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Washington, D.C. 20549

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 814-61

CAPITAL SOUTHWEST CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas 75-1072796  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)  
organization)

12900 Preston Road, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75230  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 233-8242

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act: Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  
YES ☐ NO ☒.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. YES ☐ NO ☒.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES ☒ NO ☐.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES ☒ NO ☐

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☒

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of “accelerated filer and large accelerated filer” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check One):

Large accelerated filer ☐ Accelerated filer ☒ Non-accelerated filer ☐ Smaller reporting company ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).  
YES ☐ NO ☒.

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of September 30, 2011 was \$193,363,554, based on the last sale price of such stock as quoted by The Nasdaq Stock Market on such date.

The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of May 1, 2012 was 3,754,538.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

Proxy Statement for Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held July 18, 2012 is incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K in response to Part III.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements regarding the plans and objectives of management for future operations. Any such forward-looking statements may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by any forward looking statements. Forward-looking statements which involve assumptions and describe our future plans, strategies and expectations are generally identifiable by use of the words “may,” “will,” “should,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “believe,” “intend” or “project” or the negative of these words or other variations on these words or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions that may be incorrect, and we cannot assure you that the projections included in these forward-looking statements will come to pass. Our actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including the factors discussed in Item 1A entitled “Risk Factors” in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include changes in the economy and future changes in laws or regulations and conditions in our operating areas.

We have based the forward-looking statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K on information available to us on the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements, unless we are required to do so by applicable law. However, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we may make directly to you or through reports that we in the future may file with the SEC, including subsequent annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

PART I

Item 1. Business

Overview

Capital Southwest Corporation ("CSC") was organized as a Texas corporation on April 19, 1961. Until September 1969, we operated as a licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. At that time, CSC transferred to our wholly-owned subsidiary, Capital Southwest Venture Corporation ("CSVC"), certain assets and our license as a small business investment company ("SBIC"). CSVC is a closed-end, non-diversified investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"). Prior to March 30, 1988, CSC was registered as a closed-end, non-diversified investment company under the 1940 Act. On that date, we elected to become a business development company ("BDC") subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act, as amended by the Small Business Incentive Act of 1980. Because CSC wholly owns CSVC, the portfolios of CSC and CSVC are referred to collectively as "our," "we" and "us." Capital Southwest Management Company ("CSMC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CSC, is the management company for CSC and CSVC. CSMC generally incurs all normal operating and administrative expenses, including, but not limited to, salaries and related benefits, rent, equipment and other administrative costs required for its day-to-day operations.

Our portfolio is a composite of companies, consisting of companies in which we have controlling interests, developing companies and marketable securities of established publicly traded companies. We make available significant managerial assistance to the companies in which we invest and believe that providing material assistance to such investee companies is critical to their business development activities.



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The 12 largest investments we own had a combined cost of \$49,252,842 and a value of \$529,313,328, representing 94.7% of the value of our consolidated investment portfolio at March 31, 2012. The following table illustrates our 12 largest investments at March 31, 2012. A full description of these investments is set forth under the heading “Consolidated Schedule of Investments” in Item 8.

	Cost	CSC Value
The RectorSeal Corporation	\$52,600	\$166,300,000
Encore Wire Corporation	5,800,000	121,458,210
Alamo Group Inc.	2,190,937	85,138,938
The Whitmore Manufacturing Company	1,600,000	67,200,000
Heelys, Inc.	102,490	20,498,082
Media Recovery, Inc.	5,415,000	18,700,000
Hologic, Inc.	220,000	13,637,271
Extreme International, Inc.	3,325,875	10,162,000
Trax Holdings, Inc.	8,200,000	9,800,000
Cinatra Clean Technologies, Inc.	13,563,842	6,002,348
CapStar Holdings Corporation	3,703,619	5,338,000
iMemories, Inc.	5,078,479	5,078,479
	\$49,252,842	\$529,313,328

## Investment Criteria and Objectives

We are a venture capital investment company whose objective is to achieve capital appreciation through long-term investments in businesses believed to have favorable growth potential. Our investment interests are focused on growth capital, management-led buyouts and acquisition in a broad range of industry segments.

Our investment team has identified the following investment criteria that we believe are important in evaluating prospective portfolio companies:

- **Excellent Management:** Management teams with a proven record of achievement, exceptional ability, unyielding determination and unquestionable integrity. We believe management teams with these attributes are more likely to manage the companies in a manner that protects our debt investment and enhances the value of our equity investment.
  - **Investment Size:** \$5 million to \$15 million of equity capital. We occasionally partner with other investors to engage in larger transactions.
- **Established Companies with Positive Cash Flow:** We generally seek to invest in established companies with sound historical financial performance. We typically focus on companies that have historically generated near positive EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) to \$10 million of EBITDA.
- **Industry:** We primarily focus on companies having competitive advantages in their respective markets and/or operating in industries with barriers to entry, which may help protect their market position. Overall, our portfolio is spread over many diverse industries.





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- Location: We focus on companies located in the United States, and we are most focused on the Southwest, Southeast, Midwest and Mountain Regions.
- Quality referral from a reputable source: Excellent management is the cornerstone of our investment philosophy; therefore, it is helpful if mutually-known parties reach out to us on behalf of prospective investments. Accomplished managers generally have prior investors or directors willing to speak on their behalf.

We provide a platform that enables successful operators to build businesses at their desired pace and on their terms. Our investment approach is distinctive because we:

- Provide long-term, patient capital for sustained growth. Our public ownership structure eliminates the pressure to exit our investments in the five to seven year timeframe typical of most venture capital and private equity partnerships. A third of our active investments have been held continuously for over 20 years.
- Leave control with current owners. We find that the best recipe for success is a committed management team with significant ownership. Over half of our active portfolio companies are minority holdings. When operating control and ownership control remain with the management team, they have the flexibility to execute plans that serve customers, employees and shareholders well for the long term.
- Have a time-tested business model. Many investment firms are first or second time funds – in other words, relatively unproven managers with unproven models. In contrast, we have partnered with over 160 companies to achieve superior returns for owners, management teams and investors for half a century.
- Always have funds to invest. Our significant capital base enables us to fund businesses today and in the future, should the need arise. Since we take our responsibility as partners seriously, we have provided follow-on financing for a number of our portfolio companies, often years after our initial investment.

## Investment Process

Our investment strategy involves a "team" approach, whereby potential transactions are screened by our investment team before they are presented to the Board of Directors for approval. Our investment team generally categorizes the investment process into seven distinctive stages:

- Deal Generation/Origination: Deal generation and origination is maximized through long-standing and extensive relationships with industry contacts, brokers, commercial and investment bankers, entrepreneurs, service providers, such as lawyers and accountants, as well as current and former portfolio companies and investors.

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- **Screening:** Once it is determined that a potential investment has met our investment criteria, we will perform preliminary due diligence or screening. It is during this stage that we will take into consideration potential investment structures and price terms, as well as regulatory compliance. Upon successful screening of the proposed investment, the investment team makes a recommendation to move forward. We then issue a non-binding term sheet.
  - **Term Sheet:** The non-binding term sheet will include the key economic terms based upon our analysis performed during the screening process as well as a proposed timeline and our qualitative expectation for the transaction. Upon execution of the term sheet, we begin our formal due diligence process.
- **Due Diligence:** Due diligence is performed by the leader of the designated investment team and certain external resources who together perform due diligence to understand the relationships among the prospective portfolio company's business plan, operations and financial performance. Additionally, we may include site visits with management and key personnel; detailed review of historical and projected financial statements; interviews with key customers and suppliers; detailed evaluation of company management, including background checks; review of material contracts; in-depth industry, market and strategy analysis; and review by legal, environmental or other consultants, if needed. In certain cases, we may decide not to make an investment based on the results of due diligence.
- **Document and Close:** Upon completion of a satisfactory due diligence review, our investment team presents its findings, in writing, to our Board of Directors for approval. If any adjustments to the investment terms or structures are proposed by our Board of Directors, such changes are made and applicable analysis is updated. Upon Board approval for the investment, we will re-confirm our regulatory company compliance, process and finalize all required legal documents and fund the investment.
- **Post-Investment:** We continuously monitor the status and progress of our portfolio companies. We offer managerial assistance to our portfolio companies, giving them access to our investment experience, direct industry expertise and contacts. The same investment team lead that was involved in the investment process will continue involvement in the portfolio company post-investment. This provides for continuity of knowledge and allows the investment team to maintain a strong business relationship with key management of our portfolio companies for post-investment assistance and monitoring purposes. As part of the monitoring process, our investment team leader will analyze monthly/quarterly/annual financial statements versus the previous periods, review financial projections, meet with management, attend board meetings and review all compliance certificates and covenants. While we maintain limited involvement in the ordinary course of operations of our portfolio companies, we maintain a higher level of involvement in non-ordinary course financings, potential acquisitions and other strategic activities.
- **Exit Strategies:** While our approach is primarily focused on providing long-term patient capital for sustained growth, we assist our portfolio companies in developing and planning exit opportunities, including any sale or merger of our portfolio companies, at the appropriate time. We assist in the structure, timing, execution and transition of the exit strategy.

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### Determination of Net Asset Value and Portfolio Valuation Process

We determine our net asset value per share on a quarterly basis. The net asset value per share is equal to our total assets minus liabilities divided by the total number of shares of common stock outstanding.

We determine in good faith the fair value of our portfolio investments pursuant to a valuation policy in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures ("ASC 820") and a valuation process approved by our Board of Directors and in accordance with the 1940 Act. Our valuation policy is intended to provide a consistent basis for determining the fair value of the portfolio.

As described below, we undertake a multi-step valuation process each quarter in connection with determining the fair value of our investments, with our Board of Directors ultimately and solely responsible for overseeing, reviewing and approving, in good faith, our estimate of the fair value of each individual investment.

- Our quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment team leader responsible for the portfolio investment; and
  - Preliminary valuation conclusions will then be reviewed and discussed with our investment team; and
- Our Board of Directors will assess the valuations and will ultimately approve the fair value of each investment in our portfolio, in good faith.

Our Board of Directors is ultimately and solely responsible for determining the fair value of portfolio investments on an annual basis. Annually, Duff & Phelps, LLC ("Duff & Phelps") provides third party valuation consulting services to our Board of Directors, which consists of certain limited procedures that our Board of Directors identifies and requests them to perform. For the year ended March 31, 2012, the Board of Directors asked Duff & Phelps to perform the limited procedures on six investments comprising approximately 85.8% of the total investments at fair value as of March 31, 2012. Upon completion of the limited procedures, Duff & Phelps concluded that the fair value of those investments, subject to the limited procedures, did not appear unreasonable.

### Competition

We compete for attractive investment opportunities with private equity funds, venture capital partnerships and corporations, venture capital affiliates of industrial and financial companies, SBICs and wealthy individuals. We believe we are able to be competitive with these entities primarily on the basis of the experience and contacts of our management team and our responsive and efficient investment analysis and decision-making processes; however, this competitive environment could have a material adverse effect on our ability to acquire attractive investments.

### Regulation

#### Regulation as a Business Development Company

We have elected to be regulated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act contains prohibitions and restrictions relating to transactions between BDCs and their affiliates, principal underwriters and affiliates of those affiliates or underwriters. The 1940 Act requires that a majority of the members of the board of directors of a BDC be persons other than "interested persons," as defined in the 1940 Act. In addition, the 1940 Act provides that we may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or to withdraw our election as, a BDC unless approved by a majority of our outstanding voting securities.



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The 1940 Act defines “a majority of the outstanding voting securities” as the lesser of (i) 67% or more of the voting securities present at a meeting if the holders of more than 50% of our outstanding voting securities are present or represented by proxy or (ii) more than 50% of our voting securities.

The following is a brief description of the 1940 Act provisions applicable to BDCs, which is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the 1940 Act and rules issued thereunder by the SEC.

- Generally, to be eligible to elect BDC status, a company must primarily engage in the business of furnishing capital and making significant managerial assistance available to companies that do not have ready access to compare through conventional financial channels. Such companies that satisfy certain additional criteria are defined as "eligible portfolio companies." In general, in order to qualify as a BDC, a company must: (i) be a domestic company; (ii) have registered a class of its securities pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; (iii) operate for the purpose of investing in the securities of certain types of portfolio companies, including early stage or emerging companies and businesses suffering or just recovering from financial distress (see following paragraph); (iv) make available significant managerial assistance to such portfolio companies; and (v) file a proper notice of election with the SEC.
- An eligible portfolio company generally is a domestic company that is not an investment company or a company excluded from investment company status pursuant to exclusions for certain types of financial companies (such as brokerage firms, banks, insurance companies and investment banking firms) and that: (i) does not have a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange; (ii) does have a class of equity securities listed on a national securities exchange with a market capitalization of less than \$250 million; or (iii) is controlled by the BDC itself or together with others (control under the 1940 Act is presumed to exist where a person owns at least 25% of the outstanding voting securities of the portfolio company) and has a representative on the Board of Directors of such company.
- We are required to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company to protect the BDC. Furthermore, as a BDC, we are prohibited from protecting any director or officer against any liability to us or our shareholders arising from willful malfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such person's office.
- We are required to adopt and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation of the federal securities laws, review these policies and procedures annually for their adequacy and the effectiveness of their implementation and designate a chief compliance officer to be responsible for administering these policies and procedures.

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### Qualifying Assets

The 1940 Act provides that we may not make an investment in non-qualifying assets unless at the time at least 70% of the value of our total assets (measured as of the date of our most recently filed financial statements) consists of qualifying assets. Qualifying assets include: (i) securities of eligible portfolio companies; (ii) securities of certain companies that were eligible companies at the time we initially acquired their securities and in which we retain a substantial interest; (iii) securities of certain controlled companies; (iv) securities of certain bankrupt, insolvent or distressed companies; (v) securities received in exchange for or distributed in or with respect to any of the foregoing; and (vi) cash items, U.S. government securities and high-quality short-term debt. The SEC has adopted a rule permitting a BDC to invest its funds in certain money market funds. The 1940 Act also places restrictions on the nature of the transactions in which, and the persons for whom, securities can be purchased in some instances in order for the securities to be considered qualifying assets.

### Managerial Assistance to Portfolio Companies

In order to count portfolio securities as qualifying assets for the purpose of the 70% test, we must either control the issuer of the securities or must offer to make available to the issuer of the securities (other than small and solvent companies described above) significant managerial assistance; except that, where we purchase such securities in conjunction with one or more other persons acting together, one of the other persons in the group may make available such managerial assistance. Making available managerial assistance means, among other things, any arrangement whereby the BDC, through its directors, officers or employees, offers to provide, and, if accepted, does so provide, significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company.

### Marketable Securities and Idle Funds Investments

Pending investments in “qualifying assets,” as described above, our investments may consist of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities, short-term investments in secured debt investments, independently rated debt investments and diversified bond funds, which we refer to, collectively, as marketable securities and idle funds investments, so that 70% of our assets are qualifying assets.

### Senior Securities

We are permitted by the 1940 Act, under specific conditions, to issue multiple classes of debt and a single class of preferred stock if our asset coverage, as defined by the 1940 Act, is at least 200% after the issuance of the debt or the preferred stock (i.e. such senior securities may not be in excess of our net assets). Under specific conditions, we are also permitted by the 1940 Act to issue warrants.

### Common Stock

Except under certain conditions, we may sell our securities at a price that is below the prevailing net asset value per share only during the 12-month period after (i) a majority of our directors and our disinterested investors have determined that such sale would be in the best interests of us and our stockholders and (ii) the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities and the holders of a majority of our voting securities held by persons who are not affiliated person of ours approve such issuances. A majority of the disinterested directors must determine in good faith that the price of the securities being sold is not less than a price which closely approximates market value of the securities, less any distribution discount or commission.



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### Code of Ethics

We adopted a code of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act that establishes procedures for personal investments and restricts certain personal securities transactions. Personnel subject to the code may invest in securities for their personal investment accounts including securities that may be purchased or held by us, so long as such investments are made in accordance with the code's requirements. Certain transactions involving certain persons closely related to us including our directors, officers and employees, may require approval of the SEC. However, the 1940 Act ordinarily does not restrict transactions between us and our portfolio companies.

We may be periodically examined by the SEC for compliance with the 1940 Act.

### Small Business Investment Company Regulations

CSVC is licensed by the Small Business Administration ("SBA") to operate as a SBIC under Section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

SBICs are designed to stimulate the flow of private equity capital to eligible small businesses. Under SBIC regulations, an SBIC may make loans to eligible small businesses, invest in equity securities of such businesses and provide them with consulting and advisory services.

Under current SBIC regulations, eligible small businesses generally include businesses that (together with their affiliates) have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$18 million and have average annual net income after federal income taxes not exceeding \$6 million (average net income to be computed without benefit of any carryover loss) for the two most recent fiscal years. In addition, an SBIC must devote 20% of its investment activity to "smaller" concerns as defined by the SBA. A smaller concern generally includes businesses that have a tangible net worth not exceeding \$6 million and have average annual net income after federal income taxes not exceeding \$2 million (average net income to be computed without benefit of any net carryover loss) for the two most recent fiscal years. SBIC regulations also provide alternative size standard criteria to determine eligibility for designation as an eligible small business or smaller concern, which criteria depend on the primary industry in which the business is engaged and are based on such factors as the number of employees and gross revenue. However, once an SBIC has invested in a company, it may continue to make follow on investments in the company, regardless of the size of the portfolio company at the time of the follow on investment, up to the time of the portfolio company's initial public offering.

The SBA prohibits an SBIC from providing funds to small businesses for certain purposes, such as relending and investment outside the United States, to businesses engaged in a few prohibited industries and to certain "passive" (non-operating) companies. In addition, without prior SBA approval, an SBIC may not invest an amount equal to more than approximately 30% of the SBIC's regulatory capital in any one portfolio company and its affiliates.

The SBA places certain limitations on the financing terms of investments by SBICs in portfolio companies (such as limiting the permissible interest rate on debt securities held by an SBIC in a portfolio company). Although prior regulations prohibited an SBIC from controlling a small business concern except in limited circumstances, regulations adopted by the SBA in 2002 now allow an SBIC to exercise control over a small business for a period of seven years from the date on which the SBIC initially acquires its control position. This control period may be extended for an additional period of time with the SBA's prior written approval.

The SBA restricts the ability of a SBIC to lend money to any of its officers, directors and employees or to invest in affiliates thereof. The SBA also prohibits, without prior SBA approval, a "change of control" of a SBIC or transfers that would result in any person (or a group of persons acting in concert) owning 10% or more of a class of capital stock of a licensed SBIC. A "change of control" is any event which would result in the transfer of the power, direct or



indirect, to direct the management and policies of a SBIC, whether through ownership, contractual arrangements or otherwise.

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An SBIC (or group of SBICs under common control) may generally have outstanding debentures guaranteed by the SBA in amounts up to twice the amount of the privately-raised funds of the SBIC(s). Debentures guaranteed by the SBA have a maturity of 10 years, require semi-annual payments of interest, do not require any principal payments prior to maturity and, historically, were subject to certain prepayment penalties. Those prepayment penalties no longer apply as of September 2006. As of March 31, 2012 and 2011, we had no SBA-guaranteed debentures.

SBICs must invest idle funds that are not being used to make loans in investments permitted under SBIC regulations in the following limited types of securities: (i) direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by, the United States government, which mature within 15 months from the date of the investment; (ii) repurchase agreements with federally insured institutions with a maturity of seven days or less (and the securities underlying the repurchase obligations must be direct obligations of or guaranteed by the federal government); (iii) certificates of deposit with a maturity of one year or less, issued by a federally insured institution; (iv) a deposit account in a federally insured institution that is subject to a withdrawal restriction of one year or less; (v) a checking account in a federally insured institution; or (vi) a reasonable petty cash fund.

SBICs are periodically examined and audited by the SBA's staff to determine their compliance with SBIC regulations and are periodically required to file forms with the SBA.

### Taxation as a Regulated Investment Company

We elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (a "RIC"), taxable under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), for federal income tax purposes. In general, a RIC is not taxed on its income or gains to the extent it distributes such income or gains to its shareholders. In order to qualify as a RIC, we must, in general, (1) annually derive at least 90% of our gross income from dividends, interest and gains from the sale of securities and similar sources (the "Income Source Rule"); (2) quarterly meet certain investment asset diversification requirements; and (3) annually distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income as a dividend (the "Income Distribution Rule"). Any taxable investment company income not distributed is subject to corporate level tax. Any taxable investment company income distributed generally is taxable to shareholders as dividend income.

In addition to the requirement that we must annually distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income, we may either distribute or retain our realized net capital gains from investments, but any net capital gains not distributed may be subject to corporate level tax. It is our current intention not to distribute net capital gains. Any net capital gains distributed generally will be taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gains.

In lieu of actually distributing our realized net capital gains, we as a RIC may retain all or part of our net capital gains and elect to be deemed to have made a distribution of the retained portion to our shareholders under the "designated undistributed capital gain" rules of the Code. We currently intend to retain and so designate all of our net capital gains. In this case, the "deemed distribution" generally is taxable to our shareholders as long-term capital gains. Although we pay tax at the corporate rate on the amount deemed to have been distributed, our shareholders receive a tax credit equal to their proportionate share of the tax paid and an increase in the tax basis of their shares by the amount per share retained by us.

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To the extent that we retain capital gains and have a "deemed distribution," each shareholder will receive an IRS Form 2439 that will reflect each shareholder's receipt of the deemed distribution income and a tax credit equal to each shareholder's proportionate share of the tax paid by us. This tax credit, which is paid at the corporate rate, is often credited at a higher rate than the actual tax due by a shareholder on the deemed distribution income. The "residual" credit can be used by the shareholder to offset other taxes due in that year or to generate a tax refund to the shareholder. Tax exempt investors may file for a refund.

Although we may retain income and gains subject to the limitations described above (including paying corporate level tax on such amounts), we could be subject to an additional 4% excise tax if we fail to distribute 98% of our aggregate annual taxable income.

## The NASDAQ Global Select Market Corporate Governance Regulations

The Nasdaq Global Select Market has adopted corporate governance regulations with which listed companies must comply in order to remain listed. We believe we are in compliance with such corporate governance listing standards. We intend to monitor our compliance with all future listing standards and to take all necessary actions to ensure that we stay in compliance.

## Securities Act of 1934 and Sarbanes-Oxley Act Compliance

We are subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), including the filing of quarterly, annual and current reports, proxy statements and other required items. In addition, we are subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which imposes a wide variety of regulatory requirements on publicly-held companies and their insiders. For example:

- pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Exchange Act, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are required to certify the accuracy of the financial statements contained in our periodic reports;
- pursuant to Item 307 of Regulation S-K, our periodic reports are required to disclose our conclusions about the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures;
- pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act, our management is required to prepare a report regarding its assessment of our internal control over financial reporting, and our independent registered public accounting firm separately audits our internal control over financial reporting; and
- pursuant to Item 308 of Regulation S-K and Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act, our periodic reports must disclose whether there were significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

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### Corporate information

Our principal executive offices are located at 12900 Preston Road, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75230. We maintain a Website on the Internet at [www.capitalsouthwest.com](http://www.capitalsouthwest.com). You can review the filings we have made with the SEC, free of charge by linking directly from our website to NASDAQ, a database that links to EDGAR, the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval System of the SEC. You may also use the site to access our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The public may read and copy materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that contains the reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. The charters adopted by the committees of our Board of Directors are also available on our website. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and you should not consider that information to be part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### Employees

As of March 31, 2012, we had fifteen employees, each of whom was employed by our management company, CSMC. These employees include our corporate officers, investment and portfolio management professionals and administrative staff. We will hire additional investment professionals and additional administrative personnel, as necessary. All of our employees are located in our Dallas office.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Investing in our common stock involves a number of significant risks. In addition to other information contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, investors should consider the following information before making an investment in our common stock. The risks and uncertainties described below decrease the material risks we face; However, risks and uncertainties not presently known to us, or not presently deemed material by us, may also impair our operations and performance. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. If that happens, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

#### RISKS RELATED TO ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The current state of the economy and financial markets increases the likelihood of adverse effects on our financial position and results of operations. Continued economic adversity could impair our portfolio companies' financial position and operating results and affect the industries in which we invest, which could, in turn, harm our operating results.

The broader economic fundamentals of the U.S. economy remain uncertain. Unemployment levels remain elevated and consumer fundamentals remain depressed, which has led to significant reductions in spending by both consumers and businesses. In the event that the U.S. economy remains depressed, it is likely that the financial results of small to mid-size companies, like those in which we invest, could experience deterioration or limited growth from current levels, which could ultimately lead to difficulty in meeting their debt service requirements and increase defaults. In addition, the end markets for certain of our portfolio companies' products and services have experienced negative economic trends. Consequently, we can provide no assurance that the performance of certain of our portfolio companies will not be negatively impacted by these economic and other conditions, which could also have a negative impact on our future results.



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RISKS RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS AND STRUCTURE

Our investment portfolio is and will continue to be recorded at fair value, with our Board of Directors having final responsibility for overseeing, reviewing and approving, in good faith, our estimate of fair value. As a result, there is and will continue to be uncertainty as to the value of our portfolio investments.

Under the 1940 Act, we are required to carry our portfolio investments at market value or, if there is no readily available market value, at fair value as determined by us, with our Board of Directors having final responsibility for overseeing, reviewing and approving, in good faith, our estimate of fair value. Typically, there is not a public market for the securities of the privately held companies in which we have invested and generally will continue to invest. As a result, we value these securities quarterly at fair value based on inputs from management and our investment team, along with the oversight, review and approval of our Board of Directors.

The determination of fair value and consequently, the amount of unrealized gains and losses in our portfolio, are to a certain degree, subjective and dependent on a valuation process approved by our Board of Directors. Certain factors that may be considered in determining the fair value of our investments include external events, such as private mergers, sales and acquisitions involving comparable companies. Because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuation of portfolio securities which do not have readily ascertainable market values, our fair value determinations may differ materially from the values a third party would be willing to pay for such securities or the values which would be applicable to unrestricted securities having a public market. Due to this uncertainty, our fair value determinations may cause our net asset value on a given date to be materially understated or overstate the value that we may ultimately realize on one or more of our investments. As a result, investors purchasing our common stock based on an overstated net asset value may pay a higher price than the value of our investments might warrant. Conversely, investors selling shares during a period in which the net asset value understates the value of our investments may receive a lower price for their shares than the value of our investments might warrant.

Our financial condition and results of operations will depend on our ability to effectively manage any future growth and deploy capital.

Our ability to achieve our investment objective of maximizing our portfolio's total return by generating income from our debt investments and capital appreciation from our equity and equity-related investments depends on our ability to effectively manage and deploy capital, which depends, in turn, on our investment team's ability to identify, evaluate and monitor, and our ability to finance and invest in, companies that meet our investment criteria.

Accomplishing our investment objective on a cost-effective basis is largely a function of our investment team's handling of the investment process, its ability to provide competent, attentive and effective services and our access to investments offering acceptable terms. In addition to monitoring the performance of our existing investments, members of our investment team are called upon, from time to time, to provide managerial assistance to some of our portfolio companies. These demands on their time may distract them and slow the rate of investment.

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Even if we are able to grow and build upon our investment operations, any failure to manage or sustain our growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. The results of our operations will depend on many factors, including the availability of opportunities for investment, readily accessible short and long-term funding alternatives in the financial markets and economic conditions. Furthermore, if we cannot successfully operate our business or implement our investment policies and strategies as described herein, it could negatively impact our ability to pay dividends.

Sustaining growth depends on our ability to identify, evaluate, finance, and invest in companies that meet our investment criteria. Accomplishing such results on a cost-effective basis is a function of our marketing capabilities and skillful management of the investment process. Failure to achieve future growth could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. The results of our operations will depend on many factors, including the availability of opportunities for investment, readily accessible short and long-term funding alternatives in the financial markets and economic conditions. Furthermore, if we cannot successfully operate our business or implement our investment policies and strategies as described herein, it could negatively impact our ability to pay dividends.

If we fail to invest our capital effectively, our return on equity may be decreased, which could reduce the price of the shares of our common stock.

We operate in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities.

We compete for attractive investment opportunities with private equity funds, venture capital partnerships and corporations, venture capital affiliates of industrial and financial companies, SBICs and wealthy individuals. Some of these competitors are substantially larger and have greater financial, technical and marketing resources, and some are subject to different and frequently less stringent regulations. As a result of this competition, we may not be able to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities from time to time and there can be no assurance that we will be able to identify and make investments that satisfy our objectives. A significant increase in the number and/or size of our competitors in our target market could force us to accept less attractive investment terms. Furthermore, many of our competitors are not subject to the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on us as a BDC.

We are dependent upon management for our future success.

Selection, structuring and closing our investments depends upon the diligence and skill of our management, which is responsible for identifying, evaluating, negotiating, monitoring and disposing of our investments. Our management's capabilities may significantly impact our results of operations. If we lose any member of our management team and he/she cannot be promptly replaced with an equally capable team member, we may not be able to operate our business as we expect and our ability to compete could be harmed, which could cause our operating results to suffer.

Our success depends on attracting and retaining qualified personnel in a competitive environment.

Our growth will require that we retain new investment and administrative personnel in a competitive environment. Our ability to attract and retain personnel with the requisite credentials, experience and skills depends on several factors, including but not limited to, our ability to offer competitive wages, benefits and professional growth opportunities.

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The competitive environment for qualified personnel may require us to take certain measures to ensure that we are able to attract and retain experienced personnel. Such measures may include increasing the attractiveness of our overall compensation packages, altering the structure of our compensation packages through the use of additional forms of compensation or other steps. The inability to attract and retain experienced personnel would have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our business model depends to a significant extent upon strong referral relationships, and our inability to maintain or develop these relationships, as well as the failure of these relationships to generate investment opportunities, could adversely affect our business.

We expect that members of our management team will maintain their relationships with intermediaries, financial institutions, investment bankers, commercial bankers, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, consultants and other individuals within our network, and we will rely to a significant extent upon these relationships to provide us with potential investment opportunities. If our management team fails to maintain its existing relationships or develop new relationships with sources of investment opportunities, we will not be able to grow our investment portfolio. In addition, individuals with whom members of our management team have relationships are not obligated to provide us with investment opportunities, and therefore, there is no assurance that such relationships will generate investment opportunities for us.

We will be subject to corporate-level income tax if we are unable to qualify as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

To maintain RIC tax treatment under the Code, we must meet the following annual distribution, income source and asset diversification requirements:

- The annual distribution requirement for a RIC will be satisfied if we distribute to our stockholders on an annual basis at least 90% of our net ordinary income and realized short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any. Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year distributions into the next year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income. Any such carryover taxable income must be distributed through a dividend declared prior to filing the final tax return related to the year which generated such taxable income.
- The source of income requirement will be satisfied if we obtain 90% of our income for each year from distributions, interest, gains from the sale of stock or securities or similar sources.
- The asset diversification requirement will be satisfied if we meet certain asset diversification requirements at the end of each quarter of our taxable year. To satisfy this requirement, at least 50% of the value of our assets must consist of cash, cash equivalents, U.S Government securities, securities of other RICs, and other acceptable securities; no more than 25% of the value of our assets can be invested in the securities, other than U.S Government securities or securities of other RICs, of two or more issuers that are controlled, as determined under applicable Code rules, by us and that are engaged in the same or similar or related trades or businesses or of certain “qualified publicly traded partnerships.”



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Failure to meet these requirements may result in us having to dispose of certain unqualified investments quickly in order to prevent the loss of RIC status. If we fail to maintain RIC tax treatment for any reason and are subject to corporate income tax, the resulting corporate taxes could substantially reduce our net assets, the amount of income available for distribution and the amount of our distributions. In addition, to the extent we had unrealized gains, we would have to establish deferred tax liabilities for taxes, which would reduce our net asset value accordingly. In addition, our shareholders would lose the tax credit realized when we, as a RIC, decide to retain the net realized capital gain and make deemed distributions of net realized capital gains, and pay taxes on behalf of our shareholders at the end of the tax year. The loss of this pass-through tax treatment could have a material adverse effect on the total return, if any, obtainable from an investment in our common stock.

We may not be able to pay you dividends, our dividends may not grow over time and a portion of our dividends paid to you may be a return of capital.

We intend to pay semi-annual dividends to our shareholders out of assets legally available for distribution. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results that will allow us to pay a specified level of cash dividends, previously projected dividends for future periods or year-to-year increases in cash dividends. Our ability to pay dividends might be adversely affected by, among other things, the impact of one or more of the risk factors described herein. In addition, the inability to satisfy the asset coverage test applicable to us as a BDC could limit our ability to pay dividends. All dividends will be paid at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon our earnings, our financial condition, maintenance of our RIC status, compliance with applicable BDC regulations, CSVC's compliance with applicable SBIC regulations and such other factors as our Board of Directors may deem relevant from time to time. We cannot assure you that we will pay dividends to our shareholders in the future.

Historically, we have retained net realized capital gains, paid the resulting tax at the corporate level and retained the after-tax gains to supplement our equity capital and support continuing additions to our portfolio. Our shareholders then report such capital gains on their tax returns, receive credit for the tax we paid and are deemed to have reinvested the amount of the retained after-tax gain. We cannot assure you that we will achieve investment results or maintain a RIC tax status that will allow any specified level of cash distributions or our shareholders' current tax treatment of realized and retained capital gains.

We may in the future choose to pay dividends in our own stock, in which case you may be required to pay tax in excess of the cash received.

We may distribute taxable dividends that are payable in part in our stock as well as stock in any of our other public holdings. Under an IRS revenue procedure, up to 90% of any such taxable dividend declared on or before December 31, 2013 with respect to taxable years ended on or before December 31, 2012 could be payable in our stock. Where the IRS revenue procedure is not currently applicable, the IRS has also issued private letter rulings on cash and stock dividends paid by RICs and real estate investment trusts using a 20% cash standard (and, more recently, the 10% cash standard of the above-referenced IRS revenue procedure) if certain requirements are satisfied. Taxable shareholders receiving such dividends will be required to include the full amount of the dividend as ordinary income (or as long-term capital gain to the extent such distributions is properly designated as a capital gain dividend) to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits for United States federal income tax purposes. As a result, a U.S. shareholder may be required to pay tax with respect to such dividends in excess of any cash received. If a U.S. shareholder sells the stock it receives as a dividend in order to pay this tax, the sales proceeds may be less than the amount included in income with respect to the dividend, depending on the market price of our stock at the time of the sale. Furthermore, with respect to non-U.S. shareholders, we may be required to withhold U.S. tax with respect to such dividends, including in respect of all or a portion of such dividend that is payable in stock. In addition, if a significant number of our shareholders determine to sell shares of our stock in order to pay taxes owed on dividends, it may put downward pressure on the trading price of our stock.



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Because we intend to distribute substantially all of our net ordinary income to our shareholders to maintain our status as a RIC, we may need additional capital to finance our growth.

In order to satisfy the requirements applicable to a RIC and to minimize corporate-level taxes, we intend to distribute to our shareholders substantially all of our net ordinary income. We may carry forward excess undistributed taxable income into the next year, net of the 4% excise tax. Any such carryover taxable income must be distributed through a dividend declared prior to filing the final tax return related to the year which generated such taxable income.

Accordingly, in the event that we develop a need for additional capital in the future to sustain or grow our operations or for any other reason, we cannot assure you that any sources for such funding will be available to us for potential capital needs in the future. If additional funds are not available to us, we could be forced to curtail or cease new investment activities, and our net asset value could decline.

Changes in laws or regulations governing our operations or our failure to comply with those laws or regulations may adversely affect our business.

We and our portfolio companies are subject to regulation by laws at the local, state and federal level. These laws and regulations, as well as their interpretation, may be changed from time to time. Accordingly, any changes in these laws and regulations or failure to comply with them could have a material adverse effect on our business. Certain of these laws and regulations pertain specifically to BDCs such as us.

Terrorist attacks, act of war or natural disasters may affect any market for our common stock, impact the businesses in which we invest and harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

Terrorist attacks, acts of war or natural disasters may disrupt our operations, as well as the operations of the businesses in which we invest. Such acts have created, and continue to create, economic and political uncertainties and have contributed to global economic instability. Future terrorist activities, military or security operations, or natural disasters could further weaken the domestic/global economies and create additional uncertainties, which may negatively impact the businesses in which we invest directly or indirectly and, in turn, could have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results and financial condition. Losses from terrorist attacks and natural disasters are generally uninsurable.

## RISKS RELATED TO OUR INVESTMENTS

Our investments in portfolio companies involve higher levels of risk, and we could lose all or part of our investment.

Investing in our portfolio companies involves a number of significant risks. Among other things, these companies:

- may have limited financial resources and may be unable to meet their obligations under their debt instruments that we hold, which may be accompanied by a deterioration in the value of any collateral and a reduction in the likelihood of us realizing any guarantees from subsidiaries or affiliates of our portfolio companies that we may have obtained in connection with our investment, as well as a corresponding decrease in the value of the equity components of our investments;

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- may have shorter operating histories, narrower product lines, smaller market shares and/or significant customer concentrations than larger businesses, which tend to render them more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns;
- are more likely to depend on the management talents and efforts of a small group of persons; therefore, the death, disability, resignation, termination, or significant under-performance of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse impact on our portfolio company and, in turn, on us;
- may have less predictable operating results, may from time to time be parties to litigation, may be engaged in rapidly changing businesses with products subject to a substantial risk of obsolescence and may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, finance expansion or maintain their competitive position; and
  - may have less publicly available information about their businesses, operations and financial condition. We are required to rely on the ability of our management team and investment professionals to obtain adequate information to evaluate the potential returns from investing in these companies. If we are unable to uncover all material information about these companies, we may not make a fully informed investment decision and may lose all or part of our investment.

In addition, in the course of providing significant managerial assistance to certain of our portfolio companies, certain of our officers and directors may serve as directors on the boards of such companies. To the extent that litigation arises out of our investments in these companies, our officers and directors may be named as defendants in such litigation, which could result in an expenditure of funds (through our indemnification of such officers and directors) and the diversion of management's time and resources.

We may not have the funds or ability to make additional investments in our portfolio companies.

We may not have the funds or ability to make additional investments in our portfolio companies. After our initial investment in a portfolio company, we may be called upon from time to time to provide additional funds to such company or have the opportunity to increase our investment through the exercise of a warrant to purchase common stock. There is no assurance that we will make, or will have sufficient funds to make, follow-on investments. Any decisions not to make a follow-on investment or any inability on our part to make such an investment may have a negative impact on a portfolio company in need of such an investment, may result in a missed opportunity for us to increase our participation in a successful operation or may reduce the expected yield on the investment.

Certain of our portfolio companies are highly leveraged.

Some of our portfolio companies have incurred substantial indebtedness in relation to their overall capital base. Such indebtedness often has terms that will require the balance of the loan to be refinanced when it matures. If portfolio companies cannot generate adequate cash flow to meet the principal and interest payments on their indebtedness, the value of our investments could be reduced or eliminated through foreclosure on the portfolio company's assets or by the portfolio company's reorganization or bankruptcy.

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Defaults by our portfolio companies may harm our operating results.

A portfolio company's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by us or other lenders could lead to non-payment of interest and other defaults and, potentially, termination of its loans and foreclosure on its secured assets, which could trigger cross-defaults under other agreements and jeopardize a portfolio company's ability to meet its obligations under the debt or equity securities that we hold. We may incur expenses to the extent necessary to seek recovery upon default or to negotiate new terms, which may include the waiver of certain financial covenants, with a defaulting portfolio company.

There is limited publicly available information regarding the companies in which we invest.

Many of the securities in our portfolio are issued by privately held companies. There is generally little or no publicly available information about such companies, and we must rely on the diligence of our management to obtain the information necessary for our decision to invest. There can be no assurance that such diligence efforts will uncover all material information necessary to make fully informed investment decisions.

Potential sales of large volume of publicly traded companies' stocks could have an adverse effect on our ultimate gain.

In March 2012, Form S-3 registration statements of Alamo Group, Inc. (NYSE: ALG), Encore Wire Corporation (NASDAQ: WIRE) and Heelys Inc. (NASDAQ: HLYS) were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). As a result of these registrations becoming effective with the SEC, restrictions in the sale of the common stock of these companies imposed by Rule 144 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933 were lifted, and valuation discounts previously applied to these holdings were removed. Due to our ownership of a large number of shares of the stocks and fluctuation in the trading prices, sales of these stocks may be traded at a discount to fair market value. Sales may also be limited by unfavorable market conditions. The size of our investments may preclude or delay the disposition of such securities. Our potential sales of these stocks could have an adverse impact on the price of these stocks and subsequently affect the potential gain we could receive from the sales.

## RISKS RELATING TO OUR COMMON STOCK

Investment in shares of our common stock should not be considered a complete investment program.

Our stock is intended for investors seeking long-term capital appreciation. Our investments in portfolio securities generally require many years to reach maturity, and such investments generally are illiquid. An investment in our shares should not be considered a complete investment program. Each prospective purchaser should take into account his or her investment objectives as well as his or her other investments when considering the purchase of our shares.

Our common stock often trades at a discount from net asset value.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Market ("NASDAQ"). Shareholders desiring liquidity may sell their shares on NASDAQ at current market value, which has often been below net asset value. Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at discounts from net asset value, which is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that a fund's performance will cause its net asset value to decrease.

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The market price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly.

The market price and marketability of shares of our common stock may from time to time be significantly affected by numerous factors, including:

- our investment results;
- market conditions;
- departure of our key personnel;
- changes in regulatory policies, accounting pronouncements or tax guidelines, particularly with respect to RICs, BDCs or SBICs; and
- other influences and events over which we have no control and that may not be directly related to us.

### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

We have no unresolved comments from the staff of the SEC.

### Item 2. Properties

We maintain our offices at 12900 Preston Road, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75230, where we rent approximately 7,250 square feet of office space pursuant to a lease agreement expiring in September 2014. We believe that our offices are adequate to meet our current and expected future needs.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We may, from time to time, be involved in litigation arising out of our operations in the normal course of business or otherwise. Furthermore, third parties may try to seek to impose liability on us in connection with the activities of our portfolio companies. We have no current pending legal proceedings to which we are a party or to which any of our assets is subject.

### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable.

## PART II

### Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

#### PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND HOLDERS

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "CSWC." The following high and low selling prices for shares during each quarter of the last two fiscal years were taken from quotations provided to the Company by NASDAQ:

Quarter Ended	High	Low
March 31, 2012	\$ 96.46	\$ 81.42
December 31, 2011	92.10	70.07
September 30, 2011	101.67	71.79
June 30, 2011	98.26	89.90

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March 31, 2011	\$	104.81	\$ 89.14
December 31, 2010		111.01	90.47
September 30, 2010		93.50	86.25
June 30, 2010		96.61	84.26

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## DIVIDENDS

The payment dates and amounts of cash dividends per share since April 1, 2009 are as follows:

Payment Date	Cash Dividend
May 29, 2009	\$ 0.40
November 30, 2009	0.40
May 28, 2010	0.40
November 30, 2010	0.40
May 31, 2011	0.40
November 30, 2011	0.40

The amounts and timing of cash dividend payments have generally been dictated by requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") regarding the distribution of taxable net investment income (ordinary income) of regulated investment companies. Instead of distributing realized long-term capital gains to shareholders, the Company has ordinarily elected to retain such gains to fund future investments.

## Performance Graph

The following graph compares our cumulative total shareholder return during the last five years (based on the market price of our common stock and assuming reinvestment of all dividends and tax credits on retained long-term capital gains) with the Total Return Index for NASDAQ (U.S. companies) and with the Total Return Index for Nasdaq Financial Stocks. Both indices were provided by NASDAQ.

## Comparison of Five Year Cumulative Total Returns



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## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following table provides selected financial data relating to our historical financial condition and results of operations as of and for each of the years ended March 31, 2008 through 2012. This data should be read in conjunction with Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the consolidated financial statements and related notes.

Selected Consolidated Financial Data  
(In thousands except per share data)

Financial Position (as of March 31)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Investments at cost	\$88,993	\$98,355	\$100,023	\$89,339	\$81,027
Unrealized appreciation	469,553	390,918	377,920	307,296	466,544
Investments at market or fair value	558,546	489,273	477,943	396,635	547,571
Total assets	632,989	543,214	491,175	417,543	586,685
Net assets	628,706	539,233	486,926	415,263	583,700
Shares outstanding	3,755	3,753	3,741	3,741	3,889

Changes in Net Assets  
(years ended March 31)

Net investment income	\$2,544	\$1,804	\$2,091	\$10,183	\$3,715
Net realized gain on investments	10,578	38,885	826	10,756	240
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation before distributions*	78,635	12,999	70,624	(159,246 )	(142,969 )
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations before distributions	91,757	53,688	73,541	(138,307 )	(139,014 )
Cash dividends paid	(3,003 )	(2,994 )	(2,993 )	(12,257 )	(2,333 )
Employee stock options exercised	99	745	—	—	231
Stock option expense	1050	957	675	503	263
Change in pension plan funded status	(430 )	(88 )	440	(1,473 )	(1,178 )
Treasury stock	—	—	—	(16,903 )	—
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$89,473	\$52,308	\$71,663	\$(168,437 )	\$(142,031 )

Per share data  
(as of March 31)

Net assets	\$167.45	\$143.68	\$130.14	\$110.98	\$150.09
Closing market price	94.55	91.53	90.88	76.39	123.72
Cash dividends paid	.80	.80	.80	3.26	.60

\*See Note 3 Investments.

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### Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Statements we make in the following discussion which express a belief, expectation or intention, as well as those that are not historical fact, are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Our actual results, performance or achievements, or industry results, could differ materially from those we express in the following discussion as a result of a variety of factors, including the risks and uncertainties we have referred to under the headings "Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risks Factors" in Part I of this report.

#### Results of Operations

The composite measure of our financial performance in the Consolidated Statements of Operations is captioned "Increase in net assets from operations" and consists of three elements. The first is "Net investment income," which is the difference between income from interest, dividends and fees and our combined operating and interest expenses, net of applicable income taxes. The second element is "Net realized gain (loss) on investments," which is the difference between the proceeds received from the disposition of portfolio securities and their stated cost, net of applicable income tax expense based on our tax year. The third element is the "Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation of investments," which is the net change in the market or fair value of our investment portfolio, compared with stated cost. It should be noted that the "Net realized gain (loss) on investments" and "Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation of investments" are directly related in that when an appreciated portfolio security is sold to realize a gain, a corresponding decrease in net unrealized appreciation occurs by transferring the gain associated with the transaction from being "unrealized" to being "realized." Conversely, when a loss is realized on a depreciated portfolio security, an increase in net unrealized appreciation occurs.

#### Net Investment Income

For the year ended March 31, 2012, total investment income was \$9,334,236, a \$1,766,089, or 23.3%, increase over the \$7,568,147 of total investment income for the year ended March 31, 2011. This comparable period increase was primarily attributable to a \$1,288,170 or 23.7% increase in dividend income and a \$616,042 or 45.1% increase in interest income, partially offset by a \$138,122 or 17.9% decrease in management and director fee income. For the year ended March 31, 2011, total investment income was \$7,568,147, a \$1,458,841, or 23.9%, increase over the \$6,109,306 of total investment income for the year ended March 31, 2010. This comparable period increase was primarily attributable to a \$1,643,591 or 43.4% increase in dividend income and a \$319,271 or 30.6% increase in interest income, partially offset by a \$504,921 or 39.5% decrease in management and director fee income.

Our principal objective is to achieve capital appreciation. Therefore, a significant portion of the investment portfolio is structured to maximize the potential return from equity participation and provides minimal current yield in the form of interest or dividends. We also earn interest income from the short-term investment of cash funds, and the annual amount of such income varies based upon the average level of funds invested during the year and fluctuations in short-term interest rates. During the three years ended March 31, we also had interest income from temporary cash investments of \$52,477 in 2012, \$59,642 in 2011 and \$19,618 in 2010.

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We also receive management fees primarily from our controlled affiliated investments which aggregated \$564,050 in 2012, \$695,567 in 2011 and \$984,800 in 2010. As compared to the period ended March 31, 2011, management fees for the year ended March 31, 2012 decreased by \$131,517 or 18.9%, primarily due to the sale of Lifemark Group, which was offset by increase in management fees from Trax Holdings and Instawares Holding Company, LLC. As compared to March 31, 2010, management fees for the year ended March 31, 2011 decreased by \$289,233 or 29.4%, primarily due to the sale of Lifemark Group in June 2010.

During the three years ended March 31 2012, we recorded dividend income from the following sources:

	Years Ended March 31		
	2012	2011	2010
Alamo Group, Inc.	\$679,632	\$679,272	\$679,272
Balco, Inc.	—	1,817,503	—
Dennis Tool Company	—	—	33,333
Encore Wire Corporation	326,940	326,940	326,940
The RectorSeal Corporation	4,442,512	2,021,829	2,117,870
TCI Holdings, Inc.	81,270	81,270	81,270
The Whitmore Manufacturing Company	1,110,628	505,457	529,467
Other	79,459	—	20,528
	\$6,720,441	\$5,432,271	\$3,788,680

Due to the nature of our business, the majority of our Company's operating expenses are related to employee and director compensation, office expenses, legal, professional and accounting fees and the net pension benefit. Total operating expenses, increased by \$1,033,836 or 18.3% during the year ended March 31, 2012, while total operating expenses increased by \$1,735,100 or 44.4% during the year ended March 31, 2011. The increase in 2012 is due primarily to salary increases, bonuses paid, stock options granted, rent increase and an increase in legal and other professional fees. The increase in 2011 is due primarily to the creation of two new officer positions, as well as bonuses paid, stock option granted, and an increase in remediation costs related to the Bowie Plant, a prior portfolio holding.

#### Net Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments

Net realized gain on investments was \$10,577,944 (after income tax expense of \$1,248,932) during the year ended March 31, 2012, compared with a gain of \$38,885,026 (after income tax expense of \$24,577,557) during fiscal 2011 and a gain of \$1,639,994 (after income tax expense of \$814,503) during fiscal 2010.

During the twelve months ended March 31, 2012, we sold Phi Health, Inc. on June 29, 2011 for \$38,959 resulting in a realized loss of \$5,910,655. On September 9, 2011, All Components was sold for \$18,000,000, resulting in a realized gain of \$17,850,000. We also sold all of our shares of common stock of Texas Capital Bancshares, Inc. in November, resulting in a realized gain of \$9,866,335. On December 5, 2011, Palm Harbor Homes Inc. filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy in state of Delaware; therefore, we subsequently wrote off this investment of \$10,931,955.

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Net realized gain on investments was \$38,885,026 (after income tax expense of \$24,577,557) during the year ended March 31, 2011, compared with a gain of \$1,639,994 (after income tax expense of \$814,503) during fiscal 2010. During the twelve months ended March 31, 2011, we sold all of our shares of common stock of Lifemark Group to NorthStar Memorial Group LLC resulting in net cash proceeds of \$70,547,210 and \$3,703,619 of real estate and assets, which were directly transferred to CapStar Holdings Corporation, our controlled affiliate created to hold assets transferred from Lifemark Group at time of sale. Transfer taxes in the amount of \$1,218,855 related to the transfer of real estate were deducted from the realized gain on the Lifemark transaction.

Management does not attempt to maintain a consistent level of realized gains from year to year, but instead attempts to maximize total investment portfolio appreciation. This strategy often dictates the long-term holding of portfolio securities in pursuit of increased values and increased unrealized appreciation, but may at opportune times dictate realizing gains or losses through the disposition of certain portfolio investments.

#### Net Increase/(Decrease) in Unrealized Appreciation of Investments

For the three years ended March 31, 2012, we recorded an increase in unrealized appreciation of investments of \$78,634,914 in 2012, an increase in unrealized appreciation of investments of \$12,998,532 in 2011 and an increase in unrealized appreciation of investments of \$70,624,231 in 2010, in each case compared to the prior fiscal year. This change in unrealized appreciation of investments for the year ended March 31, 2011 includes a \$66,489,600 reduction related to the aforementioned sale of Lifemark Group. Excluding the Lifemark Group, net unrealized appreciation of investments for the year ended March 31, 2011 increased by \$79,488,132. As explained in the first paragraph of “Results of Operations” above, the realization of gains or losses results in a corresponding decrease or increase in unrealized appreciation of investments. Set forth in the following table are the significant increases and decreases in unrealized appreciation excluding the effect of gains or losses realized during the year by the portfolio company for securities held at the end of each year.

	Years Ended March 31		
	2012	2011	2010
Alamo Group, Inc.	\$22,872,338	\$19,812,100	\$19,812,100
Encore Wire Corporation	39,723,210	14,303,625	2,043,375
Heelys, Inc.	1,304,723	(652,211 )	5,869,905
The Whitmore Manufacturing Company	11,600,000	8,100,000	11,500,000
The RectorSeal Corporation	21,600,000	24,500,000	13,000,000

As shown in the table for the year ended March 31, 2012, we recognized significant increases in several of our largest investments. The largest increases in unrealized appreciation are attributable to Encore Wire Corporation, which increased \$39,723,210 and Alamo Group, which increased \$22,872,338. In March 2012, Form S-3 registration statements of Alamo Group, Inc. (NYSE: ALG), Encore Wire Corporation (NASDAQ: WIRE), and Heelys Inc. (NASDAQ: HLYS) were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. As a result of these registrations becoming effective, restrictions of the common stock of these companies imposed by Rule 144 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933 were lifted, and discounts on these common stocks were subsequently removed. Due to these recent registrations with the SEC, Encore Wire Corporation, Alamo Group Inc. and Heelys Inc. common stock was transferred from Level 3 to Level 1 under the fair value hierarchy of ASC 820. On March 13, 2012, Encore’s registration statement became effective. As a result, Encore’s fair value is equivalent to the company’s closing bid price of \$29.72 per share on March 31, 2012. Alamo’s registration statement became effective March 28, 2012. As a result, Alamo’s fair value is equivalent to the company’s closing bid price of \$30.06 per share on March 31, 2012.



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In addition, unrealized appreciation in RectorSeal Corporation and Whitmore Manufacturing Company increased \$21,600,000 and \$11,600,000, respectively, due to improved earnings; Heelys, Inc. increased \$1,304,723 due to recent Form S-3 registration statement filed with the SEC. On April 17, 2012, Heelys' registration statement became effective. As a result, Heelys' fair value is equivalent to the company's closing bid price of \$2.20 per share (See Note 3 Investments).

A description of the investments listed above and other material components of the investment portfolio are included elsewhere in this report under the caption "Consolidated Schedule of Investments – March 31, 2012 and 2011" in Item 8 "Financial Statements and Supplemental Data."

## Portfolio Investments

During the year ended March 31, 2012, we invested a total of \$13,377,408. During the year ended March 31, 2011, we invested \$17,136,824 (\$10,519,954 in cash and \$6,616,870 non-cash, consisting of \$3,707,619 in transferred real estate and assets from sale of Lifemark Group, Inc. and \$2,913,251 in preferred stock in Phi Health, Inc. resulting from the conversion of CMI Holding Company, Inc. notes as part of its friendly foreclosure transaction). In various portfolio securities listed elsewhere under the caption "Portfolio Changes During the Year Ended March 31, 2012," which also lists dispositions of portfolio securities. During the 2010 fiscal year, the Company invested a total of \$17,234,456.

## Financial Liquidity and Capital Resources

At March 31, 2012, we had cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$64.9 million. Pursuant to the SBA regulations, cash and cash equivalents of \$3.2 million held by CSVC may not be transferred or advanced to CSC without the consent of the SBA.

With the exception of a capital gain distribution made in the form of a distribution of the stock of a portfolio company in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996, we elected to retain all gains realized during its 50 years of operations. Retention of future gains is viewed as an important source of funds to sustain our investment activity. Approximately \$240 million of our investment portfolio is represented by unrestricted publicly traded securities and represents a source of liquidity as of March 31, 2012.

Funds to be used by us for operating or investment purposes may be transferred in the form of dividends or management fees from The RectorSeal Corporation and The Whitmore Manufacturing Company, controlled affiliates of the Company, to the extent of their available cash reserves and borrowing capacities.

Management believes that our cash and cash equivalents and cash available from other sources described above are adequate to meet our expected requirements. Consistent with our long-term strategy, the disposition of investments from time to time may also be an important source of funds for future investment activities.

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## Contractual Obligations

As shown below, we had the following contractual obligations as of March 31, 2012. For information on our capital commitments, see Note 9 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Contractual Obligations	Payments Due By Period (In thousands)			
	Total	1 Year	2-3 Years	More Than 3 Years
Operating lease obligations	\$333	\$133	\$200	\$—

## Critical Accounting Policies

## Valuation of Investments

In accordance with the Investment Company Act of 1940, investments in unrestricted securities (freely marketable securities having readily available market quotations) are valued at market, and investments in restricted securities (securities subject to one or more resale restrictions) are valued at fair value determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. Under our valuation policy, unrestricted securities are valued at the closing sale price for NYSE listed securities and at the lower of the closing bid price or the last sale price for Nasdaq securities on the valuation date.

Among the factors considered by our Board of Directors in determining the fair value of restricted securities are the financial condition and operating results of the issuer, the long-term potential of the business of the issuer, the market for and recent sales prices of the issuer's securities, the values of similar securities issued by companies in similar businesses, the proportion of the issuer's securities owned by us. Valuations as of any particular date, however, are not necessarily indicative of amounts which may ultimately be realized as a result of future sales or other dispositions of securities.

## Impact of Inflation

We do not believe that our business is materially affected by inflation, other than the impact which inflation may have on the securities markets, the valuations of business enterprises and the relationship of such valuations to underlying earnings, all of which will influence the value of our investments.

## BDC Risks

Pursuant to Section 64(b)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, a BDC is required to describe the risk factors involved in an investment in the securities of such company due to the nature of the company's investment portfolio. Accordingly we state that:

Our objective is to achieve capital appreciation through investments in businesses believed to have favorable growth potential. Such businesses are often undercapitalized small companies which lack management depth and have not yet attained profitability. Our venture investments often include securities which do not yield interest or dividends and are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale, which restrictions adversely affect the liquidity and marketability of such securities.

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Because of the speculative nature of our investments and the lack of any market for the securities initially purchased by us, there is a significantly greater risk of loss than is the case with traditional investment securities. The high-risk, long-term nature of our venture investment activities may prevent shareholders of our Company from achieving price appreciation and dividend distributions.

## Portfolio Changes During the Year Ended March 31, 2012

## New Investments and Additions to Previous Investments

	Amount
Ballast Point Ventures II, L.P.	\$ 525,000
BankCap Partners Fund I, L.P.	46,200
Capital South Partners Fund III, L.P.	500,000
Cinatra Clean Technologies, Inc.	3,550,454
Discovery Alliance, LLC	280,000
iMemories, Inc.	78,479
Instawares Holding Company, LLC	5,000,000
Phi Health, Inc.	197,275
Trax Holdings, Inc.	3,200,000
	\$ 13,377,408

## Dispositions

	Cost	Amount Received
All Components, Inc.	\$ 150,000	\$ 18,000,000
Essex Corporation	-	1,000,000
Lifemark Group	-	(1,562 )*
PalletOne, Inc.	45,746	459
Palm Harbor Homes, Inc.	10,931,955	-
Phi Health, Inc.	5,949,614	38,959
Texas Capital Bancshares, Inc.	3,550,006	13,416,341
	\$ 20,627,321	\$ 32,454,197
Realized gain before income taxes		\$ 11,826,876

\*Represents net monies paid to NorthStar Memorial Group LLC resulting from final accounting for the June 2010 sale of Lifemark Group.



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Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in marketable equity security prices. We do not use derivative financial instruments to mitigate any of these risks.

Our investment performance is a function of our portfolio companies' profitability, which may be affected by economic cycles, competitive forces, foreign currency fluctuations and production costs including labor rates, raw material prices and certain basic commodity prices. Most of the companies in our investment portfolio do not hedge their exposure to raw material and commodity price fluctuations. However, the portfolio company with the greatest exposure to foreign currency fluctuations generally hedges its exposure. All of these factors may have an adverse effect on the value of our investments and on our net asset value.

Our investment in portfolio securities includes fixed-rate debt securities which totaled \$15,283,582 at March 31, 2012, equivalent to 2.7% of the value of our total investments. Generally, these debt securities are below investment grade and have relatively high fixed rates of interest; therefore, minor changes in market yields of publicly traded debt securities have little or no effect on the values of debt securities in our portfolio and no effect on interest income. Our investments in debt securities are generally held to maturity and their fair values are determined on the basis of the terms of the debt security and the financial condition of the issuer.

A portion of our investment portfolio consists of debt and equity securities of private companies. We anticipate little or no effect on the values of these investments from modest changes in public market equity valuations. Should significant changes in market valuations of comparable publicly traded companies occur, there may be a corresponding effect on valuations of private companies, which would affect the value and the amount and timing of proceeds eventually realized from these investments. A portion of our investment portfolio also consists of unrestricted, freely marketable common stocks of publicly traded companies. These freely marketable investments, which are valued at the public market price, are directly exposed to equity price risks; in that a change in an issuer's public market equity price would result in an identical change in the value of our investment in such security.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors and Shareholders  
Capital Southwest Corporation

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of assets and liabilities of Capital Southwest Corporation (a Texas Corporation) and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of March 31, 2012 and 2011, including the schedule of investments as of March 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2012, and the selected per share data and ratios for each of the five years in the period ended March 31, 2012. Our audits of the basic financial statements included the Schedule of Investments In and Advances to Affiliates. These financial statements, per share data and ratios and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements, per share data and ratios and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and selected per share data and ratios are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included verification by confirmation and examination of securities held by the custodian as of March 31, 2012. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements and the selected per share data and ratios referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Capital Southwest Corporation and subsidiaries as of March 31, 2012 and 2011, and the results of their operations, changes in their net assets, and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2012, and the selected per share data and ratios for each of the five years in the period ended March 31, 2012, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Capital Southwest Corporation and subsidiaries’ internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) and our report dated June 1, 2012, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP  
Dallas, Texas  
June 1, 2012

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors and Shareholders  
Capital Southwest Corporation

We have audited Capital Southwest Corporation (a Texas Corporation) and subsidiaries' (the "Company") internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by COSO.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated statements of assets and liabilities of the Company as of March 31, 2012 and 2011, including the schedule of investments as of March 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2012, and the selected per share data and ratios for each of the five years in the period ended March 31, 2012, and our report dated June 1, 2012 expressed an unqualified opinion.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Dallas, Texas  
June 1, 2012

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## CAPITAL SOUTHWEST CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

(In thousands except per share data)

	March 31 2012	March 31 2011
Assets		
Investments at market or fair value		
Companies more than 25% owned (Cost: March 31, 2012 - \$14,870, March 31, 2011 - \$25,521)	\$283,575	\$310,181
Companies 5% to 25% owned (Cost: March 31, 2012 - \$14,003, March 31, 2011 - \$14,049)	209,222	83,335
Companies less than 5% owned (Cost: March 31, 2012 - \$60,120, March 31, 2011 - \$58,784)	65,749	95,757
Total investments (Cost: March 31, 2012 - \$88,993, March 31, 2011 - \$98,354)	558,546	489,273
Cash and cash equivalents	64,895	45,498
Receivables		
Dividends and interest	1,741	523
Affiliates	220	340
Pension assets	7,349	7,398
Other assets	238	182
Total assets	\$632,989	\$543,214
Liabilities		
Other liabilities	\$688	\$574
Pension liability	1,568	1,257
Deferred income taxes	2,027	2,150
Total liabilities	4,283	3,981
Net Assets		
Common stock, \$1 par value: authorized, 5,000,000 shares; issued, 4,339,416 shares at March 31, 2012 and 4,337,916 shares at March 31, 2011	4,339	4,338
Additional capital	177,841	173,905
Accumulated net investment income	412	872
Accumulated net realized gain (loss)	498	(6,863 )
Unrealized appreciation of investments	469,553	390,918
Treasury stock - at cost on 584,878 shares	(23,937 )	(23,937 )
Total net assets	628,706	539,233
Total liabilities and net assets	\$632,989	\$543,214
Net asset value per share (on the 3,754,538 shares outstanding at March 31, 2012 and 3,753,038 shares outstanding at March 31, 2011)	\$167.45	\$143.68

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## CAPITAL SOUTHWEST CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands)

	Years Ended March 31		
	2012	2011	2010
Investment income:			
Interest	\$1,980	\$1,364	\$1,045
Dividends	6,720	5,432	3,789
Management and directors' fees	634	772	1,275
	9,334	7,568	6,109
Operating expenses:			
Salaries	3,653	3,089	2,164
Stock option expense	1,050	957	675
Net pension benefit	(300 )	(291 )	(369 )
Professional fees	990	819	551
Other operating expenses	1,279	1,064	882
	6,672	5,638	3,903
Income before income taxes	2,662	1,930	2,206
Income tax expense	118	126	115
Net investment income	\$2,544	\$1,804	\$2,091
Proceeds from disposition of investments	32,454	77,750	5,191
Cost of investments sold	20,627	14,287	3,550
Realized gain on investments before income tax	11,827	63,463	1,641
Income tax expense	1,249	24,578	815
Net realized gain on investments	10,578	38,885	826
Net increase in unrealized appreciation of investments	78,635	12,999	70,624
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	\$89,213	\$51,884	\$71,450
Increase in net assets from operations	\$91,757	\$53,688	\$73,541

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CAPITAL SOUTHWEST CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
(In thousands)

	Years Ended March 31		
	2012	2011	2010
Operations:			
Net investment income	\$2,544	\$1,804	\$2,091
Net realized gain on investments	10,578	38,885	826
Net increase in unrealized appreciation of investments	78,635	12,999	70,624
Increase in net assets from operations	91,757	53,688	73,541
Distributions from:			
Undistributed net investment income	(3,003 )	(2,994 )	(2,993 )
Net realized gains deemed distributed to shareholders	(3,216 )	(45,748 )	(868 )
Capital share transactions:			
Allocated increase in share value for deemed distribution	3,216	45,748	868
Change in pension plan funded status	(430 )	(89 )	440
Exercise of employee stock options	99	745	—
Stock option expense	1,050	957	675
Increase in net assets	89,473	52,307	71,663
Net assets, beginning of period	539,233	486,926	415,263
Net assets, end of period	\$628,706	\$539,233	\$486,926

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## CAPITAL SOUTHWEST CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

	Years Ended March 31		
	2012	2011	2010
Cash flows from operating activities			
Increase in net assets from operations	\$ 91,757	\$ 53,688	\$ 73,541
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets from operations to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Net proceeds from disposition of investments	32,454	71,133	5,191
Proceeds from repayment of loans	2,111	4,519	3,000
Purchases of securities	(13,377 )	(10,520 )	(17,234 )
Depreciation and amortization	25	27	33
Net pension benefit	(300 )	(291 )	(369 )
Realized gain on investments before income tax	(11,827 )	(63,463 )	(1,640 )
Taxes payable on behalf of shareholders on deemed distribution	1,249	24,577	815
Net increase in unrealized appreciation of investments	(78,635 )	(12,999 )	(70,624 )
Stock option expense	1,050	957	675
(Increase) decrease in dividend and interest receivable	(1,218 )	490	(514 )
Decrease (increase) in receivables from affiliates	120	525	(617 )
Increase in other assets	(81 )	(18 )	(26 )
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	344	(496 )	819
(Decrease) increase in deferred income taxes	(123 )	102	130
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	23,549	68,231	(6,820 )
Cash flows from financing activities			
Distributions from undistributed net investment income	(3,003 )	(2,994 )	(2,993 )
Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options	99	745	—
Payment of federal income tax for deemed capital gains distribution	(1,249 )	(24,577 )	(815 )
Net cash used in financing activities	(4,153 )	(26,826 )	(3,808 )
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	19,396	41,405	(10,628 )
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	45,498	4,094	14,722
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 64,895	\$ 45,499	\$ 4,094
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			

Income taxes	\$	–	\$	–	\$	–
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## Non-cash transactions:

- a. In June 2010, we transferred \$3,703,619 in certain tracts of Real Estate from Lifemark Group to their newly formed CapStar Holdings Corporation, wholly-owned by the Company.
  - b. In January 2011, CMI Holding Company completed a friendly foreclosure that allowed the conversion of CMI Holding Company notes in the amount \$2,913,521 to preferred stock to their newly formed Phi Health, Inc.
- These transactions had the following non-cash effect on our Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities:

Total Investments	\$-	\$6,617	\$–
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## CAPITAL SOUTHWEST CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

March 31, 2012

Company	Equity (a)	Investment (b)	Cost	Value (c)
*†ALAMO GROUP INC. Seguin, Texas Tractor-mounted mowing and mobile excavation equipment for governmental, industrial and agricultural markets; street-sweeping equipment for municipalities.	22.0	% ₡2,832,300 shares common stock (acquired 4-1-73 thru 5-09-11)	\$ 2,190,937	\$ 85,138,938
ATLANTIC CAPITAL BANCSHARES, INC Atlanta, Georgia Holding company of Atlantic Capital Bank, a full service commercial bank.	1.9	% 300,000 shares common stock (acquired 4-10-07)	3,000,000	2,299,000
¥BALCO, INC. Wichita, Kansas Specialty architectural products used in the construction and remodeling of commercial and institutional buildings.	95.7	% 445,000 shares common stock and 60,920 shares Class B non-voting common stock (acquired 10-25-83 and 5-30-02)	624,920	4,100,000
*BOXX TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Austin, Texas Workstations for computer graphic imaging and design.	14.9	% 3,125,354 shares Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 3,125,354 shares of common stock at \$0.50 per share (acquired 8-20-99 thru 8-8-01)	1,500,000	600,000
CINATRA CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Houston, Texas Cleans above ground oil storage tanks with a patented, automated system.	73.4	% 12% subordinated secured promissory note, due 2016 (acquired 5-19-10 thru 10-20-10)	779,278	444,189
		12% subordinated secured promissory note, due 2017 (acquired 5-9-11 thru 10-26-11)	2,285,700	1,302,849
		12% subordinated secured promissory note, due 2016 (acquired 9-9-11 and 10-26-11)	1,264,754	720,910

			10% subordinated secured promissory note, due 2017 (acquired 7-14-08 thru 4-28-10)	6,200,700	3,534,399
			3,033,410 shares Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 3,033,410 shares common stock at \$1.00 per share (acquired 7-14-08 thru 11-18-10)	3,033,410	1
			Warrants to purchase 1,269,833 shares of common stock at \$1.00 per share, expiring 2021 (acquired 5-9-11 thru 8-31-11)	—	—
				13,563,842	6,002,348
*†ENCORE WIRE CORPORATION McKinney, Texas Electric wire and cable for residential, commercial and industrial construction use.	16.9	%	‡4,086,750 shares common stock (acquired 7-16-92 thru 10-7-98)	5,800,000	121,458,210

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Company	Equity (a)	Investment (b)	Cost	Value (c)
EXTREME INTERNATIONAL, INC. Sugar Land, Texas Owns Bill Young Productions, Texas Video and Post, and Extreme and television commercials and corporate communications videos.	53.6	% 13,035 shares Series A Common Stock (acquired 9-26-08 and 12-18-08)	325,875	714,000
		39,359.18 shares Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 157,437.72 shares of common stock at \$25.00 per share (acquired 9-30-03)	2,625,000	8,626,000
		3,750 shares 8% Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 15,000 shares of common stock at \$25.00 per share (acquired 9-30-03)	375,000	822,000
			3,325,875	10,162,000
¥†HEELYS, INC. Carrollton, Texas Heelys stealth skate shoes, equipment and apparel sold through sporting goods chains, department stores and footwear retailers.	31.1	% ‡9,317,310 shares common stock (acquired 5-26-00)	102,490	20,498,082
†HOLOGIC, INC. Bedford, Massachusetts Medical instruments including bone densitometers, mammography devices and digital radiography systems.	< 1	% ‡632,820 shares common stock (acquired 8-27-99)	220,000	13,637,271
iMEMORIES, INC. Scottsdale, Arizona Enables online video and photo sharing and DVD creation for home movies recorded in analog and new digital format.	25.3	% 17,391,304 shares Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 19,891,304 shares of common stock at \$0.23 per share (acquired 7-10-09)	4,000,000	4,000,000
		4,684,967 shares Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 4,684,967	1,078,479	1,078,479

			shares of common stock at \$0.23 per share (acquired 7-20-11)		
			Warrants to purchase 2,500,000 shares of common stock at \$0.12 per share, expiring 2020 (acquired 9-13-10 thru 1-21-11)	—	—
				5,078,479	5,078,479
INSTAWARES HOLDING COMPANY, LLC Atlanta, Georgia Provides services to the restaurant industry via its five subsidiary companies.	4.5	%	3,846,154 Class D shares (acquired 5-20-11)	5,000,000	5,000,000
KBI BIOPHARMA, INC. Durham, North Carolina Provides fully-integrated, outsourced drug development and bio-manufacturing services.	17.1	%	7,142,857 shares Series B-2 Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 10,204,082 shares of common stock at \$0.49 per share (acquired 9-08-09)	5,000,000	3,200,000

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¥MEDIA RECOVERY, INC. Dallas, Texas Computer datacenter and office automation supplies and accessories; impact, tilt monitoring and temperature sensing devices to detect mishandling shipments; dunnage for protecting shipments.	97.9	% 800,000 shares Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 800,000 shares of common stock at \$1.00 per share (acquired 11-4-97)	800,000	3,100,000
		4,000,002 shares common stock (acquired 11-4-97)	4,615,000	15,600,000
			5,415,000	18,700,000
*PALLETONE, INC. Bartow, Florida Manufacturer of wooden pallets and pressure-treated lumber.	7.7	% 12.3% senior subordinated notes, \$2,000,000 principal due 2015 (acquired 9-25-06)	1,553,150	2,000,000
		150,000 shares common stock (acquired 10-18-01)	150,000	2
			1,703,150	2,000,002
¥THE RECTORSEAL CORPORATION Houston, Texas Specialty chemicals for plumbing, HVAC, electrical, construction, industrial, oil field and automotive applications; smoke containment systems for building fires; also owns 20% of The Whitmore Manufacturing Company.	100.0	% 27,907 shares common stock (acquired 1-5-73 and 3-31-73)	52,600	166,300,000
TCI HOLDINGS, INC. Denver, Colorado Cable television systems and microwave relay systems.	—	21 shares 12% Series C Cumulative Compounding Preferred Stock (acquired 1-30-90)	—	802,000
TRAX HOLDINGS, INC. Scottsdale, Arizona Provides a comprehensive set of solutions to improve the transportation validation, accounting, payment and information management process.	29.4	% 18% convertible promissory note, \$3,200,000 principal due 2012 (acquired 4-6-11 thru 11-10-11)	3,200,000	3,200,000

			1,061,279 shares Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 1,061,279 common stock at \$4.64 per share (acquired 12-8-08 and 2-17-09)	5,000,000	6,600,000
VIA HOLDINGS, INC.	3.2	%	12,686 shares common stock (acquired 3-4-11 and 3-25-11)	8,200,000 4,926,290	9,800,000 2
Sparks, Nevada Designer, manufacturer and distributor of high-quality office seating.					
*WELLOGIX, INC.	19.1	%	4,788,371 shares Series A-1 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock, convertible into 4,788,371 shares of common stock at \$1.0441 per share (acquired 8-19-05 thru 6-15-08)	5,000,000	25,000
Houston, Texas Developer and supporter of software used by the oil and gas industry.					
¥THE WHITMORE MANUFACTURING COMPANY	80.0	%	80 shares common stock (acquired 8-31-79)	1,600,000	67,200,000
Rockwall, Texas Specialized surface mining, railroad and industrial lubricants; coatings for automobiles and primary metals; fluid contamination control devices.					

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MISCELLANEOUS	–	Ballast Point Ventures II, L.P. 2.2% limited partnership interest (acquired 8-4-08 thru 6-18-10)	1,725,000	1,551,000
	–	BankCap Partners Fund I, L.P. 5.5% limited partnership interest (acquired 7-14-06 thru 11-30-11)	5,808,470	5,012,000
	–	CapitalSouth Partners Fund III, L.P. 1.9% limited partnership interest (acquired 1-22-08 and 11-16-11)	1,331,256	1,438,000
	100.0 %	¥CapStar Holdings Corporation 500 shares common stock (acquired 6-10-10)	3,703,619	5,338,000
	–	Diamond State Ventures, L.P. 1.4% limited partnership interest (acquired 10-12-99 thru 8-26-05)	76,000	184,000
	–	¥Discovery Alliance, LLC 90.0% limited liability company (acquired 9-12-08 thru 10-20-11)	1,180,000	1,280,000
	–	First Capital Group of Texas III, L.P. 3.0% limited partnership interest (acquired 12-26-00 thru 8-12-05)	778,895	662,000
	100 %	¥Humac Company 1,041,000 shares common stock (acquired 1-31-75 and 12-31-75)	–	159,000
	–	STARTech Seed Fund I 12.1% limited partnership interest (acquired 4-17-98 thru 1-5-00)	178,066	39,000
Miscellaneous (continued)	–	STARTech Seed Fund II 3.2% limited partnership interest (acquired 4-28-00 thru 2-23-05)	843,891	371,000

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–	Sterling Group Partners I, L.P. 1.7% limited partnership interest (acquired 4-20-01 thru 1-24-05)	1,064,042	511,000
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$ 88,992,822	\$ 558,546,332

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*†ALAMO GROUP INC. Seguin, Texas Tractor-mounted mowing and mobile excavation equipment for governmental, industrial and agricultural markets; street-sweeping equipment for municipalities.	22.0	%	2,830,300 shares common stock (acquired 4-1-73 thru 5-25-07)	\$ 2,190,937	\$ 62,266,600
ALL COMPONENTS, INC. Pflugerville, Texas Electronics contract manufacturing; distribution and production of memory and other components for computer manufacturers, retailers and value-added resellers	80.4	%	8.25% subordinate note, \$2,000,000 principal due 2012 (acquired 6-27-07)	2,000,000	2,000,000
			150,000 shares Series A Convertible Preferred Stock; convertible into 600,000 shares of common stock at \$0.25 per share (acquired 9-16-94)	150,000	8,431,388
			Warrant to purchase 350,000 shares of common stock at \$11.00 per share, expiring 2017 (acquired 6-27-07)	—	3,068,552
				2,150,000	13,499,940
ATLANTIC CAPITAL BANCSHARES, INC Atlanta, Georgia Holding company of Atlantic Capital Bank, a full service commercial bank.	1.9	%	300,000 shares common stock (acquired 4-10-07)	3,000,000	2,257,000
¥BALCO, INC. Wichita, Kansas Specialty architectural products used in the construction and remodeling of commercial and institutional	90.9	%	445,000 shares common stock and 60,920 shares Class B non-voting common stock (acquired 10-25-83 and 5-30-02)	624,920	5,200,000

buildings.

*BOXX TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Austin, Texas Workstations for computer graphic imaging and design.	14.9	%	3,125,354 shares Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 3,125,354 shares of common stock at \$0.50 per share (acquired 8-20-99 thru 8-8-01)	1,500,000	2
CINATRA CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Houston, Texas Cleans above ground oil storage tanks with a patented, automated system.	68.8	%	12% subordinated secured promissory note, due 2012 (acquired 5-19-10 thru 10-20-10)	890,604	890,604
			10% subordinated secured promissory note, due 2013 (acquired 7-14-08 thru 4-28-10)	6,200,700	6,200,700
			3,033,410 shares Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 3,033,410 shares common stock at \$1.00 per share (acquired 7-14-08 thru 11-18-10)	3,033,410	3,033,410
				10,124,714	10,124,714

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Company	Equity (a)		Investment (b)	Cost	Value (c)
*†ENCORE WIRE CORPORATION McKinney, Texas Electric wire and cable for residential, commercial and industrial construction use.	16.9	%	4,086,750 shares common stock (acquired 7-16-92 thru 10-7-98)	5,800,000	81,735,000
EXTREME INTERNATIONAL, INC. Sugar Land, Texas Owns Bill Young Productions, Texas Video and Post, and Extreme and television commercials and corporate communications videos.	53.6	%	13,035 shares Series A Common Stock (acquired 9-26-08 and 12-18-08)	325,875	815,000
			39,359.18 shares Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 157,437.72 shares of common stock at \$25.00 per share (acquired 9-30-03)	2,625,000	9,850,000
			3,750 shares 8% Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 15,000 shares of common stock at \$25.00 per share (acquired 9-30-03)	375,000	938,000
				3,325,875	11,603,000
¥†HEELYS, INC. Carrollton, Texas Heelys stealth skate shoes, equipment and apparel sold through sporting goods chains, department stores and footwear retailers.	31.6	%	9,317,310 shares common stock (acquired 5-26-00)	102,490	19,193,659
†HOLOGIC, INC. Bedford, Massachusetts Medical instruments including bone densitometers, mammography devices and digital radiography systems.	< 1	%	‡632,820 shares common stock (acquired 8-27-99)	220,000	14,042,276

iMEMORIES, INC. Scottsdale, Arizona Enables online video and photo sharing and DVD creation for home movies recorded in analog and new digital format.	27.2	%	10% convertible promissory note, due 2012 (acquired 9-13-10)	1,000,000	1,000,000
			17,391,304 shares Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 17,391,304 shares of common stock at \$0.23 per share (acquired 7-10-09)	4,000,000	4,000,000
			Warrant to purchase 968,750 shares of common stock at \$0.12 per share, expiring 2020 (acquired 9-13-10)	—	—
				5,000,000	5,000,000

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KBI BIOPHARMA, INC. Durham, North Carolina Provides fully-integrated, outsourced drug development and bio-manufacturing services.	17.1	% 7,142,857 shares Series B-2 Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 10,204,082 shares of common stock at \$0.49 per share (acquired 9-08-09)	5,000,000	4,200,000
¥MEDIA RECOVERY, INC. Dallas, Texas Computer datacenter and office automation supplies and accessories; impact, tilt monitoring and temperature sensing devices to detect mishandling shipments; dunnage for protecting shipments.	97.5	% 800,000 shares Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 800,000 shares of common stock at \$1.00 per share (acquired 11-4-97)	800,000	3,000,000
		4,000,002 shares common stock (acquired 11-4-97)	4,615,000	15,100,000
			5,415,000	18,100,000
*PALLETONE, INC. Bartow, Florida Manufacturer of wooden pallets and pressure-treated lumber.	8.4	% 12.3% senior subordinated notes, \$2,000,000 principal due 2015 (acquired 9-25-06)	1,553,150	1,600,000
		150,000 shares common stock (acquired 10-18-01)	150,000	2
		Warrant to purchase 15,294 shares of common stock at \$1.00 per share, expiring 2011 (acquired 2-17-06)	45,746	—
			1,748,896	1,600,002
¥†PALM HARBOR HOMES, INC. Dallas, Texas Integrated manufacturing, retailing, financing and insuring of manufactured housing and modular homes.	30.4	% 7,855,121 shares common stock (acquired 1-3-85 thru 7-31-95)	10,931,955	2
		Warrant to purchase 286,625 shares of common stock at \$3.14 per share, expiring 2019 (acquired 4-24-09)	—	—

			10,931,955	2
	67.0	% 1,559,111 shares Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock convertible into 1,559,111 shares of common stock at \$0.0015 per share (acquired 1-27-11)	2,339	2,339
PHI HEALTH, INC. Richardson, Texas Develops and sells cardiac MRI systems and software.		555,556 shares Series B-1 Convertible Preferred Stock convertible into 555,556 shares common stock at \$2.25 per share (acquired 1-27-11)	1,250,000	1,250,000
		4,500,000 Shares Series C-1 Convertible Preferred Stock convertible into 4,500,000 shares common stock at \$0.20 per share (acquired 1-7-11 and 1-27-11)	4,500,000	4,500,000
			5,752,339	5,752,339

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¥THE RECTORSEAL CORPORATION Houston, Texas Specialty chemicals for plumbing, HVAC, electrical, construction, industrial, oil field and automotive applications; smoke containment systems for building fires; also owns 20% of The Whitmore Manufacturing Company.	100.0	% 27,907 shares common stock (acquired 1-5-73 and -31-73)	52,600	144,700,000
TCI HOLDINGS, INC. Denver, Colorado Cable television systems and microwave relay systems.	—	21 shares 12% Series C Cumulative Compounding Preferred Stock (acquired 1-30-90)	—	840,778
†TEXAS CAPITAL BANCSHARES, INC. Dallas, Texas Regional bank holding company with banking operations in six Texas cities.	1.6	% ‡489,656 shares common stock (acquired 5-1-00)	3,550,006	12,711,470
TRAX HOLDINGS, INC. Scottsdale, Arizona Provides a comprehensive set of solutions to improve the transportation validation, accounting, payment and information management process.	30.7	% 1,061,279 shares Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 1,077,203 common stock at \$4.64 per share (acquired 12-8-08 and 2-17-09)	5,000,000	5,758,030
VIA HOLDINGS, INC. Sparks, Nevada Designer, manufacturer and distributor of high-quality office seating.	28.1	% 12,686 shares common stock (acquired 3-4-11 and 3-25-11)	4,926,290	4
*WELLOGIX, INC. Houston, Texas Developer and supporter of software used by the oil and gas industry.	19.2	% 4,788,371 shares Series A-1 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock, convertible into 4,788,371	5,000,000	2

shares of common stock at  
\$1.0441 per share  
(acquired 8-19-05 thru  
6-15-08)

THE WHITMORE MANUFACTURING COMPANY Rockwall, Texas Specialized surface mining, railroad and industrial lubricants; coatings for automobiles and primary metals; fluid contamination control devices.	80.0	%	80 shares common stock (acquired 8-31-79)	1,600,000	55,600,000
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MISCELLANEOUS	—		Ballast Point Ventures II, L.P. 2.2% limited partnership interest (acquired 8-4-08 thru 6-18-10)	1,200,000	1,200,000
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Company	Equity (a)	Investment (b)	Cost	Value (c)
	—	BankCap Partners Fund I, L.P. 5.5% limited partnership interest (acquired 7-14-06 thru 12-13-10)	5,762,270	5,101,727
	—	CapitalSouth Partners Fund III, L.P. 1.9% limited partnership interest (acquired 1-22-08 and 2-12-09)	831,256	790,000
	100.0	% ¥CapStar Holdings Corporation 500 shares common stock (acquired 6-10-10)	3,703,619	4,380,481
	—	Diamond State Ventures, L.P. 1.4% limited partnership Interest (acquired 10-12-99 thru 8-26-05)	76,000	177,996
	—	¥Discovery Alliance, LLC 90.0% limited liability company (acquired 9-12-08 thru 5-14-10)	900,000	574,488
	—	Essex Capital Corporation 10% unsecured promissory note due 8-19-10 (acquired 8-16-09)	—	1,000,000
	—	First Capital Group of Texas III, L.P. 3.0% limited partnership interest (acquired 12-26-00 thru 8-12-05)	778,894	407,731
	100	% ¥Humac Company 1,041,000 shares common stock (acquired 1-31-75 and 12-31-75)	—	166,000
	—	STARTech Seed Fund I 12.1% limited partnership interest (acquired 4-17-98 thru 1-5-00)	178,066	52,606
	—	STARTech Seed Fund II 3.2% limited partnership interest (acquired 4-28-00 thru 2-23-05)	843,891	317,392
	—	Sterling Group Partners I, L.P. 1.6% limited partnership	1,064,042	919,417

	interest (acquired 4-20-01 thru 1-24-05)	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$98,354,060 \$489,272,655

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Notes to Consolidated Schedule of Investments

(a) Equity

The percentages in the “Equity” column express the potential equity interests held by Capital Southwest Corporation and Capital Southwest Venture Corporation (together, the “Company”) in each issuer. Each percentage represents the amount of the issuer’s common stock the Company owns or can acquire as a percentage of the issuer’s total outstanding common stock, plus stock reserved for all warrants, convertible securities and employee stock options.

(b) Investments

Unrestricted securities (indicated by ‡) are freely marketable securities having readily available market quotations. All other securities are restricted securities, which are subject to one or more restrictions on resale and are not freely marketable. At March 31, 2012, restricted securities represented approximately 56.9% of the value of the consolidated investment portfolio.

Our investments are carried at fair value in accordance with the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) and FASB Accounting Standards Codification™ (ASC) Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures. In accordance with the 1940 Act, unrestricted minority-owned publicly traded securities, for which the market quotations are readily available, are valued at the closing sale price for the NYSE listed securities and the lower of the closing bid price or the last sale price for NASDAQ securities on the valuation date; and other privately held securities are valued as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors.

ASC Topic 820 defines fair value in terms of the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (the “exit price”) and excludes transaction costs. Under ASC Topic 820, the fair value measurement also assumes that the transaction to sell an asset occurs in the principal market for the asset or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset. The principal market is the market in which the reporting entity would sell or transfer the asset with the greatest volume and level of activity for the asset. In determining the principal market for an asset or liability under ASC Topic 820, it is assumed that the reporting entity has access to the market as of the measurement date.

(c) Value

Debt Securities are generally valued on the basis of the price the security would command in order to provide a yield-to-maturity equivalent to the present yield of comparable debt instruments of similar quality. Issuers whose debt securities are judged to be of poor quality and doubtful collectability may instead be valued by assigning percentage discounts commensurate with the quality of such debt securities. Debt securities may also be valued based on the resulting value from the sale of the business at the estimated fair market value.

Partnership Interests, Preferred Equity and Common Equity, including unrestricted marketable securities are valued at the closing sale price for the NYSE listed securities and the lower of the closing bid price or the last sale price for NASDAQ securities on the valuation date. For those without a principal market, our Board of Directors considers the financial condition and operating results of the issuer; the long-term potential of the business of the issuer; the market for and recent sales prices of the issuer’s securities; the values of similar securities issued by companies in similar businesses; the proportion of the issuer’s securities owned by the Company. In determining the fair value of restricted securities, our Board of Directors considers the inherent value of such securities without regard to the restrictive feature and adjusts for any diminution in value resulting from restrictions on resale. Investments in certain entities that calculate net asset value per share (or its equivalent) and for which fair market value is not readily determinable, are valued using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent, such as member units or ownership interest in partners’ capital to which a proportionate share of net assets is attributed) of the investment.



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Equity Warrants are valued on the basis of the Black-Scholes model which defines the market value of a warrant in relation to the market price of its common stock, share price volatility, and time to maturity.

(d) Agreements between Certain Issuers and the Company

Agreements between certain issuers and the Company provide that the issuer will bear substantially all costs in connection with the disposition of common stock, including those costs involved in registration under the Securities Act of 1933, but excluding underwriting discounts and commissions. These agreements cover common stock owned at March 31, 2012 and common stock which may be acquired thereafter through the exercise of warrants and conversion of debentures and preferred stock. They apply to restricted securities of all issuers in the investment portfolio of the Company except securities of the following issuers which are not obligated to bear registration costs: Humac Company and The Whitmore Manufacturing Company.

(e) Descriptions and Ownership Percentages

The descriptions of the companies and ownership percentages shown in the Consolidated Schedule of Investments were obtained from published reports and other sources believed to be reliable. Acquisition dates indicated are the dates specific securities were acquired, which may differ from the original investment dates. Certain securities were received in exchange for or upon conversion or exercise of other securities previously acquired.

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1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Organization

Capital Southwest Corporation ("CSC") was organized as a Texas corporation on April 19, 1961. Until September 1969, CSC operated as a licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. At that time, we transferred to our wholly-owned subsidiary, Capital Southwest Venture Corporation ("CSVC") certain assets and our license as a small business investment company ("SBIC"). CSVC is a closed-end, non-diversified investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"). Prior to March 30, 1988, CSC was registered as a closed-end, non-diversified investment company under the 1940 Act. On that date, CSC elected to become a Business Development Company ("BDC") subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act, as amended by the Small Business Incentive Act of 1980. Because CSC wholly owns CSVC, the portfolios of both CSC and CSVC are referred to collectively as "our," "we" and "us." Capital Southwest Management Company ("CSMC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CSC, is the management company for CSC and CSVC. CSMC generally incurs all normal operating and administrative expenses, including, but not limited to, salaries and related benefits, rent, equipment and other administrative costs required for its day-to-day operations.

Our portfolio is a composite of companies, consisting of companies in which we have controlling interests, developing companies and marketable securities of established publicly traded companies. We make available significant managerial assistance to the companies in which we invest and believe that providing managerial assistance to such investee companies is critical to their business development activities. CSMC receives a monthly fixed fee for management services provided to certain of our control portfolio companies.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Under rules and regulations applicable to investment companies, we are precluded from consolidating any entity other than another investment company. An exception to this general principle occurs if the investment company has an investment in an operating company that provides services to the investment company. Accordingly, consolidated financial statements include CSMC, our management company.

Portfolio Investment Classification

We classify our investments in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act. Under the 1940 Act, "Control Investments" are defined as investments in which we own more than 25% of the voting securities or have rights to maintain greater than 50% of the board representation; "Affiliated Investments" are defined as investments in which we own between 5% and 25% of the voting securities; and "Non-Control/Non-Affiliated Investments" are defined as investments that are neither "Control Investments" nor "Affiliated Investments."



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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements of CSC, CSVC and CSMC.

**Fair Value Measurements** We adopted FASB ASC Topic 820 on April 1, 2008. ASC Topic 820 (1) creates a single definition of fair value, (2) establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and (3) expands disclosure requirements about items measured at fair value. The Statement applies to both items recognized and reported at fair value in the financial statements and items disclosed at fair value in the notes to the financial statements. The Statement does not change existing accounting rules governing what can or what must be recognized and reported at fair value in our financial statements, or disclosed at fair value in our notes to financial statements. Additionally, ASC Topic 820 does not eliminate practicability exceptions that exist in accounting pronouncements amended by this Statement when measuring fair value.

Fair value is generally determined based on quoted market prices in the active markets for identical assets or liabilities. If quoted market prices are not available, we use valuation techniques that place greater reliance on observable inputs and less reliance on unobservable inputs. Due to the inherent uncertainty in the valuation process, our estimate of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed. In addition, changes in the market environment, portfolio company performance and other events may occur over the lives of the investments that may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be materially different than the valuations currently assigned. We determine the fair value of each individual investment and record changes in fair value as unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

Pursuant to our internal valuation process, each portfolio company is valued once a quarter. In addition to our internal valuation process, our Board of Directors retains a nationally recognized firm to provide limited scope third party valuation services on certain portfolio investments. Our Board of Directors retained Duff & Phelps to provide limited scope third party valuation services on six investments comprising 76.2% of our net asset value at March 31, 2012. For full disclosure of Duff & Phelps' services, see page 5 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading "Determination of Net Asset Value and Portfolio Valuation Process."

We believe our investments at March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011 approximate fair value as of those dates based on the market in which we operate and other conditions in existence at those reporting periods.

**Investments** Investments are stated at fair value determined by our Board of Directors as described in Notes to the Consolidated Schedule of Investments and Note 3 below. The average cost method is used in determining cost of investments sold. Investments are recorded on a trade date basis.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** Cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

**Segment Information** We operate and manage our business in a singular segment. As an investment company, we invest in portfolio companies in various industries and geographic areas as presented in the Consolidated Schedule of Investments.

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**Use of Estimates** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Interest and Dividend Income** Interest and dividend income is recorded on an accrual basis to the extent amounts are expected to be collected. Dividend income is recorded at the ex-dividend date for marketable securities and restricted securities. In accordance with our valuation policy, accrued interest and dividend income is evaluated periodically for collectability. When a debt or loan becomes 90 days or more past due, and if we otherwise do not expect the debtor to be able to service all of its debt or other obligations, we will generally establish a reserve against the interest income, thereby placing the loan or debt security's status on non-accrual basis, and cease to recognize interest income on that loan or debt security until the borrower has demonstrated the ability and intent to pay contractual amounts due. If a loan or debt security's status significantly improves regarding ability to service debt or other obligations, it will be restored to accrual basis.

**Federal Income Taxes** CSC and CSVC have elected and intend to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) necessary to qualify as regulated investment companies (RICs). By meeting these requirements, they will not be subject to corporate federal income taxes on ordinary income distributed to shareholders. In order to comply as a RIC, each company is required to timely distribute to its shareholders at least 90% of investment taxable income, as defined by the IRC, each year. Taxable income generally differs from net income for financial reporting purposes due to temporary and permanent differences in the recognition of income and expenses. Taxable income generally excludes net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, as investment gains and losses are not included in taxable income until they are realized. Our policy is to retain and pay the 35% corporate tax on realized long-term capital gains. As an investment company that qualifies as RICs under the IRC, federal income taxes payable on security gains that we elect to retain are accrued only on the last day of our tax year, December 31. See Note 4 for further discussion.

CSMC, a wholly owned subsidiary of CSC, is not a RIC and is required to pay taxes at the current corporate rate.

We account for interest and penalties as part of operating expenses. There were no interest or penalties incurred during the years ended March 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

**Deferred Taxes** CSMC sponsors a qualified defined benefit pension plan which covers its employees and employees of certain of its controlled affiliates. Deferred taxes related to the qualified defined benefit pension plan are recorded as incurred.

**Stock-Based Compensation** We account for our stock-based compensation using the fair value method, as prescribed by ASC 718, Compensation – Stock Compensation. Accordingly, we recognize stock-based compensation cost over the straight-line method for all share-based payments granted on or after that date and for all awards granted to employees prior to April 1, 2006 that remain unvested on that date. The fair value of stock options are determined on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes pricing model and are expensed over the vesting period of the related stock options. For restricted stock awards, we measured the grant date fair value based upon the market price of our common stock on the date of the grant and will amortize this fair value to shared-based compensation expense over the vesting term. See Note 6 for further discussion.

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**Defined Pension Benefits and Other Postretirement Plans** We record annual amounts relating to the defined benefit pension plan based on calculations, which include various actuarial assumptions such as discount rates and assumed rates of return depending on the pension plan. Material changes in pension costs may occur in the future due to changes in the discount rate, changes in the expected long-term rate of return, changes in level of contributions to the plans and other factors. The funded status is the difference between the fair value of plan assets and the benefit obligation. We recognize changes in the funded status of defined benefit plan in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities in the year in which the changes occur and measure defined benefit plan assets and obligations as of the date of the employer's fiscal year-end. We presently use March 31 as the measurement date for our defined benefit plan.

**Concentration of Risk** We place our idle cash in financial institutions, and at times, such balances may be in excess of the federally insured limits. On November 19, 2010, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") issued a Final Rule implementing section 343 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act that provides for unlimited insurance coverage of noninterest-bearing transaction accounts beginning December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2012. As of March 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company's money market account balances exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits by \$64.4 million and \$45.3 million respectively.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2011-04, Fair Value Measurements (Topic 820), Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs ("ASU 2011-04"). ASU 2011-04 results in common fair value measurement and disclosure requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs. ASU 2011-04 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Adoption of ASU 2011-04 is not expected to have a significant impact on our financial condition and result of operations.

## 3. INVESTMENTS

We record our investments at fair value as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors in accordance with GAAP. When available, we base the fair value of our investments on directly observable market prices or on market data derived for comparable assets. For all other investments, inputs used to measure fair value reflect management's best estimate of assumptions that would be used by market participants in pricing the investments in a hypothetical transaction.

The levels of fair value inputs used to measure our investments are characterized in accordance with the fair value hierarchy established by the Accounting Standard Codification ("ASC"). We use judgment and consider factors specific to the investment in determining the significance of an input to a fair value measurement. While management believes our valuation methodologies are appropriate and consistent with market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy and investments that fall into each of the levels are described below:

- Level 1: Investments whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that we have has the ability to access. We use Level 1 inputs for publicly traded unrestricted securities. Such investments are valued at the closing price for listed securities and at the lower of the closing bid price or the closing sale price for NASDAQ securities on the valuation date.



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- Level 2: Investments whose values are based on observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument in non-active markets, quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets and similar data. We did not value any of our investments using Level 2 inputs as of March 31, 2012 and 2011.
- Level 3: Investments whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the investment. We use Level 3 inputs for measuring the fair value of approximately 56.9% of our investments. See "Notes to Consolidated Schedule of Investments" (c) on page 48 for the investment policy used to determine the fair value of these investments.

As required by ASC 820, when the inputs used to measure a fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the level within the fair value measurement is categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement which may include inputs that are observable (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable (Level 3). Therefore, gains and losses for such investments categorized within the Level 3 table below may include changes in fair value that are attributable to both observable inputs (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable (Level 3). We conduct reviews of fair value hierarchy classifications on a quarterly basis. Changes in the observability of valuation inputs may result in a reclassification of certain investments.

In March 2012, Form S-3 registration statements of Alamo Group Inc. (NYSE: ALG), Encore Wire Corporation (NASDAQ: WIRE), and Heelys Inc. (NASDAQ: HLYS) were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. Due to these recent registrations with the SEC, the common stock of Alamo Group Inc., Encore Wire Corporation, and Heelys Inc. was transferred from Level 3 to Level 1 under ASC 820. As a result of these registrations becoming effective with the SEC, restrictions in the sale of the common stock of these companies imposed by Rule 144 of the Securities Act were lifted and valuation discounts previously applied to these holdings were removed. Had the prior period discounts been applied to ALG, WIRE, HLYS, our resulting net asset value would have been \$597,793,096, or \$159.22 per share at March 31, 2012. This would have represented increases of 12.3% over the March 31, 2011 net asset values.

As of March 31, 2012 and 2011, 56.9% and 94.5%, respectively, of our portfolio investments were categorized as Level 3. Fair value determination of each portfolio investment required one or more of the following unobservable inputs:

- Financial information obtained from each portfolio company, including unaudited statements of operations and balance sheets for the most recent period available as compared to budget numbers;
  - Audited financial information is obtained from each portfolio company, annually;
  - Current and projected financial condition of the portfolio company;
  - Current and projected ability of each portfolio company to service its debt obligations;
    - Current liquidity of the investment;
    - Projected operating results of the portfolio company;

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- Current information regarding any offers to purchase the investment;
- Current ability of the portfolio company to raise any additional financing, as needed;
- Changes in the economic environment which may have a material impact on the operating results of the portfolio company;
- Internal occurrences that may have an impact (both positive and negative) on the operating performance of the portfolio company;
- Qualitative assessment of key management; and
- Other factors deemed relevant.

The following fair value hierarchy tables set forth our investment portfolio by level as of March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011 (in millions):

		Fair Value Measurements at 3/31/12 Using		
Asset Category	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Debt	\$ 11.2	\$—	\$—	\$ 11.2
Partnership Interests	11.0	—	—	11.0
Preferred Equity	33.9	—	—	33.9
Common Equity	502.4	240.7	—	261.7
Total Investments	\$558.5	\$240.7	\$—	\$ 317.8

		Fair Value Measurements at 3/31/11 Using		
Asset Category	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Debt	\$ 12.7	\$—	\$—	\$ 12.7
Partnership Interests	9.5	—	—	9.5
Preferred Equity	45.8	—	—	45.8
Common Equity	421.3	26.8	—	394.5
Total Investments	\$489.3	\$26.8	\$—	\$ 462.5

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## Changes in Fair Value Levels

We monitor the availability of observable market data to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value to another.

In March 2012, Form S-3 registration statements of Alamo Group, Inc. (NYSE: ALG), Encore Wire Corporation (NASDAQ: WIRE) and Heelys Inc. (NASDAQ: HLYS) were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). As a result of these registrations becoming effective, restrictions in the sale of common stock of these companies imposed by Rule 144 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933 were lifted, and discounts on the common stocks of these entities were subsequently removed. Due to these recent registrations with the SEC, we transferred \$227 million securities from Level 3 to Level 1 under the fair value hierarchy of ASC 820.

The following table provides a summary of changes in the fair value of investments measured using Level 3 inputs during the years ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 (in millions):

	Fair Value 3/31/11	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	New Investments	Divestitures	Net Changes from Unrealized to Realized	Conversion of Security from Debt to Equity	Transfer out of Level 3	Fair Value at 3/31/12
Debt	\$ 12.7	\$ (4.6 )	\$ 6.6	\$ (1.0 )	\$ (2.5 )	\$ 0.0	-	\$ 11.2
Partnership								
Interest	\$ 9.5	\$ 0.2	\$ 1.3	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	-	\$ 11.0
Preferred Equity	\$ 45.8	\$ (2.9 )	\$ 6.3	\$ (6.1 )	\$ (9.2 )	\$ 0.0	-	\$ 33.9
Common Equity	\$ 394.5	\$ 87.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 7.3	\$ 0.0	\$ 227.1	\$ 261.7
Total Investments	\$ 462.5	\$ 79.7	\$ 14.2	\$ (7.1 )	\$ (4.4 )	\$ 0.0	\$ 227.1	\$ 317.8

	Fair Value 3/31/10	Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Net Changes from Unrealized to Realized	New Invest- ments	Divesti- tures	Conversion of Security from Debt to Equity	Fair Value 3/31/11
Debt	\$ 14.6	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.9	\$ 4.2	\$ (4.2 )	\$ (2.9 )	\$ 12.7
Partnership							
Interest	8.6	-	-	0.9	-	-	9.5
Preferred Equity	35.3	2.9	6.9	4.7	(6.9 )	2.9	45.8
Common Equity	398.4	63.4	(66.5 )	3.7	(4.5 )	-	394.5
Total							
Investments	\$ 456.9	\$ 66.4	\$ (58.7 )	\$ 13.5	\$ (15.6 )	\$ -	\$ 462.5

The total unrealized gains included in earnings that related to assets still held at report date for the years ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$96,949,860 and \$76,132,546, respectively.

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### 4. INCOME TAXES

We operate to qualify as a RIC under Subchapter M of the IRC. In order to qualify as a RIC, we must annually distribute at least 90% of our taxable ordinary income, based on our tax year, to our shareholders in a timely manner. Ordinary income includes net short-term capital gains but excludes net long-term capital gains. A RIC is not subject to federal income tax on the portion of its ordinary income and long-term capital gains that are distributed to its shareholders, including “deemed distributions” discussed below. As permitted by the Code, a RIC can designate dividends paid in the subsequent tax year as dividends of current year ordinary income and net long-term gains if those dividends are both declared by the extended due date of the RIC’s federal income tax return and paid to shareholders by the last day of the subsequent tax year. We have a calendar tax year end of December 31.

We have distributed or intend to distribute sufficient dividends to eliminate taxable income for our completed tax years. If we fail to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement or otherwise fail to qualify as a RIC in any tax year, we would be subject to tax in such year on all of our taxable income, regardless of whether we made any distributions to our shareholders. For the tax year ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, we declared and paid ordinary dividends in the amount of \$3,003,030 and \$2,993,623, respectively.

Additionally, we are subject to a nondeductible federal excise tax of 4% if we do not distribute at least 98% of our investment company ordinary taxable income before the end of our tax year. For the tax years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, we distributed 100% of our investment company ordinary taxable income. As a result, we have made no tax provisions for income taxes on ordinary taxable income for the tax years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

A RIC may elect to retain its long-term capital gains by designating them as “deemed distribution” to its shareholders and paying a federal tax rate of 35% on the long-term capital gains for the benefit of its shareholders. Shareholders then report their share of the retained capital gains on their income tax returns as if it had been received and report a tax credit for tax paid on their behalf by the RIC. Shareholders then add the amount of the “deemed distribution” net of such tax, to the basis of their shares.

- For the tax year ended December 31, 2011, we had net long-term capital gains of \$3,568,376 for tax purposes and \$4,465,088 for book purposes, which we elected to retain and treat as deemed distributions to our shareholders. For the tax year ended December 31, 2010, we had net long-term capital gains of \$70,221,589 for tax purposes and \$70,325,930 for book purposes, which we elected to retain and treat as deemed distributions to our shareholders. During the quarter ended December 31, 2010 we recorded a \$4,217,985 reduction in the gain on sale of Lifemark Group, Inc. This reduction was the result of a net asset adjustment calculated in accordance with the Stock Purchase Agreement signed on June 10, 2010.
- In order to make the election to retain capital gains, we incurred federal taxes on behalf of our shareholders in the amount of \$1,248,932 for the tax year ended December 31, 2011. For the tax year ended December 31, 2010, we incurred federal taxes on behalf of our shareholders in the amount of \$24,577,557. For the tax year ended December 31, 2009, we had net long-term capital gains of \$2,327,150 for tax purposes and \$1,682,616 for book purposes, which we elected to retain and treat as deemed distributions to our shareholders. In order to make the election to retain capital gains, we incurred federal taxes on behalf of our shareholders in the amount of \$814,502 for the tax year ended December 31, 2009.

For the years ended March 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, CSC and CSVC qualified to be taxed as RICs. We intend to meet the applicable qualifications to be taxed as a RIC in future years. Management feels it is probable that we will maintain our RIC status for a period longer than one year. However, either company’s ability to meet certain portfolio diversification requirements of RICs in future years may not be controllable by such company.





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CSMC, a wholly owned subsidiary of CSC, is not a RIC and is required to pay taxes at the current corporate rate. CSMC sponsors a qualified defined benefit pension plan which covers its employees and employees of certain of its wholly owned portfolio companies. Deferred taxes related to the qualified defined pension plan are recorded as incurred.

## 5. UNDISTRIBUTED NET REALIZED GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS

Distributions made by RICs often differ from aggregate GAAP-basis undistributed net investment income and accumulated net realized gains (total GAAP-basis net realized gains). The principal cause is that required minimum fund distributions are based on income and gain amounts determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, rather than GAAP. The differences created can be temporary, meaning that they will reverse in the future, or they can be permanent. In subsequent periods, when all or a portion of a temporary difference becomes a permanent difference, the amount of the permanent difference will be reclassified to “additional capital.”

The following table sets forth a summary of our net realized gains on transactions by category:

Net Realized Gains on Transactions In Investment Securities of	For the Tax Year Ended December 31	
	2011	2010
Control Investments	\$ -	\$ 70,294,097
Affiliated Investments	-	-
Non-Control/Non-Affiliated Investments	4,465,088	31,833
Net realized gain on investments before taxes	\$ 4,465,088	\$ 70,325,930
Income tax expense	1,248,932	24,577,557
Net realized gains on investments	\$ 3,216,156	\$ 45,748,373
Net realized gains on investment (for tax purposes)	\$ 3,568,376	\$ 70,221,589

As a result of our election to retain long-term capital gains, we incurred federal taxes on behalf of our shareholders in the amounts listed in the table above. As of March 31, 2012, we had undistributed long-term capital gains of \$498,438. As of March 31, 2011 we had undistributed long-term capital losses of \$6,863,347.

## 6. EMPLOYEE STOCK BASED COMPENSATION PLANS

### Stock Options

On July 20, 2009, shareholders approved our 2009 Stock Incentive Plan (the “2009 Plan”), which provides for the granting of stock options to employees and officers and authorizes the issuance of common stock upon exercise of such options for up to 140,000 shares. All options are granted at or above market price, generally expire up to ten years from the date of grant and are generally exercisable on or after the first anniversary of the date of grant in five annual installments. Options to purchase 38,750 shares at a price of \$76.74 (market price at the time of the grant) were granted on October 19, 2009 and remain outstanding. Additionally, options to purchase 20,000 shares at a price of \$95.79 (market price at time of the grant) were granted on March 22, 2010, options to purchase 15,000 shares at a price of \$88.20 were granted on July 19, 2010 and options to purchase 10,000 shares at a price of \$96.92 were granted on July 18, 2011. All 83,750 options remain outstanding, thus leaving 56,250 options available for grant under the 2009 plan.

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We previously granted stock options under its 1999 Stock Option Plan (the “1999 Plan”), as approved by shareholders on July 19, 1999. The 1999 Plan expired on April 19, 2009. Options previously made under our 1999 Stock Option Plan and outstanding on July 20, 2009 continue in effect governed by provisions of the 1999 Plan. All options granted under the 1999 Plan were granted at or above market price, generally expire up to ten years from the date of grant and are generally exercisable on or after the first anniversary of the date of grant in five to ten annual installments.

We recognize compensation cost over the straight-line method for all share-based payments granted on or after that date and for all awards granted to employees prior to April 1, 2006 that remain unvested on that date. The fair value of stock options are determined on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes pricing model and are expensed over the vesting period of the related stock options. Share-based compensation cost for restricted stocks is measured based on the closing fair market value of our common stock on the date of the grant. Accordingly, for the years ended March 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, we recognized stock option compensation expense of \$1,009,922, \$957,168 and \$675,210 respectively.

As of March 31, 2012, the total remaining unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options was \$2,113,807, which will be amortized over the weighted-average service period of approximately 2.5 years.

The following table summarizes the 2009 Plan and the 1999 Plan price per option at grant date using the Black-Scholes pricing model:

Date of Issuance	Black-Scholes Pricing Model Assumptions						
	Weighted Average Fair Value	Expected Dividend Yield		Risk-Free Interest Rate		Expected Volatility	Expected Life (in years)
2009 Plan							
July 18, 2011	\$33.07	0.83	%	1.45	%	40.0	% 5
July 19, 2010	\$28.58	0.91	%	1.73	%	37.5	% 5
March 22, 2010	\$32.56	0.84	%	2.43	%	37.8	% 5
October 19, 2009	\$25.36	1.04	%	2.36	%	37.6	% 5
1999 Plan							
July 30, 2008	\$29.93	0.62	%	3.36	%	20.2	% 5
July 21, 2008	\$27.35	0.67	%	3.41	%	20.2	% 5
July 16, 2007	\$41.78	0.39	%	4.95	%	19.9	% 5
July 17, 2006	\$33.05	0.61	%	5.04	%	21.2	% 7
May 15, 2006	\$31.28	0.64	%	5.08	%	21.1	% 7

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The following table summarizes activity in the 2009 Plan and the 1999 Plan as of March 31, 2012:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
<b>2009 Plan</b>		
Balance at March 31, 2010	58,750	\$ 83.23
Granted	15,000	88.20
Exercised	—	—
Canceled	—	—
Balance at March 31, 2011	73,750	\$ 84.24
Granted	10,000	96.92
Exercised	—	—
Canceled	—	—
Balance at March 31, 2012	83,750	\$ 85.75
<b>1999 Plan</b>		
Balance at March 31, 2010	107,900	\$ 114.78
Granted	—	—
Exercised	(11,400 )	65.37
Canceled	—	—
Balance at March 31, 2011	96,500	\$ 114.78
Granted	—	—
Exercised	(1,500 )	65.70
Canceled	—	—
Balance at December 31, 2011	95,000	\$ 113.63
Combined Balance at March 31, 2012	178,750	\$ 104.74

	Weighted Average Aggregate Intrinsic Remaining Contractual Term	Value
March 31, 2012		
Outstanding	2.5 years	\$ 5,382,148
Exercisable	2.1 years	\$ 2,731,427

At March 31, 2012, the range of exercise prices and weighted-average remaining contractual life of outstanding options was \$76.74 to \$152.98 and 2.5 years, respectively. The number of options exercisable under the 2009 Plan and the 1999 Plan, at March 31, 2012, was 87,590 with a weighted-average exercise price of \$112.25. During the year ended March 31, 2012, 1,500 options were exercised with exercise price at \$65.70 per share and 11,400 options were exercised with exercise prices ranging from \$65.00 to \$65.70 per share during the year ended March 31, 2011. New shares were issued for \$98,550 and \$745,200 cash received from options exercised during the year ended March 31, 2012 and the year ended March 31, 2011, respectively. There were no options exercised during the year ended March 31, 2010.

At March 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, the number of options exercisable was 87,590, 54,325 and 38,960, respectively, and the weighted average price of those options was \$112.25, \$115.57 and \$107.94, respectively.

## Stock Awards

On January 15, 2012, our Board of Directors approved the issuance of shares of restricted stock to certain key employees pursuant to the Capital Southwest Corporation 2010 Restricted Stock Award Plan. A restricted stock award is an award of shares of our common stock (which have full voting and dividend rights but are restricted with regard to sale or transfer), the restrictions over which lapse ratably over a specified period of time (generally five years). Restricted stock awards are independent of stock option grants and are subject to forfeit if employment terminates prior to these restrictions lapsing. These shares vest over a five-year period from the grant date and are expensed over the five-year service period starting on the grant date. The following table summarizes the restricted stock issuances approved by our Board of Directors and the remaining shares of restricted stock available for issuance as of March 31, 2012:

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Restricted stock authorized under the plan:	47,000
Less restricted stock granted on 1/16/2012:	9,650
Restricted stock available for issuance as of March 31, 2012	37,350

We expense the cost of the restricted stock awards, which is determined to equal the fair value of the restricted stock award at the date of the grant on a straight-line basis over the vesting period in which the restrictions on these stock awards lapse. For these purposes, the fair value of the restricted stock award is determined based on the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012, we recognized total share based compensation expense of \$40,377 related to the restricted stock issued to our employees and officers. For the fiscal years ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, no restricted stock was issued.

As of March 31, 2012, the total remaining unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock awards was \$766,403, which will be amortized over the weighted-average service period of approximately 4.8 years.

The following table represents a summary of the activity for our restricted stock awards for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Fair Value Per Share	Weighted Average Remaining Vesting Term (in Years)
Restricted Stock Awards			
Unvested at March 31, 2011	-	\$ -	-
Granted	9,650	83.60	4.8
Vested	-	-	-
Forfeited or expired	-	-	-
Unvested at March 31, 2012	9,650	\$ 83.60	4.8

## Phantom Stock Plan

On January 16, 2012, our Board of Directors approved the issuance of Phantom stock options to certain key employees pursuant to the Capital Southwest Corporation Phantom Stock Option Plan. Under the plan, awards vest on the fifth anniversary of the award date. Upon exercise of the phantom option, a cash payment in an amount for each Phantom share equal to estimated fair market value minus the phantom option exercise price will be distributed to plan participants. On January 16, 2012, 26,000 shares of phantom stock options were issued to provide deferred compensation to certain key employees. The exercise price of each phantom share is \$146.95 (Net Asset Value at December 31, 2011), and estimated fair market value of phantom stock awards is calculated based on our net asset value, as of December 31 of each year.

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The following table represents a summary of the activity for our phantom stock plan for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012:

	Number of Shares	Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted Average Remaining Vesting Term (in Years)
Unvested at March 31, 2011	-	\$ -	-
Granted	26,000	146.95	4.8
Vested	-	-	-
Forfeited or expired	-	-	-
Unvested at March 31, 2012	26,000	\$ 146.95	4.8

## 7. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

CSC and one of its controlled affiliates sponsor a qualified employee stock ownership plan (“ESOP”) in which certain employees participate. Contributions to the plan, which are invested in our stock, are made at the discretion of our Board of Directors. A participant’s interest in contributions to the ESOP fully vests after three years of active service.

During the 3 years ended March 31, 2012, we made contributions to the ESOP, which were included in operating expenses, of \$222,179 in 2012, \$147,212 in 2011, and \$144,436 in 2010.

## 8. RETIREMENT PLANS

CSC sponsors a qualified defined benefit pension plan which covers its employees and employees of certain of its controlled affiliates. The following information about the plan represents amounts and information related to CSC’s participation in the plan and is presented as though CSC sponsored a single-employer plan. Benefits are based on years of service and an average of the highest five consecutive years of compensation during the last 10 years of employment. The funding policy of the plan is to contribute annual amounts that are currently deductible for tax reporting purposes. No contribution was made to the plan during the three years ended March 31, 2012.

Additionally, CSC sponsors an unfunded Retirement Restoration Plan, which is a nonqualified plan that provides for the payment, upon retirement, of the difference between the maximum annual payment permissible under the qualified retirement plan pursuant to Federal limitations and the amount which would otherwise have been payable under the qualified plan.

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The following tables set forth the qualified plan's net pension benefit, benefit obligation, fair value of plan assets, and amounts recognized in our consolidated statements of operations at March 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, as well as amounts recognized in our consolidated statements of assets and liabilities at March 31, 2012 and 2011:

	Years Ended March 31		
	2012	2011	2010
Net pension benefit			
Service cost-benefits earned during the year	\$ 133,729	\$ 161,047	\$ 116,746
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	256,558	231,332	191,936
Expected return on assets	(781,299 )	(771,025 )	(735,366 )
Net amortization	9,377	9,377	9,006
Net pension benefit from qualified plan	\$(381,635 )	\$(369,269 )	\$(417,678 )

	Years Ended March 31		
	2012	2011	2010
Change in benefit obligation			
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$4,213,349	\$3,450,443	\$2,914,813
Service cost	133,729	161,047	116,746
Interest cost	256,558	231,332	191,936
Actuarial gain (loss)	601,402	437,959	295,379
Benefits paid	(68,483 )	(67,432 )	(68,131 )
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$5,136,555	\$4,213,349	\$3,450,743

	Years Ended March 31		
	2012	2011	2010
Change in plan assets			
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$11,610,994	\$10,519,400	\$8,383,373
Actual return on plan assets	943,365	1,159,026	2,204,158
Benefits paid	(68,483 )	(67,432 )	(68,131 )
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$12,485,876	\$11,610,994	\$10,519,400



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	Years Ended March 31	
	2012	2011
Funded status and amounts recognized in consolidated statements of assets and liabilities		
Actuarial present value of benefit obligations: Accumulated benefit obligation	\$(4,755,675 )	\$(3,859,769 )
Projected benefit obligation for service rendered to date	\$(5,136,555 )	\$(4,213,349 )
Plan assets at fair value*	12,485,876	11,610,994
Funded status	7,349,321	7,397,645
Unrecognized net loss from past experience different from that assumed and effects of changes in assumptions	1,818,042	1,378,706
Unrecognized prior service costs	131,956	141,333
ASC 715 adjustment	(1,949,998 )	(1,520,039 )
Prepaid pension cost included in pension assets	7,349,321	\$7,397,645

\*Primarily equities and bonds including approximately 25,000 shares of CSC Common Stock.

The following tables set forth the retirement restoration plan's net pension benefit and benefit obligation amounts at March 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, as well as amounts recognized in our consolidated statements of assets and liabilities at March 31, 2012, 2011:

	Years Ended March 31		
	2012	2011	2010
Net pension cost			
Service cost-benefits earned during the year	\$ 18,163	\$ 33,216	\$ 26,847
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	79,056	69,248	60,334
Net amortization	(15,428 )	(24,507 )	(38,605 )
Net pension cost from qualified plan	\$ 81,791	\$ 77,957	\$ 48,576

	Years Ended March 31		
	2012	2011	2010
Change in benefit obligation			
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 1,256,895	\$ 1,082,941	\$ 934,428
Service cost	18,163	33,216	26,847
Interest cost	79,056	69,248	60,334
Actuarial gain (loss)	214,278	132,940	61,332
Other adjustments	-	(61,450 )	-
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 1,568,392	\$ 1,256,895	\$ 1,082,941

	Years Ended March 31	
	2012	2011
Amounts recognized in our consolidated statements of assets and liabilities		
Projected benefit obligation	\$(1,568,392 )	\$(1,256,895 )
Unrecognized net (gain) loss from past experience different from that assumed and effects of changes in assumptions	8,556	(205,722 )
Unrecognized prior service costs	(130,798 )	(146,226 )
ASC 715 adjustment	122,242	351,948
Accrued pension cost included in pension liabilities	\$(1,568,392 )	\$(1,256,895 )



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The following assumptions were used in estimating the actuarial present value of the projected benefit obligations:

	Years Ended March 31					
	2012		2011		2010	
Discount rate	5.25	%	6.00	%	6.00	%
Rate of compensation increases	5.00	%	5.00	%	5.00	%

The following assumptions were used in estimating the net periodic (income)/expense:

	Years Ended March 31					
	2012		2011		2010	
Discount rate	5.25	%	6.00	%	6.50	%
Expected return on plan assets	6.50	%	6.50	%	6.50	%
Rate of compensation increases	5.00	%	5.00	%	5.00	%

Following are the expected benefit payments for the next five years and in the aggregate for the years 2018-2022:

(In thousands)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018-2022
Qualified Plan	\$208	\$274	\$265	\$262	\$312	\$1,704
Restoration Plan	\$104	\$103	\$101	\$100	\$98	\$573

The expected rate of return on assets assumption was determined based on the anticipated performance of the various asset classes in the plan's portfolio and the allocation of assets to each class. The anticipated asset class return is developed using historical and predicted asset return performance, considering the investments underlying each asset class and expected investment performance based on forecasts of inflation, interest rates and market indices for fixed income and equity securities.

#### Plan Assets

Our pension plan is administered by a board-appointed committee that has fiduciary responsibility for the plan's management. The trustee of the plan is JPMorgan Asset Management. Currently, approximately 18% of the assets are selected and managed by the trustee and the remainder of the assets is managed by the committee, invested mostly in equity securities, including our stock. The plan assets are invested using a total return approach whereby a mix of equity securities, debt securities and other investments are used to preserve asset values, diversify risk and achieve our targeted investment return benchmark. Investment performance and asset allocation are measured and monitored on an ongoing basis.

Plan assets are managed in a balanced portfolio comprised of two major components: an equity portion and a fixed income portion. The expected role of plan equity investments is to maximize the long-term real growth of the plan's assets, while the role of fixed income investments is to generate current income, provide for more stable periodic returns and provide some protection against prolonged decline in the market value of the plan's equity investments.

The current target allocations for plan assets are 60-80% equity, 15-40% for fixed income, and 0-15% for cash and cash equivalents. Equity investments include U.S. and foreign equities, as well as publicly traded and non-publicly traded mutual funds. Fixed income securities include long-duration government obligations, government agency obligations and corporate obligations.



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Our pension plan asset allocations are as follows:

Asset Category	Percentage of Plan Assets at March 31			
	2012		2011	
Equity securities	77.7	%	77.2	%
Fixed income securities	16.6	%	16.8	%
Cash and cash equivalents	5.7	%	6.0	%
	100.0	%	100.0	%

Below is our pension plan asset for Capital Southwest Corporation and its affiliates, of which Capital Southwest assets were \$12,485,876 and \$11,610,994 as of March 31, 2012 and 2011 respectively. The following fair value hierarchy table sets forth our pension plan investment portfolio by level as of March 31, 2012 (in millions):

Asset Category	Total	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level I	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Observable Inputs Level 3
Equity securities (a)	\$32.9	\$ 21.4	\$ 11.5	\$ –
Fixed income securities (b)	7.0	–	7.0	–
Cash and cash equivalents	2.4	2.4	–	–
Total	\$42.3	\$ 23.8	\$ 18.5	\$ –

The following fair value hierarchy table sets forth our pension plan investment portfolio by level as of March 31, 2011 (in millions):

Asset Category	Total	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level I	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Observable Inputs Level 3
Equity securities (a)	\$30.8	\$ 25.0	\$ 5.8	\$ –
Fixed income securities (b)	6.7	–	6.7	–
Cash and cash equivalents	2.4	2.4	–	–
Total	\$39.9	\$ 27.4	\$ 12.5	\$ –

There were no plan assets valued using significant unobservable inputs (level 3) as of March 31, 2012 or 2011.

(a) This category includes investment in equity securities of large, medium and small companies and equity investments in foreign companies. Mutual funds included in this category are valued using the net asset value per

unit as of the valuation date. These investments include shares of our common stock. At March 31, 2012 and 2011, our common stock represented 19.7% and 20.2%, respectively, of the plan assets.

(b) This category includes investments in investment grade fixed income instruments, primarily U.S. government obligations.

#### 9. COMMITMENTS

As of March 31, 2012, we had agreed, subject to certain conditions, to invest up to \$8,608,215 in eight portfolio companies.

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We lease office space under an operating lease which requires base annual rentals of approximately \$133,000 through September 2014. For the three years ended March 31, 2012, total rental expense charged to investment income was \$117,199 in 2012, \$103,703 in 2011, and \$92,075 in 2010.

## 10. SOURCES OF INCOME

	Investment Income			Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments Before Income Taxes
Year Ended March 31, 2012	Interest	Dividends	Other Income	
Companies more than 25% owned	\$—	\$5,553,140	\$493,967	\$ (10,933,517 )
Companies 5% to 25% owned	253,652	1,006,572	59,700	(45,287 )
Companies less than 25% owned	1,674,051	160,729	79,250	22,805,680
Other sources, including temporary investments	52,477	—	699	—
	\$1,980,180	\$6,720,441	\$633,616	\$ 11,826,876

	Investment Income			Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments Before Income Taxes
Year Ended March 31, 2011	Interest	Dividends	Other Income	
Companies more than 25% owned	\$—	\$5,024,061	\$671,867	\$ 70,294,097
Companies 5% to 25% owned	—	326,940	13,000	(6,863,347 )
Companies less than 25% owned	1,304,496	81,270	—	31,833
Other sources, including temporary investments	59,642	—	86,871	—
	\$1,364,138	\$5,432,271	\$771,738	\$ 63,462,583

	Investment Income			Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments Before Income Taxes
Year Ended March 31, 2010	Interest	Dividends	Other Income	
Companies more than 25% owned	\$14,473	\$3,359,942	\$1,055,900	\$ 1,433,472
Companies 5% to 25% owned	1,500	326,940	13,000	—
Companies less than 25% owned	1,009,276	101,798	206,522	206,522
Other sources, including temporary investments	19,618	—	337	—
	\$1,044,867	\$3,788,680	\$1,275,759	\$ 1,639,994

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## 11. SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA

The following presents a summary of the unaudited quarterly consolidated financial information for the years ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 (in thousands except per share amounts):

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total
2012					
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 14	\$ 23	\$ 4,385	\$(1,878 )	\$ 2,544
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(5,911 )	18,500	(2,360 )	349	10,578
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation of investments	(4,588 )	(44,076 )	48,798	78,501	78,635
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	(10,455 )	(25,703 )	50,823	77,092	91,757
Net increase in net operations per share	(2.79 )	(6.85 )	13.53	20.53	24.42

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total
2011					
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 1,962	\$ 81	\$ 1,227	\$(1,466 )	\$ 1,804
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	74,015	530	(28,797 )	(6,863 )	38,885
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation of investments	(65,742 )	23,360	21,837	33,544	12,999
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	10,235	23,971	(5,732 )	25,214	53,688
Net increase (decrease) in net operations per share	2.73	6.41	(1.53 )	6.72	14.33



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## 12. SELECTED PER SHARE DATA AND RATIOS

The following presents a summary of the selected per share data for the years ended March 31, 2008 through 2012 (in thousands except per share amounts):

Per Share Data	Years Ended March 31				
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Investment income	\$2.49	\$2.01	\$1.63	\$3.74	\$1.75
Operating expenses	(1.78 )	(1.50 )	(1.04 )	(.98 )	(.76 )
Interest expense	—	—	—	—	—
Income taxes	(.03 )	(.03 )	(.03 )	(.04 )	(.03 )
Net investment income	.68	.48	.56	2.72	.96
Distributions from undistributed net investment income	(.80 )	(.80 )	(.80 )	(3.28 )	(.60 )
Net realized gain net of tax	2.81	10.36	.22	2.87	.06
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation of investments	20.93	3.46	18.88	(42.56 )	(36.76 )
Exercise of employee stock options**	(.02 )	(.20 )	—	—	(.09 )
Stock option expense	.28	.26	.18	.13	.07
Net change in pension plan funded status	(.11 )	(.02 )	.12	(.39 )	(.30 )
Treasury stock*	—	—	—	1.40	—
Adjustment to initially apply ASC 715, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—
Increase (decrease) in net asset value	23.77	13.54	19.16	(39.11 )	(36.66 )
Net asset value					
Beginning of year	143.68	130.14	110.98	150.09	186.75
End of year	\$167.45	\$143.68	\$130.14	\$110.98	\$150.09

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets	1.07	%	1.10	%	.87	%	.71	%	.46	%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	.41	%	.35	%	.47	%	1.96	%	.58	%
Portfolio turnover rate	2.15	%	2.78	%	1.16	%	2.51	%	.22	%
Net asset total return	18.07	%	18.40	%	18.50	%	(22.56 )	%	(19.27 )	%

Shares outstanding at end of period  
(000s) omitted

3,755                      3,753                      3,741                      3,741                      3,889

\* Net increase is due to purchases of common stock at prices less than beginning period net asset value.

\*\* Net decrease is due to the exercise of employee stock options at prices less than beginning of period net asset value.

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13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On May 14, 2012, Capital Southwest Venture Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Capital Southwest Corporation, entered into a Share Repurchase Agreement with Encore Wire Corporation dated May 14, 2012 pursuant to which Encore Wire repurchased 2,774,250 shares of Encore Wire's common stock held by Capital Southwest Venture Corporation. Pursuant to terms of the Share Repurchase Agreement, the aggregate sale price was \$66,637,485, based on a price of \$24.02 per share. Capital Southwest Corporation continues to hold 1,312,500 shares of common stock in Encore Wire Corporation. Additionally, the Board of Directors of Capital Southwest Corporation declared a cash dividend in the amount of \$17.59 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable on June 8, 2012 to shareholders of record on May 24, 2012. This dividend represents a distribution of the entire capital gain proceeds to its shareholders.

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## SCHEDULE 12-14

Schedule of Investments in and Advances to Affiliates  
(In thousands)

Portfolio Company / Type of Investment (1)	Amount of Interest, Fees or Dividends Credited in Income (2)	Fair Value at March 31, 2011	Gross Additions (3)	Gross Reductions (4)	Fair Value at March 31, 2012
Control Investments					
The RectorSeal Corporation 27,907 shares common stock	\$4,803	\$ 144,700	\$ 21,600	—	\$ 166,300
The Whitmore Manufacturing Company 80 shares common stock	1,231	55,600	11,600	—	67,200
Heelys, Inc. 9,317,310 shares common stock	—	19,194	1,304	—	20,498
Media Recovery, Inc. 800,000 shares Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 800,000 shares common stock	—	3,000	100	—	3,100
4,000,002 shares common stock	—	15,100	500	—	15,600
Balco, Inc. 445,000 shares common stock; 60,920 shares Class B non-voting common	—	5,200	—	1,100	4,100
CapStar Holdings Corporation 500 shares common stock	—	4,380	958	—	5,338
Discovery Alliance, LLC 90.0% limited liability company	—	574	706	—	1,280
Humac Company 1,041,000 shares of common stock	5	166	-	7	159

Total Control Investments	\$6,039	\$ 247,914	\$ 36,768	\$ 1,107	\$ 283,575
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Portfolio Company / Type of Investment (1)	Amount of Interest, Fees or Dividends Credited in Income (2)	Fair Value at March 31, 2011	Gross Additions (3)	Gross Reductions (4)	Fair Value at March 31, 2012
<b>Affiliated Investments</b>					
Alamo Group, Inc. 2,830,300 shares common stock	\$726	\$62,267	22,872		85,139
Encore Wire Corporation 4,086,750 shares of common stock	340	81,735	39,723	—	121,458
PalletOne, Inc. 12.3% Senior Subordinated Notes, \$2,000,000 due 2015	254	1,600	400		2,000
150,000 shares of common stock	—	—	—		—
Warrant to purchase 15,294 shares of common stock at \$1.00 per share, expiring 2011	—	—	—	—	—
Boxx Technologies, Inc. 3,125,354 shares Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 3,125,354 shares of common stock at \$0.50 per share	—	—	600	—	600
Wellogix, Inc. 4,788,371 shares Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock, convertible into 4,788,371 shares of common stock at \$1.0441 per share	—	—	25	—	25
<b>Total Affiliated Investments</b>	<b>\$1,320</b>	<b>\$145,602</b>	<b>\$ 63,620</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$209,222</b>
<b>Total Control &amp; Affiliated Investments</b>	<b>\$7,359</b>	<b>\$393,516</b>	<b>\$ 100,388</b>	<b>\$ 1,107</b>	<b>\$492,797</b>

This schedule should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements, including the Consolidated Schedules of Investments and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

- (1) The principal amount and ownership detail as shown in the Consolidated Schedules of Investments.
- (2) Represents the total amount of interest, fees and dividends, credited to income for the portion of the year an investment was included in the Control or Non-Control/Non-Affiliate categories, respectively.
- (3) Gross additions include increases in the cost basis of investments resulting from new portfolio investments, follow-on investments and accrued PIK interest, and the exchange of one or more existing securities for one or more new securities. Gross additions also include net increases in unrealized appreciation or net decreases in unrealized depreciation as well as movement of an existing portfolio company into this category and out of a different category.
- (4) Gross reductions included in decreases in the cost basis of investment resulting from principal payments or sales and exchanges of one or more existing securities for one or more new securities. Gross reductions also include net increases in unrealized depreciation or net decreases in unrealized appreciation as well as the movement of an existing portfolio company out of this category and into a different category.

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Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A.Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this annual report on Form 10-K, our Chairman of the Board and President and Chief Financial Officer conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon this evaluation, our Chairman of the Board and President, and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure of any material information relating to us that is required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(b) Management's report on internal control over financial reporting

The management of Capital Southwest Corporation and its subsidiaries (the Company) is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on the Company's evaluation under the framework in Internal Control — Integrated Framework, management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of March 31, 2012. Grant Thornton, LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2012, as stated in its report which is included herein.

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(c) Attestation report of the registered public accounting firm

Our independent registered public accounting firm, Grant Thornton LLP, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2012, which is set forth above under the heading "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in Item 8.

(d) Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that occurred during our most recently completed fiscal quarter, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information required by this Item 10 will be contained in the definitive proxy statement relating to our 2012 annual meeting of shareholders under the headings of "Election of Directors," "Corporate Governance," "Executive Officers" and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before June 15, 2012, and is incorporated herein by reference.

We have adopted a code of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act that applies to all our directors, officers and employees. We have made the Code of Conduct and of Ethics available on our website at [www.capitalsouthwest.com/investors/governance](http://www.capitalsouthwest.com/investors/governance). Shareholders may request a free copy of the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics from: Tracy L. Morris, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer, at our principal executive office.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by this Item 11 will be contained in the definitive proxy statement relating to our 2012 annual meeting of shareholders under the headings of "Compensation of Executive Officers," "Compensation of Directors," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Compensation Committee Report" to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before June 15, 2012, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information in the sections of our 2012 Proxy Statement captioned "Stock Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners" is incorporated in this Item 12 by reference.



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The table below sets forth certain information as of March 31, 2012 regarding the shares of our common stock available for grant or granted under stock option plans that (1) were approved by our shareholders, and (2) were not approved by our shareholders.

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders (1)	178,750	\$ 104.74	56,250
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders (2)	—	—	—
Total	178,750	\$ 104.74	56,250

1) Includes the 1999 Stock Option Plan and the 2009 Stock Incentive Plan. For a description of both plans, please refer to Footnote 5 contained in our consolidated financial statements.

2) We have no equity compensation plans that were not approved by security holders.

Other information required by this Item 12 will be contained in the definitive proxy statement relating to our 2012 annual meeting of shareholders under the heading of "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before June 15, 2012, and is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required by this Item 13 will be contained in the definitive proxy statement relating to our 2012 annual meeting of shareholders under the headings of "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" and "Corporate Governance" to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before June 15, 2012, and is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The information required by this Item 14 will be contained in the definitive proxy statement relating to our 2012 annual meeting of shareholders under the heading of "Ratification and Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Year ended March 31, 2013" to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before June 15, 2012, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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## PART IV

## Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

The following documents are filed or incorporated by reference as part of this Annual Report:

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2. Schedule of Investments In and Advances To Affiliates Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

3. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report or hereby incorporated by reference to exhibits previously filed with the SEC. Asterisk denotes exhibits filed with this report. Double asterisk denotes exhibits furnished with this report.

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1(a)	Articles of Incorporation and Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, dated June 25, 1969 (filed as Exhibit 1(a) and 1(b) to Amendment No. 3 to Form N-2 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1979).
3.1(b)	Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation, dated July 20, 1987 (filed as an exhibit to Form N-SAR for the six month period ended September 30, 1987).
3.2	By-Laws of the Company, as amended (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007).
4.1	Specimen of Common Stock certificate (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002).
10.1	The RectorSeal Corporation and Jet-Lube, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as revised and restated effective April 1, 2007 (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March

31, 2007).

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| 10.2 | Retirement Plan for Employees of Capital Southwest Corporation and Its Affiliates as amended and restated effective April 1, 2006 (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007).        |
| 10.3 | Capital Southwest Corporation and Its Affiliates Restoration of Retirement Income Plan as amended and restated effective January 1, 2008 (filed as Exhibit 10.3 to form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009). |

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Exhibit No.	Description
10.6	Form of Indemnification Agreement which has been established with all directors and executive officers of the Company (filed as Exhibit 10.9 to Form 8-K dated February 10, 1994).
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<u>10.15</u> *	Retirement Plan for Employees of Capital Southwest Corporation and its Affiliates as amended and restated effective April 1, 2011
13.1 *	Selected Consolidated Financial Data.
21.1 *	List of subsidiaries of the Company.
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31.1 *	Certification of Chairman of the Board and President required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), filed herewith.
31.2 *	Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Exchange Act, filed herewith.
32.1 **	Certification of Chairman of the Board and President required by Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Exchange Act and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code, furnished herewith.
32.2 **	Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Exchange Act and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code, furnished herewith.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CAPITAL SOUTHWEST CORPORATION

By: /s/ Gary L. Martin  
Gary L. Martin  
Chairman of the Board and President

Date: June 1, 2012

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that each of Capital Southwest Corporation and its Subsidiaries undersigned directors hereby constitutes and appoints Gary L. Martin, it's or his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, for it or him and in its or his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, with full power to act alone, to sign any and all amendments to this Report, and to file each such amendment to the Report, with all exhibits thereto, and any and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform any and all acts and things requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as it or he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Gary L. Martin Gary L. Martin	Chairman of the Board and President (chief executive officer)	June 1, 2012
/s/ Samuel B. Ligon Samuel B. Ligon	Director	June 1, 2012
/s/ Gary L. Martin Gary L. Martin	Director	June 1, 2012
/s/ T. Duane Morgan T. Duane Morgan	Director	June 1, 2012
/s/ Richard F. Strup Richard F. Strup	Director	June 1, 2012
/s/ John H. Wilson John H. Wilson	Director	June 1, 2012
/s/ Tracy L. Morris Tracy L. Morris	Chief Financial Officer (chief financial/accounting officer)	June 1, 2012



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