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Up to \$150,000,000

Prospect Capital Corporation 6.25% Notes due 2024

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

We have entered into a debt distribution agreement, originally dated June 22, 2016 and amended and restated on September 1, 2016 with FBR Capital Markets & Co. ("FBR"), and into debt distribution agreements dated September 1, 2016 with each of BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC ("BB&T Capital Markets"), and StormHarbour Securities LP ("StormHarbour," together with FBR and BB&T Capital Markets, the "Agents") pursuant to which we may offer for sale, from time to time, up to \$150,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of our 6.25% Notes due 2024, which we refer to as the "Notes." During the period from June 22, 2016 (the original date of the debt distribution agreement with FBR) through August 31, 2016, we sold \$39,281,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes through FBR as Agent pursuant to its debt distribution agreement. As such, there is \$110,719,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes remaining that we may offer and sell through the Agents pursuant to the debt distribution agreements. Sales of the Notes, if any, may be made in negotiated transactions or transactions that are deemed to be "at the market offerings" as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the "Securities Act", including sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange, or "NYSE," or similar securities exchange or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. If any of the Notes are sold at prices above the par value of \$25 per Note, the effective yield on such Notes to the purchasers may be less than 6.25%.

The Agents will receive a commission from us equal to up to 2.0% of the gross sales price of any Notes sold through the Agents under the debt distribution agreements. The Agents are not required to sell any specific principal amount of Notes, but will use commercially reasonable efforts consistent with their sales and trading practices to sell the Notes offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. See "Plan of Distribution" beginning on page S-74 of this prospectus supplement.

The Notes will mature on June 15, 2024. We will pay interest on the Notes on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning December 15, 2016. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent interest payment date immediately preceding the date of issuance of the Notes from time to time, except that, if you purchase Notes after the record dates noted below (or your settlement of a purchase of Notes otherwise occurs after such record date), your Notes will not accrue interest for the period from such purchase date to the interest payment date immediately following such record date. The interest payable on each interest payment date will be paid only to holders of record of the Notes at the close of business on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year, as the case may be, immediately preceding the applicable interest payment date. As a general matter, holders of the

Notes will not be entitled to receive any payments of principal on the Notes prior to the stated maturity date. We may redeem the Notes in whole or in part at any time or from time to time on or after December 15, 2018, at the redemption price discussed under the caption "Specific Terms of the Notes and the Offering-Optional redemption" in this prospectus supplement. The Notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$25 and integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof. We may offer other debt securities from time to time other than the Notes under our Registration Statement or in private placements.

The Notes offered hereby will be a further issuance of, are fungible with, rank equally in right of payment with, and form a single series for all purposes under the indenture including, without limitation, waivers, amendments, consents, redemptions and other offers to purchase and voting, with \$160,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 6.25% Notes due 2024, initially issued by us in December 2015, or, together with any Notes sold through FBR as Agent prior to the date of this prospectus supplement, the "Existing Notes." The Existing Notes, as well as any newly issued Notes, will mature on June 15, 2024, and may be redeemed in whole or in

part at any time or from time to time at the Company's option on or after December 15, 2018. The Notes will have terms identical to the Existing Notes and will have the same CUSIP number as, and will be fungible and vote together with, the Existing Notes immediately upon issuance.

The Existing Notes are listed on the NYSE and trade on the NYSE under the symbol "PBB." We intend to list the Notes offered hereby on the NYSE under the same trading symbol. The Notes are expected to trade "flat," which means that purchasers in the secondary market will not pay, and sellers will not receive, any accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes that is not reflected in the trading price.

On August 31, 2016, there were 7,971,240 Existing Notes issued and outstanding and, as of August 31, 2016, the last reported sales price on the NYSE was \$25.31 per Note.

The Notes will be our direct unsecured obligations and rank pari passu, or equal in right of payment, with all outstanding and future unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness issued by us. We currently do not have any indebtedness outstanding that is subordinated to the Notes and have no intention of issuing any such subordinated indebtedness. The Notes will be effectively subordinated, or junior in right of payment, to our future secured indebtedness and structurally subordinated, or junior in right of payment, to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of any of our subsidiaries. In any liquidation, dissolution, bankruptcy or other similar proceeding, the holders of any of our existing or future secured indebtedness and any indebtedness of any future subsidiaries may assert rights of payment prior to the holders of the Notes. See the related disclosure in "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement.

Investing in the Notes involves risks, including those described in the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement and page 10 of the accompanying prospectus.

THE NOTES ARE NOT DEPOSITS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF A BANK AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. Delivery of the Notes in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company will be made on or about the third trading date following the date of the purchase.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain important information you should know before investing in our securities. Please read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before you invest and keep it for future reference. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information about us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the "SEC." This information is available free of charge by contacting us at 10 East 40th Street, 42nd Floor, New York, NY 10016 or by telephone at (212) 448-0702. The SEC maintains a website at www.sec.gov where such information is available without charge upon written or oral request. Our internet website address is www.prospectstreet.com. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed on the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

FBR BB&T Capital Markets StormHarbour

Prospectus Supplement dated September 1, 2016.

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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

our future operating results,

our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies,

the impact of investments that we expect to make,

our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties,

the dependence of our future success on the general economy and its impact on the industries in which we invest, the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives,

difficulty in obtaining financing or raising capital, especially in the current credit and equity environment, the level and volatility of prevailing interest rates and credit spreads, magnified by the current turmoil in the credit markets,

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

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

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

the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital,

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

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

authoritative generally accepted accounting principles or policy changes from such standard-setting bodies as the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the SEC, Internal Revenue Service, the NASDAQ Global Select Market, the New York Stock Exchange and other authorities that we are subject to, as well as their counterparts in any foreign jurisdictions where we might do business, and

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

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

place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply

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only as of the date of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, as applicable. These forward-looking statements do not meet the safe harbor for forward-looking statements pursuant to Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the "Securities Act."

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

different from or in addition to the information in the prospectus.

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#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

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

accompanying prospectus and the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

On December 10, 2015, we and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, entered into a supplemental indenture, or the "Existing Notes Supplemental Indenture" to the Indenture referred to in the accompanying prospectus between us and U.S. Bank National Association, or the "base indenture," relating to our issuance, offer and sale of \$160,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.25% Notes due 2024, or, together with any Notes sold through FBR as Agent prior to the date of this prospectus supplement, the "Existing Notes." We will issue the Notes offered hereby under the base indenture and an additional supplemental indenture, as amended, that will contain the same terms and conditions as the Existing Notes Supplemental Indenture. We refer to the base indenture, the Existing Notes Supplemental Indenture and the additional supplemental indenture, as amended, collectively as the "Indenture." The Notes offered hereby will be a further issuance of, are fungible with, rank equally in right of payment with, and form a single series for all purposes under the Indenture including, without limitation, waivers, amendments, consents, redemptions and other offers to purchase and voting, with the Existing Notes.

The terms "we," "us," "our" and "Company" refer to Prospect Capital Corporation; "Prospect Capital Management," "Investm Adviser" and "PCM" refer to Prospect Capital Management L.P.; and "Prospect Administration" and the "Administrator" refer to Prospect Administration LLC.

#### The Company

Prospect Capital Corporation is a financial services company that primarily lends to and invests in middle market privately-held companies. We are a closed-end investment company incorporated in Maryland. We have elected to be regulated as a business development company ("BDC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"). As a BDC, we have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). We were organized on April 13, 2004 and were funded in an initial public offering completed on July 27, 2004. We are one of the largest BDCs with approximately \$6.3 billion of total assets as of June 30, 2016.

We are externally managed by our investment adviser, Prospect Capital Management. Prospect Administration provides administrative services and facilities necessary for us to operate.

On May 15, 2007, we formed a wholly-owned subsidiary Prospect Capital Funding LLC ("PCF"), a Delaware limited liability company and a bankruptcy remote special purpose entity, which holds certain of our portfolio loan investments that are used as collateral for the revolving credit facility at PCF. Our wholly-owned subsidiary Prospect Small Business Lending, LLC ("PSBL") was formed on January 27, 2014 and purchases small business whole loans on a recurring basis from online small business loan originators, including OnDeck Capital, Inc. ("OnDeck"). On September 30, 2014, we formed a wholly-owned subsidiary Prospect Yield Corporation, LLC ("PYC") and effective October 23, 2014, PYC holds our investments in collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"). Each of these subsidiaries have been consolidated since operations commenced.

We currently have nine origination strategies in which we make investments: (1) lending in private equity sponsored transactions, (2) lending directly to companies not owned by private equity firms, (3) control investments in corporate operating companies, (4) control investments in financial companies, (5) investments in structured credit, (6) real estate investments, (7) investments in syndicated debt, (8) aircraft leasing and (9) online lending. We continue to evaluate other origination strategies in the ordinary course of business with no specific top-down allocation to any single origination strategy.

Lending in Private Equity Sponsored Transactions – We make loans to companies which are controlled by leading private equity firms. This debt can take the form of first lien, second lien, unitranche or unsecured loans. In making these investments, we look for a diversified customer base, recurring demand for the product or service, barriers to entry, strong historical cash flow and experienced management teams. These loans typically have significant equity subordinate to our loan position. Historically, this strategy has comprised approximately 50%-60% of our business,

but more recently it is less than 50% of our business.

Lending Directly to Companies – We provide debt financing to companies owned by non-private equity firms, the company founder, a management team or a family. Here, in addition to the strengths we look for in a sponsored transaction, we also look for the alignment with the management team with significant invested capital. This strategy often has less competition than the private equity sponsor strategy because such company financing needs are not easily addressed by banks and often require more diligence preparation. Direct lending can result in higher returns and lower leverage than sponsor transactions and may include warrants or equity to us. Historically, this strategy has comprised approximately 5%-15% of our business, but more recently it is less than 5% of our business. Control Investments in Corporate Operating Companies – This strategy involves acquiring controlling stakes in non-financial operating companies. Our investments in these companies are generally structured as a combination of yield-producing debt and equity. We provide enhanced certainty of closure to our counterparties, give the seller personal liquidity and generally look for management to continue on in their current roles. This strategy has comprised approximately 10%-15% of our business.

Control Investments in Financial Companies – This strategy involves acquiring controlling stakes in financial companies, including consumer direct lending, sub-prime auto lending and other strategies. Our investments in these companies are generally structured as a combination of yield-producing debt and equity. These investments are often structured in a tax-efficient RIC-compliant partnership, enhancing returns. This strategy has comprised approximately 5%-15% of our business.

Investments in Structured Credit – We make investments in CLOs, generally taking a significant position in the subordinated interests (equity) of the CLOs. The CLOs include a diversified portfolio of broadly syndicated loans and do not have direct exposure to real estate, mortgages, debt or consumer based debt. The CLOs in which we invest are managed by top-tier collateral managers that have been thoroughly diligenced prior to investment. This strategy has comprised approximately 10%-20% of our business.

Real Estate Investments – We make investments in real estate through our wholly-owned tax-efficient real estate investment trust ("REIT") National Property REIT Corp. ("NPRC"), the surviving entity of the May 23, 2016 merger with APRC and UPRC. Our real estate investments are in various classes of fully developed and occupied real estate properties that generate current yields. We seek to identify properties that have historically high occupancy and steady cash flow generation. NPRC co-invests with established and experienced property managers that manage such properties after acquisition. This investment strategy has comprised approximately 5%-10% of our business. Investments in Syndicated Debt – On an opportunistic basis, we make investments in loans and high yield bonds that have been sold to a syndicate of buyers. Here we look for investments with attractive risk-adjusted returns after we have completed a fundamental credit analysis. These investments are purchased with a long term, buy-and-hold outlook and we look to provide significant structuring input by providing anchoring orders. This strategy has comprised approximately 5%-10% of our business.

Aircraft Leasing – We invest in debt as well as equity in aircraft assets subject to commercial leases to credit-worthy airlines across the globe. These investments present attractive return opportunities due to cash flow consistency from long-lived assets coupled with hard asset collateral. We seek to deliver risk-adjusted returns with strong downside protection by analyzing relative value characteristics across the spectrum of aircraft types of all vintages. Our target portfolio includes both in-production and out-of-production jet and turboprop aircraft and engines, operated by airlines across the globe. This strategy comprised approximately 1% of our business.

Online Lending – We make investments in loans originated by certain consumer loan and small and medium sized business ("SME") loan facilitators. We purchase each loan in its entirety (i.e., a "whole loan"). The borrowers are consumers and SMEs. The loans are typically serviced by the facilitators of the loans. This investment strategy has comprised approximately 4%-7% of our business.

We invest primarily in first and second lien secured loans and unsecured debt, which in some cases includes an equity component. First and second lien secured loans generally are senior debt instruments that rank ahead of unsecured debt of a given portfolio company. These loans also have the benefit of security interests on the assets of the portfolio company, which may rank ahead of or be junior to other security interests. Our investments in CLOs are subordinated to senior loans and are generally unsecured. We invest in debt and equity positions of CLOs which are a form of securitization in which the cash flows of a portfolio of loans are pooled and passed on to different classes of owners in various tranches. Our CLO investments are derived from portfolios of corporate debt securities which are generally

risk rated from BB to B.

We hold many of our control investments in a two-tier structure consisting of a holding company and one or more related operating companies for tax purposes. These holding companies serve various business purposes including concentration of management teams, optimization of third party borrowing costs, improvement of supplier, customer, and insurance terms, and enhancement of co-investments by the management teams. In these cases, our investment in the holding company, generally as equity, its equity investment in the operating company and along with any debt from us directly to the operating company structure represents our total exposure for the investment. As of June 30, 2016, as shown in our Consolidated Schedule of Investments, the cost basis and fair value of our investments in controlled companies were each \$1.8 billion. This structure gives rise to several of the risks described in our public documents and highlighted elsewhere in this Annual Report. On July 1, 2014, we began consolidating all wholly-owned and substantially wholly-owned holding companies formed by us for the purpose of holding our controlled investments in operating companies. There were no significant effects of consolidating these holding companies as they hold minimal assets other than their investments in the controlled operating companies. Investment company accounting prohibits the consolidation of any operating companies.

As of June 30, 2016, we had investments in 125 portfolio companies. The aggregate fair value as of June 30, 2016 of investments in these portfolio companies held on that date is approximately \$5.9 billion. Our portfolio across all our performing interest-bearing investments had an annualized current yield of 13.2% as of June 30, 2016.

Recent Developments

**Investment Transactions** 

On July 1, 2016, we made an investment of \$7.3 million to purchase 19.7% of the subordinated notes in Madison Park Funding IX, Ltd.

On July 22, 2016, we made a \$32.5 million Senior Secured Term Loan A and a \$32.5 million Senior Secured Term Loan B debt investment in Universal Turbine Parts, LLC, an independent supplier of aftermarket turboprop engines and parts.

On August 9, 2016, JHH Holdings, Inc. repaid the \$35.5 million loan receivable to us.

On August 9, 2016, we made an investment of \$29.6 million to purchase 71.9% of the subordinated notes in Carlyle Global Market Strategies CLO 2016-3, Ltd. in a co-investment transaction with Priority Income Fund, Inc., a closed-end fund managed by an affiliate of Prospect Capital Management L.P.

During the period from July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016, we made seven follow-on investments in NPRC totaling \$55.7 million to support the online consumer lending initiative.

Debt

On August 14, 2016, we announced the then current conversion rate on the 2018 Notes as 84.1497 shares of common stock per \$1 principal amount of the 2018 Notes converted, which is equivalent to a conversion price of approximately \$11.88.

On August 15, 2016, the 5.50% unsecured convertible notes (the "2016 Notes"), which had an outstanding principal balance of \$167.5 million, matured and were repaid in full with cash on hand, primarily from the Harbortouch sale proceeds.

On August 22, 2016, our credit facility was amended to eliminate some of the restrictions in the definition of an eligible loan for pledging to the facility and increase to our overall borrowing base.

During the period from July 1, 2016 through August 25, 2016 we issued \$28.8 million aggregate principal amount of Prospect Capital InterNotes® for net proceeds of \$28.5 million.

During the period from July 1, 2016 through August 24, 2016, we issued \$37.9 million in aggregate principal amount of our 2024 Notes for net proceeds of \$37.1 million.

Dividends

On August 25, 2016, we announced the declaration of monthly dividends in the following amounts and with the following dates:

\$0.08333 per share for September 2016 to holders of record on September 30, 2016 with a payment date of October 20, 2016;

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\$0.08333 per share for October 2016 to holders of record on October 31, 2016 with a payment date of November 17, 2016.

#### SPECIFIC TERMS OF THE NOTES AND THE OFFERING

This prospectus supplement sets forth certain terms of the Notes that Prospect Capital Corporation is offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement and supplements the accompanying prospectus that is attached to the back of this prospectus supplement. The Notes offered hereby will be a further issuance of, are fungible with, rank equally in right of payment with, and form a single series for all purposes under the Indenture including, without limitation, waivers, amendments, consents, redemptions and other offers to purchase and voting, with \$160,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 6.25% Notes due 2024, initially issued by us in December 2015, or, together with any Notes sold through FBR as Agent prior to the date of this prospectus supplement, the "Existing Notes." Unless otherwise indicated, the Notes offered hereby and the Existing Notes are collectively referred to herein as the "Notes." This section outlines the specific legal and financial terms of the Notes. You should read this section together with the more general description of the Notes under the heading "Description of the Notes" in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus under the heading "Description of Our Debt Securities" before investing in the Notes. Capitalized terms used in this prospectus supplement and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the accompanying prospectus or in the Indenture.

Issuer Prospect Capital Corporation

Title of securities 6.25% Notes due 2024

Initial aggregate principal amount being offered

Up to \$150,000,000. During the period from June 22, 2016 (the original date of the debt distribution agreement with FBR) through August 31, 2016, we sold \$39,281,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes through FBR as Agent pursuant to its debt distribution agreement. As such, there is \$110,719,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes remaining that we may offer and sell through the Agents pursuant to the debt distribution agreements.

Manner of offering

"At the market" offering that may be made from time to time through the Agents, as sales agents, using commercially reasonable efforts or otherwise in negotiated transactions. See "Plan of Distribution."

Principal payable at maturity

100% of the aggregate principal amount; the principal amount of each Note will be payable on its stated maturity date at the office of the Paying Agent, Registrar and Transfer Agent for the Notes or at such other office in The City of New York as we may designate.

Type of Note Fi

Fixed rate note

Listing

The Existing Notes are traded on the New York Stock Exchange, or the "NYSE," under the trading symbol "PBB." We intend to list the Notes offered hereby on the NYSE under the same trading symbol.

6.25% per year. However, if any of the Notes are sold at prices above the par value of \$25 per Note, the effective yield on such Notes to the purchasers may be less than 6.25%.

Interest rate

360-day year of twelve 30-day months

Issuance date

Day count basis

The third trading date following the date of the purchase of the Notes.

Stated maturity

date

June 15, 2024

Date interest

starts accruing on December 10, 2015

**Existing Notes** 

dates

March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15, commencing on the first applicable interest payment date following a given purchase of the Notes under this prospectus supplement. The interest payable on each interest payment date will be paid only to holders of record of the Notes at the close of business on the record date immediately preceding the applicable interest payment date. If Notes Interest payment are purchased after a record date but before the interest payment date immediately following such record date, the applicable interest payment date for such Notes will be the interest payment date after the interest payment date immediately following such record date. Interest payments on the Existing Notes commenced on March 15, 2016. If an interest payment date falls on a non-business day, the applicable interest payment will be made on the next business day and no additional interest will accrue as a result of such delayed payment.

Interest periods

Interest periods will be the periods from and including an interest payment date to, but excluding, the next interest payment date or the stated maturity date, as the case may be. Interest on the Notes will accrue from the most recent interest payment date immediately preceding the date of issuance of the Notes from time to time, except that, if you purchase Notes after a record date (or your settlement of a purchase of Notes otherwise occurs after such record date), your Notes will not accrue interest for the period from such purchase date to the interest payment date immediately following such record date.

Regular record March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing with the first such date to dates for interest follow a given purchase of the Notes under this prospectus supplement.

Specified currency

U.S. Dollars

Place of payment

New York City

other indebtedness of our subsidiaries.

of our existing and future, unsecured indebtedness (including, but not limited to, the Existing Notes, our \$130 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Convertible Notes due 2017 (the "2017 Notes"), our \$200 million aggregate principal amount of 5.75% Convertible Notes due 2018 (the "2018 Notes"), our \$200 million aggregate principal amount of 5.875% Convertible Notes due 2019 (the "2019 Notes"), our \$300 million aggregate principal amount of 5.00% Unsecured Notes due 2019 (the "5.00% 2019 Notes"), our \$392 million aggregate principal amount of 4.75% Convertible Notes due 2020 (the "2020 Notes"), our \$250 million aggregate principal amount of 5.875% Unsecured Notes due 2023 (the "2023 Notes") and our Prospect Capital InterNot®) and senior in right of payment to any of our subordinated indebtedness. As a result, the Notes will be effectively subordinated to our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness and structurally subordinated to any existing and future liabilities and

The Notes will be our general, unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment with all

Ranking of Notes

> As of August 31, 2016, together with our subsidiaries, we had approximately \$2.6 billion of unsecured senior indebtedness outstanding and as our credit facility was undrawn, no secured indebtedness outstanding.

We will issue the Notes in denominations of \$25 and integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof. Denominations

Business day

Each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that is not a day on which banking institutions in New York City are authorized or required by law or executive order to close.

The Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at our option on or after December 15, 2018 upon not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days written notice by mail prior to the date fixed for redemption thereof, at a redemption price of \$25 per Note plus accrued and unpaid interest payments otherwise payable for the then-current quarterly interest period accrued to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption.

# Optional redemption

You may be prevented from exchanging or transferring the Notes when they are subject to a written notice of redemption issued by us even though the Notes are listed for trading on the NYSE. In case any Notes are to be redeemed in part only, the redemption notice will provide that, upon surrender of such Note, you will receive, without a charge, a new Note or Notes of authorized denominations representing the principal amount of your remaining unredeemed Notes.

Any exercise of our option to redeem the Notes will be done in compliance with the 1940 Act, to the extent applicable.

If we redeem only some of the Notes, the Trustee will determine the method for selection of the particular Notes to be redeemed, in accordance with the 1940 Act, to the extent applicable, and the rules of the NYSE, and any unredeemed Notes will have the same rights and be entitled to the same benefits that the Notes had prior to any such redemption. Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the date of redemption, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes called for redemption.

### Sinking fund

The Notes will not be subject to any sinking fund (i.e., no amounts will be set aside by us to ensure repayment of the Notes at maturity). As a result, our ability to repay the Notes at maturity will depend on our financial condition on the date that we are required to repay the Notes.

# Repayment at option of Holders

Holders will not have the option to have the Notes repaid prior to the stated maturity date unless we undergo a fundamental change (as defined in this prospectus supplement). See "-Fundamental change repurchase right of Holders."

#### Defeasance

The Notes are subject to defeasance by us. "Defeasance" means that, by depositing with a trustee an amount of cash and/or government securities sufficient to pay all principal and interest, if any, on the Notes when due and satisfying any additional conditions noted below, we will be deemed to have been discharged from our obligations under the Notes. We are under no obligation to exercise any such rights of defeasance.

# Covenant defeasance

The Notes are subject to covenant defeasance by us. In the event of a "covenant defeasance," upon depositing such funds and satisfying similar conditions discussed below we would be released from the restrictive covenants under the Indenture relating to the Notes. The consequences to the holders of the Notes is that, while they no longer benefit from the restrictive covenants under the Indenture, and while the Notes may not be accelerated for any reason, the holders of Notes nonetheless are guaranteed to receive the principal and interest owed to them. We are under no obligation to exercise any such rights of covenant defeasance.

#### Form of Notes

The Notes will be represented by global securities that will be deposited and registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its nominee. This means that, except in limited circumstances, you will not receive certificates for the Notes. Beneficial interests in the Notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Investors may elect to hold interests in the Notes through either DTC, if they are a participant, or indirectly through organizations which are

participants in DTC.

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Agent

Fundamental change repurchase right of Holders

If we undergo a fundamental change (as defined in this prospectus supplement) prior to maturity, you will have the right, at your option, to require us to repurchase for cash some or all of your Notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the repurchase date. See "Description of the Notes-Purchase of Notes by Us for Cash at the Option of Holders upon a Fundamental Change."

If an event of default on the Notes occurs, the principal amount of the Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest (including additional interest, if any) may be declared immediately due and payable, Events of default subject to certain conditions set forth in the Indenture. These amounts automatically become due and payable in the case of certain types of bankruptcy or insolvency events of default involving the Company as defined in the Indenture.

> In addition to the covenants described in the prospectus attached to this prospectus supplement, the following covenants shall apply to the Notes:

- We agree that for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, we will not violate Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the 1940 Act or any successor provisions.
- If, at any time, we are not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act to file any periodic reports with the SEC, we agree to furnish to holders of the Notes Other covenants and the Trustee, for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, our audited annual consolidated financial statements, within 90 days of our fiscal year end, and unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, within 45 days of our fiscal quarter end. All such financial

generally accepted accounting principles.

Interests in the Notes will trade in DTC's Same Day Funds Settlement System, and any permitted secondary market trading activity in such Notes will, therefore, be required by DTC to be settled in immediately available funds. None of the Company, the Trustee or the paying agent will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC or its participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

statements will be prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable United States

Governing law

Global clearance

and settlement

procedures

The Notes and the Indenture shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

#### SELECTED CONDENSED FINANCIAL DATA

You should read the condensed consolidated financial information below with the Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Financial information below for the years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 has been derived from the financial statements that were audited by our independent registered public accounting firm. Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period financial information to conform to the current period presentation. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" starting on page S-17 for more information.

	Year Ended June 30, 2016 2015 2014 2013 (in thousands except data relating to shares, per share and number of portfolio companies)								2012	
Summary of Operations Total investment income Total operating expenses Net investment income Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains	\$791,973 420,845 371,128 (267,990	)	\$791,084 428,337 362,747 (12,458	)	\$712,291 355,068 357,223 (38,203	)	\$576,336 251,412 324,924 (104,068	)	\$320,910 134,226 186,684 4,220	
on investments  Net realized losses on extinguishment of debt	224		(3,950	)			_	,	_	
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	103,362		346,339		319,020		220,856		190,904	
Per Share Data Net investment income(1) Net increase in net assets resulting from operations(1)	\$1.04 0.29		\$1.03 0.98		\$1.19 1.06		\$1.57 1.07		\$1.63 1.67	
Dividends to shareholders Net asset value at end of year	(1.00 9.62	)	(1.19 10.31	)	(1.32 10.56	)	(1.28 10.72	)	(1.22 10.83	)
Balance Sheet Data Total assets Total debt outstanding Net assets	\$6,276,707 2,707,465 3,435,917	7	\$6,798,054 2,983,736 3,703,049	4	\$6,477,269 2,773,051 3,618,182	)	\$4,448,21° 1,683,002 2,656,494	7	\$2,255,254 664,138 1,511,974	
Other Data Investment purchases for the year Investment sales and repayments for the year	\$979,102 \$1,338,875	5	\$1,867,477 \$1,411,562		\$2,933,365 \$767,978	5	\$3,103,21 <sup>2</sup> \$931,534	7	\$1,120,659 \$500,952	9
Number of portfolio companies at year end Total return based on market value(2) Total return based on net asset value(2) Weighted average yield on debt portfolio at	21.8 7.2	%	131 (20.8 11.5	%	142 10.9 11.0	%	124 6.2 10.9	%	85 27.2 18.0	% %
year end(3)	13.2	%	12.7	%	12.1	%	13.6	%	13.9	%

Per share data is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the year presented (except for dividends to shareholders which is based on actual rate per share).

<sup>(2)</sup> Total return based on market value is based on the change in market price per share between the opening and ending market prices per share in each period and assumes that dividends are reinvested in accordance with our

dividend reinvestment plan. Total return based on net asset value is based upon the change in net asset value per share between the opening and ending net asset values per share in each period and assumes that dividends are reinvested in accordance with our dividend reinvestment plan.

(3) Excludes equity investments and non-performing loans.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

Your investment in the Notes will involve certain risks. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not describe all of those risks.

You should, in consultation with your own financial and legal advisors, carefully consider the following discussion of risks before deciding whether an investment in the Notes is suitable for you. The Notes will not be an appropriate investment for you if you are not knowledgeable about significant features of the Notes or financial matters in general. You should not purchase the Notes unless you understand, and know that you can bear, these investment risks. Our amount of debt outstanding will increase as a result of this offering. Our current indebtedness could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and our ability to meet our payment obligations under the Notes and our other debt.

As of August 31, 2016, together with our subsidiaries, we had approximately \$2.6 billion of unsecured senior indebtedness outstanding and as our credit facility was undrawn, no secured indebtedness outstanding.

The use of debt could have significant consequences on our future operations, including:

making it more difficult for us to meet our payment and other obligations under the Notes and our other outstanding debt;

resulting in an event of default if we fail to comply with the financial and other restrictive covenants contained in our debt agreements, which event of default could result in all of our debt becoming immediately due and payable; reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund investments, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes, and limiting our ability to obtain additional financing for these purposes;

subjecting us to the risk of increased sensitivity to interest rate increases on our indebtedness with variable interest rates, including borrowings under our amended senior credit facility; and

limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, and increasing our vulnerability to, changes in our business, the industry in which we operate and the general economy.

Any of the above-listed factors could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations and our ability to meet our payment obligations under the Notes and our other debt.

Our ability to meet our payment and other obligations under our debt instruments depends on our ability to generate significant cash flow in the future. This, to some extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative and regulatory factors as well as other factors that are beyond our control. We cannot assure you that our business will generate cash flow from operations, or that future borrowings will be available to us under our existing or amended senior credit facility or otherwise, in an amount sufficient to enable us to meet our payment obligations under the Notes and our other debt and to fund other liquidity needs. If we are not able to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt obligations, we may need to refinance or restructure our debt, including any Notes sold, sell assets, reduce or delay capital investments, or seek to raise additional capital. If we are unable to implement one or more of these alternatives, we may not be able to meet our payment obligations under the Notes and our other debt.

A downgrade, suspension or withdrawal of the rating assigned by a rating agency to us or the Notes, if any, could cause the liquidity or market value of the Notes to decline significantly.

Our credit ratings are an assessment by rating agencies of our ability to pay our debts when due. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally affect the market value of the Notes. These credit ratings may not reflect the potential impact of risks relating to the structure or marketing of the Notes. Credit ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the issuing organization in its sole discretion. Neither we nor the Agents undertake any obligation to maintain the ratings or to advise holders of Notes of any changes in ratings.

The Notes will be rated by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, or "S&P," and Kroll Bond Rating Agency, Inc., or "Kroll." There can be no assurance that their rating will remain for any given period of time or that such rating will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by S&P or Kroll if in their respective judgment future circumstances relating to the basis of the rating, such as adverse changes in our company, so warrant.

The Notes will be effectively subordinated to any existing and future secured indebtedness and structurally subordinated to existing and future liabilities and other indebtedness of our subsidiaries.

The Notes will be our general, unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsubordinated, unsecured indebtedness, including without limitation, the Existing Notes, the 2017 Notes, the 2018 Notes, the 2019 Notes, the 5.00% 2019 Notes, the 2020 Notes, the 2023 Notes and the Prospect Capital InterNotes<sup>®</sup>. As a result, the Notes will be effectively subordinated to our existing and future secured indebtedness (including indebtedness that is initially unsecured to which we subsequently grant security) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness and structurally subordinated to any existing and future liabilities and other indebtedness of our subsidiaries. Effective subordination means that in any liquidation, dissolution, bankruptcy or other similar proceeding, the holders of any of our existing or future secured indebtedness and the secured indebtedness of our subsidiaries may assert rights against the assets pledged to secure that indebtedness in order to receive full payment of their indebtedness before the assets may be used to pay other creditors. Structural subordination means that creditors of a parent entity are subordinate to creditors of a subsidiary entity with respect to the subsidiary's assets. These liabilities may include indebtedness, trade payables, guarantees, lease obligations and letter of credit obligations. The Notes do not restrict us or our subsidiaries from incurring indebtedness, including senior secured indebtedness in the future, nor do they limit the amount of indebtedness we can issue that is equal in right of payment to the Notes. As of August 31, 2016, our credit facility was undrawn. Our credit facility is secured by certain of our assets and the indebtedness thereunder is therefore effectively senior to the Notes to the extent of the value of such assets.

Each of the 2017 Notes, the 2018 Notes, the 2019 Notes, the 5.00% 2019 Notes, the 2020 Notes, the 2023 Notes and the Prospect Capital InterNotes® may be due prior to the Notes. We do not currently know whether we will be able to replace any such notes upon their respective maturities, or if we do, whether we will be able to do so on terms that are as favorable as such notes. In the event that we are not able to replace the 2017 Notes, the 2018 Notes, the 2019 Notes, the 5.00% 2019 Notes, the 2020 Notes, the 2023 Notes or the Prospect Capital InterNotes® at the time of their respective maturities, this could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and ability to fund new investments, our ability to make distributions to our stockholders, our ability to repay the Notes and our ability to qualify as a regulated investment company, or "RIC."

The Indenture under which the Notes will be issued will contain limited protection for holders of the Notes. The Indenture under which the Notes will be issued offers limited protection to holders of the Notes. The terms of the Indenture and the Notes do not restrict our or any of our subsidiaries' ability to engage in, or otherwise be a party to, a variety of corporate transactions, circumstances or events that could have an adverse impact on your investment in the Notes. In particular, the terms of the Indenture and the Notes will not place any restrictions on our or our subsidiaries' ability to: