

# Blackstone / GSO Loan Financing Limited ("BGLF")

December 2016

## Objective

- BGLF's (the "Company") investment objective is to provide shareholders with stable and growing income returns, and to grow the capital value of its investment portfolio by exposure predominantly to floating rate senior secured loans, both directly and indirectly. The Company achieves its investment objective solely through its investment in Blackstone / GSO Corporate Funding ("BGCF")<sup>1</sup>, which is an investor in floating rate senior secured loans.
- BGCF funds its investment in loans using a variety of funding sources, including equity capital, its 3-year syndicated financing facility, notes issued to the Company, and non-recourse leverage obtained from retaining Income Notes in collateralised loan obligations ("CLOs") that BGCF has established.

#### Total Return

Total Returns <sup>2, 3</sup> As at 30/12/16	Dec-16	YTD	LTM	Ann. Since Inception	Cum. Since Inception
BGLF Euro NAV	0.97%	13.28%	13.28%	8.34%	21.58%
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#### Monthly Commentary

- The Company's total return for December was 0.97%, which included total net portfolio income of 0.85% and net portfolio movements of 0.12%. BGLF has returned 13.28% for the year, which compares well to European loans at 6.52% and European high yield at 9.63%.<sup>10</sup>
- As announced on 20 January, the Board of the Company has declared a dividend of €0.025 per share, which equates to 10.0% annualised on the initial IPO price, for the period from 1 October 2016 to 31 December 2016. The dividend is payable on 24 February to shareholders on the register as at 3 February. Declared dividends in 2016 totalled €0.09 per share, or 9.0% based on the initial IPO price.
- Phoenix Park, BGCF's first Retained CLO Income Note Investment, was refinanced on 18 January- 18 months prior to the end of its reinvestment period. Through the refinancing, the weighted average cost of debt was reduced 21bp, from E+207bp to E+186bp.
- There was no shortage of unexpected market events during 2016 (Brexit, US Presidential election, Italy's rejected constitutional reform and PM resignation). Despite this macro environment uncertainty, the continuance of the ECB's bond purchases program and strong CLO issuance has ensured elevated bid prices.
- US loans ended the year strong with the second best year of performance since their inception after a rocky start to 2016. The rally extended to European credit, as European loans returned 0.63% and high yield returned 1.82%, reversing last month's loss. Lower-rated loans significantly outperformed the rest of the loan market, returning 6.32% in December and 37.57% for the year, supported by no shortage of investors hunting for yield in a low rate environment.<sup>10</sup>
- The European loan market issuance in December was surprisingly strong for what is usually a quiet period, with just over €4bn issued helping to make Q4 the busiest quarter of the year. Strong market techincals continued to support the market into the end of the year with issuers continuing to reprice and refinance.
- CLO issuance had a relatively strong finish to 2016 with December volume totalling €1.3 billion through three European CLOs and \$7.2 billion through 15 US CLOs. Full year issuance totalled €16.8 billion / 41 transactions in Europe and \$72.3 billion / 156 transactions in the US.¹0 CLO refinancing and reset activity increased month-over-month, totalling \$13.2 billion through 31 CLOs, including nine European deals.¹2

<b>Key Facts</b>	
Ticker LN:	BGLF
Inception Date:	23/7/14
Inception Share Price:	€1.00
NAV per share: 4	€1.0238
Share Price: <sup>5</sup>	€1.0125
Premium/Discount:	-1.10%
Latest Dividend:	€0.0250
Target Dividend Yield: 6	10.00%
BGCF Gross Assets: 7	€484.8m
BGLF Net Assets:	€332.3m
Market Capitalisation: 5	€328.7m
Shares Outstanding:	324.6m

Top 10 Holdings 8,	9
Eircom	1.9%
Numericable Finance	1.9%
Euro Garages	1.7%
Ziggo Finance BV	1.6%
Capio Sanidad S.L.	1.5%
Ineos	1.4%
Verallia	1.4%
Concordia International	1.4%

Wind Acquisition

Labco / Synlab

Germany

**Netherlands** 

Top 5 Industries 8,9	
Healthcare & Pharma	13.8%
Hotels, Gaming & Leisure	8.7%
Services Business	8.3%
Media, Broadcasting & Sub	6.9%
Chemicals, Plastics & Rubber	6.7%

1.3%

9.8%

7.8%

Top 5 Countries 8, 9	
United States of America	25.
United Kingdom	15.
France	12.

For footnotes, please see page 3. Your attention is drawn to the disclaimer (Important Disclosure Information) on the final page of this document. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results, and there can be no assurance that BGLF will achieve comparable results, will meet its target returns, achieve its investment objectives or be able to implement its investment strategy.

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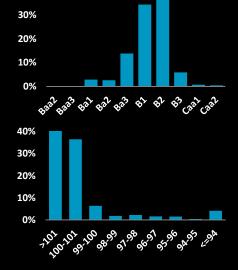
	BGCF Directly Held Loans	BGCF Indirect Loans / CLO Portfolio
Net Assets:	€118.3m	€214.0m
% of BGLF NAV:	35.60%	64.40%
Number of Issuers:	64	439
Senior Secured Loans/Notes:	100.0%	99.5%
Floating Rate:	95.9%	97.8%
Weighted Average Asset Spread (including impact of floors):	4.38%	4.53%
Weighted Average Loan MTM:	100.0%	99.5%
Average Cost of Liabilities:	0.8% undrawn / 1.8% drawn	2.1%

## Retained CLO Income Note Investments 9

	Closing Date	Currency Deal Size		BGCF Position (% of Tranche)		ns Through nent Date Cum.
Phoenix Park	Jul 14	EUR	€413m	51.4%	17.2%	39.0%
Sorrento Park	Oct 14	EUR	€517m	51.8%	18.8%	39.2%
Castle Park	Dec 14	EUR	€415m	100.0%	17.0%	31.1%
Dorchester Park	Feb 15	USD	\$509m	60.9%	21.0%	34.6%
Dartry Park	Mar 15	Mar 15 EUR		51.1%	17.6%	28.5%
Orwell Park	Jun 15	EUR	€415m	51.0%	18.1%	24.9%
Tymon Park	Dec 15	EUR	€414m	51.0%	18.3%	15.5%
Elm Park	May 16	ay 16 EUR +		€558m 82.4%		6.8%
Griffith Park	Sep 16 EUR		€454m	59.5%	n/a	n/a
Clarinda Park	Nov 16	EUR	€415m	51.2%	n/a	n/a

## **Moody's Rating Distribution** and Asset MTM Bands 8,9

40%



### **Other** Information:

BGLF does not pay any management or performance fees. The Adviser earns a management and performance fee on CLOs it manages in which BGCF invests. CLO management fees are typically 0.5% per annum on the CLO assets. The Adviser rebates 20% of the CLO management fees it receives to BGCF, pro-rata to CLO Income Notes held by BGCF. Capitalised terms used but not defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Company's Prospectus dated 31 March 2016.

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#### Historical Performance 2, 10

2016	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
BGLF	0.95%	0.67%	1.32%	1.28%	2.31%	0.98%	0.34%	0.13%	1.28%	0.37%	1.96%	0.97%	13.28%
European Loans	-0.32%	-0.93%	2.06%	1.35%	0.74%	-0.60%	1.16%	0.88%	0.74%	0.50%	0.18%	0.63%	6.52%
European High Yield	-1.24%	-0.60%	3.59%	1.85%	0.36%	-0.46%	2.21%	1.86%	-0.42%	0.78%	-0.40%	1.82%	9.63%
2015	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
BGLF	1.36%	0.82%	0.76%	0.86%	1.05%	-0.07%	1.42%	0.09%	0.57%	0.83%	0.07%	0.07%	8.11%
European Loans	0.42%	1.06%	0.73%	0.88%	0.50%	-0.23%	0.50%	-0.17%	-0.33%	0.18%	-0.11%	-0.32%	3.14%
European High Yield	0.77%	2.12%	0.06%	0.70%	0.31%	-1.47%	0.68%	-1.04%	-1.72%	2.57%	0.43%	-1.95%	1.36%
2014	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
BGLF								0.78%	0.21%	0.26%	1.12%	-3.05%	-0.73%
European Loans								0.13%	-0.07%	0.03%	0.37%	-0.61%	-0.16%
European High Yield								0.86%	-1.42%	0.02%	0.54%	-0.58%	-0.59%

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#### Footnotes:

- 1. Blackstone / GSO Corporate Funding DAC ("BGCF") was incorporated in Ireland on 16 April 2014.
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   YDa and Monthly performance are non-annualised. Dividends are assumed to be reinvested at the NAV.
- As calculated by BGLF's Administrator in accordance with the provisions of the BGLF Prospectus. Per share data based on final number of shares in the period.
- 5 Source: Bloomberg, as at 30 December 201
- 6. Dividend Yield based on IPO issue price and last announced target dividend yield of €0.10 per share annualised (2 September 2016). The target dividend should not be taken as an indication of the Company's expected future performance or results. The target dividend is a target only and there is no guarantee that it can or will be achieved and should not be seen as an indication of the Company's expected or actual return. Target returns are hypothetical and are neither guarantees nor predictions or projections of future performance. Actual events and conditions may differ materially from the assumptions used to establish the target dividend.
- BGLF's proportion of BGCF's gross assets
- 8. Portfolio data by Issuer, Industry, Country, Rating and Loan Price Bands are presented using the gross par amount of assets held directly and indirectly by BGCF. Indirect asset holdings are held within CLOs BGCF has invested in. The total par amount of all assets held within each CLO are included on a fully consolidated basis and added to those assets held directly by BGCF. Data calculated by GSO.
- Portfolio holdings, Rating, Country, Industry and Loan Price Band distributions are subject to change and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Weighted Average Asset Spread and Weighted Average Loan MTM mean, for the Directly Held Loan Portfolio, the weighted average asset margin and mid market valuation at the relevant month end and for Indirect Loans / CLO Portfolio, the look-through Weighted Average Asset Spread and Weighted Average Loan Price at the relevant month end. Directly Held Loan Portfolio holdings are reported on a trade date basis and liabilities will only be drawn on the relevant loan settlement date. CLO Note and CLO warehouse investments are excluded from all figures. Data calculated by GSO.
- 10. Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index, Credit Suisse (Western European Leveraged Loan Index (hedged to EUR), Western European High Yield Index (hedged to EUR), as of 30 December 2016.
- S&P /LCD, as of 9 January 2017
- J.P. Morgan YTD CLO Issuance Package, 3 January 2017.

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