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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

**(To Prospectus dated October 29, 2012)**

**35,000,000 Shares**

**Prospect Capital Corporation**

**Common Stock**

This is an offering of 35,000,000 shares of the common stock of Prospect Capital Corporation. Prospect Capital Corporation is a financial services company that lends to and invests in middle market, privately-held companies. We are organized as an externally-managed, non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Prospect Capital Management LLC manages our investments and Prospect Administration LLC provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "PSEC." The last reported closing sales price for our common stock on October 31, 2012 was \$11.84 per share and our most recently determined net asset value per share was \$10.83 as of June 30, 2012.

The underwriters have agreed to purchase our shares of common stock from us at a price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share which will result in approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million of net proceeds, after deducting estimated offering expenses, to us, or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million assuming full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares described below. We expect that our expenses for this offering will be approximately \$350,000. The underwriters may offer our shares of common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, in the over-the-counter market or through negotiated transactions at market prices or at negotiated prices. See "Underwriting" beginning on page S-13 of this prospectus supplement. The underwriters have an option to purchase up to an additional 5,250,000 shares of our common stock at a price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share within 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement.

**Investing in our common stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 11 of the accompanying prospectus.**

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain important information you should know before investing in our securities. Please read it before you invest and keep it for future reference. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information about us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the "SEC." This information is available free of charge by contacting us at 10 East 40th Street, 44th Floor, New York, NY 10016 or by telephone at (212) 448-0702. The SEC maintains a website at



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This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the "Exchange Act," which involve substantial risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements predict or describe our future operations, business plans, business and investment strategies and portfolio management and the performance of our investments and our investment management business. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but rather are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, our beliefs, and our assumptions. Words such as "intends," "intend," "intended," "goal," "estimate," "estimates," "expects," "expect," "expected," "project," "projected," "projections," "plans," "seeks," "anticipates," "anticipated," "should," "could," "may," "will," "designed to," "foreseeable future," "believe," "believes" and "scheduled" and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Our actual results or outcomes may differ materially from those anticipated. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statement was made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors, some of which are beyond our control and difficult to predict and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in the forward-looking statements, including without limitation:

our future operating results,

our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies,

the impact of investments that we expect to make,

our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties,

the dependence of our future success on the general economy and its impact on the industries in which we invest,

the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives,

difficulty in obtaining financing or raising capital, especially in the current credit and equity environment,

the level and volatility of prevailing interest rates and credit spreads, magnified by the current turmoil in the credit markets,

adverse developments in the availability of desirable loan and investment opportunities whether they are due to competition, regulation or otherwise,

a compression of the yield on our investments and the cost of our liabilities, as well as the level of leverage available to us,

our regulatory structure and tax treatment, including our ability to operate as a business development company and a regulated investment company,

the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital,

the timing of cash flows, if any, from the operations of our portfolio companies,

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the ability of our investment adviser to locate suitable investments for us and to monitor and administer our investments,

authoritative generally accepted accounting principles or policy changes from such standard-setting bodies as the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the SEC, Internal Revenue Service,

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the NASDAQ Global Select Market, and other authorities that we are subject to, as well as their counterparts in any foreign jurisdictions where we might do business, and

the risks, uncertainties and other factors we identify in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and in our filings with the SEC.

Although we believe that the assumptions on which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate, and as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those assumptions also could be inaccurate. Important assumptions include our ability to originate new loans and investments, ability to obtain certain margins and levels of profitability and the availability of additional capital. In light of these and other uncertainties, the inclusion of a projection or forward-looking statement in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, respectively, should not be regarded as a representation by us that our plans and objectives will be achieved. These risks and uncertainties include those described or identified in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, respectively. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, as applicable. These forward-looking statements do not meet the safe harbor for forward-looking statements pursuant to Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the "Securities Act."

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with information that is different from that contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of their respective dates and we assume no obligation to update any such information. Our business, financial condition and results of operations may have changed since those dates. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we any make directly to you or through reports that we have filed with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

This prospectus supplement supersedes the accompanying prospectus to the extent it contains information that is different from or in addition to the information in that prospectus.

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## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*This summary highlights some of the information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all of the information that you may want to consider. You should read carefully the more detailed information set forth under "Risk Factors" in the accompanying prospectus and the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.*

*The terms "we," "us," "our" and "Company" refer to Prospect Capital Corporation; "Prospect Capital Management," "Investment Advisor" and "PCM" refer to Prospect Capital Management LLC; and "Prospect Administration" and the "Administrator" refer to Prospect Administration LLC.*

### The Company

Prospect Capital Corporation is a financial services company that primarily lends to and invests in middle market privately-held companies. In this prospectus, we use the term "middle-market" to refer to companies with annual revenues between \$50 million and \$2 billion. We are a closed-end investment company that has filed an election to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the 1940 Act. We invest primarily in senior and subordinated debt and equity of companies in need of capital for acquisitions, divestitures, growth, development and recapitalization. We work with the management teams or financial sponsors to seek investments with historical cash flows, asset collateral or contracted pro-forma cash flows.

We invest primarily in first and second lien senior loans and mezzanine debt, which in some cases includes an equity component. First and second lien senior loans generally are senior debt instruments that rank ahead of subordinated debt of a given portfolio company. These loans also have the benefit of security interests on the assets of the portfolio company, which may rank ahead of or be junior to other security interests. Mezzanine debt is subordinated to senior loans and is generally unsecured. Our investments have generally ranged between \$5 million and \$75 million each, although the investment size may be more or less than this range. Our investment sizes are expected to grow as our capital base expands.

We also acquire controlling interests in companies in conjunction with making secured debt investments in such companies. In most cases, companies in which we invest are privately held at the time we invest in them. We refer to these companies as "target" or "middle market" companies and these investments as "middle market investments."

We seek to maximize total returns to our investors, including both current yield and equity upside, by applying rigorous credit analysis and asset-based and cash-flow based lending techniques to make and monitor our investments. Many of our investments to date have been in energy-related industries, which consist of companies in the discovery, production, transportation, storage and use of energy resources as well as companies that sell products and services to, or acquire products and services from, these companies. We have made no direct investments to date in the real estate or mortgage industries, and we do not intend currently to focus on such investments.

We are currently pursuing multiple investment opportunities, including purchases of portfolios from private and public companies, as well as originations and secondary purchases of particular securities. There can be no assurance that we will successfully consummate any investment opportunity we are currently pursuing. Motivated sellers, including commercial finance companies, hedge funds, other business development companies, total return swap counterparties, banks, collateralized loan obligation funds, and other entities, are suffering from excess leverage, and we believe we are well positioned to capitalize as potential buyers of such assets at attractive prices. If any of these opportunities are consummated, there can be no assurance that investors will share our view of

valuation or that any assets acquired will not be subject to future write downs, each of which could have an adverse effect on our stock price.

As of June 30, 2012, we held investments in 82 portfolio companies. The aggregate fair value as of June 30, 2012 of investments in these portfolio companies held on that date is approximately \$2.1 billion. Our portfolio across all our long-term debt had an annualized current yield of 13.6% as of June 30, 2012. The yield includes interest as well as dividends.

#### **Recent Developments**

On October 31, 2012, Shearer's Foods, Inc. repaid the \$38.0 million loan receivable to us.

On November 1, 2012, the Company announced that its estimate of net investment income per share for the first fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 is \$0.46 per share. The Company further announced that it expects to report net asset value of \$10.88 per share. This estimated financial information is preliminary and based on information available to the management team as of November 1, 2012, remains subject to the completion of the quarter end closing process and has not been reviewed by the Company's audit committee or independent registered accounting firm. Actual financial results may differ from these estimates.

**The Offering**

Common stock offered by us, excluding the underwriter option to purchase additional shares	35,000,000 shares.
Common stock outstanding prior to this offering	174,480,573 shares.
Common stock outstanding after this offering, excluding the underwriter option to purchase additional shares	209,480,573 shares.
Use of proceeds	We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering initially to maintain balance sheet liquidity, involving repayment of debt under our credit facility, if any, investments in high quality short-term debt instruments or a combination thereof, and thereafter to make long-term investments in accordance with our investment objective. See "Use of Proceeds" in this prospectus supplement.
The NASDAQ Global Select Market symbol	PSEC
Risk factors	See "Risk Factors" in the accompanying prospectus and other information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before you decide whether to make an investment in shares of our common stock.
Current distribution rate	On August 21, 2012, we announced the declaration of monthly dividends in the following amounts and with the following dates:

\$0.101625 per share for September 2012 to holders of record on September 28, 2012 with a payment date of October 24, 2012; and

\$0.101650 per share for October 2012 to holders of record on October 31, 2012 with a payment date of November 22, 2012, representing an annualized yield (based on the October 2012 distribution) of approximately 10.3% based on our last reported closing stock price on October 31, 2012 of \$11.84 per share. Such distributions are expected to be payable out of earnings. Our distribution levels are subject to change or discontinuance at any time in the discretion of our Board of Directors. Our future earnings and operating cash flow may not be sufficient to support a dividend.

**Fees and Expenses**

The following tables are intended to assist you in understanding the costs and expenses that an investor in this offering will bear directly or indirectly. We caution you that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary. In these tables, we assume that we have borrowed \$1.351 billion. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus contain a reference to fees or expenses paid by "you" or "us" or that "we" will pay fees or expenses, the Company will pay such fees and expenses out of our net assets and, consequently, you will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as an investor in the Company. However, you will not be required to deliver any money or otherwise bear personal liability or responsibility for such fees or expenses.

**Stockholder transaction expenses:**

Sales load (as a percentage of offering price)(1)	%
Offering expenses borne by us (as a percentage of offering price)(2)	%
Dividend reinvestment plan expenses(3)	None
Total stockholder transaction expenses (as a percentage of offering price)	%

**Annual expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock)(4):**

Management Fees(5)	3.63%
Incentive fees payable under Investment Advisory Agreement (20% of realized capital gains and 20% of pre-incentive fee net investment income)(6)	3.09%
Total advisory fees	6.72%
Total interest expense(7)	4.30%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses(8)	0.01%
Other expenses(9)	1.43%
Total annual expenses(6)(9)	12.46%

**Example**

The following table demonstrates the projected dollar amount of cumulative expenses we would pay out of net assets and that you would indirectly bear over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in our common stock. In calculating the following expense amounts, we have assumed we would have borrowed \$1.351 billion and that our annual operating expenses would remain at the levels set forth in the table above and that we would pay the costs shown in the table above.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a 5% annual return	\$	\$	\$	\$

While the example assumes, as required by the SEC, a 5% annual return, our performance will vary and may result in a return greater or less than 5%. The income incentive fee under our Investment Advisory Agreement with Prospect Capital Management is unlikely to be material assuming a 5% annual return and is not included in the example. If we achieve sufficient returns on our investments, including through the realization of capital gains, to trigger an incentive fee of a material amount, our distributions to our common stockholders and our expenses would likely be higher. In addition, while the example assumes reinvestment of all dividends and other distributions at net asset value, or NAV, participants in our dividend reinvestment plan will receive a number of shares of our common stock determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the distribution payable to a participant by the market price per share of our common stock at the close of trading on the valuation date for the distribution. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan" for additional information regarding our dividend reinvestment plan.

**This example and the expenses in the table above should not be considered a representation of our future expenses. Actual expenses (including the cost of debt, if any, and other expenses) may be greater or less than those shown.**

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- (1) The sales load (underwriting discounts and commissions) with respect to our common stock sold in this offering, which is a one time fee, is the only sales load paid in connection with this offering.
- (2) The offering expenses of this offering are estimated to be approximately \$350,000.
- (3) The expenses of the dividend reinvestment plan are included in "other expenses."
- (4) Net assets attributable to our common stock equal net assets (i.e., total assets less total liabilities including liabilities for money borrowed for investment purposes) at June 30, 2012. See "Capitalization" in this prospectus supplement.
- (5) Our base management fee is 2% of our gross assets (which include any amount borrowed, i.e., total assets without deduction for any liabilities, including any borrowed amounts for non-investment purposes, for which purpose we have not and have no intention of borrowing). Although no plans are in place to borrow the full amount under our line of credit, assuming that we borrowed \$1.351 billion, the 2% management fee of gross assets equals approximately 3.63% of net assets. See "Business Management Services Investment Advisory Agreement" in the accompanying prospectus and footnote 6 below.
- (6) Based on the incentive fee paid during our most recently completed fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, all of which consisted of an income incentive fee. For a more detailed discussion of the calculation of the two-part incentive fee, see "Management Services Investment Advisory Agreement" in the accompanying prospectus.
- (7) On December 21, 2010, the Company issued \$150 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2015, which we refer to as the 2015 Notes. On February 18, 2011, the Company issued \$172.5 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.5% Convertible Senior Notes due 2016, which we refer to as the 2016 Notes. Between January 30, 2012 and February 2, 2012, we repurchased \$5.0 million of our 2016 Notes at a price of 97.5% of par, including commissions. The transactions resulted in us recognizing \$10,000 of loss in the quarter ended March 31, 2012. On April 16, 2012, the Company issued \$130 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017, which we refer to as the 2017 Notes. On August 14, 2012, the Company issued \$200 million aggregate principal amount of 5.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2018, which we refer to as the 2018 Notes. The 2015 Notes, 2016 Notes, 2017 Notes and 2018 Notes are referred to collectively as the Senior Convertible Notes. On May 1, 2012 the Company issued \$100 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.95% Senior Notes due 2022, which we refer to as the 2022 Notes. Since February 2012, the Company issued \$95.7 million in aggregate principal amount of our Prospect Capital InterNotes®. The Senior Convertible Notes, the 2022 Notes and the Prospect Capital InterNotes® are referred to collectively as the Notes. See "Business General" and "Risk Factors Risks Related to our Business" in the accompanying prospectus for more detail on the Notes.
- (8) The Company's stockholders indirectly bear the expenses of underlying investment companies in which the Company invests. This amount includes the fees and expenses of investment companies in which the Company is invested in as of June 30, 2012. When applicable, fees and expenses are based on historic fees and expenses for the investment companies and for those investment companies with little or no operating history, fees and expenses are based on expected fees and expenses stated in the investment companies' prospectus or other similar communication without giving effect to any performance. Future fees and expenses for certain investment companies may be substantially higher or lower because certain fees and expenses are based on the performance of the investment

companies, which may fluctuate over time. The amount of the Company's average net assets used in calculating this percentage was based on net assets of approximately \$1,512 million as of June 30, 2012.

(9)

"Other expenses" are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year. The amount shown above represents annualized expenses during our three months ended June 30, 2012 representing all of our estimated recurring operating expenses (except fees and expenses reported in other items of this table) that are deducted from our operating income and reflected as expenses in our Statement of Operations. The estimate of our overhead expenses, including payments under an administration agreement with Prospect Administration, or the Administration Agreement, based on our projected allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by Prospect Administration in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement. "Other expenses" does not include non-recurring expenses. See "Business Management Services Administration Agreement" in the accompanying prospectus.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from the sale of 35,000,000 shares of our common stock in this offering will be \$ (or \$ if the option to purchase additional shares is exercised in full) after deducting offering expenses of approximately \$350,000 payable by us.

We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering initially to maintain balance sheet liquidity, involving repayment of debt under our credit facility, if any, investments in high quality short-term debt instruments or a combination thereof, and thereafter to make long-term investments in accordance with our investment objective. The management fee payable by us will not be reduced while our assets are invested in any high quality short-term debt instruments which may generate a loss to the Company. We anticipate that substantially all of the net proceeds from this offering will be used for the above purposes within six months, depending on the availability of appropriate investment opportunities consistent with our investment objective and market conditions.

As of October 31, 2012, we have drawn \$10.0 million on our credit facility and, based on the assets currently pledged as collateral on the facility, approximately \$381.1 million was available to us for borrowing under our credit facility based on the assets currently pledged to secure the facility. Affiliates of the underwriters that are lenders under our credit facility may receive a portion of the net proceeds from offerings made pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus through the repayment of any borrowings. Interest on borrowings under the credit facility is one-month LIBOR plus 275 basis points with no minimum LIBOR Floor. Additionally, the lenders charge a fee on the unused portion of the credit facility equal to either 50 basis points if at least half of the credit facility is used or 100 basis points otherwise.

**CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of June 30, 2012:

on an actual basis;

on an as adjusted basis giving effect to our distributions with record dates of July 31, 2012, August 31, 2012, September 28, 2012 and October 31, 2012, the issuance of 205,834, 75,543, 74,494 and 83,200 shares in connection with our dividend reinvestment plan on July 24, 2012, August 24, 2012, September 21, 2012 and October 24, 2012, respectively, the issuance of 21,000,000 shares of common stock on July 16, 2012, the issuance of 3,150,000 shares of common stock on July 27, 2012 in connection with the option granted with the July 16, 2012 offering, the issuance of 10,257,632 shares of common stock during the period from July 2, 2012 through October 9, 2012, the issuance of \$200 million aggregate principal amount of 2018 Notes on August 14, 2012, the issuance of \$75.1 million aggregate principal amount of Prospect Capital InterNotes® since June 30, 2012 and repayment of \$86.0 million under our credit facility; and

on an as further adjusted basis giving effect to the transactions noted above and the assumed sale of 35,000,000 shares of our common stock at a price of \$            per share less commissions and expenses.

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This table should be read in conjunction with "Use of Proceeds" and our "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our financial statements and notes thereto included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as applicable.

	Actual	As of June 30, 2012 As Adjusted for Stock Issuances and Borrowings After June 30, 2012	As further Adjusted for this Offering(2)
	(In thousands, except shares and per share data)		
	(Unaudited)		
<b>Long-term debt, including current maturities:</b>			
Borrowings under senior credit facility(1)	\$ 96,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
2015 Notes	150,000	150,000	150,000
2016 Notes	167,500	167,500	167,500
2017 Notes	130,000	130,000	130,000
2018 Notes		200,000	200,000
2022 Notes	100,000	100,000	100,000
Prospect Capital InterNotes®	20,638	95,689	95,689
Amount owed to affiliates	8,571	8,571	8,571
<b>Total long-term debt</b>	<b>672,709</b>	<b>861,760</b>	<b>861,760</b>
<b>Stockholders' equity:</b>			
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (500,000,000 common shares authorized; 139,633,870 shares outstanding actual, 174,480,573 shares outstanding as adjusted and 209,480,573 shares outstanding as further adjusted)	140	174	209
Paid-in capital in excess of par value	1,544,801	1,935,779	
Undistributed (distributions in excess of) net investment income	23,667	(45,448)	(45,448)
Accumulated realized losses on investments	(51,542)	(51,542)	(51,542)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	(5,092)	(5,092)	(5,092)
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>1,511,974</b>	<b>1,833,871</b>	
<b>Total capitalization</b>	<b>\$ 2,184,683</b>	<b>\$ 2,695,631</b>	<b>\$</b>

(1) As of June 30, 2012, we had \$96.0 million of borrowings under our recently completed extended credit facility. As of October 31, 2012, we had \$10.0 million of borrowings under our credit facility, representing an \$86.0 million decrease in borrowing subsequent to June 30, 2012.

(2) The As Further Adjusted for this Offering calculations exclude any exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares.

**DISTRIBUTIONS AND PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK**

We have paid and intend to continue to distribute monthly distributions to our stockholders out of assets legally available for distribution. Our distributions, if any, will be determined by our Board of Directors. Certain amounts of the monthly distributions may from time to time be paid out of our capital rather than from earnings for the period as a result of our deliberate planning or by accounting reclassifications.

In order to maintain RIC tax treatment, we must distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, out of the assets legally available for distribution. In order to avoid certain excise taxes imposed on RICs, we are required to distribute with respect to each calendar year by January 31 of the following year an amount at least equal to the sum of

98% of our ordinary income for the calendar year,

98.2% of our capital gains in excess of capital losses for the one-year period ending on October 31 of the calendar year, and

any ordinary income and net capital gains for preceding years that were not distributed during such years.

In addition, although we currently intend to distribute realized net capital gains (which we define as net long-term capital gains in excess of short-term capital losses), if any, at least annually, out of the assets legally available for such distributions, we may decide in the future to retain such capital gains for investment. In such event, the consequences of our retention of net capital gains are as described under "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying prospectus. We can offer no assurance that we will achieve results that will permit the payment of any cash distributions and, if we issue senior securities, we will be prohibited from making distributions if doing so causes us to fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios stipulated by the 1940 Act or if distributions are limited by the terms of any of our borrowings.

We maintain an "opt out" dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. As a result, if we declare a dividend, then stockholders' cash dividends will be automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, unless they specifically "opt out" of the dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash dividends. Stockholders who receive distributions in the form of stock are subject to the same U.S. Federal, state and local tax consequences as are stockholders who elect to receive their distributions in cash. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan" in the accompanying prospectus. The tax consequences of distributions to stockholders are described in the accompanying prospectus under the label "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations". To the extent prudent and practicable, we intend to declare and pay dividends on a monthly basis.

With respect to the distributions paid to stockholders, income from origination, structuring, closing, commitment and other upfront fees associated with investments in portfolio companies were treated as taxable income and accordingly, distributed to stockholders. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, we recorded total distributions of approximately \$56.1 million. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, we recorded total distributions of approximately \$81.5 million. On June 18, 2010, we announced a change in dividend policy from quarterly to monthly dividends. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, we recorded total distributions of approximately \$106.2 million. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, we recorded total distributions of approximately \$141.4 million.

Tax characteristics of all distributions will be reported to stockholders, as appropriate, on Form 1099-DIV after the end of the year. Our ability to pay distributions could be affected by future business performance, liquidity, capital needs, alternative investment opportunities and loan covenants.

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Our common stock is quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "PSEC." The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, our NAV per share of common stock and the high and low closing prices per share of our common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. Our common stock historically trades at prices both above and below its NAV per share. There can be no assurance, however, that such premium or discount, as applicable, to NAV per share will be maintained. Common stock of business development companies, like that of closed-end investment companies, frequently trades at a discount to current NAV per share. In the past, our common stock has traded at a discount to our NAV per share. The risk that our common stock may continue to trade at a discount to our NAV per share is separate and distinct from the risk that our NAV per share may decline.

	NAV(1)	Stock Price		Premium (Discount) of High to NAV	Premium (Discount) of Low to NAV	Dividend Declared
	High(2)	Low(2)				
<b>Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2008</b>						
First quarter	\$ 15.08	\$ 18.68	\$ 14.16	23.9%	(6.1)%	\$ 0.3925
Second quarter	14.58	17.17	11.22	17.8%	(23.0)%	0.395
Third quarter	14.15	16.00	13.55	13.1%	(4.2)%	0.400
Fourth quarter	14.55	16.12	13.18	10.8%	(9.4)%	0.40125
<b>Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2009</b>						
First quarter	\$ 14.63	\$ 14.24	\$ 11.12	(2.7)%	(24.0)%	\$ 0.4025
Second quarter	14.43	13.08	6.29	(9.4)%	(56.4)%	0.40375
Third quarter						