

SPRINGLEAF FINANCE CORP
Form 424B3
November 25, 2014

Use these links to rapidly review the document

[TABLE OF CONTENTS](#)

[TABLE OF CONTENTS](#)

[Table of Contents](#)

Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3)
Registration No. 333-200408
Registration No. 333-200408-01

The information in this preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is not complete and may be changed. A registration statement relating to the securities has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission. This preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are neither offers to sell nor solicitations of offers to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale thereof is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, Dated November 25, 2014

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus Dated November 20, 2014)

Springleaf Finance Corporation

\$500,000,000 % Senior Notes due 2019

We are offering \$500,000,000 million aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due 2019 (the "notes"). The notes will bear interest at a rate of % per annum. The notes will mature on , 2019. Interest will accrue on the notes from , 2014. Interest on the notes is payable on and of each year, commencing on , 2015.

The notes will be our general unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsubordinated debt. The notes will be effectively junior to all of our existing and future secured debt to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt, and structurally subordinated to any existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries. The notes will be guaranteed by our indirect parent company, Springleaf Holdings, Inc., but the notes will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries or any other party.

We have agreed to repurchase, concurrently with the closing of this offering, \$192.2 million aggregate principal amount of our 6.90% Medium Term Notes, Series J, due 2017 (the "2017 notes") from a beneficial holder of 2017 notes. The beneficial owner of 2017 notes has agreed to purchase in this offering \$200.5 million aggregate principal amount of notes offered hereby. See "Summary Repurchase Transaction." The closing of the offering made pursuant to this prospectus supplement is conditioned on the closing of the repurchase transaction, and the closing of the repurchase transaction is conditioned on the closing of the offering made pursuant to this prospectus supplement.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-11 of this prospectus supplement and page 7 of the accompanying prospectus and those risk factors incorporated by reference into

this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

	Per Note	Note Total
Public offering price(1)	%	\$
Underwriting discount	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from _____, 2014, if settlement occurs after that date.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.

We expect that beneficial interests in the notes will be credited in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company to the accounts of its participants on or about _____, 2014, which is the fifth business day following the date of pricing of the notes. See Underwriting Extended Settlement."

Joint Book-Running Managers

BofA Merrill Lynch

Citigroup

Co-managers

Barclays

Credit Suisse

, 2014

Table of Contents

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a "shelf" registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC" or the "Commission"). Under this shelf registration process, we may sell the securities described in the accompanying prospectus at our discretion in one or more offerings. You should read (i) this prospectus supplement, (ii) the accompanying prospectus, (iii) any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you and (iv) the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein that are described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

You only should rely on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized any person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor the underwriters are making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any other documents incorporated by reference in either is accurate only as of the stated date of each document in which the information is contained. After the stated date, our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus summarize certain documents and other information to which we refer you for a more complete understanding of what we discuss in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. In making an investment decision, you should rely on your own examination of our Company and the terms of this offering and the notes, including the merits and risks involved.

Neither we nor the underwriters are making any representation to any purchaser of the notes regarding the legality of the purchaser's investment in the notes. You should not consider any information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus to be legal, business or tax advice. You should consult your own attorney, business advisor and tax advisor for legal, business and tax advice regarding an investment in the notes.

Table of Contents

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Prospectus Supplement

	Page
<u>About This Prospectus Supplement</u>	<u>S-i</u>
<u>Non-GAAP Financial Measures</u>	<u>S-iii</u>
<u>Industry And Market Data</u>	<u>S-iii</u>
<u>Forward-Looking Statements</u>	<u>S-iv</u>
<u>Summary</u>	<u>S-1</u>
<u>Risk Factors</u>	<u>S-11</u>
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	<u>S-17</u>
<u>Capitalization</u>	<u>S-18</u>
<u>Description of Other Indebtedness</u>	<u>S-19</u>
<u>Description of the Notes</u>	<u>S-21</u>
<u>Book-Entry Settlement and Clearance</u>	<u>S-34</u>
<u>U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations to Non-U.S. Holders</u>	<u>S-36</u>
<u>Underwriting</u>	<u>S-39</u>
<u>Legal Matters</u>	<u>S-42</u>
<u>Experts</u>	<u>S-42</u>
<u>Where You Can Find More Information</u>	<u>S-43</u>

PROSPECTUS

<u>About this Prospectus</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Where You Can Find More Information</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Our Company</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Risk Factors</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Description of Debt Securities</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Description of Capital Stock</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>Description of Depositary Shares</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>Description of Warrants</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>Description of Stock Purchase Contracts and Stock Purchase Units</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>Plan of Distribution</u>	<u>34</u>
<u>Legal Matters</u>	<u>37</u>
<u>Experts</u>	<u>38</u>

Table of Contents

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The SEC has adopted rules to regulate the use in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and in public disclosures of "non-GAAP financial measures." These measures are derived on the basis of methodologies other than in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

We present pretax core earnings (loss), as described under "Summary Summary Consolidated Financial Data," as a non-GAAP financial measure in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. Pretax core earnings (loss) is a key performance measure used by management in evaluating the performance of our Core Consumer Operations. Pretax core earnings (loss) represents our income (loss) before provision for (benefit from) income taxes on a historical accounting basis, and excludes results of operations from our Real Estate segment and other non-core, non-originating legacy operations, restructuring expenses related to Consumer and Insurance segments, gains (losses) associated with accelerated long-term debt repayment and repurchases of long-term debt, and impact from change in accounting estimate. Pretax core earnings (loss) is a non-GAAP measure and should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for or superior to, operating income, net income, operating cash flow and other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Under "Summary Summary Consolidated Financial Data" herein, we include a quantitative reconciliation from income (loss) before provision for (benefit from) income taxes on a historical accounting basis to pretax core earnings (loss).

We also present our segment financial information on a historical accounting basis (a non-GAAP measure using the same accounting basis that we employed prior to the Fortress Acquisition (as defined below)). This presentation provides us and other interested third parties a consistent basis to better understand our operating results. This presentation is not in accordance with, or a substitute for, U.S. GAAP and may be different from, or inconsistent with, non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. See Note 22 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in SHI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, Note 16 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in SHI's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014, Note 23 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in SFC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and Note 16 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in SFC's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014, which are incorporated by reference herein, for reconciliations of segment information on a historical accounting basis to consolidated financial statement amounts.

INDUSTRY AND MARKET DATA

We obtained the market and competitive position data used throughout this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus from our own research, surveys or studies conducted by third parties and industry or general publications. Industry publications and surveys generally state that they have obtained information from sources believed to be reliable, but do not guarantee the accuracy and completeness of such information. While we believe that each of these studies and publications is reliable, neither we nor the underwriters have independently verified such data and neither we nor the underwriters make any representation as to the accuracy of such information. Similarly, we believe our internal research is reliable, but it has not been verified by any independent sources.

Table of Contents

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein contain or incorporate by reference certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, future events and financial performance. You can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking words such as "outlook," "believes," "expects," "potential," "continues," "may," "will," "should," "could," "seeks," "approximately," "predicts," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "anticipates," "target," "projects," "contemplates" or the negative version of those words or other comparable words. Any forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein are based upon our historical performance and on our current plans, estimates and expectations in light of information currently available to us. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties and assumptions relating to our operations, financial results, financial condition, business, prospects, growth strategy and liquidity. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated in these statements. As set forth more fully under "Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors" in SHI's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and SFC's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, which are incorporated by reference herein, factors that could have a material adverse effect on our operations and future prospects include, but are not limited to:

changes in general economic conditions, including the interest rate environment in which we conduct business and the financial markets through which we can access capital and also invest cash flows from our insurance segment;

levels of unemployment and personal bankruptcies;

natural or accidental events such as earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, or floods affecting our customers, collateral, or branches or other operating facilities;

war, acts of terrorism, riots, civil disruption, pandemics, or other events disrupting business or commerce;

the effect of future sales of our remaining portfolio of real estate loans and the transfer of servicing for these loans;

changes in the rate at which we can collect or potentially sell our finance receivables portfolio;

the effectiveness of our credit risk scoring models in assessing the risk of customer unwillingness or lack of capacity to repay;

changes in our ability to attract and retain employees or key executives to support our businesses;

changes in the competitive environment in which we operate, including the demand for our products, customer responsiveness to our distribution channels, and the strength and ability of our competitors to operate independently or to enter into business combinations that result in a more attractive range of customer products or provide greater financial resources;

shifts in collateral values, delinquencies, or credit losses;

changes in federal, state and local laws, regulations, or regulatory policies and practices, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (which, among other things, established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which has broad authority to regulate and examine financial institutions), that affect our ability to conduct

Table of Contents

business or the manner in which we conduct business, such as licensing requirements, pricing limitations or restrictions on the method of offering products, as well as changes that may result from increased regulatory scrutiny of the sub-prime lending industry;

potential liability relating to real estate and personal loans which we have sold or may sell in the future, or relating to securitized loans, if it is determined that there was a non-curable breach of a warranty made in connection with such transactions;

the costs and effects of any litigation or governmental inquiries or investigations involving us, particularly those that are determined adversely to us;

our continued ability to access the capital markets or the sufficiency of our current sources of funds to satisfy our cash flow requirements;

our ability to comply with our debt covenants;

our ability to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness;

our substantial indebtedness, which could prevent us from meeting our obligations under our debt instruments and limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry, or our ability to incur additional borrowings;

the potential for downgrade of our debt by rating agencies, which would have a negative impact on our cost of, and access to, capital;

the impacts of our securitizations and borrowings;

our ability to maintain sufficient capital levels in our regulated and unregulated subsidiaries;

the material weakness that we have identified in our internal control over financial reporting; and

changes in accounting standards or tax policies and practices and the application of such new policies and practices to the manner in which we conduct business.

The forward-looking statements made or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement except as required by law, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from what we may have expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. We caution that you should not place undue reliance on any of our forward-looking statements. You should specifically consider the factors identified in this prospectus that could cause actual results to differ before making an investment decision to purchase our securities. Furthermore, new risks and uncertainties arise from time to time, and it is impossible for us to predict those events or how they may affect us.

Table of Contents

SUMMARY

This summary highlights the information contained elsewhere in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Because this is only a summary, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a more complete understanding of this offering, we encourage you to read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the information incorporated by reference herein and therein, including the financial statements and the notes to those statements.

In this prospectus supplement, except as otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, references to "SFC" refers to Springleaf Finance Corporation; and references to "Springleaf," "we," "the Company," "our" and "us" refer to Springleaf Finance Corporation and its subsidiaries, whether directly or indirectly owned. Except as otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, "SFI" refers to Springleaf Finance, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, including Springleaf Finance Corporation, and "SHI" refers to Springleaf Holdings, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, including SFI and SFC.

We are a leading consumer finance company providing responsible loan products to customers through our branch network. We have a nearly 100-year track record of high quality origination, underwriting and servicing of personal loans, primarily to non-prime consumers. Our deep understanding of local markets and customers, together with our proprietary underwriting process and data analytics, allow us to price, manage and monitor risk effectively through changing economic conditions. With an experienced management team, a strong balance sheet, proven access to the capital markets and strong demand for consumer credit, we believe we are well positioned for future growth.

We staff each of our branch offices with local, well-trained personnel who have significant experience in the industry and with Springleaf. Our business model revolves around an effective origination, underwriting, and servicing process that leverages each branch office's local presence in these communities along with the personal relationships developed with our customers. Credit quality is also driven by our long-standing underwriting philosophy, which takes into account each prospective customer's household budget, and his or her willingness and capacity to repay the loan.

In connection with our personal loan business, our two insurance subsidiaries offer our customers credit and non-credit insurance policies covering our customers and the property pledged as collateral for our personal loans.

As of September 30, 2014, we had \$6.4 billion of net finance receivables due from over 1.3 million customer accounts.

Our Corporate History and Corporate Information

In November 2010, an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group LLC ("Fortress") indirectly acquired (the "Fortress Acquisition") an 80% economic interest in SFI, a financial services holding company, from an affiliate of American International Group, Inc. ("AIG"). Following the Fortress Acquisition, AIG indirectly retained a 20% economic interest in SFI. All of the common stock of SFC is owned by SFI. Following a restructuring completed in connection with the initial public offering of SHI, all of the common stock of SFI is owned by SHI.

SFC was incorporated in Indiana in 1927 as successor to a business started in 1920. SFI was incorporated in Indiana in 1974. SHI was incorporated in Delaware in 2013. In October 2013, SHI completed an initial public offering of its common stock. As of the date of this prospectus, Springleaf Financial Holdings, LLC (the "Initial Stockholder") owns approximately 75.0% of SHI's common stock. The Initial Stockholder is owned primarily by a private equity fund managed by an affiliate of Fortress, a leading global investment manager that offers alternative and traditional investment products, and AIG Capital Corporation, a subsidiary of AIG.

Table of Contents

Our executive offices are located at 601 N.W. Second Street, Evansville, Indiana 47708, and our telephone number is (812) 424-8031. Our website address is *www.Springleaf.com*. The information on our website is not a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

Repurchase Transaction

We have agreed to repurchase, concurrently with the closing of this offering, \$192.2 million aggregate principal amount of 2017 notes from a beneficial owner of 2017 notes. The beneficial owner of 2017 notes has agreed to purchase in this offering \$200.5 million aggregate principal amount of the notes offered hereby. The closing of the offering made pursuant to this prospectus supplement is conditioned on the concurrent closing of the repurchase transaction, and the closing of the repurchase transaction is conditioned on the concurrent closing of the offering made pursuant to this prospectus supplement.

Potential Acquisitions

We regularly consider strategic acquisitions and have been involved in transactions of various magnitudes involving a variety of forms of consideration and financing. Currently, we are evaluating a number of strategic acquisition opportunities, including one opportunity we are currently pursuing which, if consummated, would be the most significant acquisition transaction undertaken by the Company to date. Affiliates of the underwriters may provide advisory services to us or the sellers in connection with any such acquisition and may provide financing for any such acquisition. The purchase price for possible acquisitions could be financed through debt securities (which may be secured), bank borrowings, securitizations, the issuance of equity and/or a combination thereof, the effect of which may adversely affect the trading value of the notes offered hereby. We cannot predict if any such acquisitions will be consummated, the timing of any such acquisitions or, if consummated, whether they will result in a financial or other benefit to the Company. See the discussion under the heading "Risk Factors" There are risks associated with the acquisition of large loan portfolios, such as the SpringCastle Portfolio, including the possibility of increased delinquencies and losses, difficulties with integrating the loans into our servicing platform and disruption to our ongoing business, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 filed with the SEC for additional information.

Table of Contents**The Offering**

The summary below describes the principal terms of the notes. Certain of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. The following is not intended to be complete. You should carefully review the "Description of the Notes" section of this prospectus supplement, which contains a more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the notes.

Issuer	Springleaf Finance Corporation, an Indiana corporation (the "Issuer").
Notes to be Issued	\$500,000,000 million aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due , 2019.
Maturity	The notes will mature on , 2019.
Interest Rate	The notes will bear interest at the rate of % per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on and of each year, commencing , 2015.
Interest Payment Dates	Each and beginning on , 2015. Interest will accrue from the issue date of the notes.
Ranking	The notes will be SFC's senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of SFC's other existing and future unsubordinated indebtedness from time to time outstanding. The notes will not be guaranteed by any of SFC's subsidiaries. The notes will be effectively subordinated to all of SFC's secured obligations to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations and structurally subordinated to any existing and future obligations of SFC's subsidiaries with respect to claims against the assets of such subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the offering of the notes and the repurchase transaction, SFC's subsidiaries would have had approximately \$3.8 billion of liabilities (including securitizations, but excluding payables and other obligations to SFC of approximately \$2.4 billion) to which the notes would have been structurally subordinated. As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the offering of the notes and the repurchase transaction, the aggregate amount of unsubordinated indebtedness outstanding with which the notes will rank equally would have been approximately \$4.4 billion.
Optional Redemption	The notes may be redeemed at any time and from time to time, in whole or in part, at our option, at a "make-whole" redemption price, as described in this prospectus supplement under the caption "Description of the Notes Optional Redemption."
Guarantee	The payment of principal of, and premium and interest on, the notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured basis by SHI, our indirect parent company. See "Description of the Notes Guarantee."

Table of Contents

Certain Covenants	<p>The notes contain certain restrictions, including a limitation that restricts SFC's ability and the ability of SFC's subsidiaries to incur liens on certain assets. See "Description of the Notes Limitations on Liens."</p> <p>The notes also restrict our ability to merge with or into, or sell or convey all or substantially all of our assets to, any other corporation or entity. See "Description of the Notes Merger and Consolidation."</p>
Concurrent Offering of the Notes and Repurchase Transaction	<p>The closing of the offering made pursuant to this prospectus supplement is conditioned on the closing of the repurchase transaction, and the closing of the repurchase transaction is conditioned on the closing of the offering made pursuant to this prospectus supplement.</p>
Use of Proceeds	<p>We intend to use a portion of the net proceeds from this offering to repurchase \$192.2 million principal amount of our 2017 notes at a premium to principal amount from a beneficial owner of the 2017 notes who has agreed to purchase notes in this offering. We intend to use the remainder of the net proceeds for general corporate purposes, which may include further debt repurchases and possible acquisitions. See "Summary of Repurchase Transaction" and "Use of Proceeds."</p>
Governing Law	<p>The indenture and the notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.</p>
No Prior Market	<p>The notes will be new securities for which there is no market. Although the underwriters have informed us that they intend to make a market in the notes, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market-making at any time without notice. Accordingly, a liquid market for the notes may not develop or be maintained.</p>
Risk Factors	<p>You should carefully consider the information set forth herein under "Risk Factors" and in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed by each of SHI and SFC and the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in deciding whether to purchase the notes.</p>

Table of Contents**SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA**

The summary consolidated statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and the summary consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 have been derived from SHI's audited financial statements incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The condensed consolidated statement of operations data for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 and the condensed consolidated balance sheet data as of September 30, 2014 have been derived from SHI's unaudited financial statements incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

The unaudited financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the audited financial statements and, in the opinion of SHI's management, include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the information set forth herein. Operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2014 or for any future period. The summary financial data should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and SHI's audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes in SHI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, SHI's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and SFC's audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes in SFC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and SFC's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014, each of which is incorporated by reference herein.

(dollars in thousands, except earnings (loss) per share)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Years Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013 Revised	2013	2012 Revised	2011 Revised
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:					
Interest income	\$ 1,568,511	\$ 1,577,561	\$ 2,154,078	\$ 1,714,813	\$ 1,871,229
Interest expense	576,863	700,868	919,749	1,075,205	1,284,773
Provision for finance receivable losses	379,196	339,061	527,661	341,578	329,675
Other revenues	858,713	114,672	153,060	97,343	141,505
Other expenses	528,566	613,949	782,171	700,741	758,424
Income (loss) before provision for (benefit from) income taxes	942,599	38,355	77,557	(305,368)	(360,138)
Net income (loss)	633,005	40,353	93,742	(217,697)	(241,733)
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	81,542	86,383	113,043		
Net income (loss) attributable to Springleaf Holdings, Inc.	551,463	(46,030)	(19,301)	(217,697)	(241,733)
Earnings (loss) per share of Springleaf Holdings, Inc.:					
Basic	\$ 4.80	\$ (0.46)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (2.18)	\$ (2.42)
Diluted	4.79	(0.46)	(0.19)	(2.18)	(2.42)

Table of Contents

(dollars in thousands)	At or for the Nine Months Ended September 30,		At or for the Years Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013 Revised	2013	2012 Revised	2011 Revised
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:					
Net finance receivables, less allowance for finance receivable losses	\$ 6,238,917	\$ 13,725,541	\$ 13,424,988	\$ 11,627,339	\$ 13,087,563
Total assets	11,262,818	16,517,498	15,402,686	14,666,620	15,510,806
Long-term debt*	7,858,037	14,116,936	12,769,036	12,620,853	13,087,649
Total liabilities	8,752,700	14,940,171	13,516,058	13,485,698	14,165,867
Springleaf Holdings, Inc. shareholders' equity	2,101,767	1,257,379	1,540,020	1,180,922	1,344,939
Non-controlling interests	408,351	319,948	346,608		
Total shareholders' equity	2,510,118	1,577,327	1,886,628	1,180,922	1,344,939
Other Operating Data:					
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	2.61	1.05	1.08	N/A(a)	N/A(a)
Historical Accounting Basis Data(b):					
Income (loss) before provision for (benefit from) income taxes	\$ 422,302	\$ 57,325	\$ 95,060	\$ (46,449)	\$ (94,301)
Pretax core earnings	\$ 274,846	\$ 237,573	\$ 314,419	\$ 89,953	\$ 41,966

(a) Earnings did not cover total fixed charges by \$305.4 million in 2012 and \$360.1 million in 2011.

(b) The historical accounting basis uses the same accounting basis that we employed prior to the Fortress Acquisition, which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. GAAP.

* Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

(dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2014	2013	December 31, 2012 Revised	2011 Revised
Long-term debt:				
Secured term loan	\$	\$ 751,858	\$ 3,765,258	\$ 3,768,280
Securitization debt:				
Real estate		3,992,147	3,121,210	1,382,932
Consumer	3,052,972	3,296,388		
Total secured debt	3,052,972	7,288,535	3,121,210	1,382,932
Retail notes	379,585	386,050	525,508	590,043
Medium-term notes	4,253,867	4,171,006	4,183,564	6,013,225
Euro denominated notes			853,757	1,161,642
Total existing senior notes	4,633,452	4,557,056	5,562,829	7,764,910

Edgar Filing: SPRINGLEAF FINANCE CORP - Form 424B3

Total existing senior debt	7,686,424	12,597,449	12,449,297	12,916,122
Junior subordinated debt (hybrid debt)	171,613	171,587	171,556	171,527
Total debt	\$ 7,858,037	\$ 12,769,036	\$ 12,620,853	\$ 13,087,649

S-6

Table of Contents**Reconciliation of Income (Loss) before Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes on Push-Down Accounting Basis to Historical Accounting Basis**

The reconciliations of income (loss) before provision for (benefit from) income taxes on a push-down accounting basis to income (loss) before provision for (benefit from) income taxes on a historical accounting basis (which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. GAAP that we believe provides a consistent basis for both management and other interested third parties to better understand our operating results) were as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Years Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013 Revised	2013	2012 Revised	2011 Revised
Income (loss) before provision for (benefit from) income taxes push-down accounting basis	\$ 942,599	\$ 38,355	\$ 77,557	\$ (305,368)	\$ (360,138)
Interest income adjustments(a)	(88,294)	(153,674)	(199,650)	(206,502)	(247,172)
Interest expense adjustments(b)	99,886	102,977	137,875	230,746	350,266
Provision for finance receivable losses adjustments(c)	(17,272)	23,062	22,416	180,719	79,157
Repurchases and repayments of long-term debt adjustments(d)	(4,884)	(6,976)	(11,097)	36,624	(35,100)
Fair value adjustments on debt(e)	8,521	44,950	56,369	13,361	78,552
Sales of finance receivables held for sale originated as held for investment adjustments(f)	(536,420)				
Amortization of other intangible assets(g)	3,294	3,946	5,113	13,618	41,085
Other(h)	14,872	4,685	6,477	(9,647)	(951)
Income (loss) before provision for (benefit from) income taxes historical accounting basis	\$ 422,302	\$ 57,325	\$ 95,060	\$ (46,449)	\$ (94,301)

(a)

Interest income adjustments consist of: (1) the accretion of the net discount applied to non-credit impaired net finance receivables to revalue the non-credit impaired net finance receivables to their fair value at the date of the Fortress Acquisition using the interest method over the remaining life of the related net finance receivables; (2) the difference in finance charges earned on our pools of purchased credit impaired net finance receivables under a level rate of return over the expected lives of the underlying pools of purchased credit impaired finance receivables, net of the finance charges earned on these finance receivables under historical accounting basis; and (3) the elimination of the accretion or amortization of historical unearned points and fees, deferred origination costs, premiums, and discounts.

Table of Contents

Components of interest income adjustments consisted of:

(dollars in thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Years Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013 Revised	2013	2012 Revised	2011 Revised
Accretion of net discount applied to non-credit impaired net finance receivables	\$ (65,454)	\$ (122,547)	\$ (157,891)	\$ (170,166)	\$ (227,334)
Purchased credit impaired finance receivables finance charges	(29,143)	(43,137)	(57,443)	(53,096)	(42,921)
Elimination of accretion or amortization of historical unearned points and fees, deferred origination costs, premiums, and discounts	6,303	12,010	15,684	16,760	23,083
Total	\$ (88,294)	\$ (153,674)	\$ (199,650)	\$ (206,502)	\$ (247,172)

(b)

Interest expense adjustments consist of: (1) the accretion of the net discount applied to long-term debt to revalue the debt securities to their fair value at the date of the Fortress Acquisition using the interest method over the remaining life of the related debt securities; and (2) the elimination of the accretion or amortization of historical discounts, premiums, commissions, and fees.

Components of interest expense adjustments were as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Years Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013 Revised	2013	2012 Revised	2011 Revised
Accretion of net discount applied to long-term debt	\$ 111,078	\$ 138,752	\$ 178,450	\$ 285,449	\$ 403,877
Elimination of accretion or amortization of historical discounts, premiums, commissions, and fees	(11,192)	(35,775)	(40,575)	(54,703)	(53,611)
Total	\$ 99,886	\$ 102,977	\$ 137,875	\$ 230,746	\$ 350,266

(c)

Provision for finance receivable losses consists of the allowance for finance receivable losses adjustments and net charge-offs quantified in the table below. Allowance for finance receivable losses adjustments reflects the net difference between our allowance adjustment requirements calculated under our historical accounting basis, net of adjustments required under push-down accounting basis. Net charge-offs reflects the net charge-off of loans at a higher carrying value under historical accounting basis versus the discounted basis to their fair value at date of the Fortress Acquisition under push-down accounting basis.

Table of Contents

Components of provision for finance receivable losses adjustments were as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Years Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013 Revised	2013	2012 Revised	2011 Revised
Allowance for finance receivable losses adjustments	\$ 9,616	\$ 72,348	\$ 85,904	\$ 279,427	\$ 255,631
Net charge-offs	(26,888)	(49,286)	(63,488)	(98,708)	(176,474)
Total	\$ (17,272)	\$ 23,062	\$ 22,416	\$ 180,719	\$ 79,157

- (d) Repurchases and repayments of long-term debt adjustments reflect the impact on acceleration of the accretion of the net discount or amortization of the net premium applied to long-term debt.
- (e) Fair value adjustments on debt reflect differences between historical accounting basis and push-down accounting basis relating to fair value adjustments to long-term debt associated with securitizations that were issued at a discount or revalued at a discount based on its fair value at the time of the Fortress Acquisition.
- (f) Sales of finance receivables held for sale originated as held for investment adjustments reflect the reversal of the remaining unaccreted push-down accounting basis for net finance receivables, less allowance for finance receivable losses established at the date of the Fortress Acquisition that were sold in the 2014 period.
- (g) Amortization of other intangible assets reflects the amortization over the remaining estimated life of intangible assets established at the date of the Fortress Acquisition as a result of the application of push-down accounting.
- (h) "Other" items reflects less significant differences between historical accounting basis and push-down accounting basis relating to various items such as the elimination of deferred charges, adjustments to the basis of other real estate assets, fair value adjustments to fixed assets, adjustments to insurance claims and policyholder liabilities, and various other differences all as of the date of the Fortress Acquisition.

At September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the remaining un-accreted push-down basis totaled \$5.3 million and \$631.3 million, respectively, for net finance receivables, less allowance for finance receivable losses and \$616.1 million and \$733.9 million, respectively, for long-term debt.

Reconciliation of Income (Loss) before Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes on Historical Accounting Basis to Pretax Core Earnings

Pretax core earnings is a key performance measure used by management in evaluating the performance of our Core Consumer Operations. Pretax core earnings represents our income (loss) before benefit from income taxes on a historical accounting basis and excludes results of operations from our non-core portfolio (Real Estate) and other non-originating legacy operations, restructuring expenses related to Consumer and Insurance, gains (losses) resulting from accelerated long-term debt repayment and repurchases of long-term debt related to Consumer, gains (losses) on fair value adjustments on debt related to Core Consumer Operations (attributable to SHI), and results of operations attributable to non-controlling interests. Pretax core earnings provide us with a key measure of our Core Consumer Operations' performance as it assists us in comparing its performance on a consistent basis. Management believes pretax core earnings is useful in assessing the profitability of our core business and uses pretax core earnings in evaluating our operating performance. Pretax core earnings is a non-GAAP measure and should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for

Edgar Filing: SPRINGLEAF FINANCE CORP - Form 424B3

Table of Contents

or superior to, operating income, net income, operating cash flow, and other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

The following is a reconciliation from income (loss) before benefit from income taxes on a historical accounting basis to pretax core earnings:

(dollars in thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Years Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013 Revised	2013	2012 Revised	2011 Revised
Income (loss) before provision for (benefit from) income taxes historical accounting basis	\$ 422,302	\$ 57,325	\$ 95,060	\$ (46,449)	\$ (94,301)
Adjustments:					
Pretax operating (income) loss Non-Core Portfolio Operations	(87,103)	135,535	180,339	59,200	178,897
Pretax operating (income) loss Other/ non-originating legacy operations	12,799	129,817	149,307	67,218	(5,970)
Restructuring expenses Core Consumer Operations				15,863	
Net (gain) loss from accelerated repayment/ repurchase of debt Consumer	1,429	4,390	5,357	(5,879)	3,275
Net (gain) loss on fair value adjustments on debt Core Consumer Operations (attributable to SHI)	6,961	(3,111)	(2,601)		
Impact from change in accounting estimate Consumer(a)					(39,935)
Pretax operating income attributable to non-controlling interests	(81,542)	(86,383)	(113,043)		
Pretax core earnings	\$ 274,846	\$ 237,573	\$ 314,419	\$ 89,953	\$ 41,966

(a) Impact from change in accounting estimate Consumer represents a change from a migration analysis to a roll rate-based model for purposes of calculating allowance for finance receivable losses for the Consumer segment.

Table of Contents

RISK FACTORS

In addition to the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the matters addressed under "Forward-Looking Statements," you should carefully consider the following risks before investing in the notes. You should also read the risk factors and other cautionary statements, including those described under the sections entitled "Risk Factors" in SHI's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and SFC's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

We are subject to certain risks and hazards due to the nature of the business activities we conduct. The risks discussed below and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, any of which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and prospects, are not the only risks we face. We may experience additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or, as a result of developments occurring in the future, conditions that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and prospects.

RISKS RELATED TO THE NOTES

If current market conditions deteriorate and our financial performance does not improve, we may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness, including the notes offered hereby, and we may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.

Our ability to make scheduled payments or to refinance our debt obligations, including the notes offered hereby, depends on our financial and operating performance, which is subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business, and other factors beyond our control.

Continued challenging economic conditions have negatively affected our financial condition and results of operations. Current economic conditions have negatively affected the markets in which we conduct our business and the capital markets on which we depend to finance our operation. If current market conditions deteriorate and our financial performance does not improve, we may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service our debt. At September 30, 2014, we had \$2.0 billion of cash and cash equivalents and during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 we generated net income of \$551.5 million and net cash inflow from operating and investing activities of \$3.1 billion. At September 30, 2014, our remaining principal and interest payments for 2014 on our existing debt (excluding securitizations) totaled \$483.8 million. As of September 30, 2014, we had unpaid principal balances of \$1.9 billion of unencumbered personal loans and \$713.2 million of unencumbered real estate loans. We intend to support our liquidity position by pursuing additional debt financings (including new securitizations and new debt issuances, debt refinancing transactions and standby funding facilities), or a combination of the foregoing.

We cannot give any assurance that we would be able to take any of these actions, that these actions would be successful even if undertaken, that these actions would permit us to meet our scheduled debt obligations, or that these actions would be permitted under the terms of our existing or future debt agreements. In the absence of sufficient cash resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt and other obligations.

Further, our ability to refinance our debt on attractive terms or at all, as well as the timing of any refinancings, depends upon a number of factors over which we have little or no control, including general economic conditions, such as unemployment levels, housing markets and interest rates, disruptions in the financial markets, the market's view of the quality, value, and liquidity of our assets,

Table of Contents

our current and potential future earnings and cash flows, and our credit ratings. In addition, any financing, particularly any securitization, that is reviewed by a rating agency is subject to the rating agency's view of the quality and value of any assets supporting such financing, our processes to generate cash flows from, and monitor the status of, such assets, and changes in the methodology used by the rating agencies to review and rate the applicable financing. This process may require significant time and effort to complete and may not result in a favorable rating or any rating at all, which could reduce the effectiveness of such financing or render it unexecutable.

If we cannot make scheduled payments on our debt, we will be in default and, as a result our debt holders could declare all outstanding principal and interest to be due and payable, which could also result in an event of default and declaration of acceleration under certain of our other debt agreements.

Our indebtedness is significant, which could affect our ability to meet our obligations under our debt instruments and could materially and adversely affect our business and our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry.

We currently have a significant amount of indebtedness. As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the offering of the notes and the repurchase transaction, we would have had \$8.8 billion of indebtedness outstanding (including securitizations and secured indebtedness). Interest expense on our indebtedness was \$576.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. There can be no assurance that we will be able to repay or refinance our debt in the future.

The amount of indebtedness could have important consequences, including the following:

it may require us to dedicate a significant portion of our cash flow from operations to the payment of the principal of, and interest on, our indebtedness, which reduces the funds available for other purposes, including finance receivable originations;

it could limit our ability to withstand competitive pressures and reduce our flexibility in responding to changing regulatory, business and economic conditions;

it may limit our ability to incur additional borrowings or securitizations for working capital, capital expenditures, business development, debt service requirements, acquisitions or general corporate or other purposes, or to refinance our indebtedness;

it may require us to seek to change the maturity, interest rate and other terms of our existing debt;

it may cause a further downgrade of our debt and long-term corporate ratings; and

it may cause us to be more vulnerable to periods of negative or slow growth in the general economy or in our business.

In addition, meeting our anticipated liquidity requirements is contingent upon our continued compliance with our existing debt agreements. An event of default or declaration of acceleration under one of our existing debt agreements could also result in an event of default and declaration of acceleration under certain of our other existing debt agreements. Such an acceleration of our debt would have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and our ability to continue as a going concern.

Furthermore, our existing debt agreements do not restrict us from incurring significant additional indebtedness. If our debt obligations increase, whether due to the increased cost of existing indebtedness or the incurrence of additional indebtedness, the consequences described above could be magnified.

Table of Contents

The limited covenants applicable to the notes may not provide protection against some events or developments that may affect our ability to repay the notes or the trading prices for the notes.

The indenture governing the notes, among other things, does not:

require us to maintain any financial ratios or specific levels of net worth, revenues, income, cash flow or liquidity and, accordingly, does not protect holders of the notes in the event that we experience significant adverse changes in our financial condition or results of operations;

limit our ability to incur indebtedness, including secured indebtedness (subject to compliance with the lien covenant);

limit our ability to sell assets (except as described below) or restrict the use of proceeds from such sale;

limit SFC's subsidiaries' ability to incur indebtedness, which would be structurally senior to the notes;

restrict our ability to repurchase or prepay our securities;

restrict our ability to enter into transactions with our affiliates;

restrict our ability to make investments or to repurchase or pay dividends or make other payments in respect of our common stock or other securities; or

restrict our ability to engage in any acquisition or other transaction, other than our ability to merge or consolidate with, or sell all or substantially all of our assets to, another person without the surviving or transferring person (if other than SFC) assuming the obligations under the notes.

Furthermore, we are subject to periodic review by independent credit rating agencies. An increase in the level of our outstanding indebtedness, or other events that could have an adverse impact on our business, properties, financial condition, results of operations or prospects, may cause the rating agencies to downgrade our debt credit rating generally, and the ratings on the notes, which could adversely impact the trading prices for, or the liquidity of, the notes. Any such downgrade could also adversely affect our cost of borrowing, limit our access to the capital markets or result in more restrictive covenants in future debt agreements.

Redemption may adversely affect your return on the notes.

We have the right to redeem some or all of the notes prior to maturity, as described under "Description of the Notes - Optional Redemption." We may redeem the notes at times when prevailing interest rates may be relatively low. Accordingly, you may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an effective interest rate as high as that of the notes.

Our credit ratings may not reflect all risks of an investment in the notes.

The credit ratings assigned to the notes may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to trading markets, if any, for, or trading value of, your notes. In addition, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally affect any trading market, if any, for, or trading value of, your notes. Accordingly, you should consult your own financial and legal advisors as to the risks entailed by an investment in the notes and the suitability of investing in the notes in light of your particular circumstances.

Table of Contents

Claims of noteholders will be structurally subordinated to the existing and future obligations of SFC's subsidiaries because they will not guarantee the notes.

The notes will not be guaranteed by any of SFC's subsidiaries. Accordingly, claims of holders of the notes will be structurally subordinated to the existing and future obligations of SFC's subsidiaries. All obligations of SFC's subsidiaries will have to be satisfied before any of the assets of such subsidiaries would be available for distribution, upon a liquidation or otherwise, to SFC.

SFC's subsidiaries accounted for substantially all of its revenues and assets as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013 and the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

The notes are unsecured, and consequently the notes will be effectively subordinated to any existing and future secured indebtedness.

The notes are unsecured and will be effectively junior to all of SFC's senior secured indebtedness, as well as any future secured indebtedness SFC may incur, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. In addition, the guarantee from SHI is unsecured and will be effectively junior to any existing or future secured indebtedness of SHI to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. We may also incur additional secured indebtedness in the future. Upon any distribution to our creditors in a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization or similar proceeding relating to us or our property, the holders of our secured debt will be entitled to exercise the remedies available to a secured lender under applicable law and pursuant to the instruments governing such debt and to be paid in full from the assets securing that secured debt before any payment may be made with respect to the notes. In that event, because the notes will not be secured by any of our assets, it is possible that there will be no assets from which claims of holders of the notes can be satisfied or, if any assets remain, that the remaining assets will be insufficient to satisfy those claims in full or at all. If the value of such remaining assets is less than the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the notes and all other debt ranking *pari passu* with the notes, we may be unable to satisfy our obligations under the notes. In addition, if we fail to meet our payment or other obligations under any secured debt we have or may incur, the holders of such secured debt would be entitled to foreclose on our assets securing that secured debt and liquidate those assets. Accordingly, we may not have sufficient funds to pay amounts due on the notes. As a result, you may lose a portion of or the entire value of your investment in the notes.

SFC is a holding company and is dependent on dividends and other distributions from its subsidiaries.

SFC is a holding company with no direct operations. Its principal assets are the equity interests that it holds in its operating subsidiaries. As a result, it is dependent on dividends and other distributions or loans or advances from those subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to meet its financial obligations, including the payment of principal and interest on the notes offered hereby. SFC's subsidiaries may not generate sufficient cash from operations to enable SFC to make principal and interest payments on its indebtedness, including the notes offered hereby. Furthermore, SFC's insurance subsidiaries are subject to policy holder protection regulations that may limit their ability to pay dividends or make loans or advances to SFC. Moreover, payments to SFC by its subsidiaries will be contingent upon its subsidiaries' earnings. SFC's subsidiaries are permitted under the terms of SFC's indebtedness, including the notes offered hereby, to incur additional indebtedness that may restrict payments from those subsidiaries to SFC. We cannot assure you that agreements governing current and future indebtedness of SFC's subsidiaries will permit those subsidiaries to provide SFC with sufficient cash to fund its debt service payments.

SFC's subsidiaries are legally distinct from it and have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay amounts due on SFC's debt or to make funds available to SFC for such payment.

Table of Contents

Fortress is our controlling stockholder and there can be no assurance that Fortress will act in our best interests as opposed to their own best interests.

Because of its position as our ultimate controlling stockholder, Fortress is able to exercise control over decisions affecting us, including:

our direction and policies, including the appointment and removal of officers;

mergers or other business combinations and opportunities involving us;

further issuance of capital stock or other equity or debt securities by us;

payment of dividends; and

approval of our business plans and general business development.

As of the date hereof, Fortress indirectly beneficially owns a 64% economic interest in us. The concentration of ownership held by Fortress could delay, defer or prevent a change of control of us or impede a merger, takeover or other business combination that may be otherwise favorable to us or to holders of notes offered hereby. In addition, Fortress and entities affiliated with Fortress may conduct business with any business that is competitive or in the same line of business as us, do business with any of our clients, customers or vendors, make investments in the kind of property in which we may make investments or acquire the same or similar types of assets that we may seek to acquire. Fortress is in the business of making or advising on investments in companies and may hold, and may from time to time in the future acquire, interests in or provide advice to businesses that directly or indirectly compete with certain portions of our business or are suppliers or customers of ours. Fortress may also pursue acquisitions that may be complementary to our business, and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us. So long as Fortress continues to beneficially own, indirectly or otherwise, a significant amount of our equity, even if such amount is less than 50%, Fortress will continue to be able to strongly influence or effectively control our decisions. As described above under "Risks Related to the Notes The limited covenants applicable to the notes may not provide protection against some events or developments that may affect our ability to repay the notes or the trading prices for the notes," we are not restricted under the indenture from entering into transactions with our affiliates. As such, Fortress will generally not be prohibited under the indenture from entering into transactions with us that may not be favorable to us or the holders of the notes offered hereby.

Your ability to transfer the notes may be limited by the absence of an active trading market and restrictions on transfer under applicable securities laws, and there is no assurance that any active trading market will develop for the notes or that you will be able to transfer or resell notes without registration under applicable securities laws.

The notes are a new issue of securities for which there is no established public market. The underwriters have advised us that they presently intend to make a market in the notes after completion of the offering, as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. However, the underwriters are not obligated to make a market in the notes, and may discontinue their market-making activities at any time without notice. Therefore, we cannot assure you that an active market for the notes will develop or, if developed, that it will continue. If an active trading market for the notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of such notes may be adversely affected. The liquidity of any trading market in the notes, and the market price quoted for the notes, may be adversely affected by changes in the overall market for these types of securities and by changes in our financial performance or prospects or in the prospects for companies in our industry generally. In addition, as result of the repurchase transaction ownership of the notes will be highly concentrated following the offering which could also adversely affect the liquidity of the notes.

Table of Contents

Historically, the market for non-investment grade debt, such as the notes, has been subject to disruptions that have caused substantial volatility in the prices of securities similar to the notes. We cannot assure you that the market, if any, for the notes will be free from similar disruptions, and any such disruptions may adversely affect the prices at which you may sell your notes. In addition, subsequent to their initial issuance, the notes may trade at a discount from its initial offering price depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar notes, our performance or other factors.

Table of Contents

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that our net proceeds from the sale of the notes offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement will be approximately \$ million, after deducting the estimated fees and expenses of this offering. We intend to use a portion of the net proceeds from this offering to repurchase \$192.2 million principal amount of our outstanding 2017 notes at a premium to principal amount from a beneficial owner who has agreed to purchase notes in this offering. We intend to use the remaining net proceeds for general corporate purposes, which may include further debt repurchases and possible acquisitions. See "Summary Repurchase Transaction." The 2017 notes bear interest at a rate of 6.90% per annum and mature on December 15, 2017.

S-17

Table of Contents**CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our capitalization, as of September 30, 2014:

on an actual basis;

on a pro forma basis giving effect to the net increase in consumer securitization debt of \$778.6 million resulting from the SpringCastle securitization transactions, before deducting the price discount and estimated expenses, effected on October 3, 2014, before giving effect to the distribution of \$591.5 million to our SpringCastle joint venture partners as a reduction to non-controlling interest; and

on a pro forma as adjusted basis to give effect to the issuance of the notes pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the repurchase transaction, before deducting the underwriters' discounts and estimated fees and expenses payable in connection with this offering and the repurchase transaction, as if they had occurred on September 30, 2014.

This table contains unaudited information and should be read in conjunction with "Summary Summary Consolidated Financial Data" in this prospectus supplement, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and consolidated financial statements and related notes in SHI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, SHI's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014, SHI's Current Reports on Form 8-K dated September 5, 2014, October 6, 2014 and November 13, 2014, which contain certain pro forma financial information, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and consolidated financial statements and related notes in SFC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, SFC's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 and SFC's Current Reports on Form 8-K, dated September 5, 2014, October 6, 2014 and November 13, 2014 which contain certain pro forma financial information, each of which is incorporated by reference herein.

	As of September 30, 2014		
	Actual	Pro Forma (in thousands)	Pro Forma As Adjusted
Long-term debt:			
Consumer securitization debt	\$ 3,052,972	\$ 3,831,601	\$ 3,831,601
Retail notes	379,585	379,585	379,585
Medium-term notes	4,253,867	4,253,867	4,061,694
Total existing senior notes	4,633,452	4,633,452	4,441,279
Notes offered hereby			500,000
Junior subordinated debt (hybrid debt)	171,613	171,613	171,613
Total debt	7,858,037	8,636,666	8,944,493
Springleaf Holdings, Inc. shareholders' equity	2,101,767	2,101,767	2,101,767
Total capitalization	\$ 9,959,804	\$ 10,738,433	\$ 11,046,260

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER INDEBTEDNESS

Unsecured Indebtedness

6.00% Notes Indenture

On May 29, 2013, SFC issued \$300 million aggregate principal amount of 6.00% Senior Notes due 2020 (the "6.00% Notes") under an indenture, dated as of May 29, 2013 (the "6.00% Notes Indenture"), between SFC and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee. On December 30, 2013, SHI entered into a guaranty agreements whereby it agreed to fully and unconditionally guarantee the payment of principal of, premium (if any), and interest on the 6.00% Notes.

The 6.00% Notes mature on June 1, 2020 and bear interest at a rate of 6.00% per annum, payable semiannually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The 6.00% notes are unsecured and rank equally in right of payment with all of SFC's other unsubordinated indebtedness.

The 6.00% Notes may be redeemed at any time and from time to time, at the option of SFC, in whole or in part at a "make-whole" redemption price specified in the 6.00% Notes Indenture. The 6.00% Notes do not have the benefit of any sinking fund.

The covenants and events of default in the 6.00% Notes Indenture are substantially the same as those in the indenture under which the notes offered hereby will be issued. See "Description of the Notes."

7.75% Notes Indenture

On September 24, 2013, SFC issued \$650 million aggregate principal amount of 7.75% Senior Notes due 2021 the ("7.75% Notes") under an indenture, dated as of September 24, 2013 (the "7.75% Notes Indenture"), between SFC and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee. On December 30, 2013, SHI entered into a guaranty agreement whereby it agreed to fully and unconditionally guarantee the payment of principal of, premium (if any), and interest on the 7.75% Notes.

The 7.75% Notes mature on October 1, 2021 and bear interest at a rate of 7.75% per annum, payable semiannually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year. The 7.75% Notes are unsecured and rank equally in right of payment with all of SFC's other unsubordinated indebtedness.

The 7.75% Notes may be redeemed at any time and from time to time, at the option of SFC, in whole or in part at a "make-whole" redemption price specified in the 7.75% Notes Indenture. The 7.75% Notes do not have the benefit of any sinking fund.

The covenants and events of default in the 7.75% Notes Indenture are substantially the same as those in the indenture under which the notes offered hereby will be issued. See "Description of the Notes."

8.25% Notes Indenture

On September 24, 2013, SFC issued \$300 million aggregate principal amount of 8.25% Senior Notes due 2023 (the "8.25% Notes") under an indenture, dated as of September 24, 2013 (the "8.25% Notes Indenture"), between SFC and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee. On December 30, 2013, SHI entered into a guaranty agreement whereby it agreed to fully and unconditionally guarantee the payment of principal of, premium (if any), and interest on the 8.25% Notes.

The 8.25% Notes mature on October 1, 2021 and bear interest at a rate of 8.25% per annum, payable semiannually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year. The 8.25% Notes are unsecured and rank equally in right of payment with all of SFC's other unsubordinated indebtedness.

Table of Contents

The 8.25% Notes may be redeemed at any time and from time to time, at the option of SFC, in whole or in part at a "make-whole" redemption price specified in the 8.25% Notes Indenture. The 8.25% Notes not have the benefit of any sinking fund.

The covenants and events of default in the 8.25% Notes Indenture are substantially the same as those in the indenture under which the notes offered hereby will be issued. See "Description of the Notes."

1999 Indenture

As of September 30, 2014, there was \$3.9 billion aggregate principal amount of notes issued and outstanding under the senior indenture (the "1999 Indenture"), by and between SFC and Citibank, N.A., as trustee, including the 2017 Notes. The rate of interest of the notes issued and outstanding under the 1999 Indenture ranged from 5.40% to 7.50% as of September 30, 2014, and the maturity of such outstanding notes ranged from 2015 to 2017. On December 30, 2013, SHI entered into a guaranty agreement whereby it agreed to fully and unconditionally guarantee the payment of principal of, premium (if any), and interest on all of the notes outstanding under the 1999 Indenture. The notes outstanding under the 1999 Indenture are unsecured and rank equally with all of SFC's other unsubordinated indebtedness. The covenants and events of default in the 1999 Indenture are substantially the same as those in the indenture under which the notes will be issued. See "Description of the Notes."

Junior Subordinated Indenture

As of September 30, 2014, SFC had \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 60-year junior subordinated debentures (the "debentures") outstanding under an indenture dated January 22, 2007 (the "Junior Subordinated Indenture"), by and between SFC and Deutsche Bank Trust Company, as trustee. The debentures bear interest at 6.00% per year. SFC can redeem the debentures at par beginning in January 2017. On December 30, 2013, SHI entered into a guaranty agreement whereby it agreed to fully and unconditionally guarantee, on a junior subordinated basis, the payment of principal of, premium (if any), and interest on all of the notes outstanding under the Junior Subordinated Indenture.

The Junior Subordinated Indenture restricts SFC's ability to sell or convey all or substantially all of its assets, unless the transferee assumes SFC's obligations and covenants under the Junior Subordinated Indenture. The Junior Subordinated Indenture provides for customary events of default, including: payment defaults; bankruptcy and insolvency; and upon admission by SFC in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due or that it has taken corporate action with regard to the commencement of voluntary bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings. In the case of an event of default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency, all outstanding debentures will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debentures may declare all the debentures to be due and payable immediately.

Pursuant to the terms of the Junior Subordinated Indenture, SFC, upon the occurrence of a mandatory trigger event, is required to defer interest payments to the holders of the debentures (and not make dividend payments to SFI) unless SFC obtains non-debt capital funding in an amount equal to all accrued and unpaid interest on the debentures otherwise payable on the next interest payment date and pays such amount to the holders of the debentures. A mandatory trigger event occurs if SFC's (1) tangible equity to tangible managed assets is less than 5.5% or (2) average fixed charge ratio is not more than 1.10x for the trailing four quarters (where the fixed charge ratio equals earnings excluding income taxes, interest expense, extraordinary items, goodwill impairment, and any amounts related to discontinued operations, divided by the sum of interest expense and any preferred dividends).

Based upon SFC's financial results for the twelve months ended September 30, 2014, a mandatory trigger event did not occur under the Junior Subordinated Indenture with respect to the semi-annual interest payment due in January 2015 as the tangible equity to tangible managed assets ratio was 22.4% and the average fixed charge ratio was 1.11x.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

General

We will issue the notes under the indenture (the "base indenture") referred to in the accompanying prospectus, between us, Springleaf Holdings, Inc. and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), and a supplemental indenture thereto establishing the terms of the notes (the "supplemental indenture"). The following description of particular terms of the notes supplements the more general description of the debt securities contained in the accompanying prospectus. If there are any inconsistencies between the information in this section and the information in the accompanying prospectus, the information in this section controls. You should read this section together with the section entitled "Description of Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus.

Together with the "Description of Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus, the following description provides a summary of the material provisions of the notes and the indenture, as supplemented by the supplemental indenture, and does not purport to be complete. This summary is subject to and is qualified by reference to all the provisions of the notes and the indenture, as supplemented by the supplemental indenture, including the definitions of certain terms used therein. You may request a copy of the indenture and the supplemental indenture from us as set forth in "Where You Can Find More Information." We urge you to read the indenture, as supplemented by the supplemental indenture (including the form of note contained therein), because it, and not this description, defines your rights as a holder of the notes.

In this section, references to the "Company," "we," "us," and "our" include only Springleaf Finance Corporation, and not its Subsidiaries and references to SHI include only Springleaf Holdings, Inc., and not its subsidiaries and references to the "indenture" mean to the base indenture together with the supplemental indenture.

We have summarized selected terms and provisions of the indenture. We urge you to read the indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights. The terms of the notes include those stated in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "TIA"). The following summary of the material provisions of the indenture and the notes is not complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, all provisions of the indenture. If you would like more information on any of these provisions, you should read the relevant sections of the indenture.

The notes will be issued only in fully registered book-entry form without coupons only in minimum denominations of \$2,000 principal amount and integral multiples of \$1,000 above that amount. The notes will be issued in the form of global notes. Global notes will be registered in the name of a nominee of DTC, New York, New York, as described under "Book-Entry Settlement and Clearance."

Principal Amount; Maturity and Interest

The Company will issue the notes in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$500 million. Additional notes ("Additional Notes") may be issued from time to time. The notes and any Additional Notes subsequently issued will be treated as a single class for all purposes under the indenture, in each case including, without limitation, waivers, amendments and redemptions. The notes and any Additional Notes will be substantially identical other than the issuance dates and the dates from which interest will accrue. Unless the context otherwise requires, for all purposes of the indenture and this "Description of the Notes," references to notes include any Additional Notes actually issued. Because any Additional Notes may not be fungible with the notes for federal income tax purposes, Additional Notes may have a different CUSIP number or numbers than other notes and may be represented by a different global note or global notes. The notes will mature on _____, 2019.

Table of Contents

The notes will be denominated in U.S. dollars and all payments of principal and interest thereon will be paid in U.S. dollars.

The notes will bear interest at a rate of % per year and interest with respect to the notes will be payable semi-annually, in cash in arrears, on and of each year, beginning on , 2015, to the persons in whose name the notes are registered at the close of business on the and immediately preceding such interest payment date. Interest on the notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Interest on the notes will accrue from and including the date the notes are issued (the "issue date") or from and including the most recent interest payment date (whether or not such interest payment date was a business day) for which interest has been paid or provided for to but excluding the relevant interest payment date.

If an interest payment date falls on a day that is not a business day, the interest payment will be postponed to the next succeeding business day, with the same force and effect as if made on the date such payment was due, and no interest will accrue as a result of such delay.

Methods of Receiving Payments on the Notes

If a holder has given wire transfer instructions to the Company, the Company will make all principal, premium, if any, and interest payments on such holder's notes in accordance with those instructions. All other payments on these notes will be made at the office or agency of the paying agent and registrar unless the Company elects to make interest payments by check mailed to the holders at their address set forth in the register of holders.

Paying Agent and Registrar for the Notes

The Trustee will initially act as paying agent and registrar. The Company may change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the holders.

Transfer and Exchange

A holder may transfer or exchange notes in accordance with the indenture. The registrar and the Trustee may require a holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the indenture.

The registered holder of a note will be treated as the owner of it for all purposes.

Parent Guaranty

SHI will fully and unconditionally guarantee the payment of principal of, premium (if any), and interest the notes on a senior unsecured basis (the "Parent Guaranty").

The Parent Guaranty will be a continuing guaranty with respect to the notes and shall:

- (1) remain in full force and effect until payment in full of all the guaranteed obligations;
- (2) subject to the next succeeding paragraph, be binding upon SHI and its successors; and
- (3) inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Trustee, the holders of the notes and their successors, transferees and assigns.

Table of Contents

The Parent Guaranty will be automatically released upon any of:

- (a) the Company ceasing to be a wholly-owned subsidiary of SHI;
- (b) the Company's transfer of all or substantially all of its assets to, or merger with, an entity that is not a wholly-owned subsidiary of SHI in accordance with Article V of the indenture and such transferee entity assumes the Company's obligations under the Indenture; or
- (c) the Company exercising its Legal Defeasance option or Covenant Defeasance options described below.

Ranking

The notes will be the Company's senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of the Company's other existing and future unsubordinated indebtedness from time to time outstanding.

The notes will be effectively subordinated to all of the Company's secured obligations to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations and structurally subordinated to any existing and future obligations of the Company's subsidiaries with respect to claims against the assets of such subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2014, the Company did not have any secured indebtedness outstanding. As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the offering of the notes and the repurchase transaction, the Company's subsidiaries would have had approximately \$3.8 billion of liabilities (including securitizations, but excluding payables and other obligations to the Company of approximately \$2.4 billion) to which the notes would have been structurally subordinated.

As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the offering of the notes and the repurchase transaction, the aggregate amount of unsubordinated indebtedness outstanding with which the notes would have ranked equally would have been approximately \$4.4 billion.

The Parent Guaranty will be SHI's senior unsecured obligation and will rank equally in right of payment with all of SHI's other existing and future unsubordinated indebtedness from time to time outstanding. The Parent Guaranty will be effectively subordinated to all of SHI's secured obligations to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations and structurally subordinated to any existing and future obligations of SHI's subsidiaries (other than the Company) with respect to claims against the assets of such subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the offering of the notes and the repurchase transaction, SHI's subsidiaries had approximately \$3.8 billion of liabilities (including securitizations, but excluding payables and other obligations to SHI of approximately \$237.1 million) to which the notes would have been structurally subordinated. As of September 30, 2014, after giving effect to the offering of the notes and the repurchase transaction, the aggregate amount of unsubordinated indebtedness outstanding with which the Parent Guaranty would have ranked equally would have been approximately \$4.4 billion.

Optional Redemption

Other than as set forth in the next succeeding paragraph, the notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity, and there is no sinking fund for the notes.

At any time and from time to time prior to the Stated Maturity of the notes, the Company may redeem, at its option, all or part of the notes upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice (with a copy to the Trustee) at a redemption price equal to the sum of (i) 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus (ii) the Applicable Premium as of the date of redemption, plus (iii) accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).

Table of Contents

SEC Reports and Reports to Holders

The Company, pursuant to Section 314(a) of the TIA, will be required to file with the Trustee within fifteen days after the Company is required to file the same with the SEC, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may from time to time by rules and regulations prescribe) which the Company may be required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; or, if the Company is not required to file information, documents or reports pursuant to either of such Sections, then to file with the Trustee and the SEC, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the SEC, such of the supplementary and periodic information, documents and reports which would be required pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act in respect of a security listed and registered on a national securities exchange as may be prescribed from time to time in such rules and regulations. The Company, pursuant to Section 314(a) of the TIA, will also be required to file with the Trustee and the SEC, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the SEC, such additional information, documents and reports with respect to compliance by the Company with the conditions and covenants provided for in the indenture as may be required from time to time by such rules and regulations. In addition, the Company, pursuant to Section 314(a) of the TIA, will be required to transmit to the holders of the notes within 30 days after the filing thereof with the Trustee, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 313(c) of the TIA, such summaries of any information, documents and reports required to be filed by the Company pursuant to the two immediately preceding sentences as may be required by rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the SEC.

The Company has also agreed to notify the Trustee when and as the notes become admitted to trading on any national securities exchange.

Limitations on Liens

- (a) The Company shall not at any time, directly or indirectly, create, assume or suffer to exist, and shall not cause, suffer or permit any Subsidiary to create, assume or suffer to exist, any Mortgage of or upon any of its or their properties or assets, real or personal, whether owned at the issue date or thereafter acquired, or of or upon any income or profit therefrom, without making effective provision, and the Company covenants that in any such case it will make or cause to be made effective provision, whereby the notes shall be secured by such Mortgage equally and ratably with or prior to any and all other obligations and indebtedness to be secured thereby, so long as any such other obligations and indebtedness shall be so secured.
- (b) Nothing in this covenant shall be construed to prevent the Company or any Subsidiary from creating, assuming or suffering to exist, and the Company or any Subsidiary is hereby expressly permitted to create, assume or suffer to exist, without securing the notes as hereinabove provided, any Mortgage of the following character:
- (i) any Mortgage on any properties or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary existing on the issue date;
 - (ii) any Mortgage on any properties or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary, in addition to those otherwise permitted by this subsection (b) of this covenant, securing Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary and refundings or extensions of any such Mortgage and the Indebtedness secured thereby for amounts not exceeding the principal amount of the Indebtedness so refunded or extended at the time of the refunding or extension thereof and covering only the same property theretofore securing the same; provided that at the time such Indebtedness was initially incurred, the aggregate amount of secured Indebtedness permitted by this paragraph (ii), after

Table of Contents

giving effect to such incurrence, does not exceed 10% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets;

- (iii) any Mortgage on any property or assets of any Subsidiary to secure Indebtedness owing by it to the Company or to a Wholly-owned Subsidiary;
- (iv) any Mortgage on any property or assets of any Subsidiary to secure, in the ordinary course of business, its Indebtedness, if as a matter of practice, prior to the time it became a Subsidiary, it had borrowed on the basis of secured loans or had customarily deposited collateral to secure any or all of its obligations;
- (v) any purchase money Mortgage on property, real or personal, acquired or constructed by the Company or any Subsidiary after the issue date, to secure the purchase price of such property (or to secure Indebtedness incurred for the purpose of financing the acquisition or construction of any such property to be subject to such Mortgage), or Mortgages existing on any such property at the time of acquisition, whether or not assumed, or any Mortgage existing on any property of any corporation at the time it becomes a Subsidiary, or any Mortgage with respect to any property hereafter acquired; provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount of the Indebtedness secured by all such Mortgages on a particular parcel of property shall not exceed 75% of the cost of such property, including the improvements thereon, to the Company or any such Subsidiary, and provided, further, that any such Mortgage does not spread to other property owned prior to such acquisition or construction or to property thereafter acquired or constructed other than additions to such property;
- (vi) refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal or replacement (or successive refinancings, refundings, extensions, renewals or replacements) of any Mortgage permitted by this subsection (b) of this covenant (other than pursuant to paragraph (ii) hereof) for amounts not exceeding (A) the principal amount of the Indebtedness so refinanced, refunded, extended, renewed or replaced at the time of the refunding or extension thereof and (B) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums, related to such refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal or replacement, and covering only the same property theretofore securing the same;
- (vii) deposits, liens or pledges to enable the Company or any Subsidiary to exercise any privilege or license, or to secure payments of workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, old age pensions or other social security, or to secure the performance of bids, tenders, contracts or leases to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party, or to secure public or statutory obligations of the Company or any Subsidiary, or to secure surety, stay or appeal bonds to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party; or other similar deposits, liens or pledges made in the ordinary course of business;
- (viii) mechanics', workmen's, repairmen's, materialmen's, or carriers' liens; or other similar liens arising in the ordinary course of business; or deposits or pledges to obtain the release of any such liens;
- (ix) liens arising out of judgments or awards against the Company or any Subsidiary with respect to which the Company or such Subsidiary shall in good faith be prosecuting an appeal or proceedings for review; or liens incurred by the Company or any Subsidiary for the purpose of obtaining a stay or discharge in the course of any legal proceeding to which the Company or such Subsidiary is a party;
- (x) liens for taxes not yet subject to penalties for non-payment or contested, or minor survey exceptions, or minor encumbrances, easements or reservations of, or rights of others for, rights of way, sewers, electric lines, telegraph and telephone lines and other

Table of Contents

similar purposes, or zoning or other restrictions as to the use of real properties, which encumbrances, easements, reservations, rights and restrictions do not in the aggregate materially detract from the value of said properties or materially impair their use in the operation of the business of the Company or of the Subsidiary owning the same;

(xi)

other liens, charges and encumbrances incidental to the conduct of its business or the ownership of its property and assets which were not incurred in connection with the borrowing of money or the obtaining of advances or credit, and which do not in the aggregate materially detract from the value of its property and assets or materially impair the use thereof in the operation of its business; and

(xii)

any Mortgage created by the Company or any Subsidiary in connection with a transaction intended by the Company or such Subsidiary to be one or more sales of properties or assets of the Company or such Subsidiary; provided that such Mortgage shall only apply to the properties or assets involved in such sale or sales, the income from such properties or assets and/or the proceeds of such properties or assets.

(c)

If at any time the Company or any Subsidiary shall create or assume any Mortgage not permitted by subsection (b) of this covenant, to which the covenant in subsection (a) of this covenant is applicable, the Company shall promptly deliver to the Trustee (1) an officers' certificate stating that the covenant of the Company contained in subsection (a) of this covenant has been complied with; and (2) an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such covenant has been complied with, and that any instruments executed by the Company in the performance of such covenant comply with the requirements of such covenant.

(d)

In the event that the Company shall hereafter secure the notes equally and ratably with (or prior to) any other obligation or indebtedness pursuant to the provisions of this covenant, the Trustee is hereby authorized to enter into an indenture or agreement supplemental hereto and to take such action, if any, as the Company may deem advisable to enable the Trustee to enforce effectively the rights of the holders of the notes so secured equally and ratably with (or prior to) such other obligation or indebtedness.

Events of Default, Notice and Waiver

If an Event of Default with respect to the notes occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes may declare, by notice as provided in the indenture, the principal amount of all the notes due and payable immediately. However, in the case of an Event of Default involving certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, acceleration will occur automatically. If all Events of Default with respect to the notes have been cured or waived, and all amounts due otherwise than because of the acceleration have been paid or deposited with the Trustee, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes may rescind the acceleration and its consequences.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes may waive any past Default with respect to such notes, and any Event of Default arising from a past default, except in the case of (i) a Default in the payment of the principal of, or any premium or interest on, any note; or (ii) a Default in respect of a covenant or provision that cannot be amended or modified without the consent of the holder of each outstanding note.

"Event of Default" means the occurrence and continuance of any of the following events with respect to the notes:

(1)

default in the payment of any interest payable in respect of any note, when such interest becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;

Table of Contents

- (2) default in the payment of the principal of and any premium on any note when it becomes due and payable at its Maturity;
- (3) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of the Company in the indenture or the notes, and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 90 days;
- (4) an event of default, as defined in any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued, or by which there may be secured or evidenced, any Indebtedness for money borrowed of the Company, whether such Indebtedness now exists or shall hereafter be created, shall happen and shall result in a principal amount in excess of \$25,000,000 of Indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise have become due and payable, and such acceleration shall not have been rescinded or annulled, or such Indebtedness shall not have been discharged, within a period of 15 days; and
- (5) certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company.

A Default under clause (3) or (4) is not an Event of Default until the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes notify the Company in writing of the Default, and the Company does not cure the Default within the time specified in such clause after receipt of such notice.

When a Default under clause (3) or (4) is cured or remedied within the specified period, it ceases to exist.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default with respect to the Company specified in clause (5) above) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee, by written notice to the Company, or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes, by written notice to the Company and the Trustee, may declare all unpaid principal of and accrued interest on the notes then outstanding to be due and payable (the "Default Amount"). Upon a declaration of acceleration, such amount shall be due and payable immediately.

If an Event of Default with respect to the Company specified in clause (5) above occurs, the Default Amount shall *ipso facto* become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any holder.

Under certain circumstances, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding may rescind an acceleration with respect to such notes and its consequences.

In case an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers under the indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders unless such holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity or security satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense. Except to enforce the right to receive payment of principal, premium (if any) or interest (if any) when due, no holder may pursue any remedy with respect to the indenture or the notes unless (i) such holder has previously given the Trustee notice that an Event of Default is continuing, (ii) holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding notes requested the Trustee to pursue the remedy, (iii) such holders have offered the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense, (iv) the Trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity and (v) the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes have not given the Trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period. Subject to certain restrictions, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes are given the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee. The Trustee, however, may refuse to follow any

Table of Contents

direction that conflicts with law or the indenture or that the Trustee determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of any other holder or that would involve the Trustee in personal liability.

The indenture will provide that, if a Default occurs and is continuing and is known to the Trustee, the Trustee must mail to each holder notice of the Default within 90 days after it occurs. Except in the case of a Default in the payment of principal of or interest on any note, the Trustee may withhold notice if and so long as a committee of its trust officers in good faith determines that withholding notice is in the interests of the holders. In addition, the Company is required to deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, a certificate indicating whether the signers thereof know of any Default that occurred during the previous year. The Company also is required to deliver to the Trustee, within 10 days after the occurrence thereof, written notice of any event which would constitute a Default.

No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders

No director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder, member or limited partner of the Company or its parent companies shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the notes or the indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each holder by accepting notes waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the notes.

Merger and Consolidation

The Company may consolidate with, merge with or into, or sell or convey all or substantially all of our assets to, any other corporation or entity if:

- (a)
 - (i) in the case of a merger, the Company is the surviving entity in such merger, or (ii) in the case of a merger in which the Company is not the surviving entity or in the case of a consolidation or a sale or conveyance of assets, the entity into which the Company is merged or the entity which is formed by such consolidation or which acquires by sale or conveyance all or substantially all of the assets of the Company shall be a corporation, association, company or business trust organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a State thereof and such successor entity shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on all the notes, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all of the covenants of the indenture and the notes to be performed or observed by the Company by a supplemental indenture in form satisfactory to the Trustee, executed and delivered to the Trustee by such entity; and
- (b) the Company or such successor entity, as the case maybe, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance or observance of any such covenant and shall not immediately thereafter have outstanding (or otherwise be liable for) any indebtedness secured by a Mortgage not expressly permitted by the provisions of the indenture or shall have secured the notes hereunder equally and ratably with (or prior to) any Indebtedness secured by any Mortgage not so permitted.

Table of Contents

Modification and Waiver

The indenture may be modified or amended in respect of the notes with the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes. However, unless each holder to be affected by the proposed change consents, no modification or amendment may:

- (i) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of, or interest on, any note;
- (ii) reduce the principal amount of, or the rate or amount of interest on, or any premium payable with respect to, any note;
- (iii) change the places or currency of payment of the principal of, or any premium or interest on, any note;
- (iv) impair the right to sue for the enforcement of any payment of principal of, or any premium or interest on, any note on or after the date the payment is due;
- (v) reduce the percentage in aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes necessary to:
 - (A) modify or amend the indenture,
 - (B) waive any past default or compliance with certain restrictive provisions, or
 - (C) constitute a quorum or take action at a meeting; or
- (vi) otherwise modify the provisions of the indenture concerning modification or amendment or concerning waiver of compliance with certain provisions of, or certain defaults and their consequences under, the indenture, except to:
 - (A) increase the percentage of outstanding notes necessary to modify or amend the indenture or to give the waiver, or
 - (B) provide that certain other provisions of the indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each outstanding note affected by the modification or waiver.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes may waive our obligation to comply with certain restrictive provisions applicable to such notes.

The indenture may be modified or amended without the consent of any holder of outstanding notes for any of the following purposes:

- (i) to evidence that another entity is our successor and has assumed our obligations with respect to the notes;
- (ii) to add to our covenants or to add guarantees of any Person for the benefit of the holders of the notes or to surrender any of our rights or powers under the indenture;
- (iii) to add any Events of Default;
- (iv)

Edgar Filing: SPRINGLEAF FINANCE CORP - Form 424B3

to change or eliminate any restrictions on the payment of the principal of, or any premium or interest on, any notes, to modify the provisions relating to global notes, or to permit the issuance of notes in uncertificated form, so long as in any such case the interests of the holders of notes are not adversely affected in any material respect;

(v)

to secure the notes;

(vi)

to provide for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the notes;

S-29

Table of Contents

- (vii) to provide for the discharge of the indenture with respect to the notes by the deposit in trust of money and/or Government Obligations in accordance with the provisions described under " Satisfaction and Discharge";
- (viii) to make certain changes to the indenture to provide for the issuance of Additional Notes;
- (ix) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in the indenture or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under the indenture, so long as the action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the notes in any material respect; or
- (x) to conform the text of the indenture or the notes to any provision of this "Description of the Notes."

Satisfaction and Discharge

The indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to all notes issued thereunder (other than the Company's obligations to register the transfer or exchange of notes; to replace stolen, lost or mutilated notes; to maintain paying agencies; and to hold money for payment in trust), when:

- (i) either
 - (a) all notes that have been authenticated, except lost, stolen or destroyed notes that have been replaced or paid and notes for whose payment money has been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to the Company, have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
 - (b) all notes that have not been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the mailing of a notice of redemption or otherwise or will become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense of the Company, and the Company has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the holders, cash in U.S. dollars, Government Obligations, or a combination of cash in U.S. dollars and Government Obligations, in such amounts as will be sufficient without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the notes not delivered to the trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption;
- (ii) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by it under the indenture in respect of the notes; and
- (iii) in the event of a deposit as provided in clause (i)(b) above, the Company has delivered irrevocable instructions to the trustee under the indenture to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the notes at maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be.

In addition, the Company must deliver an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel to the trustee stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied.

Table of Contents

Defeasance of Certain Covenants

The Company at any time may terminate all its obligations under the notes and the indenture with respect to the notes except for certain obligations, including those respecting the Defeasance Trust (as defined below) and obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the notes, to replace mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen notes and to maintain a registrar and paying agent in respect of the notes. This is known as "Legal Defeasance." The Company at any time may terminate its obligations under the covenants described under " Limitations on Liens" above and the operation of clause (3) or (4) described under " Events of Default" above. This is known as "Covenant Defeasance."

The Company may exercise its Legal Defeasance option notwithstanding its prior exercise of its Covenant Defeasance option. If the Company exercises its Legal Defeasance option, payment of the notes may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default with respect thereto. If the Company exercises its Covenant Defeasance option, payment of the notes may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default specified in clause (3) or (4) described under " Events of Default" above.

In order to exercise either defeasance option, the Company must irrevocably deposit in trust (the "Defeasance Trust") with the Trustee money or Government Obligations for the payment of principal and interest (if any) on the notes to redemption or maturity, as the case may be, and must comply with certain other conditions, including (unless the notes will mature or be redeemed within 30 days) delivering to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been in the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred, and, in the case of Legal Defeasance only, such opinion of counsel must be based on a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or other change in applicable federal income tax law.

The Trustee under the Indenture

We and certain of our affiliates maintain banking relations with Wilmington Trust, National Association and its affiliates.

Unless we are in default, the Trustee is required to perform only those duties specifically set out in the indenture. After an Event of Default, the Trustee is required to exercise the same degree of care as a prudent individual would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. The Trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request of any holder of notes, unless the holder offers the Trustee indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred in connection with the Trustee's exercise of these rights or powers. The Trustee is not required to spend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in performing its duties if the Trustee reasonably believes that repayment or adequate indemnity is not reasonably assured to it. The indenture contains other provisions limiting the responsibilities and liabilities of the Trustee.

Governing Law

The indenture and the notes will be governed by and will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Certain Definitions

"Applicable Premium" means with respect to any note on any date of redemption, as determined by the Company, the excess, if any, of:

- (a) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the note (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the date of redemption),

Table of Contents

discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such date of redemption plus 50 basis points; over

- (b) the principal amount of the note.

The Company shall calculate the Applicable Premium and the Trustee shall have no responsibility to verify such amount.

"Consolidated Net Tangible Assets" means the total amount of assets (less depreciation and valuation reserves and other reserves and items deductible from the gross book value of specific asset amounts under generally accepted accounting principles) which under generally accepted accounting principles would be included on a balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries, after deducting therefrom (i) all liability items except indebtedness (whether incurred, assumed or guaranteed) for borrowed money maturing by its terms more than one year from the date of creation thereof or which is extendible or renewable at the sole option of the obligor in such manner that it may become payable more than one year from the date of creation thereof, shareholder's equity and reserves for deferred income taxes and (ii) all good will, trade names, trademarks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expense and other like intangibles, which in each case would be so included on such balance sheet.

"Default" means any event which is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Government Obligations," with respect to any note, means (i) direct obligations of the United States of America where the timely payment or payments thereunder are supported by the full faith and credit of the United State of America or (ii) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America where the timely payment or payments thereunder are unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America, and which, in the case of (i) or (ii), are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer or issuers thereof, and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of or other amount with respect to any such Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt; provided, however that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of or other amount with respect to the Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt.

"Indebtedness" means all obligations which in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles would be classified upon a balance sheet as liabilities, including without limitation by the enumeration thereof, obligations arising through direct or indirect guarantees (including agreements, contingent or otherwise, to purchase Indebtedness or to purchase property or services for the primary purpose of enabling the payment of Indebtedness or assuring the owner of Indebtedness against loss) or through agreements, contingent or otherwise, to supply or advance funds for the payment or purchase of Indebtedness of others; provided, however, that in determining Indebtedness of any Person, there shall not be included rental obligations under any lease of such Person, whether or not such rental obligations would, under generally accepted accounting principles, be required to be shown on the balance sheet of such Person as a liability item.

"Maturity," when used with respect to any note, means the date on which the principal of such note becomes due and payable as provided in the notes and the indenture, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, notice of redemption, notice of option to elect repayment or otherwise and includes any redemption date.

"Mortgage" means any mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest, conditional sale or other title retention agreement or other similar encumbrance.

Table of Contents

"Person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Stated Maturity," when used with respect to any note or any installment of principal thereof or any premium or interest thereon, means the fixed date on which the principal of such note or such installment of principal or premium or interest is due and payable.

"Subsidiary" means any corporation of which at the time of determination the Company and/or one or more Subsidiaries owns or controls directly or indirectly more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of stock or other equity interests having general voting power under ordinary circumstances (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) and entitled to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees of such corporation.

"Treasury Rate" means, as of any redemption date, the yield to maturity as of such redemption date of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) that has become publicly available at least two business days prior to the redemption date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the redemption date to the Stated Maturity of the notes; provided, however, that if the period from the redemption date to the Stated Maturity of such notes is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used.

"Wholly-owned," when used with reference to a Subsidiary, means a Subsidiary of which all of the outstanding capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) is owned by the Company and/or one or more wholly-owned Subsidiaries.

Table of Contents

BOOK-ENTRY SETTLEMENT AND CLEARANCE

Except as set forth below, notes will be issued in registered, global form in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof (the "Global Notes"). The Global Notes will be deposited upon issuance with the trustee, as custodian for DTC, and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, in each case for credit to an account of a direct or indirect participant in DTC as described below.

Except as set forth below, the Global Notes may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or its nominee. Beneficial interests in the Global Notes may not be exchanged for notes in certificated form except in the limited circumstances described below. See "Certificated Securities." Except in the limited circumstances described below, owners of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Certificated Notes (as defined below).

Global Notes

SFC expects that, pursuant to procedures established by DTC, (i) upon the issuance of the Global Notes, DTC or its custodian will credit, on its internal system, the principal amount at maturity of the individual beneficial interests represented by such Global Notes to the respective accounts of persons who have accounts with such depository ("participants") and (ii) ownership of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be shown on, and the transfer of such ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee (with respect to interests of participants) and the records of participants (with respect to interests of persons other than participants). Such accounts initially will be designated by or on behalf of the underwriters and ownership of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be limited to participants or persons who hold interests through participants. Holders may hold their interests in the Global Notes directly through DTC if they are participants in such system, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in such system.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner or holder of the notes, DTC or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the notes represented by such Global Notes for all purposes under the indenture. No beneficial owner of an interest in the Global Notes will be able to transfer that interest except in accordance with DTC's procedures, in addition to those provided for under the indenture with respect to the notes.

Payments of the principal of, and premium (if any) and interest (including additional interest, if any) on, the Global Notes will be made to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner thereof. Neither SFC, the trustee nor any paying agent will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interest.

SFC expects that DTC or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal of, and premium (if any) and interest (including additional interest, if any) on the Global Notes, will credit participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of the Global Notes as shown on the records of DTC or its nominee. SFC also expects that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the Global Notes held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practice, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers, registered in the names of nominees for such customers. Such payments will be the responsibility of such participants.

Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected in the ordinary way through DTC's same-day funds system in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in same-day funds. If a holder requires physical delivery of a Certificated Security for any reason, including to sell notes to persons in

Table of Contents

states that require physical delivery of the notes, or to pledge such securities, such holder must transfer its interest in a Global Notes, in accordance with the normal procedures of DTC and with the procedures set forth in the indenture.

DTC has advised SFC that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of notes (including the presentation of notes for exchange as described below) only at the direction of one or more participants to whose account the DTC interests in the Global Notes are credited and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of notes as to which such participant or participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an event of default under the indenture, DTC has advised SFC that it will exchange the applicable Global Notes for Certificated Securities, which it will distribute to its participants.

DTC has advised SFC as follows: DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under New York banking law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York banking law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity, corporate and municipal debt issues that participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Access to the DTC system is also available to indirect participants such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly.

Although DTC has agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in the Global Notes among participants of DTC, it is under no obligation to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. Neither SFC nor the trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC or their respective participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

Certificated Securities

A Global Note is exchangeable for Certificated Securities in fully registered form without interest coupons only in the following limited circumstances:

DTC notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the Global Notes and the Company fails to appoint a successor depository within 90 days of such notice, or

there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default with respect to the notes.

Certificated Securities may not be exchanged for beneficial interests in any Global Notes unless the transferor first delivers to the trustee a written certificate (in the form provided in the indenture) to the effect that such transfer will comply with the appropriate transfer restrictions applicable to such notes. See "Notice to Investors."

The laws of some states require that certain persons take physical delivery in definitive form of securities that they own. Consequently, the ability to transfer the notes will be limited to such extent.

Table of Contents

U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS TO NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The following discussion is a summary of U.S. federal income tax considerations generally applicable to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of notes to non-U.S. holders (as defined below) that acquire the notes for cash at their original issue price pursuant to this offering. The summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), U.S. Treasury Regulations, judicial decisions, published positions of the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") and other applicable authorities, all as in effect as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations (possibly with retroactive effect). The discussion does not address all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to a particular person or to persons subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws (such as broker-dealers, insurance companies, U.S. expatriates, tax-exempt entities, traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting, persons subject to alternative minimum tax, or persons that are, or hold their notes through, partnerships or other pass-through entities) or to persons that hold notes as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion, synthetic security or constructive sale transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes, all of whom may be subject to tax rules that differ from those summarized below. Moreover, this discussion does not address any foreign, state or local tax consequences or any U.S. federal tax consequences other than U.S. federal income tax consequences. This summary deals only with persons who hold the notes as capital assets within the meaning of the Code (generally, property held for investment) and does not apply to banks and other financial institutions. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of those set forth below.

Potential investors should consult their tax advisors as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences to them of acquiring, owning and disposing of the notes, as well as the effects of other U.S. federal tax laws or state, local and non-U.S. tax laws.

A "non-U.S. holder" means any beneficial owner of a note (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes), that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, an individual, corporation, estate or trust and that is not a "U.S. holder." For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of a note (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes is, or is treated as, a citizen or individual resident of the United States, a corporation created or organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or a trust if (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable United States Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

If any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes is a holder of a note, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partners and partnerships should consult their tax advisors as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to them.

Stated Interest. A non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on interest paid or accrued on a note if: (1) the interest is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business; and (2) the non-U.S. holder satisfies the following requirements:

- (1) the non-U.S. holder does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of our voting stock;
- (2) the non-U.S. holder is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to us (directly or indirectly) through stock ownership; and

Table of Contents

(3) the non-U.S. holder certifies to its non-U.S. status on IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or other applicable form).

Alternatively, a non-U.S. holder that cannot satisfy the above requirements generally will be exempt from U.S. federal withholding tax with respect to interest paid on the notes if the holder establishes that such interest is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States (generally, by providing an IRS Form W-8ECI). However, to the extent that such interest is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a U.S. trade or business (and, in the case of certain tax treaties, is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base within the United States), the non-U.S. holder will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis in generally the same manner as a U.S. holder and, if it is a foreign corporation, may be subject to a 30% U.S. branch profits tax (or lower applicable treaty rate) on its effectively connected earnings and profits (subject to adjustments).

If a non-U.S. holder does not satisfy the requirements described above, and does not establish that the interest is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a U.S. trade or business, the non-U.S. holder generally will be subject to U.S. withholding tax on payments of stated interest, currently imposed at 30%. Under certain income tax treaties, the U.S. withholding rate on payments of interest may be reduced or eliminated, provided the non-U.S. holder complies with the applicable certification requirements (generally, by providing a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, as applicable).

Disposition. A non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income taxation with respect to any gain realized on a sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of a note, unless:

(1) the gain is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a U.S. trade or business (and, in the case of certain tax treaties, the gain is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base within the United States); or

(2) in the case of an individual, such individual is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year in which gain is realized and certain other conditions are met.

If the first exception applies, the non-U.S. holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis in generally the same manner as a U.S. holder and, if it is a foreign corporation, may be subject to a 30% U.S. branch profits tax (or lower applicable treaty rate) on its effectively connected earnings and profits (subject to adjustments). If the second exception applies, the non-U.S. holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or at a reduced rate under an applicable income tax treaty) on the amount by which capital gains allocable to U.S. sources (including gains from the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of the notes) exceed capital losses allocable to U.S. sources.

Certain Withholding Rules. Withholding at a rate of 30% generally will be required on interest payments in respect of, and, after December 31, 2016, gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, notes held by or through certain foreign financial institutions (including investment funds), unless such institution (i) enters into, and complies with, an agreement with the IRS to report, on an annual basis, information with respect to interests in, and accounts maintained by, the institution that are owned by certain U.S. persons and by certain non-U.S. entities that are wholly or partially owned by U.S. persons and to withhold on certain payments, or (ii) if required under an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country, reports such information to its local tax authority, which will exchange such information with the U.S. authorities. Accordingly, the entity through which the notes are held will affect the determination of whether such withholding is required. Similarly interest payments in respect of, and, after December 31, 2016, gross proceeds from a sale or other disposition of, notes held by or through an entity that is a non-financial foreign entity

Table of Contents

that does not qualify under certain exemptions generally will be subject to withholding at a rate of 30%, unless such entity either (i) certifies that such entity does not have any "substantial United States owners" or (ii) provides certain information regarding the entity's "substantial United States owners," which we will in turn provide to the Internal Revenue Service. An intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country may modify the foregoing requirements. We will not pay any additional amounts to non-U.S. holders in respect of any amounts withheld. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the possible implications of these rules on their investment in the notes.

S-38

Table of Contents**UNDERWRITING**

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. are acting as representatives of each of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in a firm commitment underwriting agreement among us and the underwriters, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from us, the principal amount of notes set forth opposite its name below.

<u>Underwriter</u>	<u>Principal Amount of Notes</u>
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	\$
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	
Barclays Capital Inc.	
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	
Total	\$

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, the underwriters have agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase all of the notes sold under the underwriting agreement if any of these notes are purchased. If an underwriter defaults, the underwriting agreement provides that the purchase commitments of the nondefaulting underwriters may be increased or the underwriting agreement may be terminated.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters and their controlling persons against certain liabilities in connection with this offering, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The underwriters are offering the notes, subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and accepted by them, subject to approval of legal matters by their counsel, including the validity of the notes, and other conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, such as the receipt by the underwriters of officer's certificates and legal opinions. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

Commissions and Discounts

The representatives have advised us that the underwriters propose initially to offer the notes to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to certain dealers at such price less a concession not in excess of % of the principal amount of the notes. After the initial offering, the public offering price, concession or any other term of the offering may be changed.

The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting discount, are estimated at \$ and are payable by us.

New Issue of Notes

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any national securities exchange or for inclusion of the notes on any automated dealer quotation system. We have been advised by the underwriters that they presently intend to make a market in the notes after completion of the offering. However, they are under no obligation to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without any notice. We cannot assure the liquidity of the trading market for the notes or that an active public market for the notes will develop. If an active public trading market for the notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected. If the notes are traded, they may trade at a

Table of Contents

discount from their initial offering price, depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, our operating performance and financial condition, general economic conditions and other factors.

No Sales of Similar Securities

We have agreed that we will not, for a period of 60 days after the date of this offering memorandum, without first obtaining the prior written consent of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., directly or indirectly, issue, sell, offer to contract or grant any option to sell, pledge, transfer or otherwise dispose of, any debt securities or securities exchangeable for or convertible into debt securities, except for the notes sold to the underwriters pursuant to the underwriting agreement.

Short Positions

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell the notes in the open market. These transactions may include short sales and purchases on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater principal amount of notes than they are required to purchase in the offering. The underwriters must close out any short position by purchasing notes in the open market. A short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the notes in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.

Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriters' purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the notes or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes. As a result, the price of the notes may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the notes. In addition, neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation that the representatives will engage in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

Other Relationships

Some of the underwriters and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions. Affiliates of the underwriters may provide advisory services to us or the sellers in connection with, and may provide financing for, the potential acquisitions discussed under "Summary Potential Acquisitions."

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with us routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent

Table of Contents

research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Extended Settlement

We expect delivery of the notes will be made against payment therefor on or about _____, 2014, which is the fifth business day following the date of pricing of the notes (such settlement being referred to as "T+5"). Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade notes on the day of pricing or the next succeeding business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially settle in T+5, to specify an alternative settlement arrangement at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of the notes who wish to trade the notes prior to their date of delivery hereunder should consult their advisors.

S-41

Table of Contents

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters relating to this offering will be passed upon for us by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, New York. In addition, certain legal matters will be passed upon for SFC by Jack R. Erkilli, Esq., Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Secretary of SFC. Certain legal matters relating to the offering of the notes will be passed upon for the underwriters by Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP.

EXPERTS

The SHI consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the SHI Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The SFC consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the SFC Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

Table of Contents

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any materials that we have filed with the SEC at the public reference facilities the SEC maintains at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain further information about the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an internet site that contains reports, information statements and other information regarding us. The SEC's Web site address is www.sec.gov.

This prospectus supplement "incorporates by reference" information that SHI and SFC have filed with the SEC under the Exchange Act, which means that we are disclosing important information to you by referring you to those documents. Any statement contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement will be deemed modified or superseded for the purposes of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any subsequently filed document which also is, or is deemed to be, incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Accordingly, we incorporate by reference the specific documents listed below and any future filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission after the date hereof under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act which will be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and to be part of prospectus supplement from the date we subsequently file such reports and documents until the termination of this offering, except that any interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language shall not be deemed incorporated by reference herein and that any such reports or portions thereof which are furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any Current Reports on Form 8-K (including financial statements or exhibits relating thereto furnished pursuant to Item 9.01) and not filed shall not be deemed incorporated by reference herein:

Annual Report of SHI on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (including SHI's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 29, 2014 solely to the extent incorporated into SHI's Annual Report on Form 10-K), as amended by the Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on April 30, 2014;

Quarterly Reports of SHI on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on May 15, 2014, June 30, 2014, filed with the SEC on August 11, 2014, and September 30, 2014, filed with the SEC on November 14, 2014;

Current Reports of SHI on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2014, February 4, 2014, April 1, 2014, April 3, 2014, April 15, 2014, May 30, 2014, August 4, 2014, September 5, 2014, October 6, 2014, November 13, 2014 and November 21, 2014;

Annual Report of SFC on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, as amended by the Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on November 17, 2014;

Quarterly Reports of SFC on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on May 15, 2014, June 30, 2014, filed with the SEC on August 11, 2014, and September 30, 2014, filed with the SEC on November 14, 2014; and

Current Reports of SFC on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 1, 2014, April 3, 2014, September 5, 2014, October 6, 2014 and November 13, 2014.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner to whom a copy of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is delivered, a copy of these filings, other than

Edgar Filing: SPRINGLEAF FINANCE CORP - Form 424B3

Table of Contents

an exhibit to these filings unless we have specifically incorporated that exhibit by reference into the filing, upon written or oral request and at no cost. Requests should be made by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Springleaf Finance Corporation
601 N.W. Second Street
Evansville, IN 47708
Attn: Legal Department
Telephone: (812) 424-8031

S-44

PROSPECTUS

SPRINGLEAF HOLDINGS, INC.

**COMMON STOCK
PREFERRED STOCK
DEPOSITARY SHARES
DEBT SECURITIES
(and guarantees thereof)
WARRANTS
STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS
AND
STOCK PURCHASE UNITS**

SPRINGLEAF FINANCE CORPORATION

**DEBT SECURITIES
(and guarantees thereof)**

Springleaf Holdings, Inc. ("SHI") may offer, issue and sell from time to time, together or separately:

shares of its common stock;

shares of its preferred stock, which it may issue in one or more series;

depositary shares representing shares of its preferred stock;

debt securities, which may be senior, subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities;

warrants to purchase debt or equity securities;

stock purchase contracts to purchase shares of its common stock; and

stock purchase contracts to purchase shares of its common stock; and stock purchase units, each representing ownership of a stock purchase contract and debt securities, preferred securities or debt obligations of third-parties, including U.S. treasury securities or any combination of the foregoing, securing the holder's obligation to purchase its common stock or other securities under the stock purchase contracts.

Springleaf Finance Corporation ("SFC") may guarantee the principal of, and premium (if any) and interest on, any such debt securities. SFC may, from time to time, offer and sell debt securities, which may be senior, subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities, and SHI may guarantee the principal of, and premium (if any) and interest on, such debt securities. In this prospectus, we refer to the debt securities and

the guarantees thereof, common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, warrants, stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units of SHI and the debt securities of SFC and the guarantees thereof registered hereunder collectively as the "securities."

We will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. We may describe the terms of these securities in a term sheet that will precede the prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement carefully before you make your investment decision.

THIS PROSPECTUS MAY NOT BE USED TO SELL SECURITIES UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.

We may offer securities through underwriting syndicates managed or co-managed by one or more underwriters, through agents or directly to purchasers. The prospectus supplement for each offering of securities will describe in detail the plan of distribution for that offering. For general information about the distribution of securities offered, please see "Plan of Distribution" in this prospectus.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") under the trading symbol "LEAF." Each prospectus supplement will indicate if the securities offered thereby will be listed on any securities exchange.

INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES RISKS. BEFORE BUYING OUR SECURITIES, YOU SHOULD REFER TO THE RISK FACTORS INCLUDED IN OUR PERIODIC REPORTS, IN PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENTS RELATING TO SPECIFIC OFFERINGS OF SECURITIES AND IN OTHER INFORMATION THAT WE FILE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. SEE "RISK FACTORS" ON PAGE 7.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR DETERMINED IF THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this prospectus is November 20, 2014.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>OUR COMPANY</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>RISK FACTORS</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>USE OF PROCEEDS</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND STOCK PURCHASE UNITS</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>34</u>
<u>LEGAL MATTERS</u>	<u>37</u>
<u>EXPERTS</u>	<u>38</u>

Unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to (i) "SHI" refer to Springleaf Holdings Inc. and references to "Springleaf," "the Company," "we," "our," and "us" refer to Springleaf Holdings Inc. collectively with its subsidiaries, whether directly or indirectly owned, including SFC and (ii) "SFC" refer to Springleaf Finance Corporation, and unless the context otherwise requires, its consolidated subsidiaries.

Table of Contents

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") using a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf process, we may, from time to time, sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus, in one or more offerings at an unspecified aggregate initial offering price.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer to sell securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the headings "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference."

You should only rely on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell or soliciting an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale thereof is not permitted.

You should assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate as of the date of this prospectus. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

This prospectus contains summary descriptions of the securities that we may sell from time to time. These summary descriptions are not meant to be complete descriptions of each security. The particular terms of any security will be described in the related prospectus supplement.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

SHI files annual, quarterly and current reports and proxy statements and other information with the Commission and SFC currently files annual, quarter and current reports and other information with the Commission. Our filings can be read and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the public reference room by calling the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our Commission filings are also available on the Internet at the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. SHI's common stock is listed on the NYSE under the trading symbol "LEAF." Our reports, proxy statements and other information can also be read at the offices of the NYSE, located at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

We have filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus is part of the registration statement and does not contain all the information in the registration statement. You will find additional information about us in the registration statement. Any statement made in this prospectus concerning a contract or other document of ours is not necessarily complete, and you should read the documents that are filed as exhibits to the registration statement or otherwise filed with the Commission for a more complete understanding of the document or matter. Each such statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You may inspect without charge a copy of the registration statement at the Commission's Public Reference Room, as well as through the Commission's website.

Table of Contents

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The Commission allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this prospectus information that each of SHI and SFC file with the Commission. This permits us to disclose important information to you by referencing these filed documents. Any information referenced this way is considered to be a part of this prospectus and any information filed by us with the Commission subsequent to the date of this prospectus will automatically be deemed to update and supersede this prospectus. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement the following documents that SHI and SFC have already filed with the Commission (other than any portion of such filings that are furnished, rather than filed, under the Commission's applicable rules):

Annual Report of SHI on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (including SHI's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 29, 2014 solely to the extent incorporated into SHI's Annual Report on Form 10-K), as amended by the Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on April 30, 2014;

Quarterly Reports of SHI on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2014, June 30, 2014 and September 30, 2014;

Current Reports of SHI on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 3, 2014, February 4, 2014, April 1, 2014, April 3, 2014, April 15, 2014, May 30, 2014, August 4, 2014, September 5, 2014 and October 6, 2014 and September 30, 2014;

the description of SHI's common stock set forth in its registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on October 11, 2013;

Annual Report of SFC on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 as amended by the Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on November 17, 2014;

Quarterly Reports of SFC on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2014, June 30, 2014 and September 30, 2014; and

Current Reports of SFC on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 1, 2014, April 3, 2014, September 5, 2014 and October 6, 2014 and November 13, 2014.

Whenever after the date of this prospectus SHI or SFC files reports or documents under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), those reports and documents will be deemed to be a part of this prospectus from the time they are filed (other than documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with Commission rules). Any statement made in this prospectus or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document that is also incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

We will provide without charge, upon written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, excluding any exhibits to those documents unless the exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Requests should be directed to Springleaf Holdings, Inc., 601 N.W. Second Street, Evansville, Indiana 47708 (telephone number (812) 424-8031).

Table of Contents

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains or incorporates by reference certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, future events and financial performance. You can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking words such as "outlook," "believes," "expects," "potential," "continues," "may," "will," "should," "could," "seeks," "approximately," "predicts," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "anticipates," "target," "projects," "contemplates" or the negative version of those words or other comparable words. Any forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus are based upon our historical performance and on our current plans, estimates and expectations in light of information currently available to us. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties and assumptions relating to our operations, financial results, financial condition, business, prospects, growth strategy and liquidity. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated in these statements. As set forth more fully under "Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors" in SHI's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and SFC's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, which are incorporated by reference herein, factors that could have a material adverse effect on our operations and future prospects include, but are not limited to:

changes in general economic conditions, including the interest rate environment in which we conduct business and the financial markets through which we can access capital and also invest cash flows from our insurance segment;

levels of unemployment and personal bankruptcies;

natural or accidental events such as earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, or floods affecting our customers, collateral, or branches or other operating facilities;

war, acts of terrorism, riots, civil disruption, pandemics, or other events disrupting business or commerce;

the effect of future sales of our remaining portfolio of real estate loans and the transfer of servicing for these loans;

changes in the rate at which we can collect or potentially sell our finance receivables portfolio;

the effectiveness of our credit risk scoring models in assessing the risk of customer unwillingness or lack of capacity to repay;

changes in our ability to attract and retain employees or key executives to support our businesses;

changes in the competitive environment in which we operate, including the demand for our products, customer responsiveness to our distribution channels, and the strength and ability of our competitors to operate independently or to enter into business combinations that result in a more attractive range of customer products or provide greater financial resources;

shifts in collateral values, delinquencies, or credit losses;

changes in federal, state and local laws, regulations, or regulatory policies and practices, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (which, among other things, established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which has broad authority to regulate and examine financial institutions), that affect our ability to conduct business

or the manner in which we conduct business, such as licensing requirements, pricing limitations or restrictions on the method of offering products, as well as changes that may result from increased regulatory scrutiny of the sub-prime lending industry;

Table of Contents

potential liability relating to real estate and personal loans which we have sold or may sell in the future, or relating to securitized loans, if it is determined that there was a non-curable breach of a warranty made in connection with such transactions;

the costs and effects of any litigation or governmental inquiries or investigations involving us, particularly those that are determined adversely to us;

our continued ability to access the capital markets or the sufficiency of our current sources of funds to satisfy our cash flow requirements;

our ability to comply with our debt covenants;

our ability to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness;

our substantial indebtedness, which could prevent us from meeting our obligations under our debt instruments and limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry, or our ability to incur additional borrowings;

the potential for downgrade of our debt by rating agencies, which would have a negative impact on our cost of, and access to, capital;

the impacts of our securitizations and borrowings;

our ability to maintain sufficient capital levels in our regulated and unregulated subsidiaries;

the material weakness that we have identified in our internal control over financial reporting; and

changes in accounting standards or tax policies and practices and the application of such new policies and practices to the manner in which we conduct business.

The forward-looking statements made or incorporated by reference in this prospectus relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement except as required by law, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from what we may have expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. We caution that you should not place undue reliance on any of our forward-looking statements. You should specifically consider the factors identified in this prospectus that could cause actual results to differ before making an investment decision to purchase our securities. Furthermore, new risks and uncertainties arise from time to time, and it is impossible for us to predict those events or how they may affect us.

Table of Contents

OUR COMPANY

We are a leading consumer finance company providing responsible loan products to customers through our branch network and through our internet lending business, known as our iLoan division. We have a nearly 100-year track record of high quality origination, underwriting and servicing of personal loans, primarily to non-prime consumers. Our deep understanding of local markets and customers, together with our proprietary underwriting process and data analytics, allow us to price, manage and monitor risk effectively through changing economic conditions. With an experienced management team, a strong balance sheet, proven access to the capital markets and strong demand for consumer credit, we believe we are well positioned for future growth.

We staff each of our branch offices with local, well-trained personnel who have significant experience in the industry and with Springleaf. Our business model revolves around an effective origination, underwriting, and servicing process that leverages each branch office's local presence in these communities along with the personal relationships developed with our customers. Credit quality is also driven by our long-standing underwriting philosophy, which takes into account each prospective customer's household budget, and his or her willingness and capacity to repay the loan. Our extensive network of branches and expert personnel is complemented by our iLoan division. Formed at the beginning of 2013, our iLoan division allows us to reach customers located outside our branch footprint and to more effectively process applications from customers within our branch footprint who prefer the convenience of online transactions.

In connection with our personal loan business, our two insurance subsidiaries offer our customers credit and non-credit insurance policies covering our customers and the property pledged as collateral for our personal loans.

In addition, we pursue strategic acquisitions of loan portfolios through our loan portfolio acquisitions business, known as our Springleaf Acquisitions division, which we service through our centralized servicing operation. As part of this strategy, on April 1, 2013, we acquired the SpringCastle Portfolio through a joint venture in which we own a 47% equity interest. See "Core Consumer Operations Acquisitions and Servicing" in SHI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 for further information on the SpringCastle Portfolio. Through the acquisition of the SpringCastle Portfolio and other similar acquisitions, we expect to achieve a meaningful return on our investment as well as receive servicing fee income.

We also intend to pursue fee-based opportunities in servicing loans for others through Springleaf Servicing Solutions, our centralized servicing division. See "Centralized Support Springleaf Servicing Solutions" in SHI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 for further information on our centralized servicing centers.

As of September 30, 2014, we had \$6.4 billion of net finance receivables due from over 1.3 million customer accounts.

SHI is a financial services holding company whose principal subsidiary is Springleaf Finance, Inc. ("SFI"). SFI's principal subsidiary is SFC, a financial services holding company with subsidiaries engaged in the consumer finance and credit insurance businesses. As of the date of this prospectus, Springleaf Financial Holdings, LLC (the "Initial Stockholder"), an entity controlled by a private equity fund managed by Fortress Investment Group LLC ("Fortress"), owns approximately 75% of SHI's outstanding common stock.

Prior to the initial public offering of SHI's common stock in October 2013, FCFI Acquisition LLC ("FCFI"), an affiliate of Fortress, owned an 80% economic interest in SHI and American International Group, Inc. ("AIG") indirectly owned a 20% economic interest in SHI. FCFI acquired its 80% economic interest in SHI in November 2010.

Table of Contents

General

SHI's common stock is traded on the NYSE under the symbol "LEAF."

SHI is incorporated in Delaware and SFC is incorporated in Indiana. The address of our principal executive office is 601 N.W. Second Street, Evansville, Indiana 47708. Our telephone number is (812) 424-8031. Our internet address is www.springleaf.com. This is an interactive textual reference only, meaning that the information contained on the website is not part of this prospectus and is not incorporated into this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement by reference.

Table of Contents

RISK FACTORS

Before you invest in any of our securities, in addition to the other information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement or other offering materials, you should carefully consider the risk factors in any prospectus supplement as well as under the heading "Risk Factors" in SHI's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 and SFC's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, as the same may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by our filings under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act. These risks could materially and adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition and could result in a partial or complete loss of your investment. See "Incorporation of Certain Documents By Reference" and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

Table of Contents**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or other offering material, we will use the net proceeds from any sale of securities for general corporate purposes. We may provide additional information on the use of the net proceeds from any sale of securities in an applicable prospectus supplement or other offering materials relating to the securities.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth SHI's ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated:

(dollars in thousands)	Successor Company					Predecessor Company	
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013	Year Ended December 31, 2012 Revised	Year Ended December 31, 2011 Revised	One Month Ended December 31, 2010 Revised	Eleven Months Ended November 30, 2010 Revised	Year Ended December 31, 2009 Revised
Earnings:							
Income (loss) before benefit from income taxes	\$ 942,599	\$ 77,557	\$ (305,368)	\$ (360,138)	\$ 1,463,458	\$ (261,887)	\$ (1,073,602)
Interest expense	576,863	919,749	1,075,205	1,284,773	120,328	996,469	1,091,163
Implicit interest in rents	7,467	10,000	12,115	12,638	1,207	13,751	19,738
Total earnings	\$ 1,526,929	\$ 1,007,306	\$ 781,952	\$ 937,273	\$ 1,584,993	\$ 748,333	\$ 37,299
Fixed charges:							
Interest expense	\$ 576,863	\$ 919,749	\$ 1,075,205	\$ 1,284,773	\$ 120,328	\$ 996,469	\$ 1,091,163
Implicit interest in rents	7,467	10,000	12,115	12,638	1,207	13,751	19,738
Total fixed charges	\$ 584,330	\$ 929,749	\$ 1,087,320	\$ 1,297,411	\$ 121,535	\$ 1,010,220	\$ 1,110,901
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	2.61	1.08	N/A*	N/A*	N/M**	N/A*	N/A*

* Earnings did not cover total fixed charges by \$305.4 million in 2012, \$360.1 million in 2011, \$261.9 million during the eleven months ended November 30, 2010, and \$1.1 billion in 2009.

** Not meaningful.

The following table sets forth SFC's ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated:

Edgar Filing: SPRINGLEAF FINANCE CORP - Form 424B3

(dollars in thousands)	Successor Company					Predecessor Company	
	Nine Months Ended	Year Ended	Year Ended	Year Ended	One Month Ended	Eleven Months Ended	Year Ended
	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012 Revised	December 31, 2011 Revised	December 31, 2010 Revised	November 30, 2010 Revised	December 31, 2009 Revised
Earnings:							
Income (loss) before benefit from income taxes	\$ 795,969	\$ (135,917)	\$ (307,385)	\$ (363,598)	\$ 1,461,621	\$ (241,699)	\$ (1,053,059)
Interest expense	526,035	842,679	1,067,709	1,275,570	119,303	978,364	1,050,164
Implicit interest in rents	7,206	9,294	12,115	12,638	1,207	13,751	19,287
Total earnings	\$ 1,329,210	\$ 716,056	\$ 772,439	\$ 924,610	\$ 1,582,131	\$ 750,416	\$ 16,392
Fixed charges:							
Interest expense	\$ 526,035	\$ 842,679	\$ 1,067,709	\$ 1,275,570	\$ 119,303	\$ 978,364	\$ 1,050,164
Implicit interest in rents	7,206	9,294	12,115	12,638	1,207	13,751	19,287
Total fixed charges	\$ 533,241	\$ 851,973	\$ 1,079,824	\$ 1,288,208	\$ 120,510	\$ 992,115	\$ 1,069,451
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	2.49	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/M**	N/A*	N/A*

* Earnings did not cover total fixed charges by \$135.9 million in 2013, \$307.4 million in 2012, \$363.6 million in 2011, \$241.7 million during the eleven months ended November 30, 2010, and \$1.1 billion in 2009.

** Not meaningful.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description of the debt securities outlines some of the provisions of the debt securities. This information may not be complete in all respects and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable indenture and its associated documents, including the form of note. We have filed forms of the indentures with the SEC as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. See "Where You Can Find More Information" for information on how to obtain copies of them. The indentures will be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "TIA"). The specific terms of any series of debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. If so described in a prospectus supplement, the terms of that series of debt securities may differ from the general description of terms presented below and the form of indenture filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

Please note that, in this section titled "Description of Debt Securities," references to "we," "our" and "us" refer either to SHI or SFC, as the issuer, as applicable, of the applicable series of debt securities and not to any subsidiaries, unless the context requires otherwise.

We may offer unsecured debt securities in one or more series which may be senior, subordinated or junior subordinated, and which may be convertible into another security. The aggregate principal amount of debt securities that may be issued under each indenture is unlimited. The prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities that we may offer will contain the specific terms of the debt securities. These terms may include the following:

whether the issuer of the debt securities is SHI or SFC;

the title and aggregate principal amount of the debt securities and any limit on the aggregate principal amount;

whether the debt securities will be senior, subordinated or junior subordinated;

any applicable subordination provisions for any subordinated debt securities;

the maturity date(s) or method for determining same;

the interest rate(s) or the method for determining same;

the dates on which interest will accrue or the method for determining dates on which interest will accrue and dates on which interest will be payable and whether interest shall be payable in cash or additional securities;

whether the debt securities are convertible or exchangeable into other securities and any related terms and conditions;

redemption or early repayment provisions;

authorized denominations;

if other than the principal amount, the principal amount of debt securities payable upon acceleration;

Edgar Filing: SPRINGLEAF FINANCE CORP - Form 424B3

place(s) where payment of principal and interest may be made, where debt securities may be presented and where notices or demands upon the issuer may be made;

whether such debt securities will be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities and the date on which the securities are dated if other than the date of original issuance;

amount of discount or premium, if any, at which such debt securities will be issued;

Table of Contents

- whether the indenture will contain any additional covenants, or eliminate or change any covenants described herein, that apply to the debt securities;
- any additions or changes in the defaults and events of default applicable to the particular debt securities being issued;
- the guarantors of each series, if any, and the extent of the guarantees (including provisions relating to seniority, subordination and release of the guarantees), if any;
- the currency, currencies or currency units in which the purchase price for, the principal of and any premium and any interest on, such debt securities will be payable;
- the time period within which, the manner in which and the terms and conditions upon which the holders of the debt securities or the issuer can select the payment currency;
- our obligation or right to redeem, purchase or repay debt securities under a sinking fund, amortization or analogous provision;
- any restriction or conditions on the transferability of the debt securities;
- provisions granting special rights to holders of the debt securities upon occurrence of specified events;
- additions or changes relating to compensation or reimbursement of the trustee of the series of debt securities;
- additions or changes to the provisions for the defeasance of the debt securities or to provisions related to satisfaction and discharge of the indenture;
- provisions relating to the modification of the indenture both with and without the consent of holders of debt securities issued under the indenture and the execution of supplemental indentures for such series; and
- any other terms of the debt securities (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the TIA, but may modify, amend, supplement or delete any of the terms of the indenture with respect to such debt securities).

General

We may sell the debt securities, including original issue discount securities, at par or at a discount below their stated principal amount. Unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus supplement, we may issue additional debt securities of a particular series without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of such series or any other series outstanding at the time of issuance. Any such additional debt securities, together with all other outstanding debt securities of that series, will constitute a single series of securities under the indenture.

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement any other special considerations for any debt securities we sell which are denominated in a currency or currency unit other than U.S. dollars. In addition, debt securities may be issued where the amount of principal and/or interest payable is determined by reference to one or more currency exchange rates, commodity prices, equity indices or other factors. Holders of such securities may receive a principal amount or a payment of interest that is greater than or less than the amount of principal or interest otherwise payable on such dates, depending upon the value of the applicable currencies, commodities, equity indices or other factors. Information as to the methods for determining the amount of principal or interest, if any, payable on any date, and the currencies, commodities,

equity indices or other factors to which the amount payable on such date would be linked, will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Table of Contents

United States federal income tax consequences and special considerations, if any, applicable to any such series will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless we inform you otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not be listed on any securities exchange.

We expect most debt securities to be issued in fully registered form without coupons and in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Subject to the limitations provided in the indenture and prospectus supplement, debt securities that are issued in registered form may be transferred or exchanged at the designated corporate trust office of the trustee, without the payment of any service charge, other than any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Guarantees

The debt securities issued by SHI may be guaranteed by certain subsidiaries of SHI, including SFC. Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities issued by SFC will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by SHI. These guarantees will be joint and several obligations of the guarantor(s). If a series of debt securities is so guaranteed, an indenture, or a supplemental indenture thereto, will be executed by the guarantor. The obligations of each guarantor under its guarantee will be limited as necessary to prevent that guarantee from constituting a fraudulent conveyance under applicable law. The terms of the guarantee will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Certain Covenants

Each Indenture provides for the following covenants for the benefit of the holders of all series of debt securities issued thereunder:

SEC Reports and Reports to Holders

The issuer, pursuant to Section 314(a) of the TIA, will be required to file with the trustee within fifteen days after the issuer is required to file the same with the SEC, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may from time to time by rules and regulations prescribe) which the issuer may be required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; or, if the issuer is not required to file information, documents or reports pursuant to either of such Sections, then to file with the trustee and the SEC, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the SEC, such of the supplementary and periodic information, documents and reports which would be required pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act in respect of a security listed and registered on a national securities exchange as may be prescribed from time to time in such rules and regulations. The issuer, pursuant to Section 314(a) of the TIA, will also be required to file with the trustee and the SEC, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the SEC, such additional information, documents and reports with respect to compliance by the issuer with the conditions and covenants provided for in the applicable indenture as may be required from time to time by such rules and regulations. In addition, the issuer, pursuant to Section 314(a) of the TIA, will be required to transmit to the holders of the debt securities within 30 days after the filing thereof with the trustee, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 313(c) of the TIA, such summaries of any information, documents and reports required to be filed by the issuer pursuant to the two immediately preceding sentences as may be required by rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the SEC.

The issuer has also agreed to notify the trustee when and as the notes become admitted to trading on any national securities exchange.

Table of Contents

Restrictions on Liens.

(a) The issuer will not at any time, directly or indirectly, create, suffer or permit any Subsidiary to create, assume or suffer to exist, any Mortgage of or upon any of its or their properties or assets, real or personal, whether owned at the issue date or thereafter acquired, or of its or upon any income or profit therefrom, without making effective provision, and the issuer covenants that in any such case the issuer will make or cause to be made effective provision, whereby the debt securities shall be secured by such Mortgage equally and ratably with or prior to any and all other obligations and Indebtedness to be secured thereby, so long as any such other obligations and Indebtedness shall be so secured.

(b) Nothing in this covenant shall be construed to prevent the issuer or any Subsidiary from creating, assuming or suffering to exist, and the issuer or any Subsidiary is hereby expressly permitted to create, assume or suffer to exist, without securing the debt securities as hereinabove provided, any Mortgage of the following character:

- (1) any Mortgage on any properties or assets of the issuer or any Subsidiary existing on the issue date;
- (2) any Mortgage on any properties or assets of the issuer or any Subsidiary, in addition to those otherwise permitted by this subsection (b) of this covenant, securing Indebtedness of the issuer or any Subsidiary and refundings or extensions of any such Mortgage and the Indebtedness secured thereby for amounts not exceeding the principal amount of the Indebtedness so refunded or extended at the time of the refunding or extension thereof and covering only the same property theretofore securing the same; provided that at the time such Indebtedness was initially incurred, the aggregate amount of secured Indebtedness permitted by this paragraph (2), after giving effect to such incurrence, does not exceed 10% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets, as applicable;
- (3) any Mortgage on any property or assets of any Subsidiary to secure Indebtedness owing by it to the issuer or to a Wholly-owned Subsidiary;
- (4) any Mortgage on any property or assets of any Subsidiary to secure, in the ordinary course of business, its Indebtedness, if as a matter of practice, prior to the time it became a Subsidiary, it had borrowed on the basis of secured loans or had customarily deposited collateral to secure any or all of its obligations;
- (5) any purchase money Mortgage on property, real or personal, acquired or constructed by the issuer or any Subsidiary after the issue date, to secure the purchase price of such property (or to secure Indebtedness incurred for the purpose of financing the acquisition or construction of any such property to be subject to such Mortgage), or Mortgages existing on any such property at the time of acquisition, whether or not assumed, or any Mortgage existing on any property of any corporation at the time it becomes a Subsidiary, or any Mortgage with respect to any property hereafter acquired; provided, however, that the aggregate principal amount of the Indebtedness secured by all such Mortgages on a particular parcel of property shall not exceed 75% of the cost of such property, including the improvements thereon, to the issuer or any such Subsidiary; and provided, further, that any such Mortgage does not spread to other property owned prior to such acquisition or construction or to property thereafter acquired or constructed other than additions to such property;
- (6) refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal or replacement (or successive refinancings, refundings, extensions, renewals or replacements) of any Mortgage permitted by this subsection (b) of this covenant (other than pursuant to paragraph (2) hereof) for amounts not exceeding (A) the principal amount of the Indebtedness so refinanced, re-funded,

Table of Contents

extended, renewed or replaced at the time of the refunding or extension thereof, and (B) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums, related to such refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal or replacement, and covering only the same property theretofore securing the same;

- (7) deposits, liens or pledges to enable the issuer or any Subsidiary to exercise any privilege or license, or to secure payments of workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, old age pensions or other social security, or to secure the performance of bids, tenders, contracts or leases to which the issuer or any Subsidiary is a party, or to secure public or statutory obligations of the issuer or any Subsidiary, or to secure surety, stay or appeal bonds to which the issuer or any Subsidiary is a party; or other similar deposits, liens or pledges made in the ordinary course of business;
- (8) mechanics', workmen's, repairmen's, materialmen's, or carriers' liens; or other similar liens arising in the ordinary course of business; or deposits or pledges to obtain the release of any such liens;
- (9) liens arising out of judgments or awards against the issuer or any Subsidiary with respect to which the issuer or such Subsidiary shall in good faith be prosecuting an appeal or proceedings for review; or liens incurred by the issuer or any Subsidiary for the purpose of obtaining a stay or discharge in the course of any legal proceeding to which the issuer or such Subsidiary is a party;
- (10) liens for taxes not yet subject to penalties for non-payment or contested, or minor survey exceptions, or minor encumbrances, easements or reservations of, or rights of others for, rights of way, sewers, electric lines, telegraph and telephone lines and other similar purposes, or zoning or other restrictions as to the use of real properties, which encumbrances, easements, reservations, rights and restrictions do not in the aggregate materially detract from the value of said properties or materially impair their use in the operation of the business of the issuer or of the Subsidiary owning the same;
- (11) other liens, charges and encumbrances incidental to the conduct of its business or the ownership of its property and assets which were not incurred in connection with the borrowing of money or the obtaining of advances or credit, and which do not in the aggregate materially detract from the value of its property and assets or materially impair the use thereof in the operation of its business; and
- (12) any Mortgage created by the issuer or any Subsidiary in connection with a transaction intended by the issuer or such Subsidiary to be one or more sales of properties or assets of the issuer or such Subsidiary; provided that such Mortgage shall only apply to the properties or assets involved in such sale or sales, the income from such properties or assets and/or the proceeds of such properties or assets.

(c) If at any time the issuer or any Subsidiary shall create or assume any Mortgage not permitted by subsection (b) of this covenant, to which the covenant in subsection (a) of this covenant is applicable, the issuer shall promptly deliver to the trustee (1) an officers' certificate stating that the covenant contained in subsection (a) of this covenant has been complied with; and (2) an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such covenant has been complied with, and that any instruments executed by the issuer in the performance of such covenant comply with the requirements of such covenant.

(d) In the event that the issuer shall hereafter secure the debt securities equally and ratably with (or prior to) any other obligation or Indebtedness pursuant to the provisions of this covenant, the trustee is hereby authorized to enter into an indenture or agreement supplemental hereto and to take such action, if any, as the Company may deem advisable to enable the trustee to enforce

Table of Contents

effectively the rights of the holders of the debt securities so secured equally and ratably with (or prior to) such other obligation or indebtedness.

Merger and Consolidation

The issuer may consolidate with, merge with or into, or sell or convey all or substantially all of the issuer's assets to, any other corporation or entity if:

(a) (i) in the case of a merger, the issuer is the surviving entity in such merger, or (ii) in the case of a merger in which the issuer is not the surviving entity or in the case of a consolidation or a sale or conveyance of assets, the entity into which the issuer is merged or the entity which is formed by such consolidation or which acquires by sale or conveyance all or substantially all of the issuer's assets shall be a corporation, association, company or business trust organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or a State thereof and such successor entity shall expressly assume the due and punctual payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on all the debt securities, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all of the covenants under the applicable indenture and the debt securities to be performed or observed by the issuer by a supplemental indenture in form satisfactory to the trustee, executed and delivered to the trustee by such entity; and

(b) the issuer or such successor entity, as the case maybe, shall not, immediately after such merger or consolidation, or such sale or conveyance, be in default in the performance or observance of any covenant and shall not immediately thereafter have outstanding (or otherwise be liable for) any Indebtedness secured by a Mortgage not expressly permitted by the provisions of the applicable indenture or shall have secured the debt securities thereunder equally and ratably with (or prior to) any Indebtedness secured by any Mortgage not so permitted.

Modification and Waiver

Each indenture the debt securities and the debt security guarantees may be modified or amended with the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected by the modification or amendment. However, unless each holder to be affected by the proposed change consents, no modification or amendment may:

change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of, or interest on, any outstanding debt security;

reduce the principal amount of, or the rate or amount of interest on, or any premium payable with respect to, any debt security;

reduce the amount of principal of an Original Issue Discount Security that would be due and payable upon acceleration of the Original Issue Discount Security or that would be provable in bankruptcy;

adversely affect any right of repayment at the option of the holder of any debt security;

change the places or currency of payment of the principal of, or any premium or interest on, any debt security;

impair the right to sue for the enforcement of any payment of principal of, or any premium or interest on, any debt security on or after the date the payment is due;

voluntarily release a guarantor of the debt securities other than in accordance with the indenture;

Table of Contents

reduce the percentage in aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series necessary to:

- (1) modify or amend the applicable indenture with respect to that series, waive any past default or compliance with certain restrictive provisions, or
- (2) constitute a quorum or take action at a meeting; or

otherwise modify the provisions of the indenture concerning modification or amendment or concerning waiver of compliance with certain provisions of, or certain defaults and their consequences under, the indenture, except to:

- (1) increase the percentage of outstanding debt securities necessary to modify or amend the indenture or to give the waiver, or
- (2) provide that certain other provisions of the applicable indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected by the modification or waiver.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive the issuer's obligation to comply with certain restrictive provisions applicable to the series.

The indenture, the debt securities and the debt security guarantees may be modified or amended without the consent of any holder of outstanding debt securities for any of the following purposes:

to evidence that another entity is the issuer's or a guarantor's successor, as applicable, and has assumed the issuer's or guarantors obligations with respect to the debt securities;

to add to the issuer's or a guarantor's covenants, as applicable, for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities or to surrender any of the issuer's or guarantor's rights or powers under the applicable indenture;

to add any Events of Default to all or any series of debt securities;

to change or eliminate any restrictions on the payment of the principal of, or any premium or interest on, any debt securities, to modify the provisions relating to global debt securities, or to permit the issuance of debt securities in uncertificated form, so long as in any such case the interests of the holders of debt securities are not adversely affected in any material respect;

to add to, change or eliminate any provision of the applicable indenture in respect of one or more series of debt securities, so long as either

- (1) there is no outstanding debt security of any series entitled to the benefit of the provision; or
- (2) the amendment does not apply to any then outstanding debt security;

to provide any guarantee of the debt securities, to secure the debt securities or to confirm and evidence the release, termination or discharge of any guarantee of or lien securing the debt securities when such release, termination or discharge is permitted by the indentures;

establish the form or terms of the debt securities of any series;

to provide for the appointment of a successor trustee with respect to the debt securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions to facilitate the administration of the trusts under the applicable indenture by more than one trustee;

to provide for the discharge of the applicable indenture with respect to the debt securities of any series by the deposit in trust of money and/or Government Obligations;

Table of Contents

to change the conditions, limitations and restrictions on the authorized amount, terms or purposes of issuance of the debt securities; or

to cure any ambiguity, defect, mistake or inconsistency in the applicable indenture, debt security or debt security guarantee or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under the applicable indenture, debt security or debt security guarantee so long as the action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the debt securities of any series in any material respect.

Satisfaction and Discharge

Each indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to all debt securities issued thereunder, when:

- (i) either
 - (a) all debt securities that have been authenticated, except lost, stolen or destroyed debt securities that have been replaced or paid and debt securities for whose payment money has been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to the issuer, have been delivered to the t cancellation; or
 - (b) all debt securities that have not been delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the mailing of a notice of redemption or otherwise or will become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the trustee in the name, and at the expense of the issuer, and the issuer has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the holders, cash in U.S. dollars, Government Obligations, or a combination of cash in U.S. dollars and Government Obligations, in such amounts as will be sufficient without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the Notes not delivered to the trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption;
- (ii) the issuer has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by it under the indenture; and
- (iii) in the event of a deposit as provided in clause (i)(b) above, the issuer has delivered irrevocable instructions to the trustee under the indenture to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the debt securities at maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be.

In addition, the issuer must deliver an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel to the trustee stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied.

Defeasance of Certain Covenants

The issuer at any time may terminate all its obligations under the outstanding debt securities of any series and all obligations of any guarantors discharged with respect to their guarantees except for certain obligations, including those respecting the Defeasance Trust (as defined below) and obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the debt securities of the applicable series, to replace mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen debt securities and to maintain a registrar and paying agent in respect of the debt securities. This is known as "Legal Defeasance." The issuer at any time may terminate its obligations under the covenants described under " Limitations on Liens" above and the operation of clause (4) described under " Events of Default, Notice and Waiver" below. This is known as "Covenant Defeasance."

Table of Contents

The issuer may exercise its Legal Defeasance option notwithstanding its prior exercise of its Covenant Defeasance option. If the issuer exercises its Legal Defeasance option, payment of the debt securities of the applicable series may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default with respect thereto. If the issuer exercises its Covenant Defeasance option, payment of the debt securities of the applicable series may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default specified in clause (4) described under " Events of Default, Notice and Waiver" below.

In order to exercise either defeasance option, the issuer must irrevocably deposit in trust (the "Defeasance Trust") with the Trustee money or Government Obligations for the payment of principal and interest (if any) on the applicable series of debt securities to redemption or maturity, as the case may be, and must comply with certain other conditions, including (unless the applicable series of debt securities will mature or be redeemed within 30 days) delivering to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been in the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred, and, in the case of Legal Defeasance only, such opinion of counsel must be based on a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or other change in applicable federal income tax law.

Events of Default, Notice and Waiver

If an Event of Default with respect to a series of debt securities occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series may declare, by notice as provided in the indenture, the principal amount of all the debt securities of that series due and payable immediately. However, in the case of an Event of Default involving certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, acceleration will occur automatically. If all Events of Default with respect to a series of debt securities have been cured or waived, and all amounts due otherwise than because of the acceleration have been paid or deposited with the Trustee, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series may rescind the acceleration and its consequences.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of debt securities of an affected series may waive any past Default with respect to such series of debt securities, and any Event of Default arising from a past default, except in the case of (i) a Default in the payment of the principal of, or any premium or interest on, any debt security; or (ii) a Default in respect of a covenant or provision that cannot be amended or modified without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security of an affected series.

"Event of Default," when used in each indenture with respect to any series of debt securities, means any of the following events:

- (1) a default in the payment of any interest payable in respect of any debt security, when such interest becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
- (2) a default in the payment of the principal of and any premium on any debt security when it becomes due and payable at its maturity;
- (3) a default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due by the terms of a security of that series;
- (4) a default by the issuer in the performance or breach of any covenant or warranty under the Indentures, and the continuance of such default or breach for a period of 90 days; and
- (5) certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the issuer.

Table of Contents

A Default under clause (4) is not an Event of Default until the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the affected series notify the issuer in writing of the Default, and the issuer does not cure the Default within the time specified in such clause after receipt of such notice.

When a Default under clause (4) is cured or remedied within the specified period, it ceases to exist. If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default with respect to the issuer specified in clause (5) above) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee, by written notice to the issuer, or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the affected series, by written notice to the issuer and the Trustee, may declare all unpaid principal of and accrued interest on the debt securities of the affected series then outstanding to be due and payable (the "Default Amount"). Upon a declaration of acceleration, such amount shall be due and payable immediately.

If an Event of Default with respect to the issuer specified in clause (5) above occurs, the Default Amount shall ipso facto become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any holder.

Under certain circumstances, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series then outstanding may rescind an acceleration with respect to the debt securities of the affected series and its consequences.

In case an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers under the applicable indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders unless such holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity or security satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense. Except to enforce the right to receive payment of principal, premium (if any) or interest (if any) when due, no holder may pursue any remedy with respect to the applicable indenture or the debt securities of the affected series unless (i) such holder has previously given the Trustee notice that an Event of Default is continuing, (ii) holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the affected series have requested the Trustee to pursue the remedy, (iii) such holders have offered the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense, (iv) the Trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity and (v) the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the affected series have not given the Trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period. Subject to certain restrictions, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the affected series are given the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee. The Trustee, however, may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or the applicable indenture or that the Trustee determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of any other holder or that would involve the Trustee in personal liability.

The indenture will provide that, if a Default occurs and is continuing and is known to the Trustee, the Trustee must mail to each holder notice of the Default within 90 days after it occurs. Except in the case of a Default in the payment of principal of or interest on any note, the Trustee may withhold notice if and so long as a committee of its trust officers in good faith determines that withholding notice is in the interests of the holders. In addition, the issuer is required to deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, a certificate indicating whether the signers thereof know of any Default that occurred during the previous year. The issuer is also required to deliver to the Trustee, within 30 days after the Company becomes aware of the occurrence thereof, written notice of any event which would constitute a Default.

Table of Contents

Certain Definitions

As used in the indentures and this prospectus, the following definitions apply:

"Consolidated Net Tangible Assets" means the total amount of assets (less depreciation and valuation reserves and other reserves and items deductible from the gross book value of specific asset amounts under generally accepted accounting principles) which under generally accepted accounting principles would be included on a balance sheet of the issuer and its Subsidiaries, after deducting therefrom (i) all liability items except indebtedness (whether incurred, assumed or guaranteed) for borrowed money maturing by its terms more than one year from the date of creation thereof or which is extendible or renewable at the sole option of the obligor in such manner that it may become payable more than one year from the date of creation thereof, shareholder's equity and reserves for deferred income taxes and (ii) all good will, trade names, trademarks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expense and other like intangibles, which in each case would be so included on such balance sheet.

"Default" means any event which is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Government Obligations," means (i) direct obligations of the United States of America where the timely payment or payments thereunder are supported by the full faith and credit of the United State of America or (ii) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America where the timely payment or payments thereunder are unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America, and which, in the case of (i) or (ii), are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer or issuers thereof, and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of or other amount with respect to any such Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt; provided, however that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of or other amount with respect to the Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt.

"Indebtedness" means all obligations which in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles would be classified upon a balance sheet as liabilities, including without limitation by the enumeration thereof, obligations arising through direct or indirect guarantees (including agreements, contingent or otherwise, to purchase Indebtedness or to purchase property or services for the primary purpose of enabling the payment of Indebtedness or assuring the owner of Indebtedness against loss) or through agreements, contingent or otherwise, to supply or advance funds for the payment or purchase of Indebtedness of others; provided, however, that in determining Indebtedness of any Person, there shall not be included rental obligations under any lease of such Person, whether or not such rental obligations would, under generally accepted accounting principles, be required to be shown on the balance sheet of such Person as a liability item.

"Mortgage" means any mortgage, pledge, lien, security interest, conditional sale or other title retention agreement or other similar encumbrance.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Stated Maturity," when used with respect to any debt security or any installment of principal thereof or any premium or interest thereon, means the fixed date on which the principal of such debt security or such installment of principal or premium or interest is due and payable.

Table of Contents

"Subsidiary," when used with respect to any Person, shall mean (i) any corporation, limited liability company, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of capital stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency and after giving effect to any voting agreement or stockholders' agreement that effectively transfers voting power) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees of the corporation, limited liability company, association or other business entity is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof); and (ii) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are that Person or one or more Subsidiaries of that Person (or any combination thereof).

"Wholly-owned," when used with reference to a Subsidiary of a Person, shall mean a Subsidiary of which all of the outstanding capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) is owned by such Person and/or one or more of such Person's wholly-owned Subsidiaries.

Global Securities

Unless the issuer informs you otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository identified in the applicable prospectus supplement. Global securities will be issued in registered form and in either temporary or definitive form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual debt securities, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depository for such global security to a nominee of such depository or by a nominee of such depository to such depository or to another nominee of such depository or by such depository or any such nominee to a successor of such depository or to a nominee of such successor. The specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to any debt securities of a series and the rights of and limitations upon owners of beneficial interests in a global security will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. With respect to any debt securities held in book-entry form through a depository, the depository or its nominee will be the sole registered and legal owner of those debt securities, and references in this prospectus to any "securityholder" or "holder" of those debt securities means only the depository or its nominee.

Regarding the Trustee

The Trustee for each indenture is Wilmington Trust, National Association. The Trustee is permitted to engage in other transactions with the issuer and its subsidiaries from time to time, provided that if the trustee acquires any conflicting interest they must eliminate such conflict upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, or else resign.

No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders

No director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder, member or limited partner of the issuer or its parent companies shall have any liability for any of its obligations under the debt securities or the applicable indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each holder by accepting debt securities waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the debt securities.

Governing Law

The indenture, the debt securities and any guarantees thereunder shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of New York.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following descriptions are summaries of the material terms of SHI's amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws. These descriptions contain all information which we consider to be material, but may not contain all of the information that is important to you. To understand them fully, you should read our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, copies of which are filed with the SEC as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. References in this "Description of the Capital Stock" to the "Company," "we," "us" and "our" are to SHI.

Please note that, with respect to any of our shares held in book-entry form through The Depository Trust Company or any other share depository, the depository or its nominee will be the sole registered and legal owner of those shares, and references in this prospectus to any "stockholder" or "holder" of those shares means only the depository or its nominee. Persons who hold beneficial interests in our shares through a depository will not be registered or legal owners of those shares and will not be recognized as such for any purpose. For example, only the depository or its nominee will be entitled to vote the shares held through it, and any dividends or other distributions to be paid, and any notices to be given, in respect of those shares will be paid or given only to the depository or its nominee. Owners of beneficial interests in those shares will have to look solely to the depository with respect to any benefits of share ownership, and any rights they may have with respect to those shares will be governed by the rules of the depository, which are subject to change from time to time. We have no responsibility for those rules or their application to any interests held through the depository.

Authorized Capital Stock

Our authorized capital stock consists of:

2,000,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; and

300,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

As of November 14, 2014, 114,832,895 shares of our common stock were issued and outstanding. All the outstanding shares of our common stock are fully paid and non-assessable. No shares of our preferred stock are outstanding.

The following is a description of the material terms of our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws. We refer you to our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, copies of which have been filed with the SEC.

Common Stock

Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders. Except as provided with respect to any other class or series of stock, the holders of our common stock will possess the exclusive right to vote for the election of directors and for all other purposes. Our restated certificate of incorporation does not provide for cumulative voting in the election of directors, which means that the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock can elect all of the directors standing for election, and the holders of the remaining shares are not able to elect any directors.

Subject to any preference rights of holders of any preferred stock that we may issue in the future, holders of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends, if any, declared from time to time by our board of directors out of legally available funds. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of our common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after the payment of liabilities, subject to any rights of holders of our preferred stock prior to distribution.

Table of Contents

Holders of our common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. Any shares of common stock sold under this prospectus will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable upon issuance against full payment of the purchase price for such shares.

Preferred Stock

Our board of directors has the authority, without action by our stockholders, to issue preferred stock and to fix voting powers for each class or series of preferred stock, and to provide that any class or series may be subject to redemption, entitled to receive dividends, entitled to rights upon dissolution, or convertible or exchangeable for shares of any other class or classes of capital stock. The rights with respect to a series or class of preferred stock may be greater than the rights attached to our common stock. It is not possible to state the actual effect of the issuance of any shares of our preferred stock on the rights of holders of our common stock until our board of directors determines the specific rights attached to that preferred stock. The effect of issuing preferred stock could include, among other things, one or more of the following:

restricting dividends in respect of our common stock;

diluting the voting power of our common stock or providing that holders of preferred stock have the right to vote on matters as a class;

impairing the liquidation rights of our common stock; or

delaying or preventing a change of control of us.

Regulations Concerning Change of Control

Certain of the states in which we are licensed to originate loans and the state in which our insurance subsidiaries are domiciled (Indiana) have laws or regulations which require regulatory approval for the acquisition of "control" of regulated entities. Under some state laws or regulations applicable to licensing, there exists a presumption of "control" when an acquiring party acquires as little as 10% of the voting securities of a regulated entity or of a company which itself controls (directly or indirectly) a regulated entity (the threshold is 10% under Indiana's insurance statutes). Therefore, any person acquiring 10% or more of our common stock may need the prior approval of some state insurance and/or licensing regulators, or a determination from such regulators that "control" has not been acquired.

Stockholders Agreement

General

Our stockholders agreement, dated October 15, 2013, by and between SHI and the Initial Stockholder (the "Stockholders Agreement") provides certain rights to Fortress, with respect to the designation of directors for nomination and election to our board of directors, as well as registration rights for certain of our securities beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by the Initial Stockholder and Fortress and its affiliates and permitted transferees.

Our Stockholders Agreement provides that the parties thereto will use their respective reasonable efforts (including voting or causing to be voted all of our voting shares beneficially owned by each) so that no amendment is made to our restated certificate of incorporation or amended and restated bylaws in effect as of the date of the Stockholders Agreement that would add restrictions to the transferability of our shares by the Initial Stockholder or its permitted transferees which are beyond those provided for in our restated certificate of incorporation, amended and restated bylaws, the Stockholders Agreement or applicable securities laws, or that nullify the rights set out in the

Table of Contents

Stockholders Agreement of the Initial Stockholder or its permitted transferees unless such amendment is approved by Fortress.

Designation and Election of Directors

Our Stockholders Agreement provides that, for so long as the Stockholders Agreement is in effect, we, the Initial Stockholder and Fortress and certain of their affiliates and permitted transferees shall take all reasonable actions within our respective control (including voting or causing to be voted all of the securities entitled to vote generally in the election of our directors held of record or beneficially owned by Fortress or its affiliates or permitted transferees, and, with respect to us, including in the slate of nominees recommended by the board those individuals designated by Fortress) so as to elect to the board, and to cause to continue in office, not more than five directors (or such other number as Fortress may agree in writing), of whom, at any given time:

a number of directors equal to a majority of the board of directors, plus one director, shall be individuals designated by Fortress, for so long as Fortress directly or indirectly beneficially owns, together with its affiliates and permitted transferees and giving effect to Fortress' proportionate interest in shares of our common stock held by the Initial Stockholder, at least 30% of our voting power;

a number equal to a majority of the board of directors, minus one director, shall be individuals designated by Fortress, for so long as Fortress directly or indirectly beneficially owns, together with its affiliates and permitted transferees and giving effect to Fortress' proportionate interest in shares of our common stock held by the Initial Stockholder, less than 30% but at least 20% of our voting power, provided that if the board of directors consists of six or fewer directors, then Fortress shall have the right to designate a number of directors equal to three directors;

a number of directors (rounded up to the nearest whole number) that would be required to maintain Fortress's proportional representation on the board of directors shall be individuals designated by Fortress for so long as Fortress directly or indirectly beneficially owns, together with its affiliates and permitted transferees and giving effect to Fortress' proportionate interest in shares of our common stock held by the Initial Stockholder, less than 20% but at least 10% of our voting power, provided that if the board of directors consists of six or fewer directors, then Fortress shall have the right to designate two directors; and

a number of directors (rounded up to the nearest whole number) that would be required to maintain Fortress's proportional representation on the board of directors shall be an individual designated by Fortress for so long as Fortress directly or indirectly beneficially owns, together with its affiliates and permitted transferees and giving effect to Fortress' proportionate interest in shares of our common stock held by the Initial Stockholder, less than 10% but at least 5% of our voting power, provided that if the board of directors consists of six or fewer directors, then Fortress shall have the right to designate one director.

Indemnification

Under the Stockholders Agreement we are required to indemnify the Initial Stockholder and its officers, directors, employees, agents and affiliates against losses arising out of third-party claims (including litigation matters and other claims) based on, arising out of or resulting from:

the ownership or the operation of our assets or properties, and the operation or conduct of our business; and

any other activities we engage in.

Table of Contents

In addition, we are required to indemnify the Initial Stockholder and its officers, directors, employees, agents and affiliates against losses, including liabilities under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, relating to misstatements in or omissions from any registration statement or report that we file, other than misstatements or omissions made in reliance on information relating to and furnished by the Initial Stockholder for use in the preparation of that registration statement or report.

Registration Rights

Demand Rights. Under our Stockholders Agreement, the Initial Stockholder has, for so long as the Initial Stockholder directly or indirectly beneficially owns, together with Fortress and its affiliates, an amount of our common stock equal to or greater than 1% of our shares of common stock issued and outstanding (a "Registrable Amount"), "demand" registration rights that allow the Initial Stockholder, for itself and for Fortress and its affiliates and permitted transferees, at any time, to request that we register under the Securities Act an amount equal to or greater than a Registrable Amount. The Initial Stockholder, for itself and for Fortress and its affiliates and permitted transferees, will be entitled to unlimited demand registrations so long as such persons, together, beneficially own a Registrable Amount. We will also not be required to effect any demand registration within one month of a "firm commitment" underwritten offering to which the requestor held "piggyback" rights, described below, and which included at least 50% of the shares of common stock requested by the requestor to be included. We will not be obligated to grant a request for a demand registration within one month of any other demand registration.

Piggyback Rights. For so long as the Initial Stockholder beneficially owns, together with Fortress and its affiliates and permitted transferees, an amount of our common stock equal to or greater than 1% of our common stock issued and outstanding, the Initial Stockholder (and Fortress and its affiliates and permitted transferees) will also have "piggyback" registration rights that allow them to include the common stock that they own in any public offering of equity securities initiated by us (other than those public offerings pursuant to registration statements on Forms S-4 or S-8 or pursuant to an employee benefit plan arrangement) or by any of our other stockholders that have registration rights. These "piggyback" registration rights will be subject to proportional cutbacks based on the manner of the offering and the identity of the party initiating such offering.

Shelf Registration. Under our Stockholders Agreement, we granted the Initial Stockholder or any of its respective permitted transferees, for so long as the Initial Stockholder, together with Fortress and its affiliates and permitted transferees, beneficially owns a Registrable Amount, the right to request a shelf registration on Form S-3 providing for offerings of our common stock to be made on a continuous basis until all shares covered by such registration have been sold, subject to our right to suspend the use of the shelf registration prospectuses for a reasonable period of time (not exceeding 60 days in succession or 90 days in the aggregate in any 12 month period) if we determine that certain disclosures required by the shelf registration statements would be detrimental to us or our stockholders. In addition, the Initial Stockholder, for itself and for Fortress and its affiliates and permitted transferees, may elect to participate in such shelf registrations within five days after notice of the registration is given.

Indemnification; Expenses; Lock-ups. Under our Stockholders Agreement, we agreed to indemnify the applicable selling stockholders and its officers, directors, employees, managers, members partners, agents and controlling persons against any losses or damages resulting from any untrue statement or omission of material fact in any registration statement or prospectus pursuant to which it sells shares of our common stock, unless such liability arose from the applicable selling stockholder's misstatement or omission, and the applicable selling stockholder will agree to indemnify us against all losses caused by its misstatements or omissions. We will pay all registration and offering-related expenses incidental to our performance under the Stockholders Agreement, and the applicable selling stockholder will pay its

Table of Contents

portion of all underwriting discounts, commissions and transfer taxes, if any, relating to the sale of its shares of common stock under the Stockholders Agreement. Under the Stockholders Agreement we agreed to enter into, and to cause our officers and directors to enter into, lock-up agreements in connection with any exercise of registration rights by the Initial Stockholder, for itself and for Fortress and its affiliates and permitted transferees.

Observer Rights. Under our Stockholders Agreement, we granted the Initial Stockholder the right to designate up to two non-voting representatives to attend meetings of our board and committees of the board.

Anti-Takeover Effects of Delaware Law, SHI's Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws

The following is a summary of certain provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws that may be deemed to have an anti-takeover effect and may delay, deter or prevent a tender offer or takeover attempt that a stockholder might consider to be in its best interest, including those attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the shares held by stockholders.

Authorized but Unissued Shares

The authorized but unissued shares of our common stock and our preferred stock will be available for future issuance without obtaining stockholder approval. These additional shares may be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital, corporate acquisitions and employee benefit plans. The existence of authorized but unissued shares of our common stock and preferred stock could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control over us by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

Delaware Business Combination Statute

We are organized under Delaware law. Some provisions of Delaware law may delay or prevent a transaction that would cause a change in our control.

Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended (the "DGCL"), an anti-takeover law, will not apply to us; however, our restated certificate of incorporation contains similar provisions providing that we may not engage in certain "business combinations" with any "interested stockholder" for a three-year period following the time that the stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless:

prior to such time, our board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding certain shares; or

at or subsequent to that time, the business combination is approved by our board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders and not by written consent by the affirmative vote of holders of at least 66²/₃% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

Generally, a "business combination" includes a merger, asset or stock sale or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. Subject to certain exceptions, an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with that person's affiliates and associates, owns, or within the previous three years owned, 15% or more of our voting stock.

Table of Contents

Under certain circumstances, this provision will make it more difficult for a person who would be an "interested stockholder" to effect various business combinations with a corporation for a three-year period. This provision may encourage companies interested in acquiring our company to negotiate in advance with our board of directors because the stockholder approval requirement would be avoided if our board of directors approves either the business combination or the transaction which results in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder. These provisions also may have the effect of preventing changes in our board of directors and may make it more difficult to accomplish transactions which stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that Fortress and certain of its affiliates, and any group as to which such persons are a party or any transferee of any such person or group of persons, will not constitute "interested stockholders" for purposes of this provision.

Other Provisions of Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws

Our restated certificate of incorporation provides for a staggered board of directors consisting of three classes of directors. Directors of each class are chosen for three-year terms upon the expiration of their current terms and each year one class of our directors will be elected by our stockholders. The terms of the first, second and third classes will expire in 2014, 2015, and 2016, respectively. We believe that classification of our board of directors will help to assure the continuity and stability of our business strategies and policies as determined by our board of directors. Additionally, there is no cumulative voting in the election of directors. This classified board provision could have the effect of making the replacement of incumbent directors more time consuming and difficult. At least two annual meetings of stockholders, instead of one, will generally be required to effect a change in a majority of our board of directors. Thus, the classified board provision could increase the likelihood that incumbent directors will retain their positions. The staggered terms of directors may delay, defer, or prevent a tender offer or an attempt to change control of us, even though a tender offer or change in control might be believed by our stockholders to be in their best interest. In addition, our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that directors may be removed only for cause and only with the affirmative vote of at least 80% of the voting interest of stockholders entitled to vote; provided, however, that for so long as Fortress and certain of its affiliates and permitted transferees beneficially own, directly or indirectly, at least 30% of our issued and outstanding common stock (including Fortress' proportionate interest in shares of our common stock held by the Initial Stockholder), directors may be removed with or without cause with the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting interest of stockholders entitled to vote. Pursuant to our restated certificate of incorporation, shares of our preferred stock may be issued from time to time, and the board of directors is authorized to determine and alter all rights, preferences, privileges, qualifications, limitations and restrictions without limitation. See " Preferred Stock."

Ability of our Stockholders to Act

Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws do not permit our stockholders to call special stockholders meetings; provided, however, that for so long as Fortress and certain of its affiliates and permitted transferees beneficially own at least 20% of our issued and outstanding common stock (including Fortress' proportionate interest in shares of our common stock held by the Initial Stockholder), any stockholders that collectively beneficially own at least 20% of our issued and outstanding common stock may call special meetings of our stockholders. Written notice of any special meeting so called shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting not less than 10 or more than 60 days before the date of such meeting, unless otherwise required by law.

Under our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders may be taken without a meeting by

Table of Contents

written consent of a majority of our stockholders for so long as Fortress and certain of its affiliates and permitted transferees beneficially own, directly or indirectly, at least 20% of our issued and outstanding common stock (including Fortress' proportionate interest in shares of our common stock held by the Initial Stockholder). After Fortress and certain of its affiliates and permitted transferees, beneficially own, directly or indirectly, less than 20% of our issued and outstanding stock (including Fortress' proportionate interest in shares of our common stock held by the Initial Stockholder), only action by unanimous written consent of our stockholders can be taken without a meeting.

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that nominations of persons for election to our board of directors may be made at any annual meeting of our stockholders, or at any special meeting of our stockholders called for the purpose of electing directors, (a) by or at the direction of our board of directors or (b) by any of our stockholders. In addition to any other applicable requirements, for a nomination to be properly brought by a stockholder, such stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to the Secretary of the Company. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at our principal executive offices (a) in the case of an annual meeting of stockholders, not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within 30 days before or after such anniversary date, notice by a stockholder in order to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or such public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting was made, whichever first occurs; and (b) in the case of a special meeting of our stockholders called for the purpose of electing directors, not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which notice of the date of the special meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the special meeting was made, whichever first occurs.

Our amended and restated bylaws provide that no business may be transacted at any annual meeting of our stockholders, other than business that is either (a) specified in the notice of meeting given by or at the direction of our board of directors, (b) otherwise properly brought before the annual meeting by or at the direction of our board of directors, or (c) otherwise properly brought by any of our stockholders. In addition to any other applicable requirements, for business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, such stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to our Secretary. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at our principal executive offices not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within 30 days before or after such anniversary date, notice by a stockholder in order to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or such public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting was made, whichever first occurs.

Forum Selection Clause

Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware will be the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any of our directors, officers, employees or agents or our stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL or (iv) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine, in each such case subject to said Court of Chancery having personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties named as defendants therein. In the event that the Court of Chancery lacks jurisdiction over any such action or proceeding, our restated certificate of incorporation provides that the sole and exclusive forum for such action or

Table of Contents

proceeding will be another state or federal court located within the State of Delaware. Our restated certificate of incorporation further provides that any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of our capital stock is deemed to have notice of and consented to the foregoing provision.

Limitations on Liability and Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that our directors will not be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for breach of a fiduciary duty as a director, except for the following (to the extent such exemption is not permitted under the DGCL, as amended from time to time):

any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;

intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

liability under Delaware corporate law for an unlawful payment of dividends or an unlawful stock purchase or redemption of stock; or

any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.

Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law. We are also expressly authorized to advance certain expenses (including attorneys' fees and disbursements and court costs) to our directors and officers and carry directors' and officers' insurance providing indemnification for our directors and officers for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification provisions and insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and executive officers.

We have entered into separate indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. Each indemnification agreement provides, among other things, for indemnification to the fullest extent permitted by law and our restated certificate of incorporation against (i) any and all expenses and liabilities, including judgments, fines, penalties and amounts paid in settlement of any claim with our approval and counsel fees and disbursements, (ii) any liability pursuant to a loan guarantee, or otherwise, for any of our indebtedness, and (iii) any liabilities incurred as a result of acting on our behalf (as a fiduciary or otherwise) in connection with an employee benefit plan. The indemnification agreements provide for the advancement or payment of all expenses to the indemnitee and for reimbursement to us if it is found that such indemnitee is not entitled to such indemnification under applicable law and our restated certificate of incorporation. These provisions and agreements may have the practical effect in some cases of eliminating our stockholders' ability to collect monetary damages from our directors and executive officers.

Corporate Opportunity

Under our restated certificate of incorporation, to the extent permitted by law:

Fortress and AIG and their respective affiliates, including the Initial Stockholder, have the right to and have no duty to abstain from, exercising such right to, engage or invest in the same or similar business as us, do business with any of our clients, customers or vendors or employ or otherwise engage any of our officers, directors or employees;

if Fortress or AIG or their respective affiliates, including the Initial Stockholder, or any of their officers, directors or employees acquire knowledge of a potential transaction that could be a corporate opportunity, they have no duty to offer such corporate opportunity to us, our stockholders or affiliates;

Table of Contents

we have renounced any interest or expectancy in, or in being offered an opportunity to participate in, such corporate opportunities; and

in the event that any of our directors and officers who is also a director, officer, or employee of any of Fortress or AIG or their respective affiliates, including the Initial Stockholder, acquires knowledge of a corporate opportunity or is offered a corporate opportunity, provided that this knowledge was not acquired solely in such person's capacity as our director or officer and such person acted in good faith, then such person is deemed to have fully satisfied such person's fiduciary duty and is not liable to us if any of Fortress or AIG or their respective affiliates, including the Initial Stockholder, pursues or acquires such corporate opportunity or if such person did not present the corporate opportunity to us.

Transfer Agent

The registrar and transfer agent for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.

Listing

Our common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "LEAF".

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

We may issue depositary receipts representing interests in shares of particular series of preferred stock which are called depositary shares. We will deposit the preferred stock of a series which is the subject of depositary shares with a depositary, which will hold that preferred stock for the benefit of the holders of the depositary shares, in accordance with a deposit agreement between the depositary and us. The holders of depositary shares will be entitled to all the rights and preferences of the preferred stock to which the depositary shares relate, including dividend, voting, conversion, redemption and liquidation rights, to the extent of their interests in that preferred stock. References in this "Description of Depositary Shares" to the "Company," "we," "us" and "our" are to SHI.

While the deposit agreement relating to a particular series of preferred stock may have provisions applicable solely to that series of preferred stock, all deposit agreements relating to preferred stock we issue will include the following provisions:

Dividends and Other Distributions

Each time we pay a cash dividend or make any other type of cash distribution with regard to preferred stock of a series, the depositary will distribute to the holder of record of each depositary share relating to that series of preferred stock an amount equal to the dividend or other distribution per depositary share the depositary receives. If there is a distribution of property other than cash, the depositary either will distribute the property to the holders of depositary shares in proportion to the depositary shares held by each of them, or the depositary will, if we approve, sell the property and distribute the net proceeds to the holders of the depositary shares in proportion to the depositary shares held by them.

Withdrawal of Preferred Stock

A holder of depositary shares will be entitled to receive, upon surrender of depositary receipts representing depositary shares, the number of whole or fractional shares of the applicable series of preferred stock, and any money or other property, to which the depositary shares relate.

Redemption of Depositary Shares

Whenever we redeem shares of preferred stock held by a depositary, the depositary will be required to redeem, on the same redemption date, depositary shares constituting, in total, the number of shares of preferred stock held by the depositary which we redeem, subject to the depositary's receiving the redemption price of those shares of preferred stock. If fewer than all the depositary shares relating to a series are to be redeemed, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by lot or by another method we determine to be equitable.

Voting

Any time we send a notice of meeting or other materials relating to a meeting to the holders of a series of preferred stock to which depositary shares relate, we will provide the depositary with sufficient copies of those materials so they can be sent to all holders of record of the applicable depositary shares, and the depositary will send those materials to the holders of record of the depositary shares on the record date for the meeting. The depositary will solicit voting instructions from holders of depositary shares and will vote or not vote the preferred stock to which the depositary shares relate in accordance with those instructions.

Table of Contents

Liquidation Preference

In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holder of each depositary share will be entitled to what the holder of the depositary share would have received if the holder had owned the number of shares (or fraction of a share) of preferred stock which is represented by the depositary share.

Conversion

If shares of a series of preferred stock are convertible into common stock or other of our securities or property, holders of depositary shares relating to that series of preferred stock will, if they surrender depositary receipts representing depositary shares and appropriate instructions to convert them, receive the shares of common stock or other securities or property into which the number of shares (or fractions of shares) of preferred stock to which the depositary shares relate could at the time be converted.

Amendment and Termination of a Deposit Agreement

We and the depositary may amend a deposit agreement, except that an amendment which materially and adversely affects the rights of holders of depositary shares, or would be materially and adversely inconsistent with the rights granted to the holders of the preferred stock to which they relate, must be approved by holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding depositary shares. No amendment will impair the right of a holder of depositary shares to surrender the depositary receipts evidencing those depositary shares and receive the preferred stock to which they relate, except as required to comply with law. We may terminate a deposit agreement with the consent of holders of a majority of the depositary shares to which it relates. Upon termination of a deposit agreement, the depositary will make the whole or fractional shares of preferred stock to which the depositary shares issued under the deposit agreement relate available to the holders of those depositary shares. A deposit agreement will automatically terminate if:

All outstanding depositary shares to which it relates have been redeemed or converted.

The depositary has made a final distribution to the holders of the depositary shares issued under the deposit agreement upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

Miscellaneous

There will be provisions: (1) requiring the depositary to forward to holders of record of depositary shares any reports or communications from us which the depositary receives with respect to the preferred stock to which the depositary shares relate; (2) regarding compensation of the depositary; (3) regarding resignation of the depositary; (4) limiting our liability and the liability of the depositary under the deposit agreement (usually to failure to act in good faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct); and (5) indemnifying the depositary against certain possible liabilities.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants to purchase debt or equity securities. We may issue warrants independently or together with any offered securities. The warrants may be attached to or separate from those offered securities. We will issue the warrants under warrant agreements to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent, all as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the warrants and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders or beneficial owners of warrants. References in this "Description of the Warrants" to the "Company," "we," "us" and "our" are to SHI.

The prospectus supplement relating to any warrants that we may offer will contain the specific terms of the warrants. These terms may include the following:

the title of the warrants;

the designation, amount and terms of the securities for which the warrants are exercisable;

the designation and terms of the other securities, if any, with which the warrants are to be issued and the number of warrants issued with each other security;

the price or prices at which the warrants will be issued;

the aggregate number of warrants;

any provisions for adjustment of the number or amount of securities receivable upon exercise of the warrants or the exercise price of the warrants;

the price or prices at which the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants may be purchased;

if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants will be separately transferable;

if applicable, a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the exercise of the warrants;

any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the warrants;

the date on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence, and the date on which the right will expire;

the maximum or minimum number of warrants that may be exercised at any time; and

information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any.

Exercise of Warrants

Each warrant will entitle the holder of warrants to purchase for cash the amount of debt or equity securities, at the exercise price stated or determinable in the prospectus supplement for the warrants. Warrants may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date shown in the applicable prospectus supplement, unless otherwise specified in such prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void. Warrants may be exercised as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. When the warrant holder makes the payment and properly completes and signs the warrant certificate at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the prospectus supplement, we will, as soon as possible, forward the debt or equity securities that the warrant holder has purchased. If the warrant holder exercises the warrant for less than all of the warrants represented by the warrant certificate, we will issue a new warrant certificate for the remaining warrants.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND STOCK PURCHASE UNITS

We may issue stock purchase contracts, including contracts obligating holders to purchase from or sell to us, and obligating us to sell to or purchase from the holders, a specified number of shares of common stock or other securities at a future date or dates, which we refer to in this prospectus as stock purchase contracts. The price per share of the securities and the number of shares of the securities may be fixed at the time the stock purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the stock purchase contracts, and may be subject to adjustment under anti-dilution formulas. The stock purchase contracts may be issued separately or as part of units consisting of a stock purchase contract and debt securities, preferred securities or debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. treasury securities, any other securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement or any combination of the foregoing, securing the holders' obligations to purchase the securities under the stock purchase contracts, which we refer to herein as stock purchase units. The stock purchase contracts may require holders to secure their obligations under the stock purchase contracts in a specified manner. The stock purchase contracts also may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the stock purchase contracts or the stock purchase units, as the case may be, or vice versa, and those payments may be unsecured or pre-funded in whole or in part. References in this "Description of Stock Purchase Contracts and Stock Purchase Units" to the "Company," "we," "us" and "our" are to SHI.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units. This description is not complete and the description in the prospectus supplement will not necessarily be complete, and reference is made to the stock purchase contracts, and, if applicable, collateral or depositary arrangements relating to the stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units, which will be filed with the SEC each time we issue stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units. If any particular terms of the stock purchase contracts or stock purchase units described in the prospectus supplement differ from any of the terms described herein, then the terms described herein will be deemed superseded by that prospectus supplement. Material United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the stock purchase units and the stock purchase contracts will also be discussed in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Table of Contents

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities offered by this prospectus from time to time in one or more transactions, including without limitation:

directly to one or more purchasers;

through agents;

to or through underwriters, brokers or dealers; or

through a combination of any of these methods.

A distribution of the securities offered by this prospectus may also be effected through the issuance of derivative securities, including without limitation, warrants, subscriptions, exchangeable securities, forward delivery contracts and the writing of options.

In addition, the manner in which we may sell some or all of the securities covered by this prospectus includes, without limitation, through:

a block trade in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell as agent, but may position or resell a portion of the block, as principal, in order to facilitate the transaction;

purchases by a broker-dealer, as principal, and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker solicits purchasers; or

privately negotiated transactions.

We may also enter into hedging transactions. For example, we may:

enter into transactions with a broker-dealer or affiliate thereof in connection with which such broker-dealer or affiliate will engage in short sales of the common stock pursuant to this prospectus, in which case such broker-dealer or affiliate may use shares of common stock received from us to close out its short positions;

sell securities short and redeliver such shares to close out our short positions;

enter into option or other types of transactions that require us to deliver common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who will then resell or transfer the common stock under this prospectus; or

loan or pledge the common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who may sell the loaned shares or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged shares pursuant to this prospectus.

In addition, we may enter into derivative or hedging transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. In connection with such a transaction, the third parties may sell securities covered by and pursuant to

this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement. If so, the third party may use securities borrowed from us or others to settle such sales and may use securities received from us to close out any related short positions. We may also loan or pledge securities covered by this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement to third parties, who may sell the loaned securities or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged securities pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, as the case may be.

Table of Contents

A prospectus supplement with respect to each offering of securities will state the terms of the offering of the securities, including:

the name or names of any underwriters or agents and the amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them, if any;

the public offering price or purchase price of the securities and the net proceeds to be received by us from the sale;

any delayed delivery arrangements;

any underwriting discounts or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters' or agents' compensation;

any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and

any securities exchange or markets on which the securities may be listed.

The offer and sale of the securities described in this prospectus by us, the underwriters or the third parties described above may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions, including privately negotiated transactions, either:

at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to the prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

General

Any public offering price and any discounts, commissions, concessions or other items constituting compensation allowed or reallocated or paid to underwriters, dealers, agents or remarketing firms may be changed from time to time. Underwriters, dealers, agents and remarketing firms that participate in the distribution of the offered securities may be "underwriters" as defined in the Securities Act. Any discounts or commissions they receive from us and any profits they receive on the resale of the offered securities may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. We will identify any underwriters, agents or dealers and describe their commissions, fees or discounts in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Underwriters and Agents

If underwriters are used in a sale, they will acquire the offered securities for their own account. The underwriters may resell the offered securities in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions. These sales may be made at a fixed public offering price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of the sale, at prices related to such prevailing market price or at negotiated prices. We may offer the securities to the public through an underwriting syndicate or through a single underwriter. The underwriters in any particular offering will be mentioned in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the offered securities will be subject to certain conditions contained in an underwriting agreement that we will enter into with the underwriters at the time of the sale to them. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities of the series offered if any of the securities are

purchased, unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities. Any initial offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed, reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

Table of Contents

We may designate agents to sell the offered securities. Unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities, the agents will agree to use their best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of their appointment. We may also sell the offered securities to one or more remarketing firms, acting as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us. These firms will remarket the offered securities upon purchasing them in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to the terms of the offered securities. A prospectus supplement will identify any remarketing firm and will describe the terms of its agreement, if any, with us and its compensation.

In connection with offerings made through underwriters or agents, we may enter into agreements with such underwriters or agents pursuant to which we receive our outstanding securities in consideration for the securities being offered to the public for cash. In connection with these arrangements, the underwriters or agents may also sell securities covered by this prospectus to hedge their positions in these outstanding securities, including in short sale transactions. If so, the underwriters or agents may use the securities received from us under these arrangements to close out any related open borrowings of securities.

Dealers

We may sell the offered securities to dealers as principals. We may negotiate and pay dealers' commissions, discounts or concessions for their services. The dealer may then resell such securities to the public either at varying prices to be determined by the dealer or at a fixed offering price agreed to with us at the time of resale. Dealers engaged by us may allow other dealers to participate in resales.

Direct Sales

We may choose to sell the offered securities directly. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved.

Institutional Purchasers

We may authorize agents, dealers or underwriters to solicit certain institutional investors to purchase offered securities on a delayed delivery basis pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified future date. The applicable prospectus supplement will provide the details of any such arrangement, including the offering price and commissions payable on the solicitations.

We will enter into such delayed contracts only with institutional purchasers that we approve. These institutions may include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies and educational and charitable institutions.

Indemnification; Other Relationships

We may have agreements with agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms, and their affiliates, may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business. This includes commercial banking and investment banking transactions.

Market-Making, Stabilization and Other Transactions

There is currently no market for any of the offered securities, other than our common stock, which is listed on the NYSE. If the offered securities are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities and other factors. While it is possible that an underwriter could inform us that it

Table of Contents

intends to make a market in the offered securities, such underwriter would not be obligated to do so, and any such market-making could be discontinued at any time without notice. Therefore, no assurance can be given as to whether an active trading market will develop for the offered securities. We have no current plans for listing of the debt securities, preferred stock or warrants on any securities exchange; any such listing with respect to any particular debt securities, preferred stock or warrants will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

In connection with any offering of common stock, the underwriters may purchase and sell shares of common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve syndicate sales of common stock in excess of the number of shares to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. "Covered" short sales are sales of shares made in an amount up to the number of shares represented by the underwriters' over-allotment option. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered syndicate short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the over-allotment option. Transactions to close out the covered syndicate short involve either purchases of the common stock in the open market after the distribution has been completed or the exercise of the over-allotment option. The underwriters may also make "naked" short sales of shares in excess of the over-allotment option. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares of common stock in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the shares in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids for or purchases of shares in the open market while the offering is in progress for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the securities.

In connection with any offering, the underwriters may also engage in penalty bids. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the securities originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would be in the absence of the transactions. The underwriters may, if they commence these transactions, discontinue them at any time.

Fees and Commissions

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), the aggregate maximum discount, commission or agency fees or other items constituting underwriting compensation to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer will not exceed 8% of any offering pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement; however, it is anticipated that the maximum commission or discount to be received in any particular offering of securities will be significantly less than this amount.

LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, certain legal matters will be passed upon for us by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, New York. In addition, certain legal matters will be passed upon for SFC by Jack R. Erkilli, Esq., Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Secretary of SFC.

Table of Contents

EXPERTS

The SHI consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the SHI Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The SFC consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the SFC Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

Table of Contents

Springleaf Finance Corporation

\$500,000,000 % Senior Notes due 2019

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

BofA Merrill Lynch

Citigroup

Barclays

Credit Suisse

, 2014
