

Monthly Report - August 2019

#### **Monthly Investment Highlights**

- The Company generated a NAV (Cum Income) return of 0.84% for August 2019, a 10.08% NAV (Cum Income) return on an annualised basis;
- The gross revenue return was 1.26%, the net revenue return was 0.85% and the capital return was -0.01%;
- The year-to-date NAV (Cum Income) return for the Company is 7.65%;
- The trailing twelve-month NAV (Cum Income) return for the Company is 10.21%; and
- The Company declared a dividend of 2.00 pence per share for the three-month period ending 30 June 2019.

## The Company's Performance (As at 31 August 2019)1

NAV (Cum Income)	£297,077,985
NAV (Ex Income)	£278,643,273
Monthly NAV (Cum Income) Return	0.84%
Monthly Income Return	0.85%
Monthly NAV (Ex Income) Return	-0.01%
ITD Total NAV Return <sup>2</sup>	24.04%
NAV per Share (Cum Income) <sup>3</sup>	91.97p
NAV per Share (Ex Income) <sup>3</sup>	86.27p
Share Price (30 August 2019 Close)	75.30p
Issue Price	100.00p
Shares in Issue <sup>3</sup>	323,006,790
Market Capitalisation	£243,224,113
Trailing Twelve Month Dividend	8.00p
Trailing Twelve Month Dividend Yield	10.62%
Premium / (Discount) to NAV (Cum Income)	-18.13%
Look-through Gearing Ratio	0.43x
Look-through Gearing Ratio - Company Level	0.23x
Look-through Gearing Ratio – Non-Recourse	0.20x

#### **Monthly Commentary**

During the month, the Company continued to be substantially fully invested with 87% of the Company's NAV in balance sheet investments, up from 85% in July 2019. The balance sheet investments have generated a total monthly return of at least 1.00% for the past six months and for seven of eight months in 2019. The total gross NAV (Cum Income) return generated over the last twelve months by balance sheet investments is 14.90%.

On 21 August 2019, the Company declared a dividend of 2.00 pence per share for the three-month period ending 30 June 2019. The dividend was fully covered by the NAV returns for the period and represents the sixth consecutive dividend declared at the target set out by the Company.

Lastly, the Company repurchased 1,397,269 ordinary shares at an average price of 76.49 pence per share and an average discount to NAV of 17.07%<sup>4</sup>. The Investment Manager continued to purchase shares of the Company in August with 20.0% of its monthly management fee. The Investment Manager purchased 63,281 shares following the announcement of the June NAV.

#### **Events Subsequent to 31 August 2019**

On 26 September 2019, the Company announced the release of its 2019 Half Year Report.

From 1 September 2019 to 27 September 2019, the Company repurchased 1,746,830 ordinary shares at an average price of 79.14 pence per share and an average discount to NAV of 14.89%<sup>4</sup>. The Investment Manager continued to purchase shares of the Company in August with 20.0% of its monthly management fee. The Investment Manager purchased 65,433 shares following the announcement of the July NAV.

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<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.

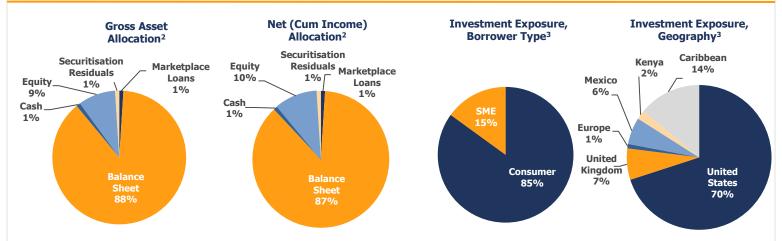
 $<sup>{}^3\</sup>mbox{Based}$  on total shares outstanding, less shares held in treasury.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Calculated as the weighted average the repurchase price of the shares less the latest announced NAV as at the date of the repurchase divided by the latest announced NAV as at the date of the repurchase.



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## Ordinary Share Portfolio Composition (As at 31 August 2019)<sup>1</sup>



## Ordinary Share Gross Return Statistics (As at 31 August 2019)1

Gross NAV (Cum Income) Returns (Total Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	1.26%	3.96%	14.90%
Marketplace Loans	0.04%	0.14%	0.62%
Securitisation Residuals	0.03%	0.08%	0.09%
Equity	0.03%	0.86%	-0.61%
F/X	-0.15%	-0.47%	-1.73%
Total Gross NAV (Cum Income) Returns	1.21%	4.57%	13.27%
Gross Income Returns (Gross Revenue Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	1.26%	4.01%	15.29%
Marketplace Loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%
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	1.26%	4.01%	15.32%
Gross NAV (Ex Income) Returns (Gross Capital Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	0.00%	-0.05%	-0.39%
Marketplace Loans	0.04%	0.14%	0.59%
Securitisation Residuals	0.03%	0.08%	0.09%
Equity	0.03%	0.86%	-0.61%
F/X	-0.15%	-0.47%	-1.73%
Total Gross NAV (Ex Income) Returns <sup>4</sup>	-0.05%	0.56%	-2.05%

<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 2019)<sup>1</sup>

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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	Jan-	reb -	-0.12%	0.63%	0.33%	0.81%	0.77%	0.51%	0.63%	0.68%	0.69%	0.77%	5.80%	טוז
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%	24.04%
2017	-0.17% <sup>5</sup>	0.49%	0.62%	0.95%	1.03%	1.38%	1.15%	1.01%	1.03%	0.20%	0.52%	0.46%	8.96% <sup>5</sup>	27.0770
2019	0.58%	0.46%	0.73%	1.03%	0.56%	2.39%	1.04%	0.84%	1.0570	0.5170	0.5270	0.7070	7.65%	
2019	0.3670	0.4070	0.7370	1.0370	0.30%	2.3970	1.0470	0.0470					7.05%	
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%	
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%	34.73%
2018	0.99%	0.81%	0.89%	0.86%	0.94%	0.99%	0.93%	0.93%	1.20%	1.41%	0.82%	0.56%	11.41%	
2019	0.78%	0.56%	0.72%	0.91%	0.59%	0.93%	0.96%	0.85%					6.31%	
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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%	
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%	-10.69%
2018	-1.16% <sup>5</sup>	-0.32%	-0.27%	0.09%	0.09%	0.39%	0.22%	0.08%	-0.17%	-0.90%	-0.30%	-0.10%	-2.45% <sup>5</sup>	
2019	-0.20%	-0.10%	0.01%	0.12%	-0.03%	1.46%	0.08%	-0.01%					1.34%	
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%	-24.70%
2018	3.85%	-3.70%	-0.51%	0.52%	0.26%	1.02%	5.05%	-4.33%	1.01%	-1.50%	-2.78%	0.00%	-1.54%	
2019	1.56%	-0.77%	-6.46%	-1.38%	-2.24%	3.44%	8.03%	-3.46%					-1.95%	
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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	
2017	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.70p	-	1.80p	-	6.50p	29.59p
2018	_	_	1.80p	-	2.00p	-	_	2.00p	-	_	2.00p	_	7.80p	
2019	_	_	2.00p	_	2.00p	_	_	2.00p					6.00p	
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## Portfolio Statistics<sup>1,6</sup>

	Balance Sheet Loans
Weighted Average Coupon	11.84%
Weighted Average Remaining Life (months)	35.45
Number of Underlying Loans	1,852,097
Average Loan Balance Outstanding (\$USD)	14,587

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Underlying portfolio data as of most recent available reporting period.



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## **Company Overview**

VPC Specialty Lending Investments PLC ("VSL" or the "Company") is a UK-listed investment trust focused on asset-backed lending to emerging and established businesses ("Portfolio Companies") with the goal of building long-term, sustainable income generation. VSL identifies investment opportunities across various industries and geographies to offer shareholders access to a diversified portfolio of opportunistic credit investments, originated by non-bank lenders with a focus on the rapidly developing technology-enabled lending sector. 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 \$8.0 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

The Company's investment objectives are to:

- generate an attractive total return for shareholders of consistent distributable income and capital growth through asset-backed lending;
- achieve portfolio diversification to emerging and established businesses across different industries and geographies with the goal of building long-term, sustainable value; and
- enable shareholders to benefit from equity upside through equity-linked securities issued in conjunction asset-backed lending.

VPC identifies and finances emerging and established businesses globally and seeks to provide the Company with attractive yields on its portfolio of credit investments. VPC offers a differentiated private lending approach by financing Portfolio Companies through asset-backed delayed draw term loans, which is referred to as "Balance Sheet Lending." Balance Sheet Lending affords various structural protections and covenants which are designed to limit downside risk while providing shareholders with strong income returns.

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