# **VPC Specialty Lending Investments PLC**



Monthly Report - August 2021

#### **Monthly Investment Highlights**

- The Company generated a total NAV return of 3.89% for August 2021 and the total YTD NAV return is 19.85%;
- The gross revenue return was 1.03% and gross capital return was 3.80%. These returns were offset by expenses and fees of -0.96% and other capital returns of 0.02%; and
- The gross capital return was driven by the increase in the Company's investment in VPC Impact Acquisition Holdings II and unrealised gains on the Company's privately held investments.

#### The Company's Performance (As at 31 August 2021)1

Net Asset Value ("NAV")	£302,521,378
NAV per Share <sup>2</sup>	108.71p
Share Price (31 August 2021 Close)	86.30p
Premium / (Discount) to NAV	-20.62%
Trailing Twelve Month Dividend	8.00p
Trailing Twelve Month Dividend Yield	9.27%
Look-through Gearing Ratio	0.41x
Look-through Gearing Ratio – Company Level	0.28x
Look-through Gearing Ratio – Non-Recourse	0.13x

#### Ordinary Share Return Statistics (As at 31 August 2021)<sup>1</sup>

NAV Returns (Total Returns)	Month To Date	Last Three Months	Last Twelve Months
Gross Revenue Returns	1.03%	3.02%	13.19%
Gross Capital Returns	3.80%	7.56%	25.32%
Expenses and Fees	-0.96%	-2.27%	-8.86%
F/X and Other Capital Returns	0.02%	-0.01%	-0.09%
Total NAV Return	3.89%	8.30%	29.57%

#### **Monthly Commentary**

The Company continues to produce strong underlying performance across the investment portfolio. The Company recognised unrealised gains in a few of the Company's privately held investments and the Company's balance sheet investments continued to perform in line with expectations.

As previously announced, on 2 August 2021, VPC Impact Acquisition Holdings II (NASDAQ: VPCB) ("VPCB"), a special purpose acquisition company sponsored by VPC Impact Acquisition Holdings Sponsor II, LLC ("VPC Sponsor"), an affiliate of Victory Park Capital, announced it has entered into a definitive agreement to combine with FinAccel Pte. Ltd. ("FinAccel") (https://finaccel.co/). Through VPC Sponsor, the Company currently owns 1,029,833 Class B Shares and 833,529 private placement warrants in VPCB, held at an aggregate cost basis of US\$1,254,358. The transaction implies an approximately US\$2.5 billion post-merger enterprise value at a US\$10.00 price per the Class A Common Stock. For more information on the transaction please see the FinAccel and VPCB press release, which can be found here announcement made by the Company that can be found here.

On 12 August 2021, Victory Park Capital ("VPC") announced that it became a signatory of the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment ("PRI"), demonstrating VPC's commitment to responsible investment. The PRI is recognised as the leading global network for investors committed to integrating environmental, social and governance considerations into their investment decision-making. For more information on VPC and PRI, please see the press release which can be found <a href="https://example.com/heters/new/material/">heters/new/material/</a>.

Following the announcement of the June NAV, the Investment Manager purchased 55,338 shares of the Company with 20% of its monthly management fee.

#### **Events Subsequent to 31 August 2021**

Following the announcement of the July NAV, the Investment Manager purchased 57,472 shares of the Company with 20% of its monthly management fee.

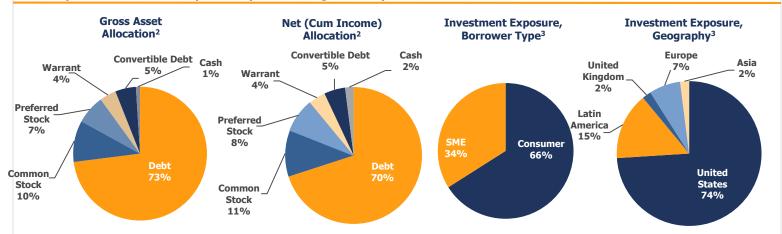
- 1. Please refer to the Glossary of Terms posted on the Company's website.
- 2. Based on total shares outstanding, less shares held in treasury.
- 3. Calculated as the weighted average repurchase price of the shares less the latest announced NAV as at the date of the repurchase divided by the latest announced NAV as at the date of the repurchase.

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## Ordinary Share Portfolio Composition (As at 31 August 2021)<sup>1</sup>



# Ordinary Share Performance and Dividend Summary (As at 31 August 2021)<sup>1</sup>

NAV Return	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	7.14%	1.89%	-0.18%	0.85%	1.03%	3.87%	0.36%	3.89%					19.85%
2020	0.89%	0.08%	-3.55%	0.91%	1.26%	1.08%	1.30%	1.25%	2.29%	2.16%	1.73%	2.09%	11.12%
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%
2018	-0.17% <sup>4</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>4</sup>
Share Price													
Performance <sup>5</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	9.78%	3.01%	-5.84%	2.63%	-1.40%	-0.94%	5.71%	-2.82%	·				9.66%
2020	3.32%	-4.70%	-29.87%	-12.59%	35.81%	2.96%	0.00%	-5.15%	2.24%	0.00%	12.19%	9.61%	0.64%
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%
Dividend Per													
Share	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	_	-	2.00p	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p					6.00p
2020	-	-	2.00p	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p	-	8.00p
2019	-	-	2.00p	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p	-	8.00p
2018	-	-	1.80p	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p	-	-	2.00p	-	7.80p

#### Performance Fee Attribution (As at 31 August 2021)<sup>1</sup>

Month to Date	Revenue Return	Capital Return	Total Return
NAV Return before Performance Fee	0.77%	3.80%	4.57%
Performance Fee	-0.11%	-0.57%	-0.68%
Total Return	0.66%	3.23%	3.89%

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

	Balance Sheet Loans
Weighted Average Coupon	10.32%
Weighted Average Remaining Life (months)	29.56

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

Precentages calculated on a look-through basis to the Company's investee entities and SPVs.

3Calculations using gross asset exposure and not reduced for gearing. Excludes cash.

4This 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>5</sup>Based on issue price of 100p. <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 \$8.8 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 assetbacked 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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The Company is registered in England (registered number 9385218) with its registered office at 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 65 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7NQ, United Kingdom.

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