

Monthly Report – September 2020

### **Monthly Investment Highlights**

- The Company generated a total NAV return of 2.29% for September 2020 and 4.86% for the third quarter of 2020. The revenue return was 0.50% and the capital return was 1.79% for the month;
- The revenue return for the month, excluding the impact of performance fees, is consistent with previous months and driven by the continued performance of the balance sheet investments; and
- The capital return was primarily driven by unrealised increases in equity positions the Company holds in several of the portfolio companies.

### The Company's Performance (As at 30 September 2020)1

NAV (Cum Income)	£261,552,080
NAV (Ex Income)	£237,310,417
Monthly NAV (Cum Income) Return	2.29%
Monthly Income Return	0.50%
Monthly NAV (Ex Income) Return	1.79%
ITD Total NAV Return <sup>2</sup>	32.38%
NAV per Share (Cum Income) <sup>3</sup>	92.14p
NAV per Share (Ex Income) <sup>3</sup>	83.60p
Share Price (30 September 2020 Close)	64.00p
Issue Price	100.00p
Shares in Issue <sup>3</sup>	283,851,556
Market Capitalisation	£181,664,996
Trailing Twelve Month Dividend	8.00p
Trailing Twelve Month Dividend Yield	12.50%
Premium / (Discount) to NAV (Cum Income)	-30.54%
Look-through Gearing Ratio	0.42x
Look-through Gearing Ratio – Company Level	0.22x
Look-through Gearing Ratio – Non-Recourse	0.20x

### **Monthly Commentary**

The Company continues to see strong underlying performance across the balance sheet investment portfolio. All interest earned in September was received as scheduled during the month of October. The Company maintained an average cash balance of approximately 9% of NAV during the month and continued accruing the incentive fee, both of which impacted the net revenue return.

The Company's capital return of 1.79% for September represented a record monthly return. The return was driven by an increase in the valuation of the Company's investment in weFox as well as unrealised gains in several other portfolio companies.

The Company repurchased 1,547,589 ordinary shares during the month at an average price of 64.02 pence per share and an average discount to NAV of 28.02%<sup>4</sup>. The Investment Manager purchased 68,688 shares of the Company with 20.0% of its monthly management fee following the announcement of the July NAV.

### **Events Subsequent to 30 September 2020**

From 1 October 2020 to 30 October 2020, the Company did not repurchase any shares through the share buyback programme. Following the announcement of the August NAV, the Investment Manager purchased 66,951 shares of the Company with 20.0% of its monthly management fee.

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

<sup>2</sup>Net of issue costs.

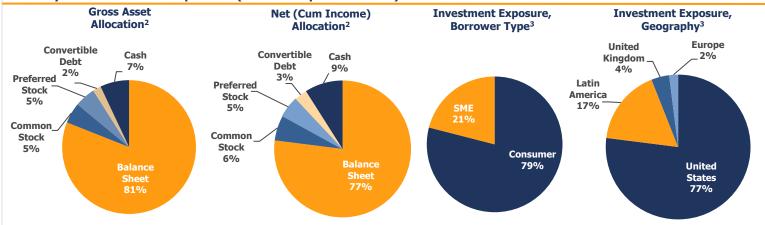
<sup>3</sup>Based on total shares outstanding, less shares held in treasury.

Calculated as the weighted average 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 30 September 2020)<sup>1</sup>



### Ordinary Share Gross Return Statistics (As at 30 September 2020)<sup>1</sup>

Gross NAV (Cum Income) Returns (Total Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	1.21%	4.26%	12.15%
Marketplace Loans	0.02%	0.07%	0.16%
Securitisation Residuals	-0.01%	0.02%	0.21%
Equity	1.73%	1.59%	-1.67%
F/X	-0.04%	-0.15%	-1.15%
Total Gross NAV (Cum Income) Returns	2.91%	5.79%	9.70%
Gross Income Returns (Gross Revenue Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	1.23%	3.50%	14.86%
Marketplace Loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
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	1.23%	3.50%	14.86%
Gross NAV (Ex Income) Returns (Gross Capital Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Balance Sheet Loans	-0.02%	0.76%	-2.71%
Marketplace Loans	0.02%	0.07%	0.16%
Securitisation Residuals	-0.01%	0.02%	0.21%
Equity	1.73%	1.59%	-1.67%
F/X	-0.04%	-0.15%	-1.15%
Total Gross NAV (Ex Income) Returns <sup>4</sup>	1.68%	2.29%	-5.16%

### Portfolio Statistics1,5

	Balance Sheet Loans				
Weighted Average Coupon	10.67%				
Weighted Average Remaining Life (months)	28.76				

<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.

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



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### Ordinary Share Performance and Dividend Summary (As at 30 September 2020)<sup>1</sup>

NAV (Cum Income) Return <sup>2</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD⁴
2020	0.89%	0.08%	-3.55%	0.91%	1.26%	1.08%	1.30%	1.25%	2.29%	OCL	INOV	Dec	5.16%	
2019	0.58%	0.46%	0.73%	1.03%	0.56%	2.39%	1.04%	0.84%	0.98%	0.95%	0.96%	0.73%	11.34%	32.38%
2018	-0.17% <sup>5</sup>	0.49%	0.62%	0.95%	1.03%	1.38%	1.15%	1.01%	1.03%	0.51%	0.52%	0.46%	8.96% <sup>5</sup>	
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%	
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%	
2015	-	-	-0.12%	0.63%	0.33%	0.81%	0.77%	0.51%	0.63%	0.68%	0.69%	0.77%	5.80%	
Income Return <sup>2</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD <sup>4</sup>
2020	0.79%	1.00%	1.68%	0.85%	1.08%	1.17%	0.95%	0.64%	0.50%				8.41%	
2019	0.78%	0.56%	0.72%	0.91%	0.59%	0.93%	0.96%	0.85%	0.82%	0.92%	0.92%	0.80%	9.83%	
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%	45.78%
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%	
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%	
2015	-	-	-0.10%	0.09%	0.29%	0.65%	0.74%	0.43%	0.72%	0.44%	0.62%	0.35%	4.31%	
NAV (Ex Income) Return <sup>2</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD <sup>4</sup>
2020	0.10%	-0.92%	-5.23%	0.06%	0.18%	-0.09%	0.35%	0.61%	1.79%				-3.25%	
2019	-0.20%	-0.10%	0.01%	0.12%	-0.03%	1.46%	0.08%	-0.01%	0.16%	0.03%	0.04%	-0.07%	1.51%	
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>	12 1221
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%	-13.40%
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%	
2015	-	-	-0.02%	0.54%	0.04%	0.16%	0.03%	0.08%	-0.09%	0.24%	0.07%	0.42%	1.49%	
Share Price Performance <sup>3</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD <sup>4</sup>
2020	3.32%	-4.70%		-12.59%	35.81%	2.96%	0.00%	-5.15%	2.24%				-18.16%	
2019	1.56%	-0.77%	-6.46%	-1.38%	-2.24%	3.44%	8.03%	-3.46%	5.44%	-4.53%	0.00%	3.17%	1.82%	
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%	25.000/
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%	-36.00%
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%	
2015	-	-	0.50%	0.25%	1.24%	0.00%	1.96%	-2.88%	1.98%	-4.37%	-2.54%	-1.56%	-5.50%	
Dividend Per Share	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ITD <sup>4</sup>
2020	-	-	2.00p	_	2.00p	-	-	2.00p	-				6.00p	
2019	-	-	2.00p	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p	-	8.00p	
2018	-	-	1.80p	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p	-	7.80p	37.59p
2017	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.70p	-	1.80p	-	6.50p	37.39p
2016	2.00p	-	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.50p	-	-	1.50p	_	6.50p	
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.90p	-	-	1.89p	-	2.79p	

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mbox{Please}$  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>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.



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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 \$8.8 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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