2005, \$12.0 million of these dividends were paid in cash and \$2.0 million of these dividends were paid through the issuance of additional Class B equity interests. For the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, these dividends were paid through the issuance of additional Class B equity interests.

Loan prepayment premiums were \$6.3 million, \$5.5 million, and \$8.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively. While the scheduled maturities of private finance and commercial real estate loans generally range from five to ten years, it is not unusual for our borrowers to refinance or pay off their debts to us ahead of schedule. Therefore, we generally structure our loans to require a prepayment premium for the first three to five years of the loan. Accordingly, the amount of prepayment premiums will vary depending on the level of repayments and the age of the loans at the time of repayment.

Fees and other income primarily include fees related to financial structuring, diligence, transaction services, management and consulting services to portfolio companies, guarantees, and other services. As a business development company, we are required to make significant managerial assistance available to the companies in our investment portfolio. Managerial assistance includes, but is not limited to, management and consulting services related to corporate finance, marketing, human resources, personnel and board member recruiting, business operations, corporate governance, risk management and other general business matters.

Fees and other income for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, included fees relating to the following:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Structuring and diligence | \$ 24.6 | \$ 18.4 | \$ 6.1 |
| Transaction and other services provided to portfolio companies | 2.9 | 3.2 | 4.5 |
| Management, consulting and other services provided to portfolio companies and guaranty fees | 20.8 | 17.4 | 18.7 |
| Other income | 2.4 | 2.9 | 1.0 |
| Total fees and other income | \$ 50.7 | \$ 41.9 | \$ 30.3 |

Fees and other income are generally related to specific transactions or services and therefore may vary substantially from period to period depending on the level of investment activity and types of services provided. Loan origination fees that represent yield enhancement on a loan are capitalized and amortized into interest income over the life of the loan.

Fees and other income for the year ended December 31, 2005, included structuring fees from Norwesco, Inc., Callidus Capital Corporation, Triax Holdings, LLC, and Meineke Car Care Centers, Inc. totaling \$9.4 million. Fees and other income for the year ended December 31, 2004, included structuring fees from Advantage, Financial Pacific Company, Mercury Air Centers, Inc. and Insight Pharmaceutical Corporation totaling \$10.0 million.

Fees and other income related to the CMBS and CDO portfolio were \$4.1 million, \$6.2 million, and \$2.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

Advantage and BLX were our largest investments at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004, and together represented 25.3% and 19.0%, of our total assets, respectively. BLX and Hillman were our largest portfolio investments at December 31, 2003, and together represented 19.1% of our total assets at December 31, 2003.

Total interest and related portfolio income from these investments for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Advantage ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 37.4 | \$ 21.3 | \$ |
| BLX | \$ 37.5 | \$ 50.0 | \$ 46.7 |
| Hillman ⁽¹⁾ | \$ | \$ 2.5 | \$ 9.7 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes income from our controlled investments only.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses include interest, employee, and administrative expenses. The fluctuations in interest expense during the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were primarily attributable to changes in the level of our borrowings under various notes payable and debentures and our revolving line of credit. Our borrowing activity and weighted average cost of debt, including fees and closing costs, at and for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Total outstanding debt | \$ 1,284.8 | \$ 1,176.6 | \$ 954.2 |
| Average outstanding debt | \$ 1,087.1 | \$ 985.6 | \$ 943.5 |

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Weighted average cost ⁽¹⁾ | 6.5% | 6.6% | 7.5% |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|

⁽¹⁾ The weighted average annual interest cost is computed as the (a) annual stated interest rate on the debt plus the annual amortization of commitment fees and other facility fees that are recognized into interest expense over the contractual life of the respective borrowings, divided by (b) debt outstanding on the balance sheet date.

In addition, interest expense includes interest on our obligations to replenish borrowed Treasury securities related to our hedging activities of \$1.4 million, \$5.2 million, and \$5.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

Employee expenses for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | \$ 57.3 | \$ 40.7 | \$ 28.3 |
| Individual performance award (IPA) | 7.0 | 13.4 | |
| IPA mark to market expense (benefit) | 2.0 | (0.4) | |
| Individual performance bonus (IPB) | 6.9 | | |
| Transition compensation, net | 5.1 | | |
| Retention award | | | 8.6 |
| Total employee expense | \$ 78.3 | \$ 53.7 | \$ 36.9 |
| Number of employees at end of period | 131 | 162 | 125 |

The change in salaries and employee benefits reflects the effect of wage increases, the change in mix of employees given their area of responsibility and relevant experience level, and the termination of certain employees in our commercial real estate group as discussed below. Salaries and employee benefits expense has generally increased due to changes in the composition of our employee resources and compensation increases.

Transition compensation costs were \$5.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, including \$3.1 million of costs under retention agreements and \$3.1 million of transition services bonuses awarded to certain employees in the commercial real estate group as a result of the sale of the CMBS and CDO portfolio. Transition compensation costs of \$5.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, reflect a reduction for salary reimbursements from CWCapital under the transition services agreement of \$1.1 million. See the caption *Commercial Real Estate Finance* above for additional information.

Employee expense, excluding transition compensation, related to the 31 employees in our commercial real estate group who terminated employment in the third quarter of 2005 as a result of the sale of our CMBS and CDO portfolio, was \$4.5 million, \$6.8 million, and \$3.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

The Individual Performance Award (IPA) is a long-term incentive compensation program for certain officers. The IPA, which is generally determined annually at the beginning of each year, is deposited into a deferred compensation trust generally in four equal installments, on a quarterly basis, in the form of cash. The accounts of the trust are consolidated with our accounts. We are required to mark to market the liability of the trust and this adjustment is recorded to the IPA compensation expense. Because the IPA is deferred compensation, the cost of this award is not a current expense for purposes of computing our taxable income. The expense is deferred for tax purposes until distributions are made from the trust.

As a result of changes in regulation by the Jobs Creation Act of 2004 associated with deferred compensation arrangements, as well as an increase in the competitive market for recruiting talent in the private equity industry, the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors have determined for 2005 and 2006 that a portion of the IPA should be replaced with an individual performance bonus (IPB). The IPB is distributed in cash to award recipients in equal bi-weekly installments (beginning in February of each respective year) as long as the recipient remains employed by us.

The Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors have determined the IPA and the IPB for 2006 and they are currently estimated to be approximately \$6.8 million each; however, the Compensation Committee may adjust the IPA or IPB as needed, or make new awards as new officers are hired. If a recipient terminates employment during the year, any further cash contribution for the IPA or remaining cash payments under the IPB would be forfeited.

In December 2004, the FASB issued Statement No. 123 (Revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* (the Statement), which requires companies to recognize the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees in the income statement. The Statement was effective January 1, 2006, and it applies to our stock option plan. Our stock options are typically granted with ratable vesting provisions, and we intend to amortize the compensation cost over the service period. We will use the modified prospective method upon adoption. Under the modified prospective method, previously awarded but unvested options are accounted for in accordance with FASB Statement No. 123, except that amounts must be recognized in the income statement beginning January 1, 2006, instead of simply being disclosed. Awards granted on or after January 1, 2006, will be recognized in the income statement. Upon adoption, we estimate that the stock based compensation expense on a pre-tax basis, as measured under the Statement, will be approximately \$13 million, \$10 million, and \$3 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007, and 2008, respectively, for stock-based compensation related to options granted prior to January 1, 2006, that has not historically been recorded in our statement of operations. This does not include any expense related to stock options that will be granted in the future as the fair value of those stock options will be determined at the time of grant. See Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8.

Administrative expenses include legal and accounting fees, valuation assistance fees, insurance premiums, the cost of leases for our headquarters in Washington, DC, and our regional offices, portfolio origination and development expenses, stock record expenses, directors fees, and various other expenses. Administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Administrative expenses, excluding investigation related costs | \$ 33.9 | \$ 30.1 | \$ 22.4 |
| Investigation related costs | 36.4 | 4.6 | |
| Total administrative expenses | \$ 70.3 | \$ 34.7 | \$ 22.4 |

The increase in administrative expenses, excluding investigation related costs, for the year ended December 31, 2005, over the year ended December 31, 2004, was primarily due to increased expenses related to evaluating potential new investments of \$2.0 million, accounting fees of \$0.8 million, recruiting and employee training costs of \$0.6 million, and valuation assistance fees of \$0.5 million, offset by a decrease in expenses related to a decline in portfolio workout expenses of \$0.6 million.

Administrative expenses, excluding investigation related costs, were \$30.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, a \$7.7 million increase over administrative expenses of \$22.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. The increase in expenses primarily resulted from:

a net increase in accounting, consulting, and other fees of \$1.7 million. This increase is primarily attributable to fees associated with the implementation of the requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (including Section 404) and valuation assistance,

an increase in deal costs related to evaluating potential new investments of \$1.6 million. Costs related to mezzanine lending are generally paid by the borrower, however, costs related to buyout investments are generally funded by us. Accordingly, if a prospective deal does not close, we incur expenses that are not recoverable,

an increase in expenses related to portfolio development and workout activities of \$1.5 million,

an increase in rent of \$1.4 million associated with the opening of an office in Los Angeles, CA and expanding our office space in Chicago, IL and New York, NY, and

an increase in other expenses, including stock record expense, insurance premiums and directors fees of \$1.1 million, and travel expenses of \$0.8 million.

In addition, administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, included costs associated with requests for information in connection with two government investigations. These expenses remain difficult to predict. See Legal Proceedings under Item 3.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit), Including Excise Tax. Income tax expense (benefit) for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | \$ 5.4 | \$ 1.1 | \$ (2.5) |
| Excise tax expense | 6.2 | 1.0 | |
| Income tax expense (benefit), including excise tax | \$ 11.6 | \$ 2.1 | \$ (2.5) |

Our wholly owned subsidiary, A.C. Corporation, is a corporation subject to federal and state income taxes and records a benefit or expense for income taxes as appropriate based on its operating results in a given period. In addition, our estimated annual taxable income for 2005 exceeded our dividend distributions to shareholders for 2005 from such taxable income, and such estimated excess taxable income will be distributed in 2006. Therefore, we will be required to pay a 4% excise tax on the excess of 98% of our taxable income for 2005 over the amount of actual distributions for 2005. Accordingly, we accrued an estimated excise tax of \$6.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, based upon our current estimate of annual taxable income for 2005. See Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources.

Realized Gains and Losses. Net realized gains primarily result from the sale of equity securities associated with certain private finance investments, the sale of CMBS bonds and CDO bonds and preferred shares, and the realization of unamortized discount resulting from the sale and early repayment of private finance loans and commercial mortgage loans, offset by losses on investments. Net realized gains for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Realized gains | \$ 343.1 | \$ 267.7 | \$ 94.3 |
| Realized losses | (69.6) | (150.5) | (19.0) |
| Net realized gains | \$ 273.5 | \$ 117.2 | \$ 75.3 |

When we exit an investment and realize a gain or loss, we make an accounting entry to reverse any unrealized appreciation or depreciation, respectively, we had previously recorded to reflect the appreciated or depreciated value of the investment. For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, we reversed previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses were realized as follows:

| | 2005 ⁽¹⁾ | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Reversal of previously recorded net unrealized appreciation associated with realized gains | \$ (108.0) | \$ (210.5) | \$ (78.5) |
| Reversal of previously recorded net unrealized depreciation associated with realized losses | 68.0 | 151.8 | 20.3 |
| Total reversal | \$ (40.0) | \$ (58.7) | \$ (58.2) |

- (1) Includes the reversal of net unrealized appreciation of \$6.5 million on the CMBS and CDO assets sold and the related hedges. The net unrealized appreciation recorded on these assets prior to their sale was determined on an individual security-by-security basis. The net gain realized upon the sale of \$227.7 million reflects the total value received for the portfolio as a whole.

Realized gains for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:
(\$ in millions)

2005

| Portfolio Company | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Private Finance: | |
| Housecall Medical Resources, Inc. | \$ 53.7 |
| Fairchild Industrial Products Company | 16.2 |
| Apogen Technologies Inc. | 9.0 |
| Polaris Pool Systems, Inc. | 7.4 |
| MasterPlan, Inc. | 3.7 |
| U.S. Security Holdings, Inc. | 3.3 |
| Ginsey Industries, Inc. | 2.8 |
| E-Talk Corporation | 1.6 |
| Professional Paint, Inc. | 1.6 |
| Oriental Trading Company, Inc. | 1.0 |
| Woodstream Corporation | 0.9 |
| Impact Innovations Group, LLC | 0.8 |
| DCS Business Services, Inc. | 0.7 |
| Other | 3.4 |
| Total private finance | 106.1 |
| Commercial Real Estate: | |
| CMBS/CDO assets, net ⁽¹⁾ | 227.7 |
| Other | 9.3 |
| Total commercial real estate | 237.0 |
| Total gross realized gains | \$ 343.1 |

2004

| Portfolio Company | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Private Finance: | |
| The Hillman Companies, Inc. | \$ 150.3 |
| CorrFlex Graphics, LLC | 25.7 |
| Professional Paint, Inc. | 13.7 |
| Impact Innovations Group, LLC | 11.1 |
| The Hartz Mountain Corporation | 8.3 |
| Housecall Medical Resources, Inc. | 7.2 |
| International Fiber Corporation | 5.2 |
| CBA-Mezzanine Capital Finance, LLC | 4.1 |
| United Pet Group, Inc. | 3.8 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Oahu Waste Services, Inc. | 2.8 |
| Grant Broadcasting Systems II | 2.7 |
| Matrics, Inc. | 2.1 |
| SmartMail, LLC | 2.1 |
| Other | 7.6 |
| Total private finance | 246.7 |
| Commercial Real Estate: | |
| CMBS/CDO assets, net ⁽¹⁾ | 17.4 |
| Other | 3.6 |
| Total commercial real estate | 21.0 |
| Total gross realized gains | \$ 267.7 |

2003

| Portfolio Company | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Private Finance: | |
| Blue Rhino Corporation | \$ 12.6 |
| CyberRep | 9.6 |
| Morton Grove Pharmaceuticals, Inc. | 8.5 |
| Warn Industries, Inc. | 8.0 |
| Woodstream Corporation | 6.6 |
| Kirkland's Inc. | 3.0 |
| Julius Koch USA, Inc. | 2.8 |
| GC-Sun Holdings II, LP | 2.5 |
| Interline Brands, Inc. | 1.7 |
| WyoTech Acquisition Corporation | 1.3 |
| Advantage Mayer, Inc. | 1.2 |
| Other | 3.2 |
| Total private finance | 61.0 |
| Commercial Real Estate: | |
| CMBS/CDO assets, net ⁽¹⁾ | 31.6 |
| Other | 1.7 |
| Total commercial real estate | 33.3 |
| Total gross realized gains | \$ 94.3 |

⁽¹⁾ Net of net realized losses from related hedges of \$0.7 million, \$3.8 million, and \$2.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

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Realized losses for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:
 (\$ in millions)

2005

| Portfolio Company | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Private Finance: | |
| Norstan Apparel Shops, Inc. | \$ 18.5 |
| Acme Paging, L.P. | 13.8 |
| E-Talk Corporation | 9.0 |
| Garden Ridge Corporation | 7.1 |
| HealthASPex, Inc. | 3.5 |
| MortgageRamp, Inc. | 3.5 |
| Maui Body Works, Inc. | 2.7 |
| Packaging Advantage Corporation | 2.2 |
| Other | 3.7 |
| Total private finance | 64.0 |
| Commercial Real Estate: | |
| Other | 5.6 |
| Total commercial real estate | 5.6 |
| Total gross realized losses | \$ 69.6 |

2004

| Portfolio Company | Amount |
|---|---------|
| Private Finance: | |
| American Healthcare Services, Inc. | \$ 32.9 |
| The Color Factory, Inc. | 24.5 |
| Executive Greetings, Inc. | 19.3 |
| Sydran Food Services II, L.P. | 18.2 |
| Ace Products, Inc. | 17.6 |
| Prosperco Finanz Holding AG | 7.5 |
| Logic Bay Corporation | 5.0 |
| Sun States Refrigerated Services, Inc. | 4.7 |
| Chickasaw Sales & Marketing, Inc. | 3.8 |
| Sure-Tel, Inc. | 2.3 |
| Liberty-Pittsburgh Systems, Inc. | 2.0 |
| EDM Consulting, LLC | 1.9 |
| Pico Products, Inc. | 1.7 |
| Impact Innovations Group, LLC | 1.7 |
| Interline Brands, Inc. | 1.3 |
| Startec Global Communications Corporation | 1.1 |
| Other | 2.7 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Total private finance | 148.2 |
| Commercial Real Estate: | |
| Other | 2.3 |
| Total commercial real estate | 2.3 |
| Total gross realized losses | \$ 150.5 |

2003

| Portfolio Company | Amount |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Private Finance: | |
| Allied Office Products, Inc. | \$ 7.7 |
| Candlewood Hotel Company | 2.7 |
| North American Archery, LLC | 2.1 |
| Other | 0.5 |
| Total private finance | 13.0 |
| Commercial Real Estate: | |
| Other | 6.0 |
| Total commercial real estate | 6.0 |
| Total gross realized losses | \$ 19.0 |

Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation. We determine the value of each investment in our portfolio on a quarterly basis, and changes in value result in unrealized appreciation or depreciation being recognized in our statement of operations. Value, as defined in Section 2(a)(41) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, is (i) the market price for those securities for which a market quotation is readily available and (ii) for all other securities and assets, fair value is as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors. Since there is typically no readily available market value for the investments in our portfolio, we value substantially all of our portfolio investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors pursuant to our valuation policy and a consistently applied valuation process. At December 31, 2005, portfolio investments recorded at fair value were approximately 90% of our total assets. Because of the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments determined in good faith by the Board of Directors may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material.

There is no single standard for determining fair value in good faith. As a result, determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment while employing a consistently applied valuation process for the types of investments we make. Unlike banks, we are not permitted to provide a general reserve for anticipated loan losses. Instead, we are required to specifically value each individual investment on a quarterly basis. We will record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investment. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or our equity security has appreciated in value. Changes in fair value are recorded in the statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

As a business development company, we invest in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies. The structure of each debt and equity security is specifically negotiated to enable us to protect our investment and maximize our returns. We include many terms governing interest rate, repayment terms, prepayment penalties, financial covenants, operating covenants, ownership parameters, dilution parameters, liquidation preferences, voting rights, and put or call rights. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. Because of the type of investments that we make and the nature of our business, our valuation process requires an analysis of various factors. Our fair value methodology includes the examination of, among other things, the underlying investment performance, financial condition, and market changing events that impact valuation.

Valuation Methodology - Private Finance. Our process for determining the fair value of a private finance investment begins with determining the enterprise value of the portfolio company. The fair value of our investment is based on the enterprise value at which the portfolio company could be sold in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The liquidity event whereby we exit a private finance investment is generally the sale, the recapitalization or, in some cases, the initial public offering of the portfolio company.

There is no one methodology to determine enterprise value and, in fact, for any one portfolio company, enterprise value is best expressed as a range of fair values, from which we derive a single estimate of enterprise value. To determine the enterprise value of a portfolio company, we analyze its historical and projected financial results. We generally require portfolio companies to provide annual audited and quarterly unaudited financial statements, as well as annual projections for the upcoming fiscal year. Typically in the private equity business, companies are bought and sold based on multiples of EBITDA, cash flow, net income, revenues or, in limited instances, book value. The private equity industry uses financial measures such as EBITDA or EBITDAM (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and, in some instances, Management fees) in order to assess a portfolio company's financial performance and to value a portfolio company. EBITDA and EBITDAM are not intended to represent

cash flow from operations as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and such information should not be considered as an alternative to net income, cash flow from operations, or any other measure of performance prescribed by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. When using EBITDA to determine enterprise value, we may adjust EBITDA for non-recurring items. Such adjustments are intended to normalize EBITDA to reflect the portfolio company's earnings power. Adjustments to EBITDA may include compensation to previous owners, acquisition, recapitalization, or restructuring related items or one-time non-recurring income or expense items.

In determining a multiple to use for valuation purposes, we generally look to private merger and acquisition statistics, discounted public trading multiples or industry practices. In estimating a reasonable multiple, we consider not only the fact that our portfolio company may be a private company relative to a peer group of public comparables, but we also consider the size and scope of our portfolio company and its specific strengths and weaknesses. In some cases, the best valuation methodology may be a discounted cash flow analysis based on future projections. If a portfolio company is distressed, a liquidation analysis may provide the best indication of enterprise value.

If there is adequate enterprise value to support the repayment of our debt, the fair value of our loan or debt security normally corresponds to cost unless the borrower's condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount. The fair value of equity interests in portfolio companies is determined based on various factors, including the enterprise value remaining for equity holders after the repayment of the portfolio company's debt and other preference capital, and other pertinent factors such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company's equity securities, liquidation events, or other events. The determined equity values are generally discounted when we have a minority position, restrictions on resale, specific concerns about the receptivity of the capital markets to a specific company at a certain time, or other factors.

As a participant in the private equity business, we invest primarily in private middle market companies for which there is generally no publicly available information. Because of the private nature of these businesses, there is a need to maintain the confidentiality of the financial and other information that we have for the private companies in our portfolio. We believe that maintaining this confidence is important, as disclosure of such information could disadvantage our portfolio companies and could put us at a disadvantage in attracting new investments. Therefore, we do not intend to disclose financial or other information about our portfolio companies, unless required, because we believe doing so may put them at an economic or competitive disadvantage, regardless of our level of ownership or control.

Because of the lack of publicly available information about our private portfolio companies, we will continue to work with third-party consultants to obtain assistance in determining fair value for a portion of the private finance portfolio each quarter. We work with these consultants to obtain assistance as additional support in the preparation of our internal valuation analysis for a portion of the portfolio each quarter. In addition, we may receive third-party assessments of a particular private finance portfolio company's value in the ordinary course of business, most often in the context of a prospective sale transaction or in the context of a bankruptcy process. The valuation analysis prepared by management using these third-party valuation resources, when applicable, is submitted to our Board of Directors for its determination of fair value of the portfolio in good faith.

For the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, we received third-party valuation assistance from Duff & Phelps, LLC (Duff & Phelps) and Houlihan Lokey Howard and Zukin (Houlihan Lokey) for our private finance portfolio as follows:

| | 2005 | | | | 2004 | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Number of private finance portfolio companies reviewed: | | | | | | | | |
| Duff & Phelps ⁽¹⁾ | 35 | 72 | 88 | 78 | 22 | 33 | 28 | 22 |
| Houlihan Lokey ⁽²⁾ | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | |
| Total number of private finance portfolio companies reviewed ⁽³⁾ | 36 | 72 | 89 | 80 | 22 | 33 | 28 | 22 |
| Percentage of private finance portfolio reviewed at value: | | | | | | | | |
| Duff & Phelps ⁽¹⁾ | 59.6% | 83.0% | 86.6% | 87.9% | 19.9% | 21.6% | 26.6% | 42.2% |
| Houlihan Lokey ⁽²⁾ | 14.9% | 14.9% | 18.9% | 23.5% | | | | |
| Percentage of private finance portfolio reviewed at value ⁽³⁾ | 74.5% | 83.0% | 89.3% | 92.4% | 19.9% | 21.6% | 26.6% | 42.2% |

(1) During the third quarter of 2005, S&P Corporate Value Consulting merged with Duff & Phelps, LLC, a financial advisory and investment banking firm. The merged company operates under the name of Duff & Phelps, LLC.

(2) Houlihan Lokey was initially engaged in the first quarter of 2005.

(3) Duff & Phelps and Houlihan Lokey both reviewed Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. in Q2, Q3 and Q4 2005. In addition, Duff & Phelps and Houlihan Lokey both reviewed one other portfolio company in Q3 2005.

Professional fees for third-party valuation assistance for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, were \$1.4 million and \$0.9 million, respectively.

Valuation Methodology – CMBS Bonds and CDO and CLO Bonds and Preferred Shares/Income Notes (CMBS/CDO/CLO Assets). CMBS/CDO/CLO Assets are carried at fair value, which is based on a discounted cash flow model that utilizes prepayment and loss assumptions based on historical experience and projected performance, economic factors, the characteristics of the underlying cash flow and comparable yields for similar bonds and preferred shares/income notes, when available. We recognize unrealized appreciation or depreciation on our CMBS/CDO/CLO Assets as comparable yields in the market change and/ or based on changes in estimated cash flows resulting from changes in prepayment or loss assumptions in the underlying collateral pool. As each bond ages, the expected amount of losses and the expected timing of recognition of such losses in the underlying collateral pool is updated and the revised cash flows are used in determining the fair value of the bonds. We determine the fair value of our CMBS/CDO/CLO Assets on an individual security-by-security basis. When we sold a group of these real estate related investments in a pool in one or more transactions, the total value received for that pool was generally different than the sum of the fair values of the individual bonds or preferred shares.

Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation. For the portfolio, net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, consisted of the following:

| (\$ in millions) | 2005⁽¹⁾ | 2004⁽¹⁾ | 2003⁽¹⁾ |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net unrealized appreciation or depreciation | \$ 502.1 | \$ (10.0) | \$ (20.3) |
| Reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation associated with realized gains | (108.0) | (210.5) | (78.5) |
| Reversal of previously recorded unrealized depreciation associated with realized losses | 68.0 | 151.8 | 20.3 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation | \$ 462.1 | \$ (68.7) | \$ (78.5) |

⁽¹⁾ The net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation can fluctuate significantly from year to year. As a result, annual comparisons may not be meaningful.

At December 31, 2005, our two largest investments were in Advantage and BLX. The following is a summary of the methodology that we used to determine the fair value of these investments.

Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. In March of 2006, a definitive agreement was signed to sell our majority equity interest in Advantage that indicated an enterprise value of approximately \$1.05 billion. See Portfolio and Investment Activity above. At December 31, 2005, we estimated the enterprise value of Advantage to be \$1.02 billion given that the closing of the transaction is subject to certain closing conditions and the sales price is subject to pre- and post-closing adjustments and certain holdback provisions. Using the enterprise value at December 31, 2005, we determined the value of our investments in Advantage to be \$660.4 million, which resulted in unrealized appreciation on our investment of \$402.7 million at December 31, 2005. This is an increase in unrealized appreciation in the fourth quarter of 2005 of \$224.9 million and an increase of \$378.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net increase in unrealized appreciation on our investment in Advantage of \$24.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. Both Houlihan Lokey and Duff & Phelps assisted us by reviewing our valuation of our investment in Advantage at December 31, 2005. Duff & Phelps also assisted us by reviewing our valuation of our investment in Advantage at December 31, 2004.

Business Loan Express, LLC. To determine the value of our investment in BLX at December 31, 2005, we performed four separate valuation analyses to determine a range of values: (1) analysis of comparable public company trading multiples, (2) analysis of BLX's value assuming an initial public offering, (3) analysis of merger and acquisition transactions for financial services companies, and (4) a discounted dividend analysis. We received valuation assistance from Duff & Phelps for our investment in BLX at December 31, 2005 and 2004.

With respect to the analysis of comparable public company trading multiples and the analysis of BLX's value assuming an initial public offering, we compute a median trailing and forward price earnings multiple to apply to BLX's pro-forma net income adjusted for certain capital structure changes that we believe would likely occur should the company be sold. Each quarter we evaluate which public commercial finance companies should be included in the comparable group. The comparable group at December 31, 2005, was made up of CIT Group, Inc., Financial Federal Corporation, GATX Corporation, and Marlin Business Services Corporation. The December 31, 2004, comparable group included CapitalSource, Inc., however, it has been excluded from the December 31, 2005, comparable group as it elected REIT status and no longer trades as a commercial finance company. The remaining comparable group for December 31, 2005, is consistent with the comparable group at December 31, 2004.

Our investment in BLX at December 31, 2005, was valued at \$357.1 million. This fair value was within the range of values determined by the four valuation analyses. Unrealized appreciation on our investment was \$57.7 million at December 31, 2005. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net increase in net unrealized appreciation of \$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, a net decrease in unrealized appreciation of \$32.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, and a net increase in unrealized appreciation of \$51.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Per Share Amounts. All per share amounts included in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section have been computed using the weighted average common shares used to compute diluted earnings per share, which were 137.3 million, 132.5 million, and 118.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

OTHER MATTERS

Regulated Investment Company Status. We have elected to be taxed as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. As long as we qualify as a regulated investment company, we are not taxed on our investment company taxable income or realized net capital gains, to the extent that such taxable income or gains are distributed, or deemed to be distributed, to shareholders on a timely basis.

Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. In addition, gains realized for financial reporting purposes may differ from gains included in taxable income as a result of our election to recognize gains using installment sale treatment, which results in the deferment of gains for tax purposes until notes received as consideration from the sale of investments are collected in cash.

Dividends declared and paid by us in a year generally differ from taxable income for that year as such dividends may include the distribution of current year taxable income, the distribution of prior year taxable income carried over into and distributed in the current year, or returns of capital. We are generally required to distribute 98% of our taxable income during the year the income is earned to avoid paying an excise tax. If this requirement is not met, the Internal Revenue Code imposes a nondeductible excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of the current year's taxable income exceeds the distribution for the year. The taxable income on which an excise tax is paid is generally carried over and distributed to shareholders in the next tax year. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry over taxable income in excess of current year distributions into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. See "Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources" below.

In order to maintain our status as a regulated investment company, we must, in general, (1) continue to qualify as a business development company; (2) derive at least 90% of our gross income from dividends, interest, gains from the sale of securities and other specified types of income; (3) meet asset diversification requirements as defined in the Internal Revenue Code; and (4) timely distribute to shareholders at least 90% of our annual investment company taxable income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. We intend to take all steps necessary to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company. However, there can be no assurance that we will continue to qualify for such treatment in future years.

FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our portfolio has historically generated cash flow from which we pay dividends to shareholders and fund new investment activity. Cash generated from the portfolio includes cash flow from net investment income and net realized gains and principal collections related to investment repayments or sales. Cash flow provided by our operating activities before new investment activity for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | \$ 116.0 | \$ (179.3) | \$ 80.3 |
| Add: portfolio investments funded | 1,668.1 | 1,472.4 | 930.6 |
| Total cash provided by operating activities before new investments | \$ 1,784.1 | \$ 1,293.1 | \$ 1,010.9 |

From the cash provided by operating activities before new investments, we make new portfolio investments, fund our operating activities, and pay dividends to shareholders. We also raise new debt and equity capital from time to time in order to fund our investments and operations.

We invest otherwise uninvested cash in U.S. government- or agency-issued or guaranteed securities that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, or in high quality, short-term securities. We place our cash with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in checking accounts in financial institutions may be in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

Dividends to common shareholders for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were \$314.5 million, \$299.3 million, and \$267.8 million, respectively. Total regular quarterly dividends were \$2.30, \$2.28, and \$2.28 per common share for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003,

respectively. An extra cash dividend of \$0.03 and \$0.02 per common share was declared during 2005 and 2004, respectively, and was paid to shareholders on January 27, 2006, and January 28, 2005, respectively.

Dividends are generally determined based upon an estimate of annual taxable income, which includes our taxable interest, dividend and fee income, as well as taxable net capital gains. As discussed above, taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. Taxable income includes non-cash income, such as changes in accrued and reinvested interest and dividends and the amortization of discounts and fees. Cash collections of income resulting from contractual payment-in-kind interest or the amortization of discounts and fees generally occur upon the repayment of the loans or debt securities that include such items. Non-cash taxable income is reduced by non-cash expenses, such as realized losses and depreciation and amortization expense.

Our Board of Directors reviews the dividend rate quarterly, and may adjust the quarterly dividend throughout the year. Dividends are declared based upon our estimate of annual taxable income available for distribution to shareholders. Our goal is to declare what we believe to be sustainable increases in our regular quarterly dividends. To the extent that we earn annual taxable income in excess of dividends paid for the year, we may carry over the excess taxable income into the next year and such excess income will be available for distribution in the next year as permitted under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Excess taxable income carried over and paid out in the next year may be subject to a 4% excise tax. See **Other Matters** **Regulated Investment Company Status** above. We believe that carrying over excess taxable income into future periods may provide increased visibility with respect to taxable earnings available to pay the regular quarterly dividend.

Our estimated annual taxable income for 2005 exceeded our dividend distributions to shareholders for 2005 from such taxable income, and, therefore, we will carry over excess taxable income, which is currently estimated to be \$163.8 million, for distribution to shareholders in 2006. Accordingly, for the year ended December 31, 2005, we have accrued an estimated excise tax of \$6.2 million. However, our taxable income for 2005 is an estimate and will not be finally determined until we file our 2005 tax return in September 2006, and therefore, the amount of excess taxable income carried over from 2005 into 2006 may be different than this estimate. See **Risk Factors** under Item 1A and Note 10, **Dividends and Distributions and Excise Taxes** of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8.

Because we are a regulated investment company, we distribute our taxable income and, therefore, from time to time we will raise new debt or equity capital in order to fund our investments and operations.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, our liquidity portfolio, cash and investments in money market securities, total assets, total debt outstanding, total shareholders' equity, debt to equity ratio and asset coverage for senior indebtedness were as follows:

| (\$ in millions) | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Liquidity portfolio (including money market securities: 2005-\$100.0; 2004-\$0) | \$ 200.3 | \$ |
| Cash and investments in money market securities (including money market securities: 2005-\$22.0; 2004-\$0) | \$ 53.3 | \$ 57.2 |
| Total assets | \$ 4,025.9 | \$ 3,261.0 |
| Total debt outstanding | \$ 1,284.8 | \$ 1,176.6 |
| Total shareholders' equity | \$ 2,620.5 | \$ 1,979.8 |
| Debt to equity ratio | 0.49 | 0.59 |
| Asset coverage ratio ⁽¹⁾ | 309% | 280% |

(1)

As a business development company, we are generally required to maintain a minimum ratio of 200% of total assets to total borrowings.

We currently target a debt to equity ratio ranging between 0.50:1.00 to 0.70:1.00 because we believe that it is prudent to operate with a larger equity capital base and less leverage.

During the fourth quarter of 2005, we established a liquidity portfolio that is composed of money market securities and U.S. Treasury bills. The value and yield of the money market securities were \$100.0 million and 4.1% and were held in money market funds, at December 31, 2005. The value and yield of the Treasury bills were \$100.3 million and 4.3%, respectively, at December 31, 2005. The Treasury bills are due in June 2006. The liquidity portfolio was established to provide a pool of liquid assets within our balance sheet. Our investment portfolio is primarily composed of private, illiquid assets for which there is no readily available market. Our liquidity was reduced when we sold our portfolio of CMBS assets, particularly BB rated bonds, which were generally more liquid than assets in our private finance portfolio. Given the level of taxable income we are carrying over from 2005 for distribution in 2006, we established the liquidity portfolio to ensure that we had ample resources from which to distribute this excess taxable income in 2006. We will assess the amount held in and the composition of the liquidity portfolio throughout the year.

We did not sell new equity in a public offering during the year ended December 31, 2005. For the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, we sold equity of \$73.5 million and \$422.9 million, respectively. Shareholders' equity increased by \$77.5 million, \$51.3 million, and \$21.2 million through the exercise of employee options, the collection of notes receivable from the sale of common stock, and the issuance of shares through our dividend reinvestment plan for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively. On January 31, 2006, we sold 3.0 million shares of our common stock for proceeds of \$83.0 million, net of underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses. We primarily used the proceeds from the equity offering to repay outstanding borrowings under our revolving line of credit and for general corporate purposes.

We employ an asset-liability management approach that focuses on matching the estimated maturities of our loan and investment portfolio to the estimated maturities of our borrowings. We use our revolving line of credit facility as a means to bridge to long-term financing in the form of debt or equity capital, which may or may not result in temporary differences in the matching of estimated maturities. Availability on the revolving line of credit, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit issued under the line of credit facility, was \$643.6 million on December 31, 2005. We evaluate our interest rate exposure on an ongoing basis. Generally, we seek to fund our primarily fixed-rate investment portfolio with fixed-rate debt or equity capital. To the extent deemed necessary, we may hedge variable and short-term interest rate exposure through interest rate swaps or other techniques.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, we had outstanding debt as follows:

| | 2005 | | | 2004 | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------|---|
| | Facility Amount | Amount Outstanding | Annual Interest Cost ⁽¹⁾ | Facility Amount | Amount Outstanding | Annual Interest Cost ⁽¹⁾ |
| (\$ in millions) | | | | | | |
| Notes payable and debentures: | | | | | | |
| Unsecured notes payable | \$ 1,164.5 | \$ 1,164.5 | 6.2% | \$ 981.4 | \$ 981.4 | 6.5% |
| SBA debentures | 28.5 | 28.5 | 7.5% | 84.8 | 77.5 | 8.2% |
| OPIC loan | | | | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.6% |
| Total notes payable and debentures | 1,193.0 | 1,193.0 | 6.3% | 1,071.9 | 1,064.6 | 6.6% |
| Revolving line of credit | 772.5 | 91.8 | 5.6% ⁽²⁾ | 552.5 | 112.0 | 4.7% ⁽²⁾ |
| Total debt | \$ 1,965.5 | \$ 1,284.8 | 6.5% ⁽³⁾ | \$ 1,624.4 | \$ 1,176.6 | 6.6% ⁽³⁾ |

- (1) The weighted average annual interest cost is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on the debt plus the annual amortization of commitment fees and other facility fees that are recognized into interest expense over the contractual life of the respective borrowings, divided by (b) debt outstanding on the balance sheet date.
- (2) The annual interest cost reflects the interest rate payable for borrowings under the revolving line of credit. In addition to the current interest rate payable, there were annual costs of commitment fees and other facility fees of \$3.3 million and \$1.8 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.
- (3) The annual interest cost for total debt includes the annual cost of commitment fees and other facility fees regardless of the amount outstanding on the facility as of the balance sheet date.

Unsecured Notes Payable. We have issued unsecured long-term notes to institutional investors, primarily insurance companies. The notes have five- or seven-year maturities, with maturity dates beginning in 2006 and generally have fixed rates of interest. The notes generally require payment of interest only semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity.

On October 13, 2005, we issued \$261.0 million of five-year and \$89.0 million of seven-year unsecured long-term notes, primarily to insurance companies. The five- and seven-year notes have fixed interest rates of 6.2% and 6.3%, respectively, and have substantially the same terms as our existing unsecured long-term notes. We used a portion of the proceeds from the new long-term note issuance to repay \$125.0 million of our existing unsecured long-term notes that matured on October 15, 2005, and had an annual weighted average interest cost of 8.3%. During the second quarter of 2005, we repaid \$40.0 million of the unsecured notes payable.

Small Business Administration Debentures. Through our small business investment company subsidiary, we have debentures payable to the Small Business Administration with contractual maturities of ten years. The notes require payment of interest only semi-annually, and all principal is due upon maturity. During the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, we repaid \$49.0 million and \$17.0 million, respectively, of this outstanding debt. Under the small business investment company program, we may borrow up to \$124.4 million from the Small Business Administration.

Revolving Line of Credit. At December 31, 2005, we had an unsecured revolving line of credit with a committed amount of \$772.5 million. The revolving line of credit, which closed on September 30, 2005, replaced our previous revolving line of credit and expires on September 30, 2008. The revolving line of credit may be expanded through new or additional commitments up to \$922.5 million at our option. The revolving line of credit generally bears interest at a rate equal to (i) LIBOR (for the period we select) plus 1.30% or (ii) the higher of the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50% or the Bank of America N.A. prime rate. The revolving line of credit requires the payment of an annual commitment fee equal to 0.20% of the committed amount. The revolving line of credit generally requires payments of interest at the end of each LIBOR interest period, but no less frequently than quarterly, on LIBOR based loans and monthly payments of interest on other loans. All principal is due upon maturity.

At December 31, 2005, there was \$91.8 million outstanding on our unsecured revolving line of credit. The amount available under the line at December 31, 2005, was \$643.6 million, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit of \$37.1 million. Net borrowings under the revolving lines of credit for the year ended December 31, 2005, were \$20.3 million.

We have various financial and operating covenants required by the revolving line of credit and notes payable and debentures. These covenants require us to maintain certain financial ratios, including debt to equity and interest coverage, and a minimum net worth. Our credit facilities limit our ability to declare dividends if we default under certain provisions. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, we were in compliance with these covenants.

The following table shows our significant contractual obligations for the repayment of debt and payment of other contractual obligations as of December 31, 2005.

| | Payments Due By Year | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | Total | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | After 2010 |
| (\$ in millions) | | | | | | | |
| Notes payable and debentures: | | | | | | | |
| Unsecured long-term notes payable | \$ 1,164.5 | \$ 175.0 | \$ | \$ 153.0 | \$ 267.0 | \$ 408.0 | \$ 161.5 |
| SBA debentures | 28.5 | | | | | | 28.5 |
| Revolving line of credit ⁽¹⁾ | 91.8 | | | 91.8 | | | |
| Operating leases | 29.0 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 6.6 |
| Total contractual obligations | \$ 1,313.8 | \$ 179.5 | \$ 4.4 | \$ 249.3 | \$ 271.6 | \$ 412.4 | \$ 196.6 |

(1) At December 31, 2005, \$643.6 million remained unused and available, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit of \$37.1 million issued under the credit facility.

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Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The following table shows our contractual commitments that may have the effect of creating, increasing, or accelerating our liabilities as of December 31, 2005.

Amount of Commitment Expiration Per Year

| | Total | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | After 2010 |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | | | | | |
| Guarantees | \$ 148.6 | \$ 1.3 | \$ 136.2 | \$ 3.1 | \$ 2.5 | \$ | \$ 5.5 |
| Standby letters of credit ⁽¹⁾ | 37.1 | 0.1 | | 37.0 | | | |
| Total commitments | \$ 185.7 | \$ 1.4 | \$ 136.2 | \$ 40.1 | \$ 2.5 | \$ | \$ 5.5 |

(1) Standby letters of credit are issued under our revolving line of credit that expires in September 2008. Therefore, unless a standby letter of credit is set to expire at an earlier date, we have assumed that the standby letters of credit will expire contemporaneously with the expiration of our line of credit in September 2008.

In addition, we had outstanding commitments to fund investments totaling \$302.8 million at December 31, 2005. We intend to fund these commitments and prospective investment opportunities with existing cash, through cash flow from operations before new investments, through borrowings under our line of credit or other long-term debt agreements, or through the sale or issuance of new equity capital.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements are based on the selection and application of critical accounting policies, which require management to make significant estimates and assumptions. Critical accounting policies are those that are both important to the presentation of our financial condition and results of operations and require management's most difficult, complex, or subjective judgments. Our critical accounting policies are those applicable to the valuation of investments and certain revenue recognition matters as discussed below.

Valuation of Portfolio Investments. As a business development company, we invest in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies. Our investments may be subject to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. We value substantially all of our investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors in accordance with our valuation policy. We determine fair value to be the amount for which an investment could be exchanged in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. Our valuation policy considers the fact that no ready market exists for substantially all of the securities in which we invest. Our valuation policy is intended to provide a consistent basis for determining the fair value of the portfolio. We will record unrealized depreciation on investments when we believe that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of our debt or equity investments. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. We will record unrealized appreciation if we believe that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or our equity security has appreciated in value. The value of investments in publicly traded securities is determined using quoted market prices discounted for restrictions on resale, if any.

Loans and Debt Securities. For loans and debt securities, fair value generally approximates cost unless the borrower's enterprise value, overall financial condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount.

When we receive nominal cost warrants or free equity securities (nominal cost equity), we allocate our cost basis in our investment between debt securities and nominal cost equity at the time of origination. At that time, the original issue discount basis of the nominal cost equity is recorded by increasing the cost basis in the equity and decreasing the cost basis in the related debt securities.

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. For loans and debt securities with contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity, we will not accrue payment-in-kind interest if the portfolio company valuation indicates that the payment-in-kind interest is not collectible. In general, interest is not accrued on loans and debt securities if we have doubt about interest collection or where the enterprise value of the portfolio company may not support further accrual. Loans in workout status that are classified as Grade 4 or 5 assets under our internal grading system do not accrue interest. In addition, interest may not accrue on loans or debt securities to portfolio companies that are more than 50% owned by us depending on such company's capital requirements. Loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount are capitalized and then amortized into interest income using the effective interest method. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any unamortized loan origination fees are recorded as interest income and any unamortized original issue discount or market discount is recorded as a realized gain. Prepayment premiums are recorded on loans and debt securities when received.

Equity Securities. Our equity securities in portfolio companies for which there is no liquid public market are valued at fair value based on the enterprise value of the portfolio company, which is determined using various factors, including cash flow from operations of the portfolio company and other pertinent factors, such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company's equity securities, liquidation events, or other events. The determined equity values are generally discounted to account for restrictions on resale or minority ownership positions.

The value of our equity securities in public companies for which market quotations are readily available is based on the closing public market price on the balance sheet date. Securities that carry certain restrictions on sale are typically valued at a discount from the public market value of the security.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected and to the extent that we have the option to receive the dividend in cash. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded companies.

Net Realized Gains or Losses and Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation. Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the year, net of recoveries. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation reflects the change in portfolio investment values during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses are realized.

Fee Income. Fee income includes fees for guarantees and services rendered by us to portfolio companies and other third parties such as diligence, structuring, transaction services, management and consulting services, and other services. Guaranty fees are generally recognized as income over the related period of the guaranty. Diligence, structuring, and transaction services fees are generally recognized as income when services are rendered or when the related transactions are completed. Management, consulting and other services fees are generally recognized as income as the services are rendered.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure about Market Risk.

Our business activities contain elements of risk. We consider the principal types of market risk to be fluctuations in interest rates and Treasury rates. We consider the management of risk essential to conducting our businesses. Accordingly, our risk management systems and procedures are designed to identify and analyze our risks, to set appropriate policies and limits and to continually monitor these risks and limits by means of reliable administrative and information systems and other policies and programs.

Because we borrow money to make investments, our net investment income is dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest these funds. As a result, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which would reduce our net investment income. We use a combination of long-term and short-term borrowings and equity capital to finance our investing activities. We utilize our revolving line of credit as a means to bridge to long-term financing. Our long-term fixed-rate investments are financed primarily with long-term fixed-rate debt and equity. We may use interest rate risk management techniques in an effort to limit our exposure to interest rate fluctuations. Such techniques may include various interest rate hedging activities to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act. We have analyzed the potential impact of changes in interest rates on interest income net of interest expense. Assuming that the balance sheet at December 31, 2005, were to remain constant and no actions were taken to alter the existing interest rate sensitivity, a hypothetical immediate 1% change in interest rates would have affected the net income by less than 1% over a one year horizon. Although management believes that this measure is indicative of our sensitivity to interest rate changes, it does not adjust for potential changes in credit quality, size and composition of the assets on the balance sheet and other business developments that could affect net increase in assets resulting from operations, or net income. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that actual results would not differ materially from the potential outcome simulated by this estimate.

We have invested in commercial mortgage loans, which were purchased at prices that are based in part on comparable Treasury rates. The fair value of these bonds may change as interest rates change over time. We have entered into transactions with one or more financial institutions to hedge against movement in Treasury rates on certain of the commercial mortgage loans. These transactions, referred to as short sales, involve receiving the proceeds from the short sales of borrowed Treasury securities, with the obligations to replenish the borrowed Treasury securities at a later date based on the then current market price, whatever that price may be. Risks in these contracts arise from movements in the value of the borrowed Treasury securities due to changes in interest rates and from the possible inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts.

If the value of the borrowed Treasury securities increases, we will incur losses on these transactions. These losses are limited to the increase in value of the borrowed Treasury securities; conversely, the value of the hedged commercial real estate assets would likely increase. If the value of the borrowed Treasury securities decreases, we will incur gains on these transactions which are limited to the decline in value of the borrowed Treasury securities; conversely, the value of the hedged commercial real estate assets would likely decrease. We do not anticipate nonperformance by any counterparty in connection with these transactions.

The total obligations to replenish borrowed Treasury securities, including accrued interest payable on the obligations, were \$17.7 million and \$38.2 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The net proceeds related to the sales of the borrowed Treasury securities plus or minus the cash collateral provided or received under the terms of the transactions were \$17.7 million and \$38.2 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The amount of the hedge will vary from period to period depending upon the amount of commercial real estate assets that we own and have hedged on the balance sheet date.

In addition, we may have risk regarding portfolio valuation. See [Business Portfolio Valuation](#) above.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

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Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The management of Allied Capital Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on the Company's evaluation under the framework in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework*, management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2005. Management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, has been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in its report which is included herein.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders

Allied Capital Corporation:

We have audited management's assessment, included in the accompanying management's report on internal control over financial reporting, that Allied Capital Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Allied Capital Corporation's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assessment and an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, management's assessment that Allied Capital Corporation maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Also, in our opinion, Allied Capital Corporation maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of Allied Capital Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, including the consolidated statement of investments as of December 31, 2005, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows, and the financial highlights (included in Note 14), for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2005, and our report dated March 9, 2006, expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

Washington, D.C.

March 9, 2006

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders

Allied Capital Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Allied Capital Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, including the consolidated statement of investments as of December 31, 2005, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows, and the financial highlights (included in Note 14), for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2005. These consolidated financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included physical counts of securities owned as of December 31, 2005 and 2004. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Allied Capital Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the results of their operations, their cash flows, changes in their net assets, and financial highlights for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of Allied Capital Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated March 9, 2006, expressed an unqualified opinion on management's assessment of, and the effective operation of, internal control over financial reporting.

Washington, D.C.

March 9, 2006

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

| | December 31, 2005 | December 31, 2004 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| (in thousands, except per share amounts) | | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Portfolio at value: | | |
| Private finance | | |
| Companies more than 25% owned (cost: 2005-\$1,489,782; 2004-\$1,389,342) | \$ 1,887,651 | \$ 1,359,641 |
| Companies 5% to 25% owned (cost: 2005-\$168,373; 2004-\$194,750) | 158,806 | 188,902 |
| Companies less than 5% owned (cost: 2005-\$1,448,268; 2004-\$800,828) | 1,432,833 | 753,543 |
| Total private finance (cost: 2005-\$3,106,423; 2004-\$2,384,920) | 3,479,290 | 2,302,086 |
| Commercial real estate finance (cost: 2005-\$131,695; 2004-\$722,612) | 127,065 | 711,325 |
| Total portfolio at value (cost: 2005-\$3,238,118; 2004-\$3,107,532) | 3,606,355 | 3,013,411 |
| U.S. Treasury bills | 100,305 | |
| Investments in money market securities | 121,967 | |
| Deposits of proceeds from sales of borrowed Treasury securities | 17,666 | 38,226 |
| Accrued interest and dividends receivable | 60,366 | 79,489 |
| Other assets | 87,858 | 72,712 |
| Cash | 31,363 | 57,160 |
| Total assets | \$ 4,025,880 | \$ 3,260,998 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Notes payable and debentures (maturing within one year: 2005-\$175,000; 2004-\$169,000) | \$ 1,193,040 | \$ 1,064,568 |
| Revolving line of credit | 91,750 | 112,000 |
| Obligations to replenish borrowed Treasury securities | 17,666 | 38,226 |
| Accounts payable and other liabilities | 102,878 | 66,426 |
| Total liabilities | 1,405,334 | 1,281,220 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Shareholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 200,000 shares authorized; 136,697 and 133,099 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively | 14 | 13 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 2,177,283 | 2,094,421 |

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| Common stock held in deferred compensation trust | (19,460) | (13,503) |
| Notes receivable from sale of common stock | (3,868) | (5,470) |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on portfolio | 354,325 | (107,767) |
| Undistributed (distributions in excess of) earnings | 112,252 | 12,084 |
| | | |
| Total shareholders equity | 2,620,546 | 1,979,778 |
| | | |
| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | \$ 4,025,880 | \$ 3,260,998 |
| | | |
| Net asset value per common share | \$ 19.17 | \$ 14.87 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Years Ended
December 31,

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|
| (in thousands, except per share amounts) | | | |
| Interest and Related Portfolio Income: | | | |
| Interest and dividends | | | |
| Companies more than 25% owned | \$ 122,450 | \$ 91,710 | \$ 62,563 |
| Companies 5% to 25% owned | 21,924 | 25,702 | 25,727 |
| Companies less than 5% owned | 172,779 | 202,230 | 202,429 |
| Total interest and dividends | 317,153 | 319,642 | 290,719 |
| Loan prepayment premiums | | | |
| Companies more than 25% owned | 692 | | 141 |
| Companies 5% to 25% owned | | 765 | 685 |
| Companies less than 5% owned | 5,558 | 4,737 | 7,346 |
| Total loan prepayment premiums | 6,250 | 5,502 | 8,172 |
| Fees and other income | | | |
| Companies more than 25% owned | 26,673 | 29,774 | 18,862 |
| Companies 5% to 25% owned | 124 | 1,618 | 629 |
| Companies less than 5% owned | 23,952 | 10,554 | 10,847 |
| Total fees and other income | 50,749 | 41,946 | 30,338 |
| Total interest and related portfolio income | 374,152 | 367,090 | 329,229 |
| Expenses: | | | |
| Interest | 76,798 | 75,650 | 77,233 |
| Employee | 78,300 | 53,739 | 36,945 |
| Administrative | 70,267 | 34,686 | 22,387 |
| Total operating expenses | 225,365 | 164,075 | 136,565 |
| Net investment income before income taxes | 148,787 | 203,015 | 192,664 |
| Income tax expense (benefit), including excise tax | 11,561 | 2,057 | (2,466) |
| Net investment income | 137,226 | 200,958 | 195,130 |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) | | | |
| Net realized gains (losses) | | | |
| Companies more than 25% owned | 33,237 | 86,812 | 1,302 |
| Companies 5% to 25% owned | 5,285 | 43,818 | 19,975 |
| Companies less than 5% owned | 234,974 | (13,390) | 54,070 |
| Total net realized gains | 273,496 | 117,240 | 75,347 |

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| Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation | 462,092 | (68,712) | (78,466) |
| Total net gains (losses) | 735,588 | 48,528 | (3,119) |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | \$ 872,814 | \$ 249,486 | \$ 192,011 |
| Basic earnings per common share | \$ 6.48 | \$ 1.92 | \$ 1.64 |
| Diluted earnings per common share | \$ 6.36 | \$ 1.88 | \$ 1.62 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding basic | 134,700 | 129,828 | 116,747 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding diluted | 137,274 | 132,458 | 118,351 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the Years Ended December 31,

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| (in thousands, except per share amounts) | | | |
| Operations | | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 137,226 | \$ 200,958 | \$ 195,130 |
| Net realized gains | 273,496 | 117,240 | 75,347 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation | 462,092 | (68,712) | (78,466) |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | 872,814 | 249,486 | 192,011 |
| Shareholder distributions | | | |
| Common stock dividends | (314,509) | (299,326) | (267,838) |
| Preferred stock dividends | (10) | (62) | (210) |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from shareholder distributions | (314,519) | (299,388) | (268,048) |
| Capital share transactions | | | |
| Sale of common stock | | 70,251 | 422,005 |
| Issuance of common stock for portfolio investments | 7,200 | 3,227 | 884 |
| Issuance of common stock upon the exercise of stock options | 66,688 | 32,274 | 8,571 |
| Issuance of common stock in lieu of cash distributions | 9,257 | 5,836 | 6,598 |
| Net decrease in notes receivable from sale of common stock | 1,602 | 13,162 | 6,072 |
| Purchase of common stock held in deferred compensation trust | (7,968) | (13,687) | |
| Distribution of common stock held in deferred compensation trust | 2,011 | 184 | |
| Other | 3,683 | 3,856 | 413 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from capital share transactions | 82,473 | 115,103 | 444,543 |
| Total net increase in net assets | 640,768 | 65,201 | 368,506 |
| Net assets at beginning of year | 1,979,778 | 1,914,577 | 1,546,071 |
| Net assets at end of year | \$ 2,620,546 | \$ 1,979,778 | \$ 1,914,577 |
| Net asset value per common share | \$ 19.17 | \$ 14.87 | \$ 14.94 |
| Common shares outstanding at end of year | 136,697 | 133,099 | 128,118 |

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ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended December 31,

| (in thousands) | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | \$ 872,814 | \$ 249,486 | \$ 192,011 |
| Adjustments | | | |
| Portfolio investments | (1,668,113) | (1,472,396) | (930,566) |
| Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales | 1,503,388 | 909,189 | 788,328 |
| Change in accrued or reinvested interest and dividends | (6,594) | (52,193) | (44,952) |
| Amortization of discounts and fees | (1,564) | (5,235) | (12,514) |
| Change in U.S. Treasury bills | (100,000) | | |
| Change in investments in money market securities | (121,967) | | |
| Changes in other assets and liabilities | 33,023 | 18,716 | (9,352) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,820 | 1,433 | 1,638 |
| Realized gains from the receipt of notes and other securities as consideration from sale of investments, net of collections | (4,293) | (47,497) | (1,668) |
| Realized losses | 69,565 | 150,462 | 18,958 |
| Net change in unrealized (appreciation) or depreciation | (462,092) | 68,712 | 78,466 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 115,987 | (179,323) | 80,349 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | |
| Sale of common stock | | 70,251 | 422,005 |
| Sale of common stock upon the exercise of stock options | 66,688 | 32,274 | 8,571 |
| Collections of notes receivable from sale of common stock | 1,602 | 13,162 | 6,072 |
| Borrowings under notes payable and debentures | 350,000 | 340,212 | 300,000 |
| Repayments on notes payable and debentures | (219,700) | (231,000) | (140,000) |
| Net borrowings under (repayments on) revolving line of credit | (20,250) | 112,000 | (204,250) |
| Redemption of preferred stock | | (7,000) | |
| Purchase of common stock held in deferred compensation trust | (7,968) | (13,687) | |
| Other financing activities | (8,333) | (3,004) | (5,137) |
| Common stock dividends and distributions paid | (303,813) | (290,830) | (264,419) |
| Preferred stock dividends paid | (10) | (62) | (210) |

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| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (141,784) | 22,316 | 122,632 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash | (25,797) | (157,007) | 202,981 |
| Cash at beginning of year | 57,160 | 214,167 | 11,186 |
| Cash at end of year | \$ 31,363 | \$ 57,160 | \$ 214,167 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

December 31, 2005

Private Finance

Portfolio Company

(in thousands, except number of shares)

Investment⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Principal

Cost

Value

Companies More Than 25% Owned

| | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Acme Paging, L.P. ⁽⁴⁾ (Telecommunications) | Senior Loan (6.0%, Due 12/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (10.0%, Due 1/08) ⁽⁶⁾ Common Stock (23,513 shares) | \$ 3,750 881 | \$ 3,750 881 27 | \$ |
| Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt (10.5%, Due 9/09) Subordinated Debt (18.5%, Due 12/09) Common Stock (18,924,976 shares) | 60,000 124,000 | 59,787 124,000 73,932 | 59,787 124,000 476,578 |
| Alaris Consulting, LLC (Business Services) | Senior Loan (15.8%, Due 12/05 12/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Equity Interests Guaranty (\$1,100) | 27,055 | 27,050 5,305 | |
| American Healthcare Services, Inc. and Affiliates (Healthcare Services) | Senior Loan (0.7%, Due 12/04 12/05) ⁽⁶⁾ | 4,999 | 4,600 | 4,097 |
| Avborne, Inc. ⁽⁷⁾ (Business Services) | Preferred Stock (12,500 shares) Common Stock (27,500 shares) | | 658 | 892 |
| Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc. ⁽⁷⁾ (Business Services) | Preferred Stock (1,568 shares) Common Stock (2,750 shares) Guaranty (\$2,401) | | 2,401 | |
| Business Loan Express, LLC (Financial Services) | Subordinated Debt (6.9%, Due 4/06) Class A Equity Interests Class B Equity Interests | 10,000 60,693 | 10,000 60,693 119,436 | 10,000 60,693 146,910 |

| | | | | |
|--|---|--------|---------|---------|
| | Class C Equity Interests Guaranty (\$135,437 See Note 3) Standby Letters of Credit (\$34,050 See Note 3) | | 109,301 | 139,521 |
| Callidus Capital Corporation (Financial Services) | Senior Loan (12.0%, Due 12/06) | 600 | 600 | 600 |
| | Subordinated Debt (18.0%, Due 10/08) | 4,832 | 4,832 | 4,832 |
| | Common Stock (10 shares) | | 2,049 | 7,968 |
| Diversified Group Administrators, Inc. (Business Services) | Preferred Stock (1,000,000 shares) | | 700 | 728 |
| | Preferred Stock (1,451,380 shares) | | 841 | 841 |
| | Common Stock (1,451,380 shares) | | | 502 |
| Financial Pacific Company (Financial Services) | Subordinated Debt (17.4%, Due 2/12 8/12) | 70,175 | 69,904 | 69,904 |
| | Preferred Stock (10,964 shares) | | 10,276 | 13,116 |
| | Common Stock (14,735 shares) | | 14,819 | 44,180 |
| ForeSite Towers, LLC (Tower Leasing) | Equity Interests | | 7,620 | 9,750 |

- (1) Interest rates represent the weighted average annual stated interest rate on loans and debt securities, which are presented by nature of indebtedness for a single issuer. The maturity dates represent the earliest and the latest maturity dates.
- (2) Common stock, preferred stock, warrants, options, and equity interests are generally non-income producing and restricted.
- (3) Public company.
- (4) Non-U.S. company or principal place of business outside the U.S.
- (5) Non-registered investment company.
- (6) Loan or debt security is on non-accrual status and therefore is considered non-income producing.
- (7) Avborne, Inc. and Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc. are affiliated companies.

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Portfolio Company

(in thousands, except number of shares)

| | Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Principal | Cost | Value |
|--|--|---------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Global Communications, LLC (Business Services) | Senior Loan (10.7%, Due 9/02 11/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (17.0%, Due 12/03 9/05) ⁽⁵⁾ Preferred Equity Interest Options | \$ 15,957 11,201 | \$ 15,957 11,198 14,067 1,639 | \$ 15,957 11,198 4,303 |
| Gordian Group, Inc. (Business Services) | Senior Loan (10.0%, Due 6/06 12/08) ⁽⁶⁾ Common Stock (1,000 shares) | 11,392 | 11,421 6,542 | 4,161 |
| Healthy Pet Corp. (Consumer Services) | Senior Loan (10.1%, Due 8/10) Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 8/10) Common Stock (25,766 shares) | 4,086 38,716 | 4,086 38,535 25,766 | 4,086 38,535 25,766 |
| HMT, Inc. (Energy Services) | Preferred Stock (554,052 shares) Common Stock (300,000 shares) Warrants | | 2,637 3,000 1,155 | 2,637 5,343 2,057 |
| Impact Innovations Group, LLC (Business Services) | Equity Interests in Affiliate | | | 742 |
| Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (16.1%, Due 9/12) Preferred Stock (25,000 shares) Common Stock (6,200 shares) | 58,534 | 58,298 25,000 6,325 | 58,298 26,791 236 |
| Jakel, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Subordinated Debt (15.5%, Due 3/08) ⁽⁶⁾ Preferred Stock (6,460 shares) Common Stock (158,061 shares) | 13,742 | 13,742 6,460 9,347 | |
| Legacy Partners Group, LLC (Financial Services) | Senior Loan (14.0%, Due 5/09) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (18.0%, Due 5/09) ⁽⁶⁾ Equity Interests | 7,646 2,952 | 7,646 2,952 4,229 | 5,029 |
| Litterer Beteiligungs-GmbH ⁽⁴⁾ (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt (8.0%, Due 3/07) Equity Interest | 621 | 621 1,810 | 621 2,226 |

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|---|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Mercury Air Centers, Inc. (Business Services) | Senior Loan (10.0%, Due 4/09) | 31,720 | 31,720 | 31,720 |
| | Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 4/09) | 46,703 | 46,519 | 46,519 |
| | Common Stock (57,970 shares) | | 35,053 | 88,898 |
| | Standby Letters of Credit (\$1,397) | | | |
| MVL Group, Inc. (Business Services) | Senior Loan (12.1%, Due 7/09) | 27,519 | 27,218 | 27,218 |
| | Subordinated Debt (14.4%, Due 7/09) | 32,905 | 32,417 | 32,417 |
| | Common Stock (648,661 shares) | | 643 | 3,211 |
| Pennsylvania Avenue Investors, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund) | Equity Interests | | 2,576 | 1,864 |
| Powell Plant Farms, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Senior Loan (15.0%, Due 12/05 - 12/06) | 32,640 | 23,792 | 23,792 |
| | Subordinated Debt (20.0%, Due 6/03) ⁽⁶⁾ | 19,291 | 19,224 | 7,364 |
| | Preferred Stock (1,483 shares) | | | |
| | Warrants | | | |

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| | Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Principal | Cost | Value |
|--|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Redox Brands, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Preferred Stock (2,726,444 shares) Warrants | | \$ 7,903 584 | \$ 12,097 500 |
| Service Champ, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt (15.5%, Due 4/12) Common Stock (63,888 shares) | \$ 27,041 | 26,906 13,662 | 26,906 13,319 |
| Staffing Partners Holding Company, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt (13.5%, Due 1/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Preferred Stock (439,600 shares) Common Stock (69,773 shares) Warrants | 6,343 | 6,343 4,968 50 10 | 6,343 1,812 |
| Startec Global Communications Corporation (Telecommunications) | Senior Loan (10.0%, Due 5/07 5/09) Common Stock (19,180,000 shares) | 25,226 | 25,226 37,255 | 21,685 |
| STS Operating, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Subordinated Debt (15.3%, Due 3/12) Common Stock (3,000,000 shares) Options | 6,593 | 6,593 3,522 | 6,593 64,963 560 |
| Triview Investments, Inc. ⁽⁸⁾ (Broadcasting & Cable/ Consumer Products) | Senior Loan (8.6%, Due 12/06) Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 7/12) Subordinated Debt (16.8%, Due 7/08 7/12) ⁽⁶⁾ Common Stock (202 shares) Guaranty (\$800) Standby Letter of Credit (\$200) | 7,449 31,000 19,600 | 7,449 30,845 19,520 93,889 | 7,449 30,845 19,520 29,171 |
| Total companies more than 25% owned | | | \$ 1,489,782 | \$ 1,887,651 |

Companies 5% to 25% Owned

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Air Evac Lifeteam | \$ 42,414 | \$ 42,267 | \$ 42,267 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

| | | | | |
|---|---|--------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| (Healthcare Services) | Subordinated Debt (13.8%, Due 7/10) Equity Interests | | 3,941 | 4,025 |
| Aspen Pet Products, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (19.0%, Due 6/08) Preferred Stock (2,935 shares) Common Stock (1,400 shares) Warrants | 20,051 | 19,959 2,154 140 | 19,959 1,638 17 |
| Becker Underwood, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 8/12) Common Stock (5,073 shares) | 23,639 | 23,543 5,813 | 23,543 2,200 |
| The Debt Exchange Inc. (Business Services) | Preferred Stock (921,875 shares) | | 1,250 | 3,219 |

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- (8) Triview Investments, Inc. (formerly GAC Investments, Inc.) holds investments in Longview Cable & Data, LLC (Broadcasting & Cable) with a cost of \$66.5 million and value of \$16.0 million and Triax Holdings, LLC (Consumer Products) with a cost of \$85.2 million and a value of \$71.0 million. The guaranty and standby letter of credit relate to Longview Cable & Data, LLC.

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| | Investment⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Principal | Cost | Value |
|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| MedBridge Healthcare, LLC (Healthcare Services) | Senior Loan (4.0%, Due 8/09) Subordinated Debt (10.0%, Due 8/14) ⁽⁶⁾ Convertible Subordinated Debt (2.0%, Due 8/14) ⁽⁶⁾ Equity Interests | \$ 7,093 4,809 2,970 | \$ 7,093 4,809 984 800 | \$ 7,093 534 |
| Nexcel Synthetics, LLC (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 6/09) Equity Interests | 10,617 | 10,588 1,708 | 10,588 1,367 |
| Pres Air Trol LLC (Industrial Products) | Unitranche Debt (12.0%, Due 4/10) Equity Interests | 6,138 | 5,820 1,356 | 5,820 318 |
| Progressive International Corporation (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 12/09) Preferred Stock (500 shares) Common Stock (197 shares) Warrants | 7,401 | 7,376 500 13 | 7,376 884 13 |
| Soteria Imaging Services, LLC (Healthcare Services) | Subordinated Debt (11.8%, Due 11/10) Equity Interests | 14,500 | 13,447 2,153 | 13,447 2,308 |
| Universal Environmental Services, LLC (Business Services) | Unitranche Debt (15.5%, Due 2/09) Equity Interests | 10,900 | 10,862 1,797 | 10,862 1,328 |
| Total companies 5% to 25% owned | | | \$ 168,373 | \$ 158,806 |

Companies Less Than 5% Owned

| | | | | |
|--|---|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Advanced Circuits, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Senior Loans (10.1%, Due 9/11 3/12) Common Stock (40,000 shares) | \$ 18,732 | \$ 18,642 1,000 | \$ 18,642 1,000 |
| Anthony, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Subordinated Debt (12.9%, Due 9/11 9/12) | 14,670 | 14,610 | 14,610 |
| Benchmark Medical, Inc. | Warrants | | 18 | 190 |

| (Healthcare Services) | | | | |
|---|---|--------|--------|--------|
| BI Incorporated | Subordinated Debt (14.0%, due 2/12) | 16,203 | 16,133 | 16,133 |
| (Business Services) | | | | |
| Border Foods, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (13.0%, Due 12/10) ⁽⁶⁾ | 13,428 | 12,721 | |
| | Preferred Stock (140,214 shares) | | 2,893 | |
| | Common Stock (1,810 shares) | | 45 | |
| | Warrants | | 910 | |

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| | Investment⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Principal | Cost | Value |
|--|---|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| C&K Market, Inc. (Retail) | Subordinated Debt (13.0%, Due 12/08) | \$ 14,694 | \$ 14,638 | \$ 14,638 |
| Callidus Debt Partners CDO Fund I, Ltd. ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁹⁾ (Senior Debt Fund) | Class C Notes (12.9%, Due 12/13) Class D Notes (17.0%, Due 12/13) | 18,800 9,400 | 18,973 9,487 | 18,973 9,487 |
| Callidus Debt Partners CLO Fund III, Ltd. ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁹⁾ (Senior Debt Fund) | Preferred Shares (23,600,000 shares) | | 24,233 | 24,233 |
| Callidus MAPS CLO Fund I LLC ⁽⁹⁾ (Senior Debt Fund) | Class E Notes (9.7%, Due 12/17) Income Notes | 17,000 | 17,000 48,108 | 17,000 48,108 |
| Camden Partners Strategic Fund II, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund) | Limited Partnership Interest | | 2,142 | 2,726 |
| Catterton Partners V, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund) | Limited Partnership Interest | | 2,650 | 2,691 |
| CBS Personnel Holdings, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 12/09) | 20,617 | 20,541 | 20,541 |
| Community Education Centers, Inc. (Education Services) | Subordinated Debt (16.0%, Due 12/10) | 32,852 | 32,738 | 32,738 |
| Component Hardware Group, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Preferred Stock (18,000 shares) Common Stock (2,000 shares) | | 2,605 200 | 2,783 700 |
| Cooper Natural Resources, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Subordinated Debt (0%, Due 11/07) Preferred Stock (6,316 shares) Warrants | 840 | 840 1,424 830 | 840 20 |

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Coverall North America, Inc. | Subordinated Debt (14.6%, Due 2/11) | 27,309 | 27,261 | 27,261 |
| (Business Services) | Preferred Stock (6,500 shares) | | 6,500 | 6,866 |
| | Warrants | | 2,950 | 3,100 |

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- (9) The fund is managed by Callidus Capital Corporation, a portfolio company of Allied Capital.

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| | Investment ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Principal | Cost | Value |
|--|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Drilltec Patents & Technologies Company, Inc. (Energy Services) | Subordinated Debt (17.0%, Due 8/06) ⁽⁶⁾ Subordinated Debt (10.0%, Due 8/06) ⁽⁶⁾ | \$ 1,500 10,994 | \$ 1,500 10,918 | \$ 1,500 9,792 |
| eCentury Capital Partners, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund) | Limited Partnership Interest | | 5,649 | 83 |
| Elexis Beta GmbH ⁽⁴⁾ (Industrial Products) | Options | | 426 | 50 |
| Event Rentals, Inc. (Consumer Services) | Senior Loans (9.9%, Due 11/11) | 18,341 | 18,244 | 18,244 |
| Frozen Specialties, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Warrants | | 435 | 470 |
| Garden Ridge Corporation (Retail) | Subordinated Debt (7.0%, Due 5/12) ⁽⁶⁾ | 22,500 | 22,500 | 22,500 |
| Geotrace Technologies, Inc. (Energy Services) | Subordinated Debt (10.0%, Due 6/09) Warrants | 25,618 | 23,875 2,350 | 23,875 2,500 |
| Ginsey Industries, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (12.5%, Due 3/07) | 3,680 | 3,680 | 3,680 |
| Grant Broadcasting Systems II (Broadcasting & Cable) | Subordinated Debt (5.0%, Due 6/09) | 2,756 | 2,756 | 2,756 |
| Grotech Partners, VI, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund) | Limited Partnership Interest | | 6,914 | 4,161 |
| Havco Wood Products LLC (Industrial Products) | Unitranche Debt (10.4%, Due 8/11) Equity Interests | 33,000 | 31,794 1,048 | 31,794 1,048 |
| Haven Eldercare of New England, LLC ⁽¹⁰⁾ (Healthcare Services) | Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 8/09) ⁽⁶⁾ | 4,320 | 4,320 | 4,320 |

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|---|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Haven Healthcare Management, LLC ⁽¹⁰⁾ (Healthcare Services) | Subordinated Debt (18.0% Due 4/07) ⁽⁶⁾ | 1,319 | 1,319 | 485 |
| HealthASPex Services Inc. (Business Services) | Senior Loans (4.0%, Due 7/08) | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| The Hillman Companies, Inc. ⁽³⁾ (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (13.5%, Due 9/11) | 44,000 | 43,815 | 43,815 |
| Homax Holdings, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 8/11) | 14,000 | 13,039 | 13,039 |
| | Preferred Stock (89 shares) | | 89 | 92 |
| | Common Stock (28 shares) | | 6 | 6 |
| | Warrants | | 1,106 | 1,492 |
| Icon International, Inc. (Business Services) | Common Stock (25,707 shares) | | 76 | 16 |
| International Fiber Corporation (Industrial Products) | Subordinated Debt (14.0%, Due 6/12) | 21,546 | 21,460 | 21,460 |
| | Preferred Stock (25,000 shares) | | 2,500 | 1,900 |
| Line-X, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Senior Loan (8.1%, Due 8/11) | 4,134 | 4,111 | 4,111 |
| | Unitranche Debt (10.0% Due 8/11) | 51,475 | 51,229 | 51,229 |
| | Standby Letter of Credit (\$1,500) | | | |

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- (10) Haven Eldercare of New England, LLC and Haven Healthcare Management, LLC are affiliated companies.

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| | Investment⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Principal | Cost | Value |
|--|--|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| MedAssets, Inc. (Business Services) | Preferred Stock (227,865 shares) Warrants | | \$ 2,049 136 | \$ 2,893 180 |
| Meineke Car Care Centers, Inc. (Business Services) | Senior Loan (8.0%, Due 6/11) Subordinated Debt (11.9%, Due 6/12 6/13) Common Stock (10,696,308 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ Warrants | \$ 28,000 72,000 | 27,865 71,675 26,985 | 27,865 71,675 26,629 |
| MHF Logistical Solutions, Inc. (Business Services) | Unitranche Debt (10.0%, Due 5/11) Preferred Stock (431 shares) Common Stock (1,438 shares) | 22,281 | 22,177 431 144 | 22,177 455 211 |
| Mid-Atlantic Venture Fund IV, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund) | Limited Partnership Interest | | 6,600 | 3,339 |
| Mogas Energy, LLC (Energy Services) | Subordinated Debt (9.5%, Due 3/12 4/12) Warrants | 16,855 | 15,472 1,774 | 15,472 3,550 |
| Network Hardware Resale, Inc. (Business Services) | Unitranche Debt (10.5%, Due 12/11) Convertible Subordinated Debt (9.8%, Due 12/15) | 38,500 12,000 | 38,743 12,076 | 38,743 12,076 |
| N.E.W. Customer Service Companies, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt (11.0%, Due 7/12) | 40,000 | 40,016 | 40,016 |
| Nobel Learning Communities, Inc. ⁽³⁾ (Education) | Preferred Stock (1,214,356 shares) Warrants | | 2,764 575 | 2,343 1,296 |
| Norwesco, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Subordinated Debt (12.6%, Due 1/12 7/12) Common Stock (559,603 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ Warrants | 82,061 | 81,683 38,313 | 81,683 38,313 |

| | | | | |
|---|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Novak Biddle Venture Partners III, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund) | Limited Partnership Interest | | 1,669 | 1,809 |
| Oahu Waste Services, Inc. (Business Services) | Stock Appreciation Rights | | 239 | 1,000 |
| Opinion Research Corporation ⁽³⁾ (Business Services) | Warrants | | 996 | 45 |
| Oriental Trading Company, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Common Stock (13,820 shares) | | | 5,200 |
| Palm Coast Data, LLC (Business Services) | Senior Loan (7.6%, Due 8/10) | 16,100 | 16,024 | 16,024 |
| | Subordinated Debt (15.5%, Due 8/12 8/15) | 29,600 | 29,461 | 29,461 |
| | Common Stock (21,743 shares) ⁽¹¹⁾ | | 21,743 | 21,743 |
| | Warrants | | | |
| Performant Financial Corporation (Business Services) | Common Stock (478,816 shares) | | 734 | 2,500 |
| Pro Mach, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Subordinated Debt (13.8%, Due 6/12) | 19,275 | 19,193 | 19,193 |
| | Equity Interests | | 1,500 | 1,200 |

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| | Investment⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Principal | Cost | Value |
|--|---|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Promo Works, LLC (Business Services) | Senior Loan (8.5%, Due 12/11) Unitranche Debt (10.3%, Due 12/11) Guaranty (\$1,650) | \$ 900 31,000 | \$ 851 30,728 | \$ 851 30,728 |
| RadioVisa Corporation (Broadcasting & Cable) | Unitranche Debt (15.5%, Due 12/08) | 27,093 | 26,993 | 26,993 |
| Red Hawk Industries, LLC (Business Services) | Unitranche Debt (11.0%, Due 4/11) | 56,343 | 56,063 | 56,063 |
| S.B. Restaurant Company (Retail) | Subordinated Debt (14.6%, Due 11/08 12/09) Preferred Stock (54,125 shares) Warrants | 29,085 | 28,615 135 619 | 28,615 135 700 |
| SBBUT, LLC (Consumer Products) | Equity Interests | | | |
| Soff-Cut Holdings, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Preferred Stock (300 shares) Common Stock (2,000 shares) | | 300 200 | 300 37 |
| SPP Mezzanine Fund, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund) | Limited Partnership Interest | | 3,007 | 2,969 |
| Tradesmen International, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt (12.0%, Due 12/09) Warrants | 15,000 | 14,323 710 | 14,323 1,700 |
| TransAmerican Auto Parts, LLC (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (14.0%, Due 11/12) Equity Interests | 10,000 | 9,951 889 | 9,951 889 |
| United Site Services, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt (12.4%, Due 8/11) Common Stock (160,588 shares) | 49,712 | 49,503 1,000 | 49,503 1,200 |
| Universal Air Filter Company (Industrial Products) | Senior Loans (7.9%, Due 11/11) Unitranche Debt (11.0%, Due 11/11) | 400 19,867 | 390 19,768 | 390 19,768 |

| | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Universal Tax Systems, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt (14.5%, Due 7/11) | 19,068 | 18,995 | 18,995 |
| Udata Venture Partners II, L.P. ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund) | Limited Partnership Interest | | 4,977 | 4,686 |
| Venturehouse-Cibernet Investors, LLC (Business Services) | Equity Interest | | 42 | 42 |
| Venturehouse Group, LLC ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund) | Equity Interest | | 598 | 397 |
| VICORP Restaurants, Inc. ⁽³⁾ (Retail) | Warrants | | 33 | 691 |
| Walker Investment Fund II, LLLP ⁽⁵⁾ (Private Equity Fund) | Limited Partnership Interest | | 1,330 | 676 |

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| | Investment⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Principal | Cost | Value |
|--|---|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Wear Me Apparel Corporation (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (15.0%, Due 12/10) Warrants | \$ 40,000 | \$ 38,992 1,219 | \$ 38,992 2,000 |
| Wilshire Restaurant Group, Inc. (Retail) | Subordinated Debt (20.0%, Due 6/07) ⁽⁶⁾ Warrants | 22,471 | 21,930 735 | 21,930 538 |
| Wilton Industries, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (19.3%, Due 6/08) | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,800 |
| Woodstream Corporation (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (13.2%, Due 11/12 5/13) Common Stock (180 shares) Warrants | 52,397 | 52,251 673 | 52,251 3,336 2,365 |
| Other companies | Other debt investments Other debt investments ⁽⁶⁾ Other equity investments Guaranty (\$135) | 382 470 | 382 470 8 | 382 348 |
| Total companies less than 5% owned | | | \$ 1,448,268 | \$ 1,432,833 |
| Total private finance (118 portfolio companies) | | | \$ 3,106,423 | \$ 3,479,290 |

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Commercial Real Estate Finance
(in thousands, except number of loans)

| | Interest Rate Ranges | Number of Loans | December 31, 2005 | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | | | Cost | Value |
| Commercial Mortgage Loans | | | | |
| | Up to 6.99% | 5 | \$ 23,121 | \$ 21,844 |
| | 7.00% 8.99% | 24 | 48,156 | 48,156 |
| | 9.00% 10.99% | 5 | 25,999 | 25,967 |
| | 11.00% 12.99% | 1 | 338 | 338 |
| | 13.00% 14.99% | 1 | 2,294 | 2,294 |
| | 15.00% and above | 2 | 3,970 | 3,970 |
| Total commercial mortgage loans ⁽¹²⁾ | | 38 | \$ 103,878 | \$ 102,569 |
| Real Estate Owned | | | \$ 14,240 | \$ 13,932 |
| Equity Interests⁽²⁾ Companies more than 25% owned (Guarantees \$7,054) | | | \$ 13,577 | \$ 10,564 |
| Total commercial real estate finance | | | \$ 131,695 | \$ 127,065 |
| Total portfolio | | | \$ 3,238,118 | \$ 3,606,355 |

| | Yield | Cost | Value |
|--|-------|------------|------------|
| Liquidity Portfolio | | | |
| U.S. Treasury bills (Due June 2006) | 4.25% | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,305 |
| SEI Daily Income Tr Prime Obligation Fund ⁽¹³⁾ | 4.11% | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Total liquidity portfolio | | \$ 200,000 | \$ 200,305 |
| Other Investments in Money Market Securities⁽¹³⁾ | | | |
| PNC Bank Corporate Money Market Deposit Account | 4.15% | \$ 21,967 | \$ 21,967 |

(1) Interest rates represent the weighted average annual stated interest rate on loans and debt securities, which are presented by nature of indebtedness for a single issuer. The maturity dates represent the earliest and the latest maturity dates.

- (2) Common stock, preferred stock, warrants, options, and equity interests are generally non-income producing and restricted.
- (3) Public company.
- (4) Non-U.S. company or principal place of business outside the U.S.
- (5) Non-registered investment company.
- (12) Commercial mortgage loans totaling \$20.8 million at value were on non-accrual status and therefore were considered non-income producing.
- (13) Included in investments in money market securities on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
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Note 1. Organization

Allied Capital Corporation, a Maryland corporation, is a closed-end management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (1940 Act). Allied Capital Corporation (ACC) has a subsidiary, Allied Investments L.P. (Allied Investments), which is licensed under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 as a Small Business Investment Company (SBIC). In addition, ACC has a real estate investment trust subsidiary, Allied Capital REIT, Inc. (Allied REIT), and several subsidiaries that are single member limited liability companies established primarily to hold real estate properties. ACC also has a subsidiary, A.C. Corporation (AC Corp), that generally provides diligence and structuring services, as well as structuring, transaction, management, consulting and other services to the Company and its portfolio companies.

Allied Capital Corporation and its subsidiaries, collectively, are referred to as the Company.

In accordance with specific rules prescribed for investment companies, subsidiaries hold investments on behalf of the Company or provide substantial services to the Company. Portfolio investments are held for purposes of deriving investment income and future capital gains. The Company consolidates the results of its subsidiaries for financial reporting purposes. The financial results of the Company s portfolio investments are not consolidated in the Company s financial statements.

The investment objective of the Company is to achieve current income and capital gains. In order to achieve this objective, the Company has primarily invested in companies in a variety of industries.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of ACC and its subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2004 and 2003 balances to conform with the 2005 financial statement presentation.

The private finance portfolio and the interest and related portfolio income and net realized gains (losses) on the private finance portfolio are presented in three categories: companies more than 25% owned, which represent portfolio companies where the Company directly or indirectly owns more than 25% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company and, therefore, are deemed controlled by the Company under the 1940 Act; companies owned 5% to 25%, which represent portfolio companies where the Company directly or indirectly owns 5% to 25% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company or where the Company holds one or more seats on the portfolio company s board of directors and, therefore, are deemed to be an affiliated person under the 1940 Act; and companies less than 5% owned which represent portfolio companies where the Company directly or indirectly owns less than 5% of the outstanding voting securities of such portfolio company and where the Company has no other affiliations with such portfolio company. The interest and related portfolio income and net realized gains (losses) from the commercial real estate finance portfolio and other sources are included in the companies less than 5% owned category on the consolidated statement of operations.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company enters into transactions with portfolio companies that may be considered related party transactions.

Valuation Of Portfolio Investments

The Company, as a BDC, has invested in illiquid securities including debt and equity securities of companies, non-investment grade commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), and the bonds and preferred shares of collateralized debt obligations (CDO). The Company s investments may be subject

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

to certain restrictions on resale and generally have no established trading market. The Company values substantially all of its investments at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Company's valuation policy. The Company determines fair value to be the amount for which an investment could be exchanged in an orderly disposition over a reasonable period of time between willing parties other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The Company's valuation policy considers the fact that no ready market exists for substantially all of the securities in which it invests. The Company's valuation policy is intended to provide a consistent basis for determining the fair value of the portfolio. The Company will record unrealized depreciation on investments when it believes that an investment has become impaired, including where collection of a loan or realization of an equity security is doubtful, or when the enterprise value of the portfolio company does not currently support the cost of the Company's debt or equity investments. Enterprise value means the entire value of the company to a potential buyer, including the sum of the values of debt and equity securities used to capitalize the enterprise at a point in time. The Company will record unrealized appreciation if it believes that the underlying portfolio company has appreciated in value and/or the Company's equity security has appreciated in value. The value of investments in publicly traded securities is determined using quoted market prices discounted for restrictions on resale, if any.

Loans and Debt Securities

For loans and debt securities, fair value generally approximates cost unless the borrower's enterprise value, overall financial condition or other factors lead to a determination of fair value at a different amount.

When the Company receives nominal cost warrants or free equity securities (nominal cost equity), the Company allocates its cost basis in its investment between its debt securities and its nominal cost equity at the time of origination. At that time, the original issue discount basis of the nominal cost equity is recorded by increasing the cost basis in the equity and decreasing the cost basis in the related debt securities.

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. For loans and debt securities with contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity, the Company will not accrue payment-in-kind interest if the portfolio company valuation indicates that the payment-in-kind interest is not collectible. In general, interest is not accrued on loans and debt securities if the Company has doubt about interest collection or where the enterprise value of the portfolio company may not support further accrual. Loans in workout status that are classified as Grade 4 or 5 assets under the Company's internal grading system do not accrue interest. In addition, interest may not accrue on loans or debt securities to portfolio companies that are more than 50% owned by the Company depending on such company's capital requirements. Loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount are capitalized and then amortized into interest income using the effective interest method. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any unamortized loan origination fees are recorded as interest income and any unamortized original issue discount or market discount is recorded as a realized gain. Prepayment premiums are recorded on loans and debt securities when received.

The weighted average yield on loans and debt securities is computed as the (a) annual stated interest plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities less the annual amortization of loan origination costs, divided by (b) total loans and debt securities at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date.

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Equity Securities

The Company's equity securities in portfolio companies for which there is no liquid public market are valued at fair value based on the enterprise value of the portfolio company, which is determined using various factors, including cash flow from operations of the portfolio company and other pertinent factors, such as recent offers to purchase a portfolio company, recent transactions involving the purchase or sale of the portfolio company's equity securities, liquidation events, or other events. The determined equity values are generally discounted to account for restrictions on resale or minority ownership positions.

The value of the Company's equity securities in public companies for which market quotations are readily available is based on the closing public market price on the balance sheet date. Securities that carry certain restrictions on sale are typically valued at a discount from the public market value of the security.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected and to the extent that the Company has the option to receive the dividend in cash. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded companies.

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities (CMBS), Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO) and Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLO)

On May 3, 2005, the Company completed the sale of its portfolio of CMBS bonds and real estate related CDO bonds and preferred shares. See Note 3.

CMBS bonds and CDO and CLO bonds and preferred shares/ income notes (CMBS/ CDO/ CLO Assets) are carried at fair value, which is based on a discounted cash flow model that utilizes prepayment and loss assumptions based on historical experience and projected performance, economic factors, the characteristics of the underlying cash flow, and comparable yields for similar bonds and preferred shares/income notes, when available. The Company recognizes unrealized appreciation or depreciation on its CMBS/ CDO/ CLO Assets as comparable yields in the market change and/or based on changes in estimated cash flows resulting from changes in prepayment or loss assumptions in the underlying collateral pool. The Company determines the fair value of its CMBS/ CDO/ CLO Assets on an individual security-by-security basis.

The Company recognizes income from the amortization of original issue discount using the effective interest method using the anticipated yield over the projected life of the investment. Yields are revised when there are changes in actual and estimated prepayment speeds or actual and estimated credit losses. Changes in estimated yield are recognized as an adjustment to the estimated yield over the remaining life of the CMBS/ CDO/ CLO Assets from the date the estimated yield was changed.

Net Realized Gains or Losses and Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation

Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the year, net of recoveries. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation reflects the change in portfolio investment values during the reporting period, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation when gains or losses are realized.

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Fee Income

Fee income includes fees for guarantees and services rendered by the Company to portfolio companies and other third parties such as diligence, structuring, transaction services, management and consulting services, and other services. Guaranty fees are generally recognized as income over the related period of the guaranty. Diligence, structuring, and transaction services fees are generally recognized as income when services are rendered or when the related transactions are completed. Management, consulting and other services fees are generally recognized as income as the services are rendered.

Guarantees

Guarantees meeting the characteristics described in FASB Interpretation No. 45, *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others* (the Interpretation) and issued or modified after December 31, 2002, are recognized at fair value at inception. However, certain guarantees are excluded from the initial recognition provisions of the Interpretation. See Note 5.

Financing Costs

Debt financing costs are based on actual costs incurred in obtaining debt financing and are deferred and amortized as part of interest expense over the term of the related debt instrument using a method that approximates the effective interest method. Costs associated with the issuance of common stock, such as underwriting, accounting and legal fees, and printing costs are recorded as a reduction to the proceeds from the sale of common stock.

Dividends to Shareholders

Dividends to shareholders are recorded on the record date.

Stock Compensation Plans

The Company has a stock-based employee compensation plan. The Company accounts for this plan under the recognition and measurement principles of APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations. No stock-based employee compensation cost is reflected in net increase in net assets resulting from operations, as all options granted under this plan had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. The following table illustrates the effect on net increase in net assets resulting from operations and earnings per share if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of FASB Statement No. 123, *Accounting for*

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Stock-Based Compensation, to stock-based employee compensation for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003.

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| (in thousands, except per share amounts) | | | |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations as reported | \$ 872,814 | \$ 249,486 | \$ 192,011 |
| Less total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects | (12,717) | (16,908) | (12,294) |
| Pro forma net increase in net assets resulting from operations | 860,097 | 232,578 | 179,717 |
| Less preferred stock dividends | (10) | (62) | (210) |
| Pro forma net income available to common shareholders | \$ 860,087 | \$ 232,516 | \$ 179,507 |
| Basic earnings per common share: | | | |
| As reported | \$ 6.48 | \$ 1.92 | \$ 1.64 |
| Pro forma | \$ 6.39 | \$ 1.79 | \$ 1.54 |
| Diluted earnings per common share: | | | |
| As reported | \$ 6.36 | \$ 1.88 | \$ 1.62 |
| Pro forma | \$ 6.27 | \$ 1.76 | \$ 1.52 |

Pro forma expenses are based on the underlying value of the options granted by the Company. The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and expensed over the vesting period. The following weighted average assumptions were used to calculate the fair value of options granted during the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.1% | 2.9% | 2.8% |
| Expected life | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Expected volatility | 35.1% | 37.0% | 38.4% |
| Dividend yield | 9.0% | 8.8% | 8.9% |
| Weighted average fair value per option | \$ 3.94 | \$ 4.17 | \$ 3.47 |

Federal and State Income Taxes and Excise Tax

The Company intends to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) that are applicable to regulated investment companies (RIC) and real estate investment trusts (REIT). The Company and its subsidiaries that qualify as a RIC or a REIT intend to distribute or retain through a deemed distribution all of their annual taxable income to shareholders; therefore, the Company has made no provision for regular corporate income taxes for these entities. Income taxes for AC Corp are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases as well as operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

If the Company does not distribute at least 98% of its annual taxable income in the year earned, the Company will generally be required to pay an excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of the Company's annual taxable income exceeds the distributions for the year. To the extent that the Company

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

determines that its estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions, the Company accrues excise taxes, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as taxable income is earned using an annual effective excise tax rate. The annual effective excise tax rate is determined by dividing the estimated annual excise tax by the estimated annual taxable income.

Per Share Information

Basic earnings per common share is calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period presented. Diluted earnings per common share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if options to issue common stock were exercised into common stock. Earnings per share is computed after subtracting dividends on preferred shares.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

The consolidated financial statements include portfolio investments at value of \$3.6 billion and \$3.0 billion at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, 90% and 92%, respectively, of the Company's total assets represented portfolio investments whose fair values have been determined by the Board of Directors in good faith in the absence of readily available market values. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, the Board of Directors' determined values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments, and the differences could be material.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2004, the FASB issued Statement No. 123 (Revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* (the Statement), which requires companies to recognize the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees in the income statement. The Statement expresses no preference for a type of valuation model and was originally effective for most public companies' interim or annual periods beginning after June 15, 2005. In April 2005, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued a rule deferring the effective date to January 1, 2006. The scope of the Statement includes a wide range of share-based compensation arrangements including share options, restricted share plans, performance-based awards, share appreciation rights, and employee share purchase plans. The Statement replaces FASB Statement No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*.

The Company will adopt the Statement effective January 1, 2006, and it will apply to the options granted by the Company. These options are typically granted with ratable vesting provisions, and the Company intends to amortize the compensation cost over the service period. The Company will use the modified prospective method upon adoption. Under the modified prospective method, previously awarded but unvested options are accounted for in accordance with FASB Statement No. 123 except that amounts must be recognized in the statement of operations beginning January 1, 2006, instead of only being disclosed. Awards granted on or after January 1, 2006, will be recognized in the statement of operations. Upon adoption, the Company estimates that the stock based compensation expense related to options granted prior to January 1, 2006, will be approximately \$13 million, \$10 million, and \$3 million for the

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

years ended December 31, 2006, 2007, and 2008, respectively, for stock-based compensation that has not historically been recorded in the Company's statement of operations. This does not include any expense related to stock options granted on or after January 1, 2006, as the fair value of those stock options will be determined at the time of grant.

Note 3. Portfolio**Private Finance**

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the private finance portfolio consisted of the following:

| | 2005 | | | 2004 | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | Cost | Value | Yield ⁽¹⁾ | Cost | Value | Yield ⁽¹⁾ |
| (\$ in thousands) | | | | | | |
| Loans and debt securities: | | | | | | |
| Senior loans | \$ 284,680 | \$ 239,838 | 9.5% | \$ 260,342 | \$ 234,628 | 8.5% |
| Unitranche debt ⁽²⁾ | 294,201 | 294,201 | 11.4% | 43,900 | 43,900 | 14.8% |
| Subordinated debt | 1,610,228 | 1,560,851 | 13.8% | 1,375,613 | 1,324,341 | 14.9% |
| Total loans and debt securities ⁽³⁾ | 2,189,109 | 2,094,890 | 13.0% | 1,679,855 | 1,602,869 | 13.9% |
| Equity securities | 917,314 | 1,384,400 | | 705,065 | 699,217 | |
| Total | \$ 3,106,423 | \$ 3,479,290 | | \$ 2,384,920 | \$ 2,302,086 | |

⁽¹⁾ The weighted average yield on loans and debt securities is computed as the (a) annual stated interest plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing loans and debt securities less the annual amortization of loan origination costs, divided by (b) total loans and debt securities at value. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the cost and value of loans and debt securities include the Class A equity interests in BLX and the guaranteed dividend yield on these equity interests is included in interest income. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date.

⁽²⁾ Unitranche debt is a single debt investment that is a blend of senior and subordinated debt.

⁽³⁾ The total principal balance outstanding on loans and debt securities was \$2,216.3 million and \$1,709.6 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The difference between principal and cost is represented by unamortized loan origination fees and costs, original issue discounts, and market discounts totaling \$27.2 million and \$29.8 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

The Company's private finance investment activity principally involves providing financing through privately negotiated long-term debt and equity investments. The Company's private finance investments are generally issued by private companies and are generally illiquid and may be subject to certain restrictions on resale.

Private finance debt investments are generally structured as loans and debt securities that carry a relatively high fixed rate of interest, which may be combined with equity features, such as conversion privileges, or warrants or options to purchase a portion of the portfolio company's equity at a pre-determined strike price, which is generally a nominal price for warrants or options in a private company. The annual stated interest rate is only one factor in pricing

the investment relative to the Company's rights and priority in the portfolio company's capital structure, and will vary depending on many factors, including if the Company has received nominal cost equity or other components of investment return, such as loan origination fees or market discount. The stated interest rate may include some component of contractual payment-in-kind interest, which represents contractual interest accrued and added to the loan balance that generally becomes due at maturity.

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Note 3. Portfolio, continued

Senior loans generally carry a floating rate of interest, usually set as a spread over LIBOR, and generally require payments of both principal and interest throughout the life of the loan. Interest is generally paid to the Company monthly or quarterly. Senior loans generally have maturities of three to five years. Loans other than senior loans generally carry a fixed rate of interest with maturities of five to ten years. These loans generally have interest-only payments in the early years and payments of both principal and interest in the later years, although maturities and principal amortization schedules may vary. Interest is generally paid to the Company quarterly. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, 87% and 94%, respectively, of the private finance loans and debt securities carried a fixed rate of interest and 13% and 6%, respectively, carried a floating rate of interest.

Equity securities consist primarily of securities issued by private companies and may be subject to restrictions on their resale and are generally illiquid. The Company may incur costs associated with making buyout investments, such as legal, accounting and other professional fees associated with diligence, referral and investment banking fees, and other costs, which will be added to the cost basis of the Company's equity investment. Equity securities generally do not produce a current return, but are held with the potential for investment appreciation and ultimate gain on sale.

The Company's largest investments at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004, were in Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. (Advantage) and Business Loan Express, LLC (BLX).

Advantage Sales and Marketing, Inc. In June 2004, the Company completed the purchase of a majority voting ownership in Advantage, which is subject to dilution by a management option pool. The Company's investment totaled \$257.7 million at cost and \$660.4 million at value at December 31, 2005, and \$258.7 million at cost and \$283.0 million at value at December 31, 2004. Advantage is a sales and marketing agency providing outsourced sales, merchandising, and marketing services to the consumer packaged goods industry. Advantage has offices across the United States and is headquartered in Irvine, CA.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from the Company's investment in Advantage for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, was as follows:

| (\$ in millions) | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Interest income | \$ 30.9 | \$ 15.5 |
| Fees and other income | 6.5 | 5.8 |
| Total interest and related portfolio income | \$ 37.4 | \$ 21.3 |

Interest income from Advantage for the year ended December 31, 2004, included interest income of \$2.2 million that was paid in kind. The interest paid in kind was paid to the Company through the issuance of additional debt in 2004, which was subsequently paid in cash in 2005. Interest income from Advantage for the year ended December 31, 2005, did not include any income that was paid in kind.

Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, included \$378.4 million and \$24.3 million, respectively, of unrealized appreciation related to the Company's investment in Advantage, and no change for the year ended December 31, 2003.

In March 2006, the Company signed a definitive agreement to sell a majority equity interest in Advantage. The Company will retain an equity investment in the business as a minority shareholder. Based on the definitive agreement, Advantage will sell for an enterprise value of approximately \$1.05 billion, subject to pre- and post-closing adjustments. The sale transaction is expected to close by March 31, 2006, subject to certain closing conditions.

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Note 3. Portfolio, continued

Business Loan Express, LLC. The Company's investment in BLX totaled \$299.4 million at cost and \$357.1 million at value at December 31, 2005, and \$280.4 million at cost and \$335.2 million at value at December 31, 2004. BLX is a small business lender that participates in the U.S. Small Business Administration's 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company owned 94.9% of the voting Class C equity interests. BLX has an equity appreciation rights plan for management which will dilute the value available to the Class C equity interest holders. BLX is headquartered in New York, NY.

Total interest and related portfolio income earned from the Company's investment in BLX for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Interest income on subordinated debt and Class A equity interests | \$ 14.3 | \$ 23.2 | \$ 21.9 |
| Dividend income on Class B equity interests | 14.0 | 14.8 | 7.8 |
| Loan prepayment premiums | | | 0.1 |
| Fees and other income | 9.2 | 12.0 | 16.9 |
| Total interest and related portfolio income | \$ 37.5 | \$ 50.0 | \$ 46.7 |

Interest and dividend income from BLX for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, included interest and dividend income of \$8.9 million, \$25.4 million, and \$17.5 million, respectively, which was paid in kind. The interest and dividends paid in kind were paid to the Company through the issuance of additional debt or equity interests.

Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation included a net increase in unrealized appreciation on the Company's investment in BLX of \$2.9 million and \$51.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2003, respectively, and a net decrease in unrealized appreciation of \$32.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2004.

At December 31, 2004, the Company's subordinated debt investment in BLX was \$44.6 million at cost and value. Effective January 1, 2005, this debt plus accrued interest of \$0.2 million was exchanged for Class B equity interests, which are included in private finance equity interests. Since the subordinated debt is no longer outstanding, the amount of taxable income available to flow through to BLX's equity holders will increase by the amount of interest that would have otherwise been paid on this debt.

At December 31, 2005, the Company had a commitment to BLX of \$30.0 million in the form of a subordinated revolving credit facility to provide working capital to BLX which matures on April 30, 2006. There was \$10.0 million outstanding under this facility at December 31, 2005.

As a limited liability company, BLX's taxable income flows through directly to its members. BLX's annual taxable income generally differs from its book income for the fiscal year due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses. The Company holds all of BLX's Class A and Class B interests, and 94.9% of the Class C interests. BLX's taxable income is first allocated to the Class A interests to the extent that dividends are paid in cash or in kind on such interests, with the remainder being allocated to the Class B and Class C interests. BLX declares dividends on its Class B interests based on an estimate of its annual taxable income allocable to such interests.

At the time of the corporate reorganization of BLX, Inc. from a C corporation to a limited liability company in 2003, for tax purposes BLX had a built-in gain representing the aggregate fair market value of its assets in excess of the tax basis of its assets. As a RIC, the Company will be subject to special built-in gain rules on the assets of BLX. Under these rules, taxes will be payable by the Company at the time

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Note 3. Portfolio, continued

and to the extent that the built-in gains on BLX's assets at the date of reorganization are recognized in a taxable disposition of such assets in the 10-year period following the date of the reorganization. At such time, the built-in gains realized upon the disposition of these assets will be included in the Company's taxable income, net of the corporate level taxes paid by the Company on the built-in gains. However, if these assets are disposed of after the 10-year period, there will be no corporate level taxes on these built-in gains.

While the Company has no obligation to pay the built-in gains tax until these assets are disposed of in the future, it may be necessary to record a liability for these taxes in the future should the Company intend to sell the assets of BLX within the 10-year period. The Company estimates that its future tax liability resulting from the built-in gains at the date of BLX's reorganization may total up to \$40 million. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company considered the increase in fair value of its investment in BLX due to BLX's tax attributes as an LLC and has also considered the reduction in fair value of its investment due to these estimated built-in gain taxes in determining the fair value of its investment in BLX.

As the controlling equity owner of BLX, the Company has provided an unconditional guaranty to the BLX credit facility lenders in an amount equal to 50% of the total obligations (consisting of principal, letters of credit issued under the facility, accrued interest, and other fees) on BLX's three-year \$275.0 million revolving credit facility, which includes a sub-facility for the issuance of letters of credit for up to a total of \$50.0 million. The facility matures in January 2007. The amount guaranteed by the Company at December 31, 2005 and 2004, was \$135.4 million and \$94.6 million, respectively. This guaranty can be called by the lenders only in the event of a default by BLX. BLX was in compliance with the terms of its credit facility at December 31, 2005 and 2004. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had also provided four standby letters of credit totaling \$34.1 million and \$35.6 million, respectively, in connection with four term securitization transactions completed by BLX. In consideration for providing the guaranty and the standby letters of credit, BLX paid the Company fees of \$6.3 million, \$6.0 million, and \$4.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

The Hillman Companies, Inc. On March 31, 2004, the Company sold its control investment in Hillman, which was one of the Company's largest investments, for a total transaction value of \$510 million, including the repayment of outstanding debt and adding the value of Hillman's outstanding trust preferred shares. The Company was repaid its existing \$44.6 million in outstanding debt. Total consideration to the Company from the sale at closing, including the repayment of debt, was \$244.3 million, which included net cash proceeds of \$196.8 million and the receipt of a new subordinated debt instrument of \$47.5 million. During the second quarter of 2004, the Company sold a \$5.0 million participation in its subordinated debt in Hillman to a third party, which reduced the Company's investment, and no gain or loss resulted from the transaction. For the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company realized a gain of \$150.3 million on the transaction including a gain of \$1.3 million realized after closing, resulting from post-closing adjustments, which provided additional cash consideration to the Company in the same amount.

Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLOs) and Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs) At December 31, 2005, the Company owned bonds and preferred shares/income notes in two collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) totaling \$89.3 million at value and bonds in one collateralized debt obligation (CDO) totaling \$28.5 million at value. At December 31, 2004, the Company owned the preferred shares in one CLO totaling \$23.9 million at value. These CLOs and CDO are managed by Callidus Capital Corporation.

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Note 3. Portfolio, continued

The bonds, preferred shares and income notes of the CLOs and CDO in which the Company has invested are junior in priority for payment of interest and principal to the more senior notes issued by the CLOs and CDO. Cash flow from the underlying collateral assets in the CLOs and CDO is generally allocated first to the senior bonds in order of priority, then any remaining cash flow is generally distributed to the preferred shareholders and income note holders. To the extent there are defaults and unrecoverable losses on the underlying collateral assets that result in reduced cash flows, the preferred shares/income notes will bear this loss first and then the subordinated bonds would bear any loss after the preferred shares/income notes.

At December 31, 2005, the face value of the CLO and CDO bonds held by the Company were subordinate to approximately 82% to 85% of the face value of the securities issued in these CLOs and CDO. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the face value of the CLO and CDO preferred shares/income notes held by the Company were subordinate to approximately 86% and 91%, respectively, of the face value of the securities issued in these various CLOs and CDO.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company owned CLO and CDO investments issued in three and one issuances, respectively, which had underlying collateral assets, consisting primarily of senior debt, that were issued by 336 issuers and 151 issuers, respectively, and had balances as follows:

| (\$ in millions) | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| Bonds | \$ 230.7 | \$ |
| Syndicated Loans | 704.0 | 377.0 |
| Cash ⁽¹⁾ | 238.4 | 12.7 |
| Total underlying collateral assets | \$ 1,173.1 | \$ 389.7 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes undrawn liability amounts.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, there were no delinquencies in the underlying collateral assets of the CLO and CDO issuances owned by the Company.

The initial yields on the CLO and CDO bonds, preferred shares and income notes are based on the estimated future cash flows from the underlying collateral assets expected to be paid to these CLO and CDO classes. As each CLO and CDO bond, preferred share or income note ages, the estimated future cash flows will be updated based on the estimated performance of the underlying collateral assets, and the respective yield will be adjusted as necessary. As future cash flows are subject to uncertainties and contingencies that are difficult to predict and are subject to future events that may alter current assumptions, no assurance can be given that the anticipated yields to maturity will be achieved.

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Note 3. Portfolio, continued

Loans and Debt Securities on Non-Accrual Status. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, private finance loans and debt securities at value not accruing interest were as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| (\$ in thousands) | | |
| Loans and debt securities in workout status (classified as Grade 4 or 5) | | |
| Companies more than 25% owned | \$ 15,622 | \$ 34,374 |
| Companies less than 5% owned | 11,417 | 16,550 |
| Loans and debt securities not in workout status | | |
| Companies more than 25% owned | 58,047 | 29,368 |
| Companies 5% to 25% owned | 534 | 678 |
| Companies less than 5% owned | 49,458 | 15,864 |
| Total | \$ 135,078 | \$ 96,834 |

Industry and Geographic Compositions. The industry and geographic compositions of the private finance portfolio at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004, were as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|----------|----------|
| Industry | | |
| Business services | 45% | 32% |
| Financial services | 15 | 21 |
| Consumer products | 14 | 20 |
| Industrial products | 10 | 8 |
| Retail | 3 | 2 |
| Healthcare services | 2 | 8 |
| Energy services | 2 | 2 |
| Broadcasting and cable | 1 | 2 |
| Other ⁽¹⁾ | 8 | 5 |
| Total | 100% | 100% |
| Geographic Region⁽²⁾ | | |
| West | 34% | 27% |
| Mid-Atlantic | 29 | 40 |
| Midwest | 21 | 15 |
| Southeast | 12 | 14 |
| Northeast | 4 | 4 |
| Total | 100% | 100% |

- (1) Includes investments in senior debt CDO and CLO funds. These funds invest in senior debt representing a variety of industries.
- (2) The geographic region for the private finance portfolio depicts the location of the headquarters for the Company's portfolio companies. The portfolio companies may have a number of other locations in other geographic regions.

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Note 3. Portfolio, continued*Commercial Real Estate Finance*

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the commercial real estate finance portfolio consisted of the following:

| | 2005 | | | 2004 | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | Cost | Value | Yield ⁽¹⁾ | Cost | Value | Yield ⁽¹⁾ |
| (\$ in thousands) | | | | | | |
| CMBS bonds | \$ | \$ | | \$ 383,310 | \$ 373,805 | 14.6% |
| CDO bonds and preferred shares | | | | 212,590 | 212,573 | 16.8% |
| Commercial mortgage loans | 103,878 | 102,569 | 7.6% | 99,373 | 95,056 | 6.8% |
| Real estate owned | 14,240 | 13,932 | | 16,170 | 16,871 | |
| Equity interests | 13,577 | 10,564 | | 11,169 | 13,020 | |
| Total | \$ 131,695 | \$ 127,065 | | \$ 722,612 | \$ 711,325 | |

⁽¹⁾ The weighted average yield on the interest-bearing investments is computed as the (a) annual stated interest plus the annual amortization of loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount on accruing interest-bearing investments less the annual amortization of origination costs, divided by (b) total interest-bearing investments at value. The weighted average yield is computed as of the balance sheet date. Interest-bearing investments for the commercial real estate finance portfolio include all investments except for real estate owned and equity interests.

CMBS Bonds and Collateralized Debt Obligation Bonds and Preferred Shares (CDOs). On May 3, 2005, the Company completed the sale of its portfolio of CMBS bonds and CDO bonds and preferred shares to affiliates of Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (the Caisse) for cash proceeds of \$976.0 million and realized a net gain of \$227.7 million, after transaction and other costs of \$7.8 million. Transaction costs included investment banking fees, legal and other professional fees, and other transaction costs. Upon the closing of the sale, the Company settled all the hedge positions relating to these assets, which resulted in a net realized loss of \$0.7 million, which has been included in the net realized gain on the sale. The value of these assets prior to their sale was determined on an individual security-by-security basis. The net gain realized upon the sale of \$227.7 million reflects the total value received for the portfolio as a whole.

Simultaneous with the sale of the Company's CMBS and CDO portfolio, the Company entered into certain agreements with affiliates of the Caisse, including a platform assets purchase agreement, pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell certain additional commercial real estate-related assets to the Caisse, subject to certain adjustments and closing conditions, and a transition services agreement, pursuant to which the Company agreed to provide certain transition services for a limited transition period.

The platform assets purchase agreement was completed on July 13, 2005, and the Company received total cash proceeds from the sale of the platform assets of approximately \$5.3 million. No gain or loss resulted from the transaction. Under this agreement, the Company agreed not to invest in CMBS and real estate-related CDOs and refrain from certain other real estate-related investing or servicing activities for a period of three years, subject to certain limitations and excluding the Company's existing portfolio and related activities.

Services provided under the transition services agreement were completed on July 13, 2005. For the year ended December 31, 2005, the Company received a total of \$1.4 million under the transition services agreement as reimbursement for employee and administrative expenses.

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Note 3. Portfolio, continued

CMBS. At December 31, 2004, CMBS bonds consisted of the following:

| (\$ in thousands) | 2004 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Face | \$ 1,043,688 |
| Original issue discount | (660,378) |
| Cost | \$ 383,310 |
| Value | \$ 373,805 |

The underlying rating classes of the CMBS bonds at cost and value at December 31, 2004, were as follows:

| (\$ in thousands) | 2004 | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Cost | Value | Percentage of Total Value |
| AA | \$ 4,669 | \$ 4,658 | 1.2% |
| A | 4,549 | 4,539 | 1.2 |
| BBB- | 9,029 | 9,016 | 2.4 |
| BB+ | 7,195 | 7,695 | 2.1 |
| BB | 5,940 | 5,952 | 1.6 |
| BB- | 7,490 | 7,676 | 2.1 |
| B+ | 13,123 | 15,318 | 4.1 |
| B | 61,767 | 62,582 | 16.7 |
| B- | 89,341 | 88,099 | 23.6 |
| CCC+ | 22,506 | 18,585 | 5.0 |
| CCC | 24,078 | 20,306 | 5.4 |
| CCC- | | | |
| CC | 998 | 610 | 0.2 |
| Unrated | 132,625 | 128,769 | 34.4 |
| Total | \$ 383,310 | \$ 373,805 | 100.0% |

The CMBS bonds in which the Company invested were junior in priority for payment of interest and principal to the more senior tranches of the related CMBS bond issuance. Cash flow from the underlying mortgages was generally allocated first to the senior tranches in order of priority, with the most senior tranches having a priority right to the cash flow. Then, any remaining cash flow was allocated, generally, among the other tranches in order of their relative seniority. To the extent there were defaults and unrecoverable losses on the underlying mortgages or the properties securing those mortgages resulting in reduced cash flows, the most subordinate tranche bore this loss first. At December 31, 2004, the face value of the CMBS bonds rated BBB- and below held by the Company were subordinate to 84% to 99% of the face value of the bonds issued in these various CMBS transactions. Given that the

non-investment grade CMBS bonds in which the Company invested were junior in priority for payment of interest and principal, the Company invested in these CMBS bonds at a discount from the face amount of the bonds.

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Note 3. Portfolio, continued

At December 31, 2004, the Company held CMBS bonds in 45 separate CMBS issuances. The underlying collateral pool, consisting of commercial mortgage loans and real estate owned (REO) properties, for these CMBS issuances consisted of the following at December 31, 2004:

| (\$ in millions) | 2004 |
|--|---------------------|
| Approximate number of loans and REO properties ⁽¹⁾ | 6,200 |
| Total outstanding principal balance | \$42,759 |
| Loans over 30 days delinquent or classified as REO properties ⁽²⁾ | 1.6% ⁽³⁾ |

⁽¹⁾ Includes approximately 39 REO properties obtained through the foreclosure of commercial mortgage loans at December 31, 2004.

⁽²⁾ As a percentage of total outstanding principal balance.

⁽³⁾ At December 31, 2004, the Company's investments included bonds in the first loss, unrated bond class in 43 separate CMBS issuances. For these issuances, loans over 30 days delinquent or classified as REO properties were 1.7% of the total outstanding principal balance at December 31, 2004.

The Company's yield on its CMBS bonds was based upon a number of assumptions that were subject to certain business and economic uncertainties and contingencies. Examples include the timing and magnitude of credit losses on the mortgage loans underlying the CMBS bonds that are a result of the general condition of the real estate market, including vacancies, changes in market rental rates and tenant credit quality. The initial yield on each CMBS bond was generally computed assuming an approximate 1% loss rate on its underlying collateral mortgage pool, with the estimated losses being assumed to occur in three equal installments in years three, six, and nine. As each CMBS bond aged, the expected amount of losses and the expected timing of recognition of such losses in the underlying collateral pool was updated, and the respective yield was adjusted as appropriate. Changes in estimated yield were recognized as an adjustment to the estimated yield over the remaining life of the CMBS bonds from the date the estimated yield was changed.

At December 31, 2004, the unamortized discount related to the CMBS bond portfolio was \$660.4 million and the Company had set aside \$346.5 million of this unamortized discount to absorb potential future losses. The yield on the CMBS bonds of 14.6% at December 31, 2004, assumed that this amount that has been set aside would not be amortized.

At December 31, 2004, the Company had reduced the face amount and the original issue discount on the CMBS bonds for specifically identified losses of \$110.3 million which had the effect of also reducing the amount of unamortized discount set aside to absorb potential future losses since those losses have now been recognized. The reduction of the face amount and the original issue discount on the CMBS bonds to reflect specifically identified losses did not result in a change in the cost basis of the CMBS bonds.

The Company completed a securitization of \$53.7 million of commercial mortgage loans during 2004. In connection with this securitization, the Company received proceeds, net of costs, of \$54.0 million, which included cash, A and AA rated bonds, and LLC interests. The bonds and LLC interests are included in the CMBS portfolio at December 31, 2004. The realized gain from this securitization was \$0.3 million.

CDOs. At December 31, 2004, the Company owned BB+ rated bonds in one CDO totaling \$5.9 million at value and preferred shares in nine CDOs totaling \$206.7 million at value.

The bonds and preferred shares of the CDOs in which the Company invested were junior in priority for payment of interest and principal to the more senior tranches of debt issued by the CDOs. Cash flow from the underlying collateral generally was allocated first to the senior bond tranches in order of priority, with the most senior tranches having a priority right to the cash flow. Then, any remaining cash flow was

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Note 3. Portfolio, continued

generally distributed to the preferred shareholders. To the extent there were defaults and unrecoverable losses on the underlying collateral that result in reduced cash flows, the preferred shares bore this loss first and then the bonds bore any loss after the preferred shares. At December 31, 2004, the Company's bonds and preferred shares in the CDOs were subordinate to 70% to 98% of the more senior tranches of debt issued in the various CDO transactions. In addition, included in the CMBS collateral for the CDOs at December 31, 2004, were certain CMBS bonds that were senior in priority of repayment to certain lower rated CMBS bonds held directly by the Company.

At December 31, 2004, the underlying collateral for the Company's investment in the outstanding CDO issuances had balances as follows:

| (\$ in millions) | 2004 |
|--|------------------|
| Investment grade REIT debt ⁽¹⁾ | \$1,532.5 |
| Investment grade CMBS bonds ⁽²⁾ | 918.8 |
| Non-investment grade CMBS bonds ⁽³⁾ | 1,636.4 |
| Other collateral | 355.8 |
| Total collateral | \$4,443.5 |

(1) Issued by 44 REITs for the period presented.

(2) Issued in 121 transactions for the period presented.

(3) Issued in 109 transactions for the period presented.

The initial yields on the CDO bonds and preferred shares were based on the estimated future cash flows from the assets in the underlying collateral pool to be paid to these CDO classes. As each CDO bond and preferred share aged, the estimated future cash flows were updated based on the estimated performance of the collateral, and the respective yield was adjusted as necessary.

As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company acted as the disposition consultant with respect to six and five, respectively, of the CDOs, which allowed the Company to approve disposition plans for individual collateral securities. For these services, the Company collected annual fees based on the outstanding collateral pool balance, and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, these fees totaled \$1.7 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.

Commercial Mortgage Loans and Equity Interests. The commercial mortgage loan portfolio contains loans that were originated by the Company or were purchased from third-party sellers. At December 31, 2005, approximately 97% and 3% of the Company's commercial mortgage loan portfolio was composed of fixed and adjustable interest rate loans, respectively. At December 31, 2004, approximately 94% and 6% of the Company's commercial mortgage loan portfolio was composed of fixed and adjustable interest rate loans, respectively. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, loans with a value of \$20.8 million and \$18.0 million, respectively, were not accruing interest. Loans greater than 120 days delinquent generally do not accrue interest.

Equity interests consist primarily of equity securities issued by privately owned companies that invest in single real estate properties. These equity interests may be subject to certain restrictions on their resale and are generally illiquid. Equity interests generally do not produce a current return, but are generally held in anticipation of investment appreciation and ultimate realized gain on sale.

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Note 3. Portfolio, continued

The property types and the geographic composition securing the commercial mortgage loans and equity interests at value at December 31, 2005 and 2004, were as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Property Type | | |
| Hospitality | 37% | 49% |
| Housing | 30 | 5 |
| Retail | 16 | 21 |
| Office | 11 | 17 |
| Other | 6 | 8 |
| Total | 100% | 100% |
| Geographic Region | | |
| Mid-Atlantic | 31% | 20% |
| Southeast | 25 | 26 |
| Midwest | 21 | 30 |
| West | 18 | 16 |
| Northeast | 5 | 8 |
| Total | 100% | 100% |

Note 4. Debt

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had the following debt:

| | 2005 | | | 2004 | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| | Facility Amount | Amount Drawn | Annual Interest Cost ⁽¹⁾ | Facility Amount | Amount Drawn | Annual Interest Cost ⁽¹⁾ |
| (\$ in thousands) | | | | | | |
| Notes payable and debentures: | | | | | | |
| Unsecured notes payable | \$ 1,164,540 | \$ 1,164,540 | 6.2% | \$ 981,368 | \$ 981,368 | 6.5% |
| SBA debentures | 28,500 | 28,500 | 7.5% | 84,800 | 77,500 | 8.2% |
| OPIC loan | | | | 5,700 | 5,700 | 6.6% |
| Total notes payable and debentures | 1,193,040 | 1,193,040 | 6.3% | 1,071,868 | 1,064,568 | 6.6% |
| Revolving line of credit | 772,500 | 91,750 | 5.6% ⁽²⁾ | 552,500 | 112,000 | 4.7% ⁽²⁾ |
| Total debt | \$ 1,965,540 | \$ 1,284,790 | 6.5%⁽³⁾ | \$ 1,624,368 | \$ 1,176,568 | 6.6%⁽³⁾ |

- (1) The weighted average annual interest cost is computed as the (a) annual stated interest on the debt plus the annual amortization of commitment fees and other facility fees that are recognized into interest expense over the contractual life of the respective borrowings, divided by (b) debt outstanding on the balance sheet date.
- (2) The annual interest cost reflects the interest rate payable for borrowings under the revolving line of credit. In addition to the current interest rate payable, there were annual costs of commitment fees and other facility fees of \$3.3 million and \$1.8 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.
- (3) The annual interest cost for total debt includes the annual cost of commitment fees and other facility fees regardless of the amount outstanding on the facility as of the balance sheet date.

Notes Payable and Debentures

Unsecured Notes Payable. The Company has issued unsecured long-term notes to institutional investors. The notes require semi-annual interest payments until maturity and have original terms of five or seven years. At December 31, 2005, the notes had remaining maturities of four months to seven years. The notes may be prepaid in whole or in part, together with an interest premium, as stipulated in the note

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Note 4. Debt, continued

agreement. During the second quarter of 2005, the Company repaid \$40.0 million of the unsecured notes payable.

On October 13, 2005, the Company issued \$261.0 million of five-year and \$89.0 million of seven-year unsecured long-term notes, primarily to insurance companies. The five- and seven-year notes have fixed interest rates of 6.2% and 6.3%, respectively, and have substantially the same terms as the Company's existing unsecured long-term notes. The Company used a portion of the proceeds from the new long-term note issuance to repay \$125.0 million of existing unsecured long-term notes that matured on October 15, 2005, and had an annual weighted average interest cost of 8.3%.

On November 15, 2004, the Company issued \$252.5 million of five-year and \$72.5 million of seven-year unsecured long-term notes, primarily to insurance companies. The five- and seven-year notes have fixed interest rates of 5.5% and 6.0%, respectively, and have substantially the same terms as the Company's existing unsecured long-term notes. In addition, on November 15, 2004, \$102.0 million of the Company's existing unsecured long-term notes matured and the Company used the proceeds from the new long-term note issuance to repay this debt. During 2004, the Company also repaid \$112.0 million of the unsecured notes payable that matured on May 1, 2004.

On March 25, 2004, the Company issued five-year unsecured long-term notes denominated in Euros and Sterling for a total U.S. dollar equivalent of \$15.2 million. The notes have fixed interest rates and have substantially the same terms as the Company's existing unsecured notes. The Euro notes require annual interest payments and the Sterling notes require semi-annual interest payments until maturity. Simultaneous with issuing the notes, the Company entered into a cross currency swap with a financial institution which fixed the Company's interest and principal payments in U.S. dollars for the life of the debt.

SBA Debentures. At December 31, 2005, the Company had debentures payable to the SBA with original terms of ten years and at fixed interest rates ranging from 5.9% to 6.4%. At December 31, 2005, the debentures had remaining maturities of five to six years. The debentures require semi-annual interest-only payments with all principal due upon maturity. The SBA debentures are subject to prepayment penalties if paid prior to the fifth anniversary date of the notes. During the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company repaid \$49.0 million and \$17.0 million, respectively, of the SBA debentures.

Scheduled Maturities. Scheduled future maturities of notes payable and debentures at December 31, 2005, were as follows:

| Year | Amount Maturing |
|--------------|---------------------|
| | (\$ in thousands) |
| 2006 | \$ 175,000 |
| 2007 | |
| 2008 | 153,000 |
| 2009 | 267,040 |
| 2010 | 408,000 |
| Thereafter | 190,000 |
| Total | \$ 1,193,040 |

Revolving Line of Credit

At December 31, 2005, the Company had an unsecured revolving line of credit with a committed amount of \$772.5 million. The revolving line of credit, which closed on September 30, 2005, replaced the

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Note 4. Debt, continued

Company's previous revolving line of credit and expires on September 30, 2008. The revolving line of credit may be expanded through new or additional commitments up to \$922.5 million at the Company's option. The revolving line of credit generally bears interest at a rate equal to (i) LIBOR (for the period the Company selects) plus 1.30% or (ii) the higher of the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50% or the Bank of America N.A. prime rate. The revolving line of credit requires the payment of an annual commitment fee equal to 0.20% of the committed amount. The revolving line of credit generally requires payments of interest at the end of each LIBOR interest period, but no less frequently than quarterly, on LIBOR based loans and monthly payments of interest on other loans. All principal is due upon maturity.

At December 31, 2004, the Company had an unsecured revolving line of credit with a committed amount of \$552.5 million. During the second quarter of 2005, the Company extended the maturity of the line of credit to April 2006 under substantially similar terms, which required the payment of an extension fee of 0.3% on existing commitments of \$587.5 million. The interest rate on outstanding borrowings increased by 0.50% during the extension period. During the extension period, the facility generally bore interest at a rate, at the Company's option, equal to (i) the one-month LIBOR plus 2.00%, (ii) the Bank of America, N.A. cost of funds plus 2.00% or (iii) the higher of the Bank of America, N.A. prime rate plus 0.50% or the Federal Funds rate plus 1.00%. During the extension period, the facility required an annual commitment fee equal to 0.25% of the committed amount.

The annual cost of commitment fees and other facility fees was \$3.3 million and \$1.8 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

The average debt outstanding on the revolving line of credit was \$33.3 million and \$75.2 million, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The maximum amount borrowed under this facility and the weighted average stated interest rate for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, were \$263.3 million and 4.4%, respectively, and \$353.0 million and 3.1%, respectively. At December 31, 2005, the amount available under the revolving line of credit was \$643.6 million, net of amounts committed for standby letters of credit of \$37.1 million issued under the credit facility.

Fair Value of Debt

The Company records debt at cost. The fair value of the Company's outstanding debt was approximately \$1.3 billion and \$1.2 billion at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The fair value of the Company's debt was determined using market interest rates as of the balance sheet date for similar instruments.

Covenant Compliance

The Company has various financial and operating covenants required by the notes payable and debentures and the revolving line of credit. These covenants require the Company to maintain certain financial ratios, including debt to equity and interest coverage, and a minimum net worth. The Company's credit facilities limit its ability to declare dividends if the Company defaults under certain provisions. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company was in compliance with these covenants.

Note 5. Guarantees

In the ordinary course of business, the Company has issued guarantees and has extended standby letters of credit through financial intermediaries on behalf of certain portfolio companies. All standby letters of credit have been issued through Bank of America, N.A. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had issued guarantees of debt, rental obligations, lease obligations and severance obligations

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Note 5. Guarantees, continued

aggregating \$148.6 million and \$100.2 million, respectively, and had extended standby letters of credit aggregating \$37.1 million and \$44.1 million, respectively. Under these arrangements, the Company would be required to make payments to third-party beneficiaries if the portfolio companies were to default on their related payment obligations. The maximum amount of potential future payments was \$185.7 million and \$144.3 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, \$2.5 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, had been recorded as a liability for the Company's guarantees and no amounts had been recorded as a liability for the Company's standby letters of credit.

As of December 31, 2005, the guarantees and standby letters of credit expired as follows:

| | Total | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | After 2010 |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| (in millions) | | | | | | | |
| Guarantees | \$ 148.6 | \$ 1.3 | \$ 136.2 | \$ 3.1 | \$ 2.5 | \$ | \$ 5.5 |
| Standby letters of credit ⁽¹⁾ | 37.1 | 0.1 | | 37.0 | | | |
| Total | \$ 185.7 | \$ 1.4 | \$ 136.2 | \$ 40.1 | \$ 2.5 | \$ | \$ 5.5 |

⁽¹⁾ Standby letters of credit are issued under the Company's revolving line of credit that expires in September 2008. Therefore, unless a standby letter of credit is set to expire at an earlier date, it is assumed that the standby letters of credit will expire contemporaneously with the expiration of the Company's line of credit in September 2008.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company enters into agreements with service providers and other parties that may contain provisions for the Company to indemnify such parties under certain circumstances.

At December 31, 2005, the Company had outstanding commitments to fund investments totaling \$302.8 million, including \$221.6 million related to private finance investments and \$81.2 related to commercial real estate finance investments. In addition, during the fourth quarter of 2004 and the first quarter of 2005, the Company sold certain commercial mortgage loans that the Company may be required to repurchase under certain circumstances. These recourse provisions expire by April 2007. The aggregate outstanding principal balance of these sold loans was \$11.4 million at December 31, 2005.

Note 6. Shareholders' Equity

Sales of common stock for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

| | 2005⁽¹⁾ | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| (in thousands) | | | |
| Number of common shares | | 3,000 | 18,700 |
| Gross proceeds | \$ | \$ 75,000 | \$ 442,680 |
| Less costs, including underwriting fees | | (4,749) | (20,675) |
| Net proceeds | \$ | \$ 70,251 | \$ 422,005 |

⁽¹⁾ The Company did not sell any common stock during the year ended December 31, 2005.

The Company issued 0.3 million shares of common stock with a value of \$7.2 million as consideration for an additional investment in Mercury Air Centers, Inc. during the year ended December 31, 2005, 0.1 million shares of common stock with a value of \$3.2 million as consideration for an investment in Legacy Partners Group, LLC during the year ended December 31, 2004, and 32 thousand shares of common stock with a value of \$0.9 million as consideration for an investment in Callidus Capital Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2003.

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Note 6. Shareholders Equity, continued

The Company issued 3.0 million shares, 1.6 million shares, and 0.4 million shares of common stock upon the exercise of stock options during the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

The Company has a dividend reinvestment plan, whereby the Company may buy shares of its common stock in the open market or issue new shares in order to satisfy dividend reinvestment requests. If the Company issues new shares, the issue price is equal to the average of the closing sale prices reported for the Company's common stock for the five consecutive trading days immediately prior to the dividend payment date. For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, the Company issued new shares in order to satisfy dividend reinvestment requests.

Dividend reinvestment plan activity for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| (in thousands, except per share amounts) | | | |
| Shares issued | 331 | 222 | 279 |
| Average price per share | \$ 28.00 | \$ 26.34 | \$ 23.60 |

Note 7. Earnings Per Common Share

Earnings per common share for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| (in thousands, except per share amounts) | | | |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | \$ 872,814 | \$ 249,486 | \$ 192,011 |
| Less preferred stock dividends | (10) | (62) | (210) |
| Income available to common shareholders | \$ 872,804 | \$ 249,424 | \$ 191,801 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding basic | 134,700 | 129,828 | 116,747 |
| Dilutive options outstanding to officers | 2,574 | 2,630 | 1,604 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding diluted | 137,274 | 132,458 | 118,351 |
| Basic earnings per common share | \$ 6.48 | \$ 1.92 | \$ 1.64 |
| Diluted earnings per common share | \$ 6.36 | \$ 1.88 | \$ 1.62 |

Note 8. Employee Compensation Plans

The Company's 401(k) retirement investment plan is open to all of its full-time employees who are at least 21 years of age. The employees may elect voluntary pre-tax wage deferrals ranging from 0% to 100% of eligible compensation for the year up to \$14 thousand annually for the 2005 plan year. Plan participants who were age 50 or older during the 2005 plan year were eligible to defer an additional \$4 thousand during the year. The Company makes contributions to the 401(k) plan of up to 5% of each participant's eligible compensation for the year up to a maximum compensation permitted by the IRS, which fully vests at the time of contribution. For the year ended December 31, 2005, the maximum compensation was \$0.2 million. Employer contributions that exceed the IRS limitation are directed to the participant's deferred compensation plan account. Total 401(k) contribution expense for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was \$1.0 million, \$0.9 million, and \$0.7 million, respectively.

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Note 8. Employee Compensation Plans, continued

The Company also has a deferred compensation plan. Eligible participants in the deferred compensation plan may elect to defer some of their compensation and have such compensation credited to a participant account. In addition, the Company makes contributions to the deferred compensation plan on compensation deemed ineligible for a 401(k) contribution. Contribution expense for the deferred compensation plan for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was \$0.7 million, \$0.7 million, and \$0.4 million, respectively. All amounts credited to a participant's account are credited solely for purposes of accounting and computation and remain assets of the Company and subject to the claims of the Company's general creditors. Amounts credited to participants under the deferred compensation plan are at all times 100% vested and non-forfeitable. A participant's account shall become distributable upon his or her separation from service, retirement, disability, death, or at a future determined date. All deferred compensation plan accounts will be distributed in the event of a change of control of the Company or in the event of the Company's insolvency. Amounts deferred by participants under the deferred compensation plan are funded to a trust, which is administered by trustees. The accounts of the deferred compensation trust are consolidated with the Company's accounts. The assets of the trust are classified as other assets and the liability to the plan participants is included in other liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. The deferred compensation plan accounts at December 31, 2005 and 2004, totaled \$16.6 million and \$16.1 million, respectively.

The Company has an Individual Performance Award (IPA) plan, which was established as a long-term incentive compensation program for certain officers in the first quarter of 2004. In conjunction with the program, the Board of Directors has approved a non-qualified deferred compensation plan (DCP II), which is administered through a trust by a third-party trustee. The administrator of the DCP II is the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors (DCP II Administrator).

The IPA is generally determined annually at the beginning of each year but may be adjusted throughout the year. The IPA is deposited in the trust in four equal installments, generally on a quarterly basis, in the form of cash. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors designed the DCP II to require the trustee to use the cash to purchase shares of the Company's common stock in the open market. During the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, 0.3 million shares and 0.5 million shares, respectively, were purchased in the DCP II.

All amounts deposited and then credited to a participant's account in the trust, based on the amount of the IPA received by such participant, are credited solely for purposes of accounting and computation and remain assets of the Company and subject to the claims of the Company's general creditors. Amounts credited to participants under the DCP II are immediately vested and generally non-forfeitable once deposited by the Company into the trust. A participant's account shall generally become distributable only after his or her termination of employment, or in the event of a change of control of the Company. Upon the participant's termination of employment, one-third of the participant's account will be immediately distributed in accordance with the plan, one-half of the then current remaining balance will be distributed on the first anniversary of his or her employment termination date and the remainder of the account balance will be distributed on the second anniversary of the employment termination date. Distributions are subject to the participant's adherence to certain non-solicitation requirements. All DCP II accounts will be distributed in a single lump sum in the event of a change of control of the Company. To the extent that a participant has an employment agreement, such participant's DCP II account will be fully distributed in the event that such participant's employment is terminated for good reason as defined under that participant's employment agreement. Sixty days following a distributable event, the Company and each participant may, at the discretion of the Company, and subject to the Company's trading window during that time, redirect the participant's account to other investment options.

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Note 8. Employee Compensation Plans, continued

During any period of time in which a participant has an account in the DCP II, any dividends declared and paid on shares of the Company's common stock allocated to the participant's account shall be reinvested by the trustee as soon as practicable in shares of the Company's common stock purchased in the open market.

The IPA amounts are contributed into the DCP II trust and invested in the Company's common stock. The accounts of the DCP II are consolidated with the Company's accounts. The common stock is classified as common stock held in deferred compensation trust in the accompanying financial statements and the deferred compensation obligation, which represents the amount owed to the employees, is included in other liabilities. Changes in the value of the Company's common stock held in the deferred compensation trust are not recognized. However, the liability is marked to market with a corresponding charge or credit to employee compensation expense. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, common stock held in DCP II was \$19.5 million and \$13.5 million, respectively, and the IPA liability was \$22.3 million and \$13.1 million, respectively.

The IPA expenses for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, were as follows:

| (\$ in millions) | 2005 | 2004 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| IPA contributions | \$ 7.0 | \$ 13.4 |
| IPA mark to market expense (benefit) | 2.0 | (0.4) |
| Total IPA expense | \$ 9.0 | \$ 13.0 |

The Company also has an individual performance bonus (IPB) plan which was established in 2005. The IPB for 2005 was distributed in cash to award recipients in equal bi-weekly installments as long as the recipient remained employed by the Company. If a recipient terminated employment during the year, any remaining cash payments under the IPB were forfeited. For the year ended December 31, 2005, the IPB expense was \$6.9 million. The IPA and IPB expenses are included in employee expenses.

Note 9. Stock Option Plan***The Option Plan***

The purpose of the stock option plan (Option Plan) is to provide officers and non-officer directors of the Company with additional incentives. Options are exercisable at a price equal to the fair market value of the shares on the day the option is granted. Each option states the period or periods of time within which the option may be exercised by the optionee, which may not exceed ten years from the date the option is granted. The options granted to officers generally vest ratably over a three- to five-year period. Options granted to non-officer directors vest on the grant date.

All rights to exercise options terminate 60 days after an optionee ceases to be (i) a non-officer director, (ii) both an officer and a director, if such optionee serves in both capacities, or (iii) an officer (if such officer is not also a director) of the Company for any cause other than death or total and permanent disability. In the event of a change of control of the Company, all outstanding options will become fully vested and exercisable as of the change of control.

At December 31, 2005, there were 32.2 million shares authorized under the Option Plan and the number of shares available to be granted under the Option Plan was 3.0 million. At December 31, 2004, there were 32.2 million shares authorized under the Option Plan and the number of shares available to be granted under the Option Plan was 7.9 million.

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Note 9. Stock Option Plan, continued

Information with respect to options granted, exercised and forfeited under the Option Plan for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, was as follows:

| | Shares | Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share |
|---|---------|---|
| (in thousands, except per share amounts) | | |
| Options outstanding at January 1, 2003 | 14,689 | \$ 20.57 |
| Granted | 1,045 | \$ 22.74 |
| Exercised | (408) | \$ 21.01 |
| Forfeited | (442) | \$ 21.66 |
| Options outstanding at December 31, 2003 | 14,884 | \$ 20.68 |
| Granted | 8,170 | \$ 28.34 |
| Exercised | (1,635) | \$ 19.73 |
| Forfeited | (1,059) | \$ 26.07 |
| Options outstanding at December 31, 2004 | 20,360 | \$ 23.55 |
| Granted | 6,815 | \$ 27.37 |
| Exercised | (2,988) | \$ 22.32 |
| Forfeited | (1,928) | \$ 27.83 |
| Options outstanding at December 31, 2005 | 22,259 | \$ 24.52 |

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2005:

| Range of Exercise Prices | Total Number Outstanding | Outstanding | | Exercisable | |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|--|
| | | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Total Number Exercisable | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| (in thousands, except per share amounts and years) | | | | | |
| \$16.81 \$17.75 | 2,244 | 4.36 | \$ 16.92 | 2,244 | \$ 16.92 |
| \$17.88 \$21.38 | 2,056 | 2.23 | \$ 20.99 | 2,056 | \$ 20.99 |
| \$21.52 | 3,423 | 6.95 | \$ 21.52 | 3,423 | \$ 21.52 |
| \$21.59 \$24.15 | 2,334 | 6.17 | \$ 22.07 | 2,072 | \$ 21.92 |

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|---------|---------|--------|------|----------|--------|----------|
| \$24.44 | \$26.80 | 1,965 | 8.45 | \$ 26.14 | 1,023 | \$ 26.16 |
| \$27.00 | \$27.38 | 240 | 8.17 | \$ 27.12 | 125 | \$ 27.15 |
| \$27.51 | | 5,575 | 9.59 | \$ 27.51 | | \$ |
| \$28.98 | | 4,422 | 8.19 | \$ 28.98 | 2,205 | \$ 28.98 |
| | | 22,259 | 7.22 | \$ 24.52 | 13,148 | \$ 22.38 |

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Note 9. Stock Option Plan, continued

The Company accounts for its stock options as required by APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and accordingly no compensation cost has been recognized as the exercise price equals the market price on the date of grant.

Notes Receivable from the Sale of Common Stock

As a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Company is entitled to provide and has provided loans to the Company's officers in connection with the exercise of options. However, as a result of provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Company is prohibited from making new loans to its executive officers. The outstanding loans are full recourse, have varying terms not exceeding ten years, bear interest at the applicable federal interest rate in effect at the date of issue and have been recorded as a reduction to shareholders equity. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had outstanding loans to officers of \$3.9 million and \$5.5 million, respectively. Officers with outstanding loans repaid principal of \$1.6 million, \$13.2 million, and \$6.1 million, for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively. The Company recognized interest income from these loans of \$0.2 million, \$0.5 million, and \$1.3 million, respectively, during these same periods. This interest income is included in interest and dividends for companies less than 5% owned.

Note 10. Dividends and Distributions and Taxes

For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, the Company declared the following distributions:

| | 2005 | | 2004 | | 2003 | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | Total Amount | Total Per Share | Total Amount | Total Per Share | Total Amount | Total Per Share |
| (in thousands, except per share amounts) | | | | | | |
| First quarter | \$ 76,100 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 73,357 | \$ 0.57 | \$ 62,971 | \$ 0.57 |
| Second quarter | 76,229 | 0.57 | 73,465 | 0.57 | 64,503 | 0.57 |
| Third quarter | 78,834 | 0.58 | 74,010 | 0.57 | 68,685 | 0.57 |
| Fourth quarter | 79,247 | 0.58 | 75,833 | 0.57 | 71,679 | 0.57 |
| Extra dividend | 4,099 | 0.03 | 2,661 | 0.02 | | |
| Total distributions to common shareholders | \$ 314,509 | \$ 2.33 | \$ 299,326 | \$ 2.30 | \$ 267,838 | \$ 2.28 |

For income tax purposes, distributions for 2005, 2004, and 2003, were composed of the following:

| | 2005 | | 2004 | | 2003 | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | Total Amount | Total Per Share | Total Amount | Total Per Share | Total Amount | Total Per Share |
| (in thousands, except per share amounts) | | | | | | |
| Ordinary income | \$ 157,255 | \$ 1.17 | \$ 145,365 | \$ 1.12 | \$ 212,272 | \$ 1.81 |
| Long-term capital gains | 157,254 | 1.16 | 153,961 | 1.18 | 55,566 | 0.47 |

| | | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
| Total distributions to common shareholders ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | \$ 314,509 | \$ 2.33 | \$ 299,326 | \$ 2.30 | \$ 267,838 | \$ 2.28 |
|--|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|

- (1) For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, ordinary income included dividend income of approximately \$0.03 per share, \$0.04 per share, and \$0.05 per share, respectively, that qualified to be taxed at the 15% maximum capital gains rate. For the year ended December 31, 2005, capital gain income subject to the 25% rate on unrecognized Code section 1250 gains was \$0.0097 per share.
- (2) For the year ended December 31, 2005, ordinary income that was classified as excess inclusion was \$0.0063 per share.
- (3) For certain eligible corporate shareholders, the dividend received deduction for 2005, 2004 and 2003 was \$0.034 per share, \$0.038 per share, and \$0.044 per share, respectively.

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Note 10. Dividends and Distributions and Taxes, continued

The following table summarizes the differences between financial statement net increase in net assets resulting from operations and taxable income available for distribution to shareholders for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003:

| (\$ in thousands) | 2005 (ESTIMATED) ⁽¹⁾ | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Financial statement net increase in net assets resulting from operations | \$ 872,814 | \$ 249,486 | \$ 192,011 |
| Adjustments: | | | |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation | (462,092) | 68,712 | 78,466 |
| Amortization of discounts and fees | 17,527 | (5,420) | 948 |
| Interest- and dividend-related items | 1,084 | 6,277 | (2,400) |
| Employee compensation-related items | 2,449 | 7,081 | 2,902 |
| Net income (loss) from partnerships and limited liability companies ⁽²⁾ | 24,753 | 8,646 | (1,316) |
| Realized gains recognized (deferred) through installment treatment ⁽³⁾ | 954 | (33,733) | |
| Net loss from consolidated SBIC subsidiary | (10,677) | 15,223 | |
| Net (income) loss from consolidated taxable subsidiary, net of tax | (5,022) | (1,008) | 3,864 |
| Other, including excise tax | 10,520 | 7,913 | (8,160) |
| Taxable income | \$ 452,310 | \$ 323,177 | \$ 266,315 |

(1) The Company's taxable income for 2005 is an estimate and will not be finally determined until the Company files its 2005 tax return in September 2006. Therefore, the final taxable income may be different than this estimate.

(2) Includes taxable income passed through to the Company from Business Loan Express, LLC in excess of interest and related portfolio income from BLX included in the financial statements totaling \$15.4 million, \$10.0 million, and \$3.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. See Note 3 for additional related disclosure.

(3) 2004 includes the deferral of long-term capital gains through installment treatment related to the Company's sale of its control equity investment in Hillman.

Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses, and generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as gains or losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized.

The Company must distribute at least 90% of its investment company taxable income to qualify for pass-through tax treatment and maintain its RIC status. The Company has distributed and currently intends to distribute or retain through a deemed distribution sufficient dividends to eliminate taxable income. Dividends declared and paid by the Company in a year generally differ from taxable income for that year as such dividends may include the distribution

of current year taxable income, less amounts carried over into the following year, and the distribution of prior year taxable income carried over into and

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Note 10. Dividends and Distributions and Taxes, continued

distributed in the current year. For income tax purposes, distributions for 2005, 2004, and 2003, were made from taxable income as follows:

| (\$ in thousands) | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|--|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| | (ESTIMATED) ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Taxable income | \$ 452,310 | \$ 323,177 | \$ 266,315 |
| Taxable income earned in current year and carried forward for distribution in next year ⁽²⁾ | (163,810) | (26,009) | (2,158) |
| Taxable income earned in prior year and carried forward and distributed in current year | 26,009 | 2,158 | 3,681 |
| Total distributions to common shareholders | \$ 314,509 | \$ 299,326 | \$ 267,838 |

⁽¹⁾ The Company's taxable income for 2005 is an estimate and will not be finally determined until the Company files its 2005 tax return in September 2006. Therefore, the final taxable income and the taxable income earned in 2005 and carried forward for distribution in 2006 may be different than this estimate.

⁽²⁾ Estimated taxable income for 2005 includes undistributed income of \$163.8 million that is being carried over for distribution in 2006, which included approximately \$72.4 million of ordinary income and \$91.4 million of net long-term capital gains. Taxable income for 2004 included undistributed income of \$26.0 million that was carried over for distribution in 2005, which included \$5.6 million of ordinary income and \$20.4 million of net long-term capital gains.

The Company will generally be required to pay an excise tax equal to 4% of the amount by which 98% of the Company's annual taxable income exceeds the distributions for the year. The Company's 2005 (estimated) and 2004 annual taxable income was in excess of its dividend distributions from such taxable income in 2005 and 2004, and accordingly, the Company accrued an excise tax of \$6.2 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, on the excess taxable income carried forward.

The Company's undistributed book earnings of \$112.3 million as of December 31, 2005, resulted from undistributed ordinary income and long-term capital gains. The Company's undistributed book earnings of \$12.1 million as of December 31, 2004, primarily resulted from undistributed long-term capital gains. The difference between undistributed book earnings at the end of the year and taxable income carried over from the current year into the next year relates to a variety of timing and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses for book and tax purposes as discussed above.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation of the Company's investments above cost for federal income tax purposes was \$781.2 million (estimated) and \$323.3 million, respectively. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation of the Company's investments below cost for federal income tax purposes was \$304.2 million (estimated) and \$265.0 million, respectively. The aggregate net unrealized appreciation of the Company's investments over cost for federal income tax purposes was \$477.0 million (estimated) and \$58.3 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the aggregate cost of securities, for federal income tax purposes was \$3.1 billion (estimated) and \$3.0 billion, respectively.

The Company's consolidated subsidiary, AC Corp, is subject to federal and state income taxes. For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, AC Corp's income tax expense (benefit) was \$5.3 million, \$1.0 million, and (\$2.5) million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, paid in capital was increased for the tax benefit of amounts deducted for tax purposes but not for financial reporting purposes primarily related to stock-based compensation by \$3.7 million, \$3.8 million, and \$0.3 million, respectively.

The net deferred tax asset at December 31, 2005, was \$4.1 million, consisting of deferred tax assets of \$8.9 million and deferred tax liabilities of \$4.8 million. The net deferred tax asset at December 31, 2004,

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Note 10. Dividends and Distributions and Taxes, continued

was \$6.1 million, consisting of deferred tax assets of \$10.0 million and deferred tax liabilities of \$3.9 million. Deferred tax assets primarily relate to loss carry forwards and deferred compensation. Deferred tax liabilities primarily relate to depreciation. Management believes that the realization of the net deferred tax asset is more likely than not based on expectations as to future taxable income and scheduled reversals of temporary differences. Accordingly, the Company did not record a valuation allowance at December 31, 2005, 2004, or 2003.

Note 11. Cash

The Company places its cash with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in checking accounts in financial institutions may be in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

At December 31, 2005 and 2004, cash consisted of the following:

| (\$ in thousands) | 2005 | 2004 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash | \$ 33,436 | \$ 57,576 |
| Less escrows held | (2,073) | (416) |
| Total cash | \$ 31,363 | \$ 57,160 |

Note 12. Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information

The Company paid interest of \$75.2 million, \$74.6 million, and \$73.8 million, for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

Principal collections related to investment repayments or sales include the collection of discounts previously amortized into interest income and added to the cost basis of a loan or debt security totaling \$8.4 million, \$11.4 million, and \$17.6 million, for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

Non-cash operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2005, included the following:

the exchange of existing subordinated debt securities and accrued interest of BLX with a cost basis of \$44.8 million for additional Class B equity interests (see Note 3);

the exchange of debt securities and accrued interest of Coverall North America, Inc. with a cost basis of \$24.2 million for new debt securities and warrants with a total cost basis of \$26.8 million;

the exchange of debt securities of Garden Ridge Corporation with a cost basis of \$25.0 million for a new loan with a cost basis of \$22.5 million; and

the contribution to capital of existing debt securities of GAC Investments, Inc. (GAC) with a cost basis of \$11.0 million, resulting in a decrease in the Company's debt cost basis and an increase in the Company's common stock cost basis in GAC. During the third quarter of 2005, GAC changed its name to Triview Investments, Inc. Non-cash operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2004, included the following:

notes or other securities received as consideration from the sale of investments of \$56.6 million. The notes received for the year ended December 31, 2004, included a note received for \$47.5 million in conjunction with the sale of the Company's investment in Hillman. During the second quarter of 2004, the Company sold a \$5.0 million participation in its subordinated debt in

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Note 12. Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information, continued

Hillman to a third party, which reduced its investment, and no gain or loss resulted from the transaction;

an exchange of \$93.7 million of subordinated debt in certain predecessor companies of Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. for new subordinated debt in Advantage;

an exchange of existing debt securities with a cost basis of \$46.4 million for new debt and common stock in Startec Global Communications Corporation;

an exchange of existing debt securities with a cost basis of \$13.1 million for new debt of \$11.3 million with the remaining cost basis attributed to equity in Fairchild Industrial Products Company;

an exchange of existing loans with a cost basis of \$11.1 million for a new loan and equity in Gordian Group, Inc.;

the repayment in kind of \$12.7 million of existing debt in American Healthcare Services, Inc. with \$10.0 million of debt in MedBridge Healthcare, LLC and \$2.7 million of debt and equity from other companies;

an exchange of existing subordinated debt with a cost basis of \$7.3 million for equity interests in an affiliate of Impact Innovations Group, LLC;

GAC acquired certain assets of Galaxy out of bankruptcy during the third quarter of 2004. The Company exchanged its \$50.7 million outstanding debt in Galaxy for debt and equity in GAC to facilitate the asset acquisition; and

\$25.5 million of CMBS bonds and LLC interests received from the securitization of commercial mortgage loans.

Non-cash operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2003, included transfers of commercial mortgage loans and real estate owned in the repayment of the Company's residual interest totaling \$69.3 million, real estate owned received in connection with foreclosure on commercial mortgage loans of \$9.1 million, receipt of commercial mortgage loans in satisfaction of private finance loans and debt securities of \$9.1 million, and receipt of a note as consideration from the sale of real estate owned of \$3.0 million.

Non-cash financing activities included dividend reinvestment totaling \$9.3 million, \$5.8 million, and \$6.6 million, for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively. In addition, the non-cash financing activities included the issuance of \$7.2 million of the Company's common stock as consideration for an additional investment in Mercury Air Centers, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2005, the issuance of \$3.2 million of the Company's common stock as consideration for an investment in Legacy Partners Group, LLC for the year ended December 31, 2004, and the issuance of \$0.9 million of the Company's common stock as consideration for an investment in Callidus Capital Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Note 13. Hedging Activities

The Company has invested in commercial mortgage loans and CMBS and CDO bonds that were purchased at prices that are based in part on comparable Treasury rates. The Company has entered into transactions with one or more financial institutions to hedge against movement in Treasury rates on certain of the commercial mortgage loans and CMBS and CDO bonds. These transactions, referred to as short sales, involve the Company receiving the proceeds from the short sales of borrowed Treasury securities, with the obligation to replenish the borrowed Treasury securities at a later date based on the then current

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Note 13. Hedging Activities, continued

market price. Borrowed Treasury securities and the related obligations to replenish the borrowed Treasury securities at value, including accrued interest payable on the obligations, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, consisted of the following:

(\$ in thousands)

| Description of Issue | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| 5-year Treasury securities, due December 2009 | \$ | \$ 533 |
| 5-year Treasury securities, due April 2010 | 17,666 | |
| 10-year Treasury securities, due February 2013 | | 3,908 |
| 10-year Treasury securities, due February 2014 | | 4,709 |
| 10-year Treasury securities, due August 2014 | | 14,743 |
| 10-year Treasury securities, due November 2014 | | 14,333 |
| Total | \$ 17,666 | \$ 38,226 |

As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the total obligations to replenish borrowed Treasury securities had decreased since the related original sale dates due to changes in the yield on the borrowed Treasury securities, resulting in unrealized appreciation on the obligations of \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million, respectively.

The net proceeds related to the sales of the borrowed Treasury securities were \$17.9 million and \$38.5 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Under the terms of the transactions, the Company had received cash payments of \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, for the difference between the net proceeds related to the sales of the borrowed Treasury securities and the obligations to replenish the securities.

The Company has deposited the proceeds related to the sales of the borrowed Treasury securities and the additional cash collateral with Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC under repurchase agreements. The repurchase agreements are collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities and are settled weekly. As of December 31, 2005, the repurchase agreements were due on January 6, 2006, and had a weighted average interest rate of 3.3%. The weighted average interest rate on the repurchase agreements as of December 31, 2004, was 1.3%.

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Note 14. Financial Highlights

| | At and for the Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
| Per Common Share Data⁽¹⁾ | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of year | \$ 14.87 | \$ 14.94 | \$ 14.22 |
| Net investment income ⁽¹⁾ | 1.00 | 1.52 | 1.65 |
| Net realized gains ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 1.99 | 0.88 | 0.63 |
| Net investment income plus net realized gains ⁽¹⁾ | 2.99 | 2.40 | 2.28 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 3.37 | (0.52) | (0.66) |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations ⁽¹⁾ | 6.36 | 1.88 | 1.62 |
| Net decrease in net assets from shareholder distributions | (2.33) | (2.30) | (2.28) |
| Net increase in net assets from capital share transactions ⁽¹⁾ | 0.27 | 0.35 | 1.38 |
| Net asset value, end of year | \$ 19.17 | \$ 14.87 | \$ 14.94 |
| Market value, end of year | \$ 29.37 | \$ 25.84 | \$ 27.88 |
| Total return ⁽³⁾ | 23.5% | 1.1% | 40.5% |
| Ratios and Supplemental Data | | | |
| (\$ and shares in thousands, except per share amounts) | | | |
| Ending net assets | \$ 2,620,546 | \$ 1,979,778 | \$ 1,914,577 |
| Common shares outstanding at end of year | 136,697 | 133,099 | 128,118 |
| Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding | 137,274 | 132,458 | 118,351 |
| Employee and administrative expenses/average net assets | 6.58% | 4.65% | 3.50% |
| Total operating expenses/average net assets | 9.99% | 8.53% | 8.06% |
| Net investment income/average net assets | 6.08% | 10.45% | 11.51% |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations/average net assets | 38.68% | 12.97% | 11.33% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 47.72% | 32.97% | 31.12% |
| Average debt outstanding | \$ 1,087,118 | \$ 985,616 | \$ 943,507 |
| Average debt per share ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 7.92 | \$ 7.44 | \$ 7.97 |

⁽¹⁾ Based on diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the year.

(2) Net realized gains and net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation can fluctuate significantly from year to year.

(3) Total return assumes the reinvestment of all dividends paid for the periods presented.

Note 15. Selected Quarterly Data (Unaudited)

| (\$ in thousands, except per share amounts) | 2005 | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Qtr. 1 | Qtr. 2 | Qtr. 3 | Qtr. 4 |
| Total interest and related portfolio income | \$ 94,919 | \$ 86,207 | \$ 94,857 | \$ 98,169 |
| Net investment income | \$ 38,752 | \$ 15,267 | \$ 46,134 | \$ 37,073 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | \$ 119,621 | \$ 311,885 | \$ 113,168 | \$ 328,140 |
| Basic earnings per common share | \$ 0.90 | \$ 2.33 | \$ 0.84 | \$ 2.40 |
| Diluted earnings per common share | \$ 0.88 | \$ 2.29 | \$ 0.82 | \$ 2.36 |

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Note 15. Selected Quarterly Data (Unaudited), continued

| | 2004 | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Qtr. 1 | Qtr. 2 | Qtr. 3 | Qtr. 4 |
| Total interest and related portfolio income | \$ 81,765 | \$ 87,500 | \$ 96,863 | \$ 100,962 |
| Net investment income | \$ 44,545 | \$ 48,990 | \$ 52,745 | \$ 54,678 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | \$ 20,308 | \$ 95,342 | \$ 85,999 | \$ 47,837 |
| Basic earnings per common share | \$ 0.16 | \$ 0.74 | \$ 0.67 | \$ 0.36 |
| Diluted earnings per common share | \$ 0.15 | \$ 0.73 | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.35 |

Note 16. Litigation

On June 23, 2004, the Company was notified by the SEC that the SEC is conducting an informal investigation of the Company. On December 22, 2004, the Company received letters from the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia requesting the preservation and production of information regarding the Company and Business Loan Express, LLC in connection with a criminal investigation. Based on the information available to the Company at this time, the inquiries appear to primarily pertain to matters related to portfolio valuation and the Company's portfolio company, Business Loan Express, LLC. To date, the Company has produced materials in response to requests from both the SEC and the U.S. Attorney's office, and certain current and former employees have provided testimony and have been interviewed by the staff of the SEC and the U.S. Attorney's Office. The Company is voluntarily cooperating with these investigations.

In addition, the Company is party to certain lawsuits in the normal course of business.

While the outcome of these legal proceedings cannot at this time be predicted with certainty, the Company does not expect that the outcome of these proceedings will have a material effect upon the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

(a) *Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* As of the end of the year covered by this annual report on Form 10-K, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them of any material information relating to us that is required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(b) *Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting.* Our Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Act of 1934 and for the assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Management's report on internal control over financial reporting is set forth above under the heading Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, has been audited by KPMG LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in the report that is set forth above under the heading Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm in Item 8.

(c) *Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm.* Our independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG LLP, has issued an attestation report on management's assessment of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, which is set forth above under the heading Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm in Item 8.

(d) *Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.* There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that occurred during our most recently completed fiscal quarter, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant.

Information in response to this Item is incorporated by reference to the identification of directors and nominees contained in the Proposal 1. Election of Directors section, and the subsections Proposal 1. Election of Directors Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance, Proposal 1. Election of Directors Committees of the Board of Directors and Proposal 1. Election of Directors Information about Executive Officers of our definitive proxy statement in connection with its 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, scheduled to be held on May 16, 2006, (the 2006 Proxy Statement).

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct for all of our directors and employees, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. We have posted a copy of our Code of Business Conduct on our website at www.alliedcapital.com. We will provide you a copy of our Code of Business Conduct without charge upon request. To obtain a copy of our Code of Business Conduct, please send your written request to Allied Capital Corporation, 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, Attn: Corporate Secretary.

Any waivers of the Code of Business Conduct must be approved, in advance, by our Board of Directors. Any amendments to, or waivers from, the Code of Business Conduct that apply to our executive officers and directors will be posted on our website located at www.alliedcapital.com.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). The NYSE requires the Chief Executive Officer of each listed company to certify to the NYSE annually, after the company's annual meeting of stockholders, that the company is in compliance with the NYSE's corporate governance listing standards. In accordance with the NYSE's procedures, shortly after the 2005 annual meeting of stockholders, William L. Walton, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, certified to the NYSE that he was unaware of any violation of the NYSE's corporate governance listing standards.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

Information in response to this Item is incorporated by reference to the subsection "Proposal 1. Election of Directors Compensation of Directors and Certain Executive Officers" of the 2006 Proxy Statement.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

Information in response to this Item is incorporated by reference to the subsections "Proxy Statement Security Ownership of Management and Certain Beneficial Owners" of the 2006 Proxy Statement.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

Information in response to this Item is incorporated by reference to the section "Proposal 1. Election of Directors Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" of the 2006 Proxy Statement.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

Information in response to this Item is incorporated by reference to the subsections "Proposal 2. Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fees Paid to KPMG LLP for 2005 and 2004" and "Proposal 2. Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Report of the Audit Committee" of the 2006 Proxy Statement.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a) Documents filed as part of this Report:

1. The following financial statements are filed herewith under Item 8:
Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Reports of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31, 2005 and 2004

Consolidated Statement of Operations For the Years Ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets For the Years Ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the Years Ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003

Consolidated Statement of Investments December 31, 2005

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

2. The following financial statement schedules are filed herewith:

Schedule 12-14 of Investments in and Advances to Affiliates.

In addition, there may be additional information not provided in a schedule because (i) such information is not required or (ii) the information required has been presented in the aforementioned financial statements.

3. The following exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated by reference as set forth below:

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|----------------|---|
| 3.1 | Restated Articles of Incorporation. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit a.1 filed with Allied Capital's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-67336) filed on March 22, 2002).</i> |
| 3.2 | Amended and Restated Bylaws. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1. filed with Allied Capital's Form 8-K on January 24, 2006).</i> |
| 4.1 | Specimen Certificate of Allied Capital's Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit d. filed with Allied Capital's registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-51899) filed on May 6, 1998).</i> |
| 4.2 | Form of debenture between certain subsidiaries of Allied Capital and the U.S. Small Business Administration. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 filed by a predecessor entity to Allied Capital on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996).</i> |
| 10.1 | Dividend Reinvestment Plan, as amended. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit e. filed with Allied Capital's registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-87862) filed on May 8, 2002).</i> |
| 10.2 | Credit Agreement, dated September 30, 2005. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with Allied Capital's Form 8-K on October 3, 2005).</i> |
| 10.2(a) | First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated November 4, 2005. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2(a) filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2005).</i> |
| 10.3 | Note Agreement, dated October 13, 2005. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with Allied Capital's Form 8-K on October 14, 2005).</i> |
| 10.5 | Note Agreement, dated as of May 1, 1999. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 1999).</i> |
| 10.12 | Note Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2000. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4b filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2000).</i> |
| 10.13 | Note Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2001. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit f.10 filed with Allied Capital's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-67336) filed on November 14, 2001).</i> |
| 10.15 | Control Investor Guaranty Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2001, between Allied Capital and Fleet National Bank and Business Loan Express, Inc. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit f.14 filed with Allied Capital's Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 to registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-43534) filed on May 15, 2001).</i> |

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| 10.17 | The 2005 Allied Capital Corporation Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan II. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 filed with Allied Capital's Form 8-K filed on December 21, 2005).</i> |
| 10.17(a)* | Amendment to The 2005 Allied Capital Corporation Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan II, dated January 20, 2006. |
| 10.18 | The 2005 Allied Capital Corporation Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with Allied Capital's Form 8-K filed on December 21, 2005).</i> |
| 10.18(a)* | Amendment to The 2005 Allied Capital Corporation Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan, dated January 20, 2006. |
| 10.19 | Amended Stock Option Plan. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit B of Allied Capital's definitive proxy statement for Allied Capital's 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed on March 30, 2004).</i> |
| 10.20(a) | Allied Capital Corporation 401(k) Plan, dated September 1, 1999. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 filed with Allied Capital's registration statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-88681) filed on October 8, 1999).</i> |
| 10.20(b) | Amendment to Allied Capital Corporation 401(k) Plan, dated April 15, 2004. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20(b) filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2004).</i> |
| 10.20(c) | Amendment to Allied Capital Corporation 401(k) plan, dated November 1, 2005. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20(c) filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005).</i> |
| 10.21 | Employment Agreement, dated January 1, 2004, between Allied Capital and William L. Walton. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).</i> |
| 10.22 | Employment Agreement, dated January 1, 2004, between Allied Capital and Joan M. Sweeney. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).</i> |
| 10.23 | Rescission of Retention Agreement, dated October 27, 2005, between Allied Capital and John M. Scheurer. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with Allied Capital's current report on Form 8-K filed on November 1, 2005).</i> |
| 10.25 | Form of Custody Agreement with Riggs Bank N.A., which was assumed by PNC Bank through merger. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit j.1 filed with Allied Capital's registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-51899) filed on May 6, 1998).</i> |
| 10.26* | Custodian Agreement with Chevy Chase Trust. |
| 10.27* | Custodian Agreement with Bank of America. |
| 10.28* | Code of Ethics. |
| 10.30 | Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Allied Capital, Allied Capital Lock Acquisition Corporation, and Sunsource, Inc dated June 18, 2001. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit k.1 filed with Allied Capital's registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-67336) filed on August 10, 2001).</i> |
| 10.31 | Note Agreement, dated as of May 14, 2003. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.31 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2003).</i> |
| 10.32 | Amendment, dated as of April 30, 2003, to Note Agreement, dated as of April 30, 1998. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.32 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2003).</i> |

| Exhibit Number | Description | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|---|---------|
| 10.33 | Amendment, dated as of April 30, 2003, to Note Agreement, dated as of May 1, 1999. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.33 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2003).</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.35 | Amendment, dated as of April 30, 2003, to Note Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2000. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.35 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2003).</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.36 | Amendment, dated as of April 30, 2003, to Note Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2001. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.36 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2003).</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.37 | Form of Indemnification Agreement between Allied Capital and its directors and certain officers. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.37 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.38 | Note Agreement, dated as of March 25, 2004. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.38 filed with Allied Capital's Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2004.)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.39 | Note Agreement, dated as of November 15, 2004. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 filed with Allied Capital's current report on Form 8-K filed on November 18, 2004.)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.40 | Real Estate Securities Purchase Agreement. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 filed with Allied Capital's Form 8-K filed on May 4, 2005.)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.41 | Platform Assets Purchase Agreement. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 filed with Allied Capital's Form 8-K filed on May 4, 2005.)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.42 | Transition Services Agreement. <i>(Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 filed with Allied Capital's Form 8-K filed on May 4, 2005.)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Statement regarding computation of per share earnings is included in Note 7 to Allied Capital's Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Subsidiaries of Allied Capital and jurisdiction of incorporation/organization: <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>A.C. Corporation</td> <td>Delaware</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allied Investments L.P.</td> <td>Maryland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allied Investments, LLC</td> <td>Delaware</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allied Capital REIT, Inc.</td> <td>Maryland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allied Capital Holdings LLC</td> <td>Delaware</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allied Capital Beteiligungsberatung GmbH (inactive)</td> <td>Germany</td> </tr> </table> | A.C. Corporation | Delaware | Allied Investments L.P. | Maryland | Allied Investments, LLC | Delaware | Allied Capital REIT, Inc. | Maryland | Allied Capital Holdings LLC | Delaware | Allied Capital Beteiligungsberatung GmbH (inactive) | Germany |
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| 23* | Report and Consent of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31.1* | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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* Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on March 10, 2006.

/s/ William L. Walton

William L. Walton
*Chairman of the Board and
 Chief Executive Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature | Title (Capacity) | Date |
|--|--|----------------|
| /s/ William L. Walton <hr/> William L. Walton | Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) | March 10, 2006 |
| /s/ Ann Torre Bates <hr/> Ann Torre Bates | Director | March 10, 2006 |
| /s/ Brooks H. Browne <hr/> Brooks H. Browne | Director | March 10, 2006 |
| /s/ John D. Firestone <hr/> John D. Firestone | Director | March 10, 2006 |
| /s/ Anthony T. Garcia <hr/> Anthony T. Garcia | Director | March 10, 2006 |
| /s/ Lawrence I. Hebert <hr/> Lawrence I. Hebert | Director | March 10, 2006 |
| /s/ John I. Leahy <hr/> John I. Leahy | Director | March 10, 2006 |
| /s/ Robert E. Long <hr/> Robert E. Long | Director | March 10, 2006 |
| /s/ Alex J. Pollock | Director | March 10, 2006 |

Alex J. Pollock

/s/ Marc F. Racicot

Director

March 10, 2006

Marc F. Racicot

/s/ Guy T. Steuart II

Director

March 10, 2006

Guy T. Steuart II

| Signature | Title (Capacity) | Date |
|---|--|----------------|
| /s/ Joan M. Sweeney _____ Joan M. Sweeney | Director | March 10, 2006 |
| /s/ Laura W. van Roijen _____ Laura W. van Roijen | Director | March 10, 2006 |
| /s/ Penni F. Roll _____ Penni F. Roll | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | March 10, 2006 |

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ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS IN AND ADVANCES TO AFFILIATES

| PRIVATE FINANCE | | Amount of Interest or Dividends | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|--|--|
| Portfolio Company | | Credited | December | Gross | Gross | December | |
| (in thousands) | Investment (1) | to | 31, 2004 | Additions | Reductions | 31, 2005 | |
| | | Income(1) | Value | (3) | (4) | Value | |
| | | Other(2) | | | | | |
| Companies More Than 25% Owned | | | | | | | |
| Acme Paging, L.P. (Telecommunications) | Senior Loan(5) Subordinated Debt(5) Equity Interests Common Stock | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| | | | 1,230 | | (1,230) | | |
| Advantage Sales & Marketing, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt Subordinated Debt Common Stock | \$ 7,205 23,647 | 59,729 125,498 97,724 | 58 3,361 378,854 | (4,859) | 59,787 124,000 476,578 | |
| Alaris Consulting, LLC (Business Services) | Senior Loan(5) Equity Interests | (64) | 4,663 | 3,530 140 | (8,193) (140) | | |
| American Healthcare Services, Inc. and Affiliates (Healthcare Services) | Senior Loan(5) | (1) \$ 1 | 4,225 | 123 | (251) | 4,097 | |
| Avborne, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt Preferred Stock Common Stock | (78) | 1,092 7,320 | 7,052 | (1,092) (13,480) | 892 | |
| Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc. (Business Services) | Preferred Stock Common Stock | | | 2,401 | (2,401) | | |
| Business Loan Express, LLC (Financial Services) | Subordinated Debt Subordinated Debt Class A Equity Interests Class B Equity Interests * | 15 1 14,282 13,999 | 44,615 53,862 98,741 137,988 | 10,000 160 6,831 48,169 1,533 | (44,775) | 10,000 60,693 146,910 139,521 | |

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Class C Equity
Interests

| | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Callidus Capital Corporation (Financial Services) | Senior Loan | 1,996 | 42,213 | 138,300 | (180,513) | |
| | Senior Loan | 113 | 66 | 3,201 | (2,667) | 600 |
| | Subordinated Debt | 819 | 4,051 | 781 | | 4,832 |
| | Common Stock | | 3,600 | 4,368 | | 7,968 |
| Diversified Group Administrators, Inc. (Business Services) | Preferred Stock | | | 728 | | 728 |
| | Preferred Stock | | | 841 | | 841 |
| | Common Stock | | | 502 | | 502 |
| Fairchild Industrial Products Company (Industrial Products) | Senior Loan | 316 | 7,038 | | (7,038) | |
| | Subordinated Debt | 255 | 3,833 | | (3,833) | |
| | Common Stock | | 2,123 | | (2,123) | |
| Financial Pacific Company (Financial Services) | Subordinated Debt | 12,168 | 68,473 | 1,431 | | 69,904 |
| | Preferred Stock | | 10,448 | 2,668 | | 13,116 |
| | Common Stock | | 14,819 | 29,361 | | 44,180 |
| ForeSite Towers, LLC (Tower Leasing) | Equity Interests * | 2,450 | 21,511 | 3,574 | (15,335) | 9,750 |
| Global Communications, LLC (Business Services) | Senior Loan (5) | 361 | 13,990 | 2,320 | (353) | 15,957 |
| | Subordinated Debt (5) | 472 | 10,472 | 726 | | 11,198 |
| | Preferred Equity Interest | | 14,609 | | (10,306) | 4,303 |
| | Options | | 2,161 | | (2,161) | |
| Gordian Group, Inc. (Business Services) | Senior Loan(5) | (3) | 7,381 | 2,000 | (5,220) | 4,161 |
| | Common Stock | | | 722 | (722) | |
| HealthASPex, Inc. (Business Services) | Preferred Stock | | 700 | | (700) | |
| | Preferred Stock | | 1,753 | | (1,753) | |
| | Common Stock | | | | | |
| Healthy Pet Corp. (Consumer Services) | Senior Loan | 96 | | 4,100 | (14) | 4,086 |
| | Subordinated Debt | 1,964 | | 38,535 | | 38,535 |
| | Common Stock | | | 25,766 | | 25,766 |
| HMT, Inc. (Energy Services) | Subordinated Debt | 531 | 9,314 | 686 | (10,000) | |
| | Preferred Stock | | 2,537 | 149 | (49) | 2,637 |
| | Common Stock | | 3,610 | 1,733 | | 5,343 |
| | Warrants | | 1,390 | 667 | | 2,057 |

See related footnotes at the end of this schedule.

| PRIVATE FINANCE | | Amount of Interest or Dividends | | December | | | December 31, 2005 |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | 31, 2004 | Gross Additions | Gross Reductions | |
| Portfolio Company | Investment (1) | Credited to Income(7) | Other(2) Value | (3) | (4) | Value | |
| (in thousands) | | | | | | | |
| Housecall Medical Resources, Inc. (Healthcare Services) | Subordinated Debt Common Stock | \$ 1,463 | \$ 15,610 31,898 | \$ 326 | \$(15,936) (31,898) | \$ | |
| Impact Innovations Group, LLC (Business Services) | Equity Interests in Affiliate | | 772 | | (30) | 742 | |
| Insight Pharmaceuticals Corporation (Consumer Products) | Senior Loan Subordinated Debt Preferred Stock Common Stock | 3,917 7,156 | 66,115 57,213 25,000 6,325 | 355 58,876 1,791 | (66,470) (57,791) (6,089) | 58,298 26,791 236 | |
| Jakel, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Subordinated Debt (5) Preferred Stock Common Stock | | 13,742 836 | | (13,742) (836) | | |
| Legacy Partners Group, LLC (Financial Services) | Senior Loan (5) Subordinated Debt (5) Equity Interests | | 6,647 1,896 | 1,000 | (2,618) (1,896) (1,500) | 5,029 | |
| Litterer Beteiligungs-GmbH (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt Equity Interest | 42 | 715 2,596 | | (94) (424) | 621 2,226 | |
| Maui Body Works, Inc. (Healthcare Services) | Common Stock | | 1,080 | 155 | (1,235) | | |
| Mercury Air Centers, Inc. (Business Services) | Senior Loan Subordinated Debt Common Stock | 2,383 6,374 | 20,000 34,613 31,214 | 11,720 12,011 57,684 | | 31,720 46,519 88,898 | |
| MVL Group, Inc. (Business Services) | Senior Loan Subordinated Debt Common Stock | 2,954 4,050 | 15,080 18,102 9,800 | 13,892 14,315 | (1,754) (6,589) | 27,218 32,417 3,211 | |
| Pennsylvania Avenue Investors, L.P. (Private Equity Fund) | Equity Interests | | 792 | 1,549 | (477) | 1,864 | |
| Powell Plant Farms, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Senior Loan Subordinated Debt (5) | 4,442 | 23,192 10,588 | 8,850 | (8,250) (3,224) | 23,792 7,364 | |

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| | Preferred Stock | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| | Warrants | | | | | |
| Redox Brands, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt | 168 | 3,325 | 60 | (3,385) | |
| | Subordinated Debt | 528 | 10,672 | 570 | (11,242) | |
| | Preferred Stock | | 11,664 | 433 | | 12,097 |
| | Warrants | | 584 | | (84) | 500 |
| Service Champ, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt | 2,956 | | 26,906 | | 26,906 |
| | Common Stock | | | 13,662 | (343) | 13,319 |
| Staffing Partners Holding Company, Inc. (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt (5) | \$ 741 | 7,084 | | (741) | 6,343 |
| | Preferred Stock | | 1,961 | | (149) | 1,812 |
| | Common Stock | | | | | |
| | Warrants | | | | | |
| Startec Global Communications Corporation (Telecommunications) | Senior Loan | 2,080 | 16,521 | 8,800 | (3,636) | 21,685 |
| | Common Stock | | 7,800 | | (7,800) | |
| STS Operating, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Subordinated Debt | 1,365 | 6,276 | 8,662 | (8,345) | 6,593 |
| | Common Stock | | 9,632 | 55,331 | | 64,963 |
| | Options | | | 560 | | 560 |
| Triview Investments, Inc. (Broadcasting & Cable / Consumer Products) | Senior Loan | 20 | | 7,449 | | 7,449 |
| | Subordinated Debt | | | | | |
| | | 2,008 | | 30,845 | | 30,845 |
| | Subordinated Debt (5) | | 7,517 | 23,003 | (11,000) | 19,520 |
| | Common Stock | | | 50,766 | (21,595) | 29,171 |
| Total companies more than 25% owned | | | \$ 122,450 | | | \$ 1,887,651 |
| Companies 5% to 25% Owned | | | | | | |
| Air Evac Lifeteam (Healthcare Services) | Subordinated Debt | \$ 5,647 | \$ 39,964 | \$ 2,303 | \$ | \$ 42,267 |
| | Equity Interests | | 1,092 | 2,933 | | 4,025 |
| Aspen Pet Products, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt | 3,789 | 18,784 | 1,175 | | 19,959 |
| | Preferred Stock | | 897 | 741 | | 1,638 |
| | Common Stock | | | 17 | | 17 |
| | Warrants | | | | | |
| Becker Underwood, Inc. (Industrial Products) | Subordinated Debt | 3,468 | 22,939 | 604 | | 23,543 |
| | Common Stock | | 5,000 | 812 | (3,612) | 2,200 |
| The Debt Exchange Inc. (Business Services) | Preferred Stock | | 1,457 | 1,762 | | 3,219 |
| MasterPlan, Inc. | Subordinated Debt | 48 | 1,204 | | (1,204) | |

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----|----|-------|-----|---------|-------|
| (Business Services) | Common Stock | | | 3,300 | | (3,300) | |
| MedBridge Healthcare, LLC | Senior Loan | 200 | | 7,000 | 93 | | 7,093 |
| (Healthcare Services) | Subordinated Debt(5) | 225 | | 4,311 | 499 | (4,276) | 534 |
| | Convertible | | | | | | |
| | Subordinated Debt (5) | (1) | 30 | 678 | | (678) | |
| | Equity Interests | | | | 800 | (800) | |
| MortgageRamp, Inc. | Common Stock | | | 903 | | (903) | |
| (Business Services) | | | | | | | |

See related footnotes at the end of this schedule.

| PRIVATE FINANCE | | Amount of Interest or Dividends | | | | December | |
|---|--|--|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Portfolio Company | | Credited | | December | Gross | Gross | December |
| (in thousands) | Investment (1) | to | Other | 31, 2004 | Additions | Reductions | 31, 2005 |
| | | Income | (2) | Value | (3) | (4) | Value |
| | | (7) | | | | | |
| Nexcel Synthetics, LLC (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt Equity Interests | \$ 1,554 | | \$ 10,211 687 | \$ 377 693 | \$ (13) | \$ 10,588 1,367 |
| Packaging Advantage Corporation (Business Services) | Subordinated Debt Common Stock Warrants | 808 | | 14,731 1,479 597 | 2,480 23 | (17,211) (1,479) (620) | |
| Pres Air Trol LLC (Industrial Products) | Unitranche Debt Equity Interests | 762 | | 6,021 900 | 11 34 | (212) (616) | 5,820 318 |
| Progressive International Corporation (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt Preferred Stock Common Stock Warrants | 1,202 | | 7,221 586 13 | 155 298 | | 7,376 884 13 |
| Soteria Imaging Services, LLC (Healthcare Services) | Subordinated Debt Equity Interests | 1,467 | | 8,340 2,114 | 5,107 194 | | 13,447 2,308 |
| Universal Environmental Services, LLC (Business Services) | Unitranche Debt Equity Interests | 1,875 | | 12,099 1,864 | 13 328 | (1,250) (864) | 10,862 1,328 |
| Total companies 5% to 25% owned | | | | | | | \$ 158,806 |
| Companies less than 5% owned (6) | | | | | | | |
| Border Foods, Inc. (Consumer Products) | Subordinated Debt (5) Preferred Stock Common Stock Warrants | \$ 880 | | 12,510 2,000 | 211 893 245 | (12,721) (2,893) (245) | |
| Total | | \$ 21,924 | | | | | |

This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, including the consolidated statement of investments and Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements. Note 3 includes additional information regarding activities in the private finance portfolio for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(1) Common stock, preferred stock, warrants, options, and equity interests are generally non-income producing and restricted. The principal amount for loans and debt securities and the number of shares of common stock and preferred stock is shown in the consolidated statement of investments as of December 31, 2005.

(2) Other includes interest, dividend, or other income which was applied to the principal of the investment and therefore reduced the total investment. These reductions are also included in the Gross Reductions for the investment, as applicable.

(3) Gross additions include increases in the cost basis of investments resulting from new portfolio investments, paid-in-kind interest or dividends, the amortization of discounts and closing fees, and the exchange of one or more existing securities for one or more new securities. Gross additions also include net increases in unrealized appreciation or net decreases in unrealized depreciation.

(4) Gross reductions include decreases in the cost basis of investments resulting from principal collections related to investment repayments or sales and the exchange of one or more existing securities for one or more new securities. Gross reductions also include net increases in unrealized depreciation or net decreases in unrealized appreciation.

(5) Loan or debt security is on non-accrual status at December 31, 2005, and is therefore considered non-income producing. Loans or debt securities on non-accrual status at the end of the year may or may not have been on non-accrual status for the full year ended December 31, 2005.

(6) Data is included for these companies less than 5% owned at December 31, 2005, as these companies were included in the companies 5% to 25% owned category during the past year, however, due to changes in affiliation status were classified in the less than 5% owned category at December 31, 2005.

(7) Represents the total amount of interest or dividends credited to income for the portion of the year an investment was included in the companies more than 25% owned or companies 5% to 25% owned categories, respectively.

* All or a portion of the dividend income on this investment was or will be paid in the form of additional securities. Dividends paid-in-kind are also included in the Gross Additions for the investment, as applicable.