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#### **Company Overview**

VPC Specialty Lending Investments PLC ("VSL" or the "Company") invests in opportunities within the specialty lending 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 \$4.6 billion of investments and commitments across various financial technology Portfolio Companies, spanning multiple geographies, products and structures, and is continuing 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.

#### The Company's Performance (As at 31 March 2017)<sup>1</sup>

NAV (Cum Income)	£359,863,958
NAV (Ex Income)	£351,637,568
Monthly NAV (Cum Income) Return	0.57%
Monthly Income Return	0.56%
Monthly NAV (Ex Income) Return	0.01%
ITD Total NAV Return <sup>2</sup>	8.04%
NAV per Share (Cum Income) <sup>3</sup>	95.09p
NAV per Share (Ex Income) <sup>3</sup>	92.92p
Share Price (31 March 2017 Close)	75.25p
Issue Price	100.00p
Shares in Issue <sup>3</sup>	378,439,249
Market Capitalisation	£284,775,535
Premium / (Discount) to NAV (Cum Income)	-20.87%
Look-through Gearing Ratio	0.53x

#### **Investment Highlights**

- Significant market opportunity with rapid and continued expansion.
- Experienced management team that has been involved in the sector since 2010.
- Access to scalable online lending Portfolio Companies utilizing VPC's existing loan and forward flow contractual agreements.
- Exposure to geographic, product and structural diversity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Please refer to the Glossary of Terms on page 5.

<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 Performance and Dividend Summary (As at 31 March 2017)<sup>1</sup>

NAV (Cum Income)														
Return <sup>2</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	$ITD^4$
2015	-	-	-0.12%	0.63%	0.33%	0.81%	0.77%	0.51%	0.63%	0.68%	0.69%	0.77%	5.80%	
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%	8.04%
2017	0.51%	0.31%	0.57%										1.40%	
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%	11.94%
2017	0.48%	0.51%	0.56%										1.56%	
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%	
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%	-3.90%
2017	0.03%	-0.20%	0.01%										-0.16%	
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%	-24.75%
2017	-1.27%	-1.93%	-1.31%										-4.44%	
Dividend Per														
Share	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD <sup>4</sup>
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.90p	-	-	1.89p	-	2.79p	
2016	2.00p	-	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.50p	-	6.50p	10.79p
2017	-	-	1.50p										1.50p	

#### Portfolio Statistics<sup>1,5</sup>

	Overall Portfolio	Marketplace Loans Only	Balance Sheet Loans Only
Weighted Average Coupon	16.02%	22.11%	13.23%
Weighted Average Life at Origination (months)	N/A	26	N/A
Weighted Average Remaining Life (months)	17	17	17
Number of Underlying Loans	1,238,316	114,396	1,123,920
Weighted Average Loan Size (\$USD)	101,977	39,106	129,786

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Please refer to the Glossary of Terms on page 5.

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

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

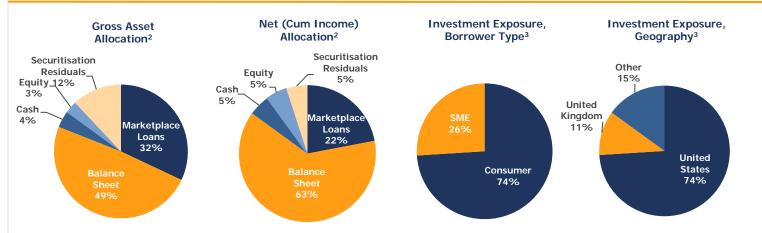
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Inception to Date ("ITD"). Inception date is 17 March 2015 for the Ordinary Shares.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Underlying portfolio data as of most recent available reporting period.



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#### Ordinary Share Portfolio Composition (As at 31 March 2017)<sup>1</sup>



#### Ordinary Share Gross Return Statistics (As at 31 March 2017)<sup>1</sup>

Gross NAV (Cum Income) Returns (Total Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	0.73%	2.01%	6.27%
Marketplace Loans	-0.13%	-0.47%	-1.67%
Securitisation Residuals	-0.15%	-0.42%	-3.34%
Equity	0.42%	0.54%	1.34%
F/X	-0.12%	0.21%	0.10%
Total Gross NAV (Cum Income) Returns	0.75%	1.87%	2.70%
Gross Income Returns (Gross Revenue Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	0.73%	2.01%	6.27%
Marketplace Loans	0.05%	0.14%	1.71%
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	0.78%	2.15%	7.98%
Gross NAV (Ex Income) Returns (Gross Capital Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	N/A	N/A	N/A
Marketplace Loans	-0.18%	-0.61%	-3.38%
Securitisation Residuals	-0.15%	-0.42%	-3.34%
Equity	0.42%	0.54%	1.34%
F/X	-0.12%	0.21%	0.10%
Total Gross NAV (Ex Income) Returns <sup>4</sup>	-0.03%	-0.28%	-5.28%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Please refer to the Glossary of Terms on page 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Percentages calculated on a look-through basis to the Company's investee entities and SPVs. Starting 31 December 2016, Restricted Cash will now be included in Cash and Marketplace Loans and Securitisation Residuals will be shown separately. At 30 November 2016, Securitisation Residuals accounted for 14% of Gross Assets and 5% of Net (Cum Income) Assets.

<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 on page 5.



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#### **Monthly Commentary**

The Company's income return was 0.56% and its capital return was 0.01% for a net total return of 0.57%.

As in recent months, income was predominantly from the Company's balance sheet loans, which continued to perform in line with expectations and contributed a gross monthly income of 0.78%. Gross capital returns in March were -0.03%. Losses of -0.18% from marketplace loans, -0.15% from the fair valuation of securitisation residuals and -0.12% from FX were offset by a positive contribution of 0.42% from unrealised equity gains as certain unlisted holdings were revalued higher based on recent transaction levels.

During March, a hedge was put in place for the Company's exposure to AUD (9.64% of NAV) and, as a result, we expect that volatility in the Company's capital returns due to FX will decrease significantly.

During the month, the Investment Manager continued to reallocate capital into balance sheet investments, which accounted for 63% of NAV as at 31 March 2017. The allocation to marketplace loans declined slightly to 22% as at 31 March 2017 versus 23% as at 28 February 2017. The Company's gearing declined further to 0.53x from 0.56x at the end of the prior month.

As at 31 March 2017, the Company had investments in debt instruments of 25 Portfolio Companies, 20 of which were balance sheet investments and had equity stakes in 20 Portfolio Companies.

The Company purchased a total of 1,138,738 shares at an average price of 76.28p under the share buyback program. In addition, the Investment Manager used 20% of its management fee to purchase 78,251 shares at an average price of 77.75p.

#### **Events Subsequent to 31 March 2017**

From 1 April 2017 to 2 May 2017, the Company had repurchased an additional 142,643 shares at an average price of 75.82p under the share buyback programme, bringing the cumulative total to 4,319,049 shares (1.13% of gross share issuance).

On 6 April 2017, a portion of the Company's investment in Elevate converted to 1,012,000 shares as a result of the Elevate IPO.

The Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2016 was published on 28 April 2017.



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#### **Glossary of Terms**

Gross Assets - The value of the assets of the Company including Look-through Gearing.

Gross Returns – Represents the return on shareholder's funds per share on investments of the Company before operating and other expenses of the Company.

Income Return - Represents the difference between the NAV (Cum Income) Return and the NAV (Ex Income) Return as defined below.

Last Three Months Return – Represents the return on shareholder's funds per share reflecting the change in NAV for the trailing three months, including the current month.

Last Twelve Months Return – Represents the return on shareholder's funds per share reflecting the change in NAV for the trailing twelve months, including the current month.

**Look-through Gearing Ratio** – The aggregate leverage of the Company and any investee entity, on a look-through basis, including borrowing through securitization using SPVs.

Market Capitalisation - Month-end closing share price multiplied by the number of shares outstanding at month end.

Month To Date Return - Represents the return on shareholder's funds per share reflecting the change in NAV for the current month.

**NAV (Cum Income) or NAV or Net Asset Value –** The value of assets of the Company less liabilities determined in accordance with the accounting principles adopted by the Company.

**NAV** (Cum Income) Return – The total return on shareholders' funds per share reflecting the change in NAV assuming that dividends paid to shareholders were reinvested at NAV at the time dividend was announced.

NAV (Ex Income) Return – The NAV of the Company, including current year capital returns and excluding current year revenue returns and unadjusted for dividends relating to revenue returns.

NAV per Share (Cum Income) - The NAV (Cum Income) divided by the number of shares in issue.

NAV per Share (Ex Income) - The NAV (Ex Income) divided by the number of shares in issue.

Number of Underlying Loans – The number of marketplace loans owned by the Company or held as collateral for balance sheet loans.

**Premium / (Discount) to NAV (Cum Income) –** The amount by which the share price of the Company is either higher or lower than the NAV per Share (Cum Income), expressed as a percentage of the NAV per share.

**Share Price –** Closing share price at month end, excluding dividends reinvested.

Weighted Average Coupon – The weighted average gross interest rates charged on the underlying marketplace loans or balance sheet loans owned by the Company.

Weighted Average Life at Origination – The weighted average duration of the underlying marketplace loans owned by the Company at the time they were originated.

Weighted Averaged Remaining Life – The current weighted average duration of the underlying marketplace loans or balance sheet loans owned by the Company.

Weighted Average Loan Size (\$USD) - The weighted average size in USD of loans invested by the Company or held as collateral.

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