

Monthly Report - August 2018

#### **Monthly Investment Highlights**

- The Company produced a total NAV return of 1.01%. Notably, this is the fourth consecutive month that the Company has produced returns greater than 1.00% of NAV
- The gross revenue return was 1.06% and total net revenue return was 0.93%
- Capital returns for the month were 0.08%

## The Company's Performance (As at 31 August 2018)<sup>1</sup>

NAV (Cum Income)	£331,609,418
NAV (Ex Income)	£315,948,937
Monthly NAV (Cum Income) Return	1.01%
Monthly Income Return	0.93%
Monthly NAV (Ex Income) Return	0.08%
ITD Total NAV Return <sup>2</sup>	14.59%
NAV per Share (Cum Income) <sup>3</sup>	90.71p
NAV per Share (Ex Income) <sup>3</sup>	86.43p
Share Price (31 August 2018 Close)	79.40p
Issue Price	100.00p
Shares in Issue <sup>3</sup>	365,571,056
Market Capitalisation	£290,263,418
Trailing Twelve Month Dividend	9.30p
Trailing Twelve Month Dividend Yield	11.71%
Premium / (Discount) to NAV (Cum Income)	-12.47%
Look-through Gearing Ratio	0.10x

#### **Monthly Commentary**

During the month of August, the Company was nearly fully invested and produced strong returns, consistent with the prior four months.

On 22 August 2018, the Company declared a dividend of 2.00 pence per share for the three-month period ending 30 June 2018. Going forward, this will be the long-term dividend target for the Company.

The Company did not repurchase any shares under the share buyback program during the month.

#### **Events Subsequent to 31 August 2018**

On 6 September 2018, the Company was repaid on substantially all of its balance sheet investment in Community Choice Financial Inc. ("CCFI"), which comprised of 5.79% of the Company's NAV as at 31 August 2018. The early repayment of this investment came with a prepayment penalty fee in the form of publicly issued CCFI bonds with a face value of \$5.3 million.

On 11 September 2018, the Company received a partial paydown on its balance sheet investment in Curo Financial Technologies Corp. ("Curo") and received notice that the remaining balance sheet investment would be paid down in October 2018. The paydown in September and the remaining balance comprise 1.47% and 1.40%, respectively, of the Company's NAV as at 31 August 2018. The early repayment of this investment also comes with a prepayment penalty fee, which will be recognised by the Company as it is received. The repayment of the investment in Curo will decrease the Company's look-through gearing ratio from 0.10x to 0.08x.

From 1 September 2018 through 27 September 2018, the Company repurchased an additional 700,000 shares at an average price of 80.26 pence per ordinary share under the share buyback programme.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Please refer to the Glossary of Terms posted on the Company's website.

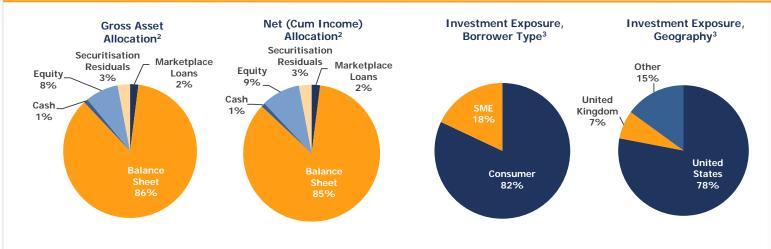
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Net of issue costs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Based on total shares outstanding, less shares held in treasury.



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## Ordinary Share Portfolio Composition (As at 31 August 2018)<sup>1</sup>



## Ordinary Share Gross Return Statistics (As at 31 August 2018)1

Gross NAV (Cum Income) Returns (Total Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	0.98%	3.23%	9.98%
Marketplace Loans	0.02%	0.11%	-1.29%
Securitisation Residuals	0.00%	-0.02%	-1.00%
Equity	0.20%	0.92%	1.17%
F/X	-0.06%	-0.25%	-0.97%
Total Gross NAV (Cum Income) Returns	1.14%	3.99%	7.89%
Gross Income Returns (Gross Revenue Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	1.05%	3.26%	11.57%
Marketplace Loans	0.01%	0.04%	0.36%
Securitisation Residuals	N/A	N/A	N/A
Equity	N/A	N/A	N/A
F/X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Gross Income Returns	1.06%	3.30%	11.93%
Gross NAV (Ex Income) Returns (Gross Capital Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	-0.07%	-0.03%	-1.59%
Marketplace Loans	0.01%	0.07%	-1.65%
Securitisation Residuals	0.00%	-0.02%	-1.00%
Equity	0.20%	0.92%	1.17%
F/X	-0.06%	-0.25%	-0.97%
Total Gross NAV (Ex Income) Returns <sup>4</sup>	0.08%	0.69%	-4.04%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Please refer to the Glossary of Terms posted on the Company's website.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Percentages calculated on a look-through basis to the Company's investee entities and SPVs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Calculations using gross asset exposure and not reduced for gearing. Excludes cash.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The Gross and Net NAV (Ex Income) Returns disclosed in this report are the same, excluding the impact of share buybacks on the return, as there are no operating and other expenses of the Company allocated to the NAV (Ex Income) Return as defined within the Glossary of Terms listed on the Company's website.



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## Ordinary Share Performance and Dividend Summary (As at 31 August 2018)<sup>1</sup>

NAV (Cum Income)														
Return <sup>2</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD <sup>4</sup>
2015	-	-	-0.12%	0.63%	0.33%	0.81%	0.77%	0.51%	0.63%	0.68%	0.69%	0.77%	5.80%	14.59%
2016	0.33%	0.41%	0.41%	0.37%	-0.62%	0.58%	0.60%	0.10%	0.16%	-1.25%	-0.28%	0.04%	0.85%	
2017	0.51%	0.31%	0.57%	0.06%	-0.68%	0.04%	0.51%	0.26%	0.42%	0.26%	0.55%	0.29%	3.07%	
2018	-0.17% <sup>5</sup>	0.49%	0.62%	0.95%	1.03%	1.38%	1.15%	1.01%					6.43% <sup>5</sup>	
Income Return <sup>2</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD <sup>4</sup>
2015	-	-	-0.10%	0.09%	0.29%	0.65%	0.74%	0.43%	0.72%	0.44%	0.62%	0.35%	4.31%	
2016	0.63%	0.47%	0.23%	0.36%	0.38%	0.27%	1.22%	0.42%	0.40%	0.78%	0.48%	0.49%	6.01%	25.12%
2017	0.48%	0.51%	0.56%	0.58%	0.62%	0.66%	0.76%	0.83%	0.75%	0.85%	0.82%	0.96%	8.23%	
2018	0.99%	0.81%	0.89%	0.86%	0.94%	0.99%	0.93%	0.93%					7.38%	
NAV (Ex Income) Return <sup>2</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD <sup>4</sup>
2015	-	-	-0.02%	0.54%	0.04%	0.16%	0.03%	0.08%	-0.09%	0.24%	0.07%	0.42%	1.49%	-10.53%
2016	-0.30%	-0.06%	0.18%	0.01%	-1.00%	0.31%	-0.62%	-0.32%	-0.24%	-2.03%	-0.76%	-0.45%	-5.15%	
2017	0.03%	-0.20%	0.01%	-0.52%	-1.30%	-0.62%	-0.25%	-0.57%	-0.33%	-0.59%	-0.27%	-0.67%	-5.17%	
2018	-1.16% <sup>5</sup>	-0.32%	-0.27%	0.09%	0.09%	0.39%	0.22%	0.08%					-0.95% <sup>5</sup>	
Share Price Performance <sup>3</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD <sup>4</sup>
2015	_	-	0.50%	0.25%	1.24%	0.00%	1.96%	-2.88%	1.98%	-4.37%	-2.54%	-1.56%	-5.50%	
2016	0.00%	-3.44%	-4.66%	5.46%	-5.45%	-3.17%	-4.76%	1.25%	-1.23%	-0.31%	-10.03%	9.76%	-16.67%	
2017	-1.27%	-1.93%	-1.31%	6.64%	2.18%	0.91%	-2.72%	-1.86%	-1.27%	-0.64%	-3.55%	4.35%	-0.95%	-20.60%
2018	3.85%	-3.70%	-0.51%	0.52%	0.26%	1.02%	5.05%	-4.33%					1.79%	
Dividend Per Share	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	$ITD^4$
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.90p	-	-	1.89p	-	2.79p	
2016	2.00p	-	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.50p	-	6.50p	21.59p
2017	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.70p	-	1.80p	-	6.50p	Σο,ρ
2018	-	-	1.80p	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p					5.80p	

## Portfolio Statistics<sup>1,6</sup>

	Balance Sheet Loans
Weighted Average Coupon	13.92%
Weighted Average Remaining Life (months)	27.27
Number of Underlying Loans	2,161,436
Average Loan Balance Outstanding (\$USD)	9,779

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 $<sup>^{2}\</sup>mbox{Net of issue costs}.$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Based on issue price of 100p.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Inception to Date ("ITD"). Inception date is 17 March 2015 for the Ordinary Shares.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>This return excludes the effect of the initial recognition of IFRS 9 disclosed in the Company's Annual Report of 1.11% as at 31 December 2017 which is brought forward through capital as it impacts the inception to date returns.

6Underlying portfolio data as of most recent available reporting period.

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## **Company Overview**

VPC Specialty Lending Investments PLC ("VSL" or the "Company") invests in opportunities within the financial services market primarily through balance sheet or marketplace lending models ("Portfolio Companies"). The Company completed its IPO on 17 March 2015 with a premium listing on the Official List of the U.K. Listing Authority and trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange. The Company's trading symbol is VSL for the Ordinary Shares.

The Company's investment manager is Victory Park Capital Advisors, LLC ("VPC" or the "Investment Manager"). VPC is an SEC-registered investment adviser and acts as the AIFM of the Company.

Since 2010, the Investment Manager has been actively involved in the specialty lending marketplace and has made more than \$6.3 billion of investments and commitments across various financial technology Portfolio Companies, spanning multiple geographies, products and structures, and continues to deploy capital into existing and new Portfolio Companies.

### The Company's Investment Objective

Increased banking regulation (particularly in Europe and the U.S.) is imposing restrictions on certain types of lending by banks to both consumers and small businesses, leading to a growing market for specialty lending Portfolio Companies. The online lending market continues to expand rapidly as both borrowers and investors recognise the advantages relative to the traditional bank lending model.

The Company seeks to generate an attractive total return for shareholders consisting of dividend income and capital growth via investments across a diverse portfolio of various online lending providers, asset classes, geographies (primarily U.S., U.K., Europe and Australia) and credit bands.

The Company generates investment income from exposure to Portfolio Company-originated consumer and small business loans, including corporate and trade receivables, in accordance with certain investment limits and restrictions to ensure diversification of the Company's portfolio is maintained and that concentration risk and credit exposure is mitigated. In addition, the Company may also make direct equity investments, or receive warrants to purchase equity stakes, in such Portfolio Companies.

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