

Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc.  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period of September 30, 2015 or

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

Commission File Number 333-168195

FIRSTHAND TECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

MARYLAND 27-3008946  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer  
Incorporation or Organization) Identification No)

150 Almaden Boulevard, Suite 1250  
San Jose, California 95113  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (408) 886-7096

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer  Accelerated Filer  
 Non-accelerated Filer  Smaller Reporting Company  
(Do not check if smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).  Yes  No

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Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class	Outstanding at October 31, 2015
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	7,702,705

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc.  
Statements of Assets and Liabilities

	AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (UNAUDITED)***	AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investment securities:		
Unaffiliated investments at acquisition cost	\$ 97,213,290	\$ 118,567,567
Affiliated investments at acquisition cost	17,034,881	13,375,885
Controlled investments at acquisition cost	68,652,060	60,815,580
Total acquisition cost	\$ 182,900,231	\$ 192,759,032
Unaffiliated investments at market value	\$ 84,323,114	\$ 118,830,054
Affiliated investments at market value	18,900,352	14,916,840
Controlled investments at market value	68,243,414	57,918,973
Total market value* (Note 6)	171,466,880	191,665,867
Cash**	1,129,375	69,014,110
Receivable for securities sold	2,657,611	—
Receivable from dividends and interest	3,044,940	2,729,276
Other assets	261,218	29,993
Total Assets	178,560,024	263,439,246
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Payable for securities purchased	—	38,253,718
Incentive fees payable (Note 4)	78,890	13,716,658
Payable to affiliates (Note 4)	936,770	1,294,481
Consulting fee payable	27,000	23,000
Accrued expenses and other payables	220,662	421,318
Total Liabilities	1,263,322	53,709,175
NET ASSETS	\$ 177,296,702	\$ 209,730,071
Net Assets consist of:		
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share 100,000,000 shares authorized	\$ 7,703	\$ 8,562
Paid-in-capital	184,982,547	204,981,680
Accumulated net investment income	5,549,498	5,832,994
Accumulated net realized loss from security transactions, purchased and written options	(1,809,695	) —
Net unrealized depreciation on investments and warrants transactions	(11,433,351	) (1,093,165 )
NET ASSETS	\$ 177,296,702	\$ 209,730,071
Shares of Common Stock outstanding	7,702,705	8,562,173
Net asset value per share (Note 2)	\$ 23.02	\$ 24.49

\*Includes warrants whose primary risk exposure is equity contracts.

Cash composed primarily of the Fidelity Institutional Money Market Treasury Portfolio which invests primarily in

\*\*U.S. Treasury securities. The yield as of 09/30/15 was 0.01%. Please see

<https://fundresearch.fidelity.com/mutual-funds/summary/316175504> for additional information.

\*\*\* Consolidated.

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Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc.  
Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

	FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED		FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED	
	SEPT 30, 2015*	SEPT 30, 2014	SEPT 30, 2015*	SEPT 30, 2014
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>				
Unaffiliated dividend income	\$—	\$—	\$148,000	\$ —
Unaffiliated interest	32,723	1,461	47,826	5,033
Affiliated/controlled interest	490,928	523,058	1,438,391	1,365,264
Royalty income	—	351,327	14,261	423,196
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<b>523,651</b>	<b>875,846</b>	<b>1,648,478</b>	<b>1,793,493</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Investment advisory fees (Note 4)	936,770	1,358,816	2,931,531	3,929,151
Administration fees	43,900	35,287	107,239	105,532
Custody fees	2,251	5,110	10,426	13,782
Transfer agent fees	8,384	9,132	26,399	26,684
Registration and filing fees	5,798	9,725	17,203	21,208
Professional fees	110,614	155,463	957,049	651,689
Printing fees	50,136	136,713	149,946	239,588
Trustees fees	25,000	15,000	75,000	45,000
Settlement fees	—	—	—	838,000
Miscellaneous fees	29,664	13,067	56,495	50,547
<b>TOTAL GROSS EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,212,517</b>	<b>1,738,313</b>	<b>4,331,288</b>	<b>5,921,181</b>
Incentive fee adjustments (Note 4)	(2,753,010 )	5,659,108	(2,399,314 )	4,226,169
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENSES</b>	<b>(1,540,493 )</b>	<b>7,397,421</b>	<b>1,931,974</b>	<b>10,147,350</b>
<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>2,064,144</b>	<b>(6,521,575 )</b>	<b>(283,496 )</b>	<b>(8,353,857 )</b>
<b>Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments:</b>				
Net realized gains (losses) from security transactions Non-affiliated and other assets	(3,725,521 )	26,779,485	(2,434,689 )	26,779,617
Net realized gains from purchased option transactions(1)	—	15,290,438	—	15,290,438
Net realized gains from written option transactions (1)	—	54,928	624,994	54,928
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments	(10,093,234)	(9,092,761 )	(10,388,120)	(17,423,461)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on warrants transactions (1)	53,706	4,786	47,934	(2,418,528 )
Net change in unrealized depreciation on purchased options (1)	—	(4,794,453 )	—	(1,470,000 )
Net change in unrealized appreciation on written options (1)	—	45,257	—	70,011
<b>Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments</b>	<b>(13,765,049)</b>	<b>28,287,680</b>	<b>(12,149,881)</b>	<b>20,883,005</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) In Net Assets Resulting From Operations</b>	<b>\$(11,700,905)</b>	<b>\$21,766,105</b>	<b>\$(12,433,377)</b>	<b>\$ 12,529,148</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) In Net Assets Per Share Resulting From Operations (2)</b>	<b>\$(1.49 )</b>	<b>\$2.40</b>	<b>\$(1.59 )</b>	<b>\$ 1.38</b>

(1) Primary risk exposure is equity contracts.

(2) Per share results are calculated based on weighted average shares outstanding for each period.

\*Consolidated.

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Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc.  
Statements of Cash Flows

	FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (UNAUDITED)*	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net increase (decrease) in Net Assets resulting from operations	\$ (12,433,377	) \$15,984,110
Adjustments to reconcile net increase (decrease) in Net Assets derived from operations to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Purchases of investments	(38,491,828	) (181,556,214)
Proceeds from disposition of investments	47,408,157	181,754,896
Net purchases from short-term investments	(1,500,000	) (500,000 )
Net proceeds from written options	624,994	1,964,401
Net proceeds from purchased options	—	15,290,438
Proceeds from litigation claim	7,783	18,013
Increase in dividends, interest, and reclaims receivable	(315,664	) (876,157 )
Increase in receivable for investment sold	(2,657,611	) —
Increase (decrease) in payable for investment purchased	(38,253,718	) 38,253,718
Increase (decrease) in payable to affiliates	(357,711	) 22,450
Increase (decrease) in incentive fees payable	(13,637,768	) 5,405,459
Decrease (increase) in other assets	(231,225	) 1,945
Decrease in accrued expenses and other payables	(196,656	) (8,092 )
Net realized (gain) loss from investments	2,434,689	(65,088,456 )
Net realized gain from written options	(624,994	) (1,964,401 )
Net unrealized depreciation from investments, other assets, and warrants transactions	10,340,186	40,291,286
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(47,884,743	) 48,993,396
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from shares redeemed	(19,999,992	) (9,999,991 )
Distributions paid from realized capital gains	—	(53,158,463 )
Net cash used by financing activities	(19,999,992	) (63,158,454 )
Net decrease in cash	(67,884,735	) (14,165,058 )
Cash - beginning of period	69,014,110	83,179,168
Cash - end of period	\$ 1,129,375	\$69,014,110

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (UNAUDITED)*	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
<b>FROM OPERATIONS:</b>		
Net investment loss	\$ (283,496	) \$ (10,777,461 )
Net realized gains (losses) from security transactions and written options and warrants transactions	(1,809,695	) 67,052,857
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments and warrants transactions	(10,340,186	) (40,291,286 )
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	(12,433,377	) 15,984,110
<b>FROM DISTRIBUTIONS:</b>		
From realized gains on investments	—	(53,158,463 )
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	—	(53,158,463 )
<b>FROM CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
Value of shares repurchased	(19,999,992	) (9,999,991 )
Net decrease in net assets from capital share transactions	(19,999,992	) (9,999,991 )
<b>TOTAL DECREASE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(32,433,369	) (47,174,344 )
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>		
Beginning of period	209,730,071	256,904,415
End of period	\$ 177,296,702	\$ 209,730,071
Accumulated Net Investment Income	\$ 5,549,498	\$ 5,832,994
<b>COMMON STOCK ACTIVITY:</b>		
Shares repurchased	(859,468	) (509,859 )
Net decrease in shares outstanding	(859,468	) (509,859 )
Shares outstanding, beginning of period	8,562,173	9,072,032
Shares outstanding, end of period	7,702,705	8,562,173

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Financial Highlights

Selected per share data and ratios for a share outstanding throughout each period

	FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (UNAUDITED)*	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012	FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 <sup>(1)</sup>
Net asset value at beginning of period	\$ 24.49	\$ 28.32	\$ 22.90	\$ 23.92	\$ 27.01
Income from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss)	(0.04 ) <sup>(2)</sup>	(1.26 )	(1.42 )	(0.39 )	(0.41 )
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(1.55 )	3.04	7.16	(1.01 )	(2.68 )
Total from investment operations	(1.59 )	1.78	5.74	(1.40 )	(3.09 )
Distributions from:					
Realized capital gains	—	(5.86 )	(0.32 )	—	—
Premiums from shares sold in offerings	—	—	—	(3) 0.38	—
Anti-dilutive effect from capital share transactions	0.12	0.25	—	—	—
Net asset value at end of period	\$ 23.02	\$ 24.49	\$ 28.32	\$ 22.90	\$ 23.92
Market value at end of period	\$ 8.51	\$ 18.65	\$ 23.17	\$ 17.44	\$ 14.33
Total return					
Based on Net Asset Value	(6.0 )%(A)	12.54 %	25.30 %	(4.26 )%	(11.44 )%(A)
Based on Market Value	(54.37 )%(A)	4.76 %	34.61 %	21.70 %	(46.95 )%(A)
Net assets at end of period (millions)	\$ 177.3	\$ 209.7	\$ 256.9	\$ 195.9	\$ 83.63
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.35 %(B) <sup>(4)</sup>	5.29 %(4)	6.52 %(4)	2.56 %	2.76 %(B)
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets, excluding incentive fees	3.03 %(B)	3.12 %	2.67 %	2.56 %	2.76 %(B)
Ratio of net investment increase (loss) to average net assets	(0.20 )%(B)	(4.31 )%	(5.96 )%	(2.12 )%	(2.28 )%(B)
Portfolio turnover rate	21 %(A)	95 %	17 %	10 %	18 %(A)

(1)For the period April 18, 2011 (inception) through December 31, 2011.

(2)Calculated using average shares outstanding.

(3) Less than \$0.005 per share.

Amount includes the incentive fee. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the year ended December 31, (4) 2014, and the year ended December 31, 2013, the ratio of the incentive fee to average net assets was (1.68)%, 2.17%, and 3.85%, respectively.

(A) Not Annualized.

(B) Annualized.

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Consolidated Schedule of Investments  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (UNAUDITED)

PORTFOLIO COMPANY (% OF NET ASSETS) AND INDUSTRY	TYPE OF INVESTMENT	SHARES/PAR VALUE (\$)	COST BASIS	VALUE
ALIPHCOM, INC. (2.8%) Consumer Electronics	Common Stock *(1)	2,128,005	\$10,108,024	\$4,921,224
CLOUDERA, INC. (0.3%) Software	Common Stock *(1)	20,000	580,000	580,000
GILT GROUPE HOLDINGS, INC. (1.8%) Internet	Common Stock *(1)	198,841	4,558,112	3,180,740
HERA SYSTEMS, INC. (1.1%) Aerospace	Preferred Stock - Series A (1)	3,642,324	2,000,000	2,000,000
HIGHTAIL, INC. (5.6%) Cloud Computing	Preferred Stock - Series E *(1)	2,268,602	9,999,998	9,999,998
HIKU LABS, INC. (1.3%) Consumer Electronics	Preferred Stock - Series A (1)	3,280,191	2,124,074	2,280,061
INTEVAC, INC. (0.6%) Other Electronics	Common Stock *	243,883	2,721,734	1,121,862
INTRAOP MEDICAL CORP. (15.0%) Medical Devices	Preferred Stock - Series C *(1)(2)	26,856,187	26,299,938	22,655,879
	Term Note (1)(2) Matures February 2016 Interest Rate 8%	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
	Convertible Note (1)(2) Matures July 2016 Interest Rate 15%	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
				26,655,879
INVENSENSE, INC. (2.6%) Semiconductors	Common Stock *	500,000	8,003,882	4,645,000
MATTSON TECHNOLOGY, INC. (4.3%) Semiconductor Equipment	Common Stock *	3,280,000	8,239,200	7,642,400
NUTANIX, INC. (2.5%) Networking	Preferred Stock - Series A *(1)	227,272	3,999,987	4,463,122

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PORTFOLIO COMPANY

(% OF NET ASSETS) AND INDUSTRY	TYPE OF INVESTMENT	SHARES/PAR VALUE (\$)	COST BASIS	VALUE
PHUNWARE, INC. (5.4%) Mobile Computing	Preferred Stock - Series E *(1)	3,257,328	\$9,999,997	\$ 9,615,632
PIVOTAL SYSTEMS CORP. (12.9%) Semiconductor Equipment	Preferred Stock - Series C * (1)(2)	2,291,260	2,657,862	2,657,862
	Preferred Stock - Series B *(1)(2)	13,065,236	6,321,482	10,538,419
	Preferred Stock - Series A *(1)(2)	11,914,217	6,000,048	9,610,007 22,806,288
PURE STORAGE, INC. (0.1%) Computer Storage	Common Stock - Class B * (1)	14,000	336,000	238,000
QMAT, INC. (7.1%) Advanced Materials	Preferred Stock Warrants - Series A *(1)(2)	2,000,000	0	615,800
	Preferred Stock - Series A *(1)(2)	12,000,240	12,000,240	12,000,240 12,616,040
ROKU, INC. (1.3%) Consumer Electronics	Common Stock *(1)	1,500,000	2,312,500	2,250,000
SILICON GENESIS CORP. (2.6%) ** Intellectual Property	Preferred Stock - Series 1-F *(1)(2)	912,453	583,060	0
	Common Stock Warrants *(1)(2)	37,982	6,678	0
	Common Stock *(1)(2)	921,892	169,045	0
	Preferred Stock - Series 1-D *(1)(2)	850,830	431,901	0
	Preferred Stock - Series 1-C *(1)(2)	82,914	109,518	0
	Preferred Stock - Series 1-E *(1)(2)	5,704,480	2,946,535	0
	Term Note (1)(2) Matures December 2016 Interest Rate 12%	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,653,447
	Convertible Note (1)(2)	1,250,000	1,610,753	1,105,603
	Common Stock Warrants *(1)(2)	5,000,000	0	0
	Convertible Note (1)(2)	1,000,000	1,000,000	884,482
	Common Stock Warrants *(1)(2)	3,000,000	0	0
				4,643,532
SUNRUN, INC. (3.4%) Renewable Energy	Common Stock *(1)	674,820	6,417,495	5,948,201
TAPAD, INC. (5.8%)	Preferred Stock - Series B-2 *(1)	492,244	7,149,992	7,149,992

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Advertising Technology	Preferred Stock - Series B-1 *(1)	280,048	2,999,986	3,188,374
				10,338,366

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PORTFOLIO COMPANY (% OF NET ASSETS) AND INDUSTRY	TYPE OF INVESTMENT	SHARES/PAR VALUE (\$)	COST BASIS	VALUE
TELEPATHY INVESTORS, INC. (3.4%)	Preferred Stock - Series A *(1)(3)	15,238,000	\$3,999,999	\$ 4,000,000
Consumer Electronics	Convertible Note (1)(3) Matures June 2017 Interest Rate 10%	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000 6,000,000
TURN INC. (8.4%) Advertising Technology	Preferred Stock - Series E *(1)	1,798,562	15,000,007	14,804,324
UCT COATINGS, INC. (0.2%) Advanced Materials	Common Stock Warrants *(1)	136,986	0	27
	Common Stock *(1)	1,500,000	662,235	294,150
	Common Stock Warrants *(1)	2,283	67	0
	Common Stock Warrants *(1)	33,001	0	7
				294,184
VUFINE, INC. (0.9%) Consumer Electronics	Preferred Stock - Series A *(1)(2)	15,000,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
	Common Stock *(1)(2)	750,000	15,000	21,675
				1,521,675
WRIGHTSPEED, INC. (7.3%) Automotive	Preferred Stock - Series C *(1)(3)	2,267,659	5,999,999	7,320,003
	Preferred Stock - Series D *(1)(3)	1,100,978	3,375,887	3,921,353
	Preferred Stock - Series E *(1)(3)	450,814	1,658,996	1,658,996
				12,900,352
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Cost \$182,900,231) —96.7%				171,466,880
OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES — 3.3%				5,829,822
NET ASSETS — 100.0%				\$ 177,296,702

\* Non-income producing security.

\*\* On February 17, 2015, Silicon Genesis Corp. filed a Voluntary Petition for Chapter 11 protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The Fund currently is the sole secured creditor of Silicon Genesis.

(1) Restricted security. Fair Value is determined by or under the direction of the Company's Board of Directors (See note 3).

(2) Controlled investments.

(3) Affiliated issuer.

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Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc. (the "Company")  
Consolidated Notes to Financial Statements  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (UNAUDITED)

NOTE 1. THE COMPANY

Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc. (the "Company," "us," "our," and "we") is a Maryland corporation and an externally managed, non-diversified, closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company ("BDC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Company acquired its initial portfolio of securities through the reorganization of Firsthand Technology Value Fund, a series of Firsthand Funds, into the Company. The reorganization was completed on April 15, 2011. The Company commenced operations on April 18th, 2011. Under normal circumstances, the Company will invest at least 80% of its net assets for investment purposes in technology companies, which are considered to be those companies that derive at least 50% of their revenues from products and/or services within the information technology sector or the "cleantech" sector. Information technology companies include, but are not limited to, those focused on computer hardware, software, telecommunications, networking, Internet, and consumer electronics. While there is no standard definition of cleantech, it is generally regarded as including goods and services designed to harness renewable energy and materials, eliminate emissions and waste, and reduce the use of natural resources. In addition, under normal circumstances we will invest at least 70% of our total assets in privately held companies and in public companies with market capitalizations of less than \$250 million. Our portfolio is primarily composed of equity and equity derivative securities of technology and cleantech companies (as defined above). These investments generally range between \$1 million and \$10 million each, although the investment size will vary proportionately with the size of the Company's capital base. The Company's shares are listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "SVVC."

**CONSOLIDATION OF SUBSIDIARY- FIRSTHAND VENTURE INVESTORS.** On May 8, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the formation of a fully owned and controlled subsidiary (as defined by the 1940 Act) of the Company named Firsthand Venture Investors ("FVI"), a California general partnership formed on March 30, 2015. After the closing of business on June 30, 2015, the Company contributed substantially all of its assets to FVI in return for a controlling general partner ownership interest in FVI. The transaction was completed July 1, 2015. Under this new structure, we will have all or substantially all of our investment activities conducted through our fully owned subsidiary, FVI. As a result, the financial statements of the Company and FVI are presented in the report on a consolidated basis.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of the Company's financial statements included in this report:

**USE OF ESTIMATES.** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.** Interim financial statements are condensed and should be read in conjunction with the Company's latest annual financial statements. Interim disclosures generally do not repeat those of the annual statements.

**PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT VALUATIONS.** Investments are stated at "value" as defined in the 1940 Act and in the applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and in accordance with GAAP. Value, as defined in Section 2(a)(41) of the 1940 Act, is (i) the market value of those securities for which a market quotation is readily available and (ii) the fair value as determined in good faith by, or under the direction of, the board of directors for all

other securities and assets. On September 30, 2015, our financial statements include venture capital investments valued at approximately \$152.1 million. The fair values of our venture capital investments were determined in good faith by, or under the direction of, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board" or the "Board of Directors"). Upon sale of these investments, the values that are ultimately realized may be different from what is presently estimated. The difference could be material. Also see Note 6 regarding the fair value of the Company's investments.

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**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS.** The Company considers liquid assets deposited with a bank, investments in money market funds, and certain short-term debt instruments with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. These investments represent amounts held with financial institutions that are readily accessible to pay our expenses or purchase investments. Cash and cash equivalents are valued at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates market value.

**RESTRICTED SECURITIES.** At September 30, 2015, the Company held \$158,057,618 in restricted securities.

**INCOME RECOGNITION.** Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is accrued as earned. Discounts and premiums on securities purchased are amortized over the lives of the respective securities. Other non-cash dividends are recognized as investment income at the fair value of the property received. When debt securities are determined to be non-income producing and non-collectible, the Company ceases accruing interest and writes off any previously accrued interest. These write-offs are recorded as a debit to interest income.

**SHARE VALUATION.** The net asset value ("NAV") per share of the Company is calculated by dividing the sum of the value of the securities held by the Company, plus cash or other assets, minus all liabilities (including estimated accrued expenses), by the total number of shares outstanding of the Company, rounded to the nearest cent.

**REALIZED GAIN OR LOSS AND UNREALIZED APPRECIATION OR DEPRECIATION OF PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS.** A realized gain or loss is recognized when an investment is disposed of and is computed as the difference between the Company's cost basis in the investment at the disposition date and the net proceeds received from such disposition. Unrealized appreciation or depreciation is computed as the difference between the fair value of the investment and the cost basis of such investment.

**INCOME TAXES.** As we intend to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Company does not provide for income taxes. The Company recognizes interest and penalties in income tax expense.

**FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION.** The accounting records of the Company are maintained in U.S. dollars. All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based on the rate of exchange of such currencies against U.S. dollars on the date of valuation.

**SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS.** Securities transactions are accounted for on the date the transaction for the purchase or sale of the securities is entered into by the Company (i.e., trade date).

**CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK.** The Company places its cash and cash equivalents with financial institutions, and, at times, cash held in checking accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit.

**OPTIONS.** The Company is subject to equity price risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives and may enter into options written to hedge against changes in the value of equities. The Company may purchase put and call options to attempt to provide protection against adverse price effects from anticipated changes in prevailing prices of securities or stock indices. The Company may also write put and call options. When the Company writes an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Company is recorded as a liability and is subsequently adjusted to the current fair value of the option written.

Premiums received from writing options that expire unexercised are treated by the Company on the expiration date as realized gains from investments. The difference between the premium and the amount paid on effecting a closing purchase transaction, including brokerage commissions, is also treated as a realized gain, or, if the premium is less than the amount paid for the closing purchase transaction, as a realized loss. If a call option is exercised, the premium is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security or currency in determining whether the Company has realized a gain or loss. The Company as writer of an option bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option.

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The Company did not have any written options as of September 30, 2015. The net realized gains/(loss) from written options and the net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on written options for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 can be found on the Statement of Operations.

The number of option contracts written and the premiums received during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were as follows:

	CONTRACTS	RECEIVED
Options outstanding, beginning of year	—	\$—
Options written during period	8,100	1,384,952
Options closed during period	(1,000)	(98,668)
Options expired during period	(5,032)	(541,326)
Options exercised during period	(2,068)	(744,958)
Options outstanding, end of period	—	\$—

The average volume of the Fund's derivatives during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 is as follows:

	Purchased Options (Contracts)	Warrants (Shares)	Written Options (Contracts)
Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc.	—	10,336,038	613

### NOTE 3. BUSINESS RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

We plan to invest a substantial portion of our assets in privately-held companies, the securities of which are inherently illiquid. We also seek to invest in small publicly-traded companies that we believe have exceptional growth potential and to make opportunistic investments in publicly-traded companies, both large and small. In the case of investments in small publicly-traded companies, although these companies are publicly traded, their stock may not trade at high volumes, and prices can be volatile, which may restrict our ability to sell our positions. These privately held and publicly traded businesses tend to lack management depth, have limited or no history of operations and typically have not attained profitability. Because of the speculative nature of our investments and the lack of public markets for privately held investments, there is greater risk of loss than is the case with traditional investment securities.

We do not choose investments based on a strategy of diversification. We also do not rebalance the portfolio should one of our portfolio companies increase in value substantially relative to the rest of the portfolio. Therefore, the value of our portfolio may be more vulnerable to events affecting a single sector, industry or portfolio company and, therefore, may be subject to greater volatility than a company that follows a diversification strategy.

Because there is typically no public or readily-ascertainable market for our interests in the small privately-held companies in which we invest, the valuation of those securities is determined in good faith by the Valuation Committee, comprised of all members of the Board who are not "interested persons" of the Company, as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act, in accordance with our Valuation Procedures and is subject to significant estimates and judgments. The determined value of the securities in our portfolio may differ significantly from the values that would be placed on these securities if a ready market for the securities existed. Any changes in valuation are recorded in our Statement of Operations as "Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation on investments." Changes in valuation of any of our investments in privately-held companies from one period to another may be

volatile.

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The Board may, from time to time, engage an independent valuation firm to provide it with valuation assistance with respect to certain of our portfolio investments. The Company intends to continue to engage an independent valuation firm to provide us with assistance regarding our determination of the fair value of select portfolio investments each quarter unless directed by the Board to cancel such valuation services. The scope of the services rendered by an independent valuation firm is at the discretion of the Board. The Board is ultimately and solely responsible for determining the fair value of the Company's investments in good faith.

With respect to investments for which market quotations are not readily available or when such market quotations are deemed not to represent fair value, the Board has approved a multi-step valuation process to be followed each quarter, as described below:

each quarter the valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the (1) Valuation Committee of the Advisor (as defined below) (the "Advisor Valuation Committee") or the independent valuation firm;

the Valuation Committee of the Board on a quarterly basis reviews the preliminary valuation of the Advisor Valuation Committee and that of the independent valuation firms and makes the fair value determination, in good (2) faith, based on the valuation recommendations of the Advisor Valuation Committee and the independent valuation firms; and

at each quarterly Board meeting, the Board considers the valuations recommended by the Advisor Valuation (3) Committee and the independent valuation firms that were previously submitted to the Valuation Committee of the Board and ratifies the fair value determinations made by the Valuation Committee of the Board.

#### NOTE 4. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE

The Company has entered into an investment management agreement (the "Investment Management Agreement") with Firsthand Capital Management, Inc. ("FCM" or the "Advisor"), pursuant to which the Company will pay FCM a fee for providing investment management services consisting of two components—a base management fee and an incentive fee.

The base management fee will be calculated at an annual rate of 2.00% of our gross assets. For services rendered under the Investment Management Agreement, the base management fee will be payable quarterly in arrears. The base management fee will be calculated based on the average of (1) the value of our gross assets at the end of the current calendar quarter and (2) the value of our gross assets at the end of the preceding calendar quarter; and will be appropriately adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the current calendar quarter. Base management fees for any partial quarter will be pro-rated.

Instead of an incentive fee paid by the Company under the Investment Management Agreement with respect to investments held by FVI, FVI allocates 20% of its taxable income annually (or upon termination of the Investment Management Agreement) to a subsidiary of FCM, subject to the achievement of performance benchmarks. That allocation is limited to the amount FCM would have received if the Company were to pay an incentive fee directly to FCM with respect to assets held by FVI, is based on an inception date of April 15, 2011, and equals 20% of FVI's and the Company's realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fees, but determined as of December 31, 2015, for a period of shorter than twelve calendar months to take into account any realized gains computed net of all realized capital losses

and unrealized capital depreciation from inception. As of September 30, 2015, the estimated and accrued allocation of taxable income by FVI totaled \$78,890.

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#### NOTE 5. DEBT

On June 29, 2015, the Company entered into a Loan Agreement with FVI, a California general partnership. FVI is a fully owned subsidiary of the Company. The Company loaned a principal sum of \$10,000 to FVI pursuant to a loan agreement, and the Company holds a promissory note from FVI evidencing that obligation. As of September 30, 2015, the committed amount, and amount outstanding, under the Loan Agreement was \$10,000. The annualized interest rate of 2.5% will be applied on any unpaid principal balance. The cash received by the Company and the note payable balance on FVI's records has been consolidated and eliminated on the consolidated financial statements presented herein.

#### NOTE 6. FAIR VALUE

Securities traded on, or quoted by, the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. ("NASDAQ") are valued according to the NASDAQ official closing price. Securities traded on other stock exchanges, including the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), are valued at their last reported sale price as of the close of trading of that exchange (normally 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time for the NYSE). If a security is not traded that day, the security will be valued at its most recent bid price.

Securities traded in the over-the-counter market, but not quoted by NASDAQ, are valued at the last sale price (or, if the last sale price is not readily available, at the most recent closing bid price as quoted by brokers that make markets in the securities) at the close of trading on the NYSE.

Securities traded both in the over-the-counter market and on a stock exchange are valued according to the broadest and most representative market.

Securities and other assets that do not have market quotations readily available are valued at their fair value as determined in good faith by the Board in accordance with the Valuation Procedures adopted by the Valuation Committee of the Board.

In pricing illiquid, privately placed securities, the Board of Directors is responsible for (1) determining overall valuation guidelines and (2) ensuring that the investments of the Company are valued within the prescribed guidelines.

The Valuation Committee of the Board is responsible for determining the valuation of the Company's assets within the guidelines established by the Board of Directors. The Valuation Committee of the Board receives information and recommendations from the Adviser and an independent valuation firm.

The values assigned to these investments are based on available information and do not necessarily represent amounts that might ultimately be realized when that investment is sold, as such amounts depend on future circumstances and cannot reasonably be determined until the individual investments are actually liquidated or become readily marketable.

**APPROACHES TO DETERMINING FAIR VALUE.** GAAP defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). In effect, GAAP applies fair value terminology to all valuations whereas the 1940 Act applies market value terminology to readily marketable assets and fair value terminology to other assets.

The main approaches to measuring fair value utilized are the market approach, the income approach, and the asset-based approach. The choice of which approach to use in a particular situation depends on the specific facts and

circumstances associated with the Company, as well as the purpose for which the valuation analysis is being conducted. FCM and the independent valuation firm rely primarily on the market and income approaches. We also considered the asset-based approach in our analysis because certain of the portfolio companies do not have substantial operating earnings relative to the value of their underlying assets.

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**Market Approach (M):** The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. For example, the market approach often uses market multiples derived from a set of comparables. Multiples might lie in ranges with a different multiple for each comparable. The selection of where within the range each appropriate multiple falls requires the use of judgment in considering factors specific to the measurement (qualitative and quantitative).

**Income Approach (I):** The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts (for example, cash flows or earnings) to a single present value amount (discounted). The measurement is based on the value indicated by current market expectations about those future amounts. Those valuation techniques include present value techniques and the multi-period excess earnings method, which is used to measure the fair value of certain assets.

**Asset-Based Approach (A):** The asset-based approach examines the value of a company's assets net of its liabilities to derive a value for the equity holders.

**FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT.** In accordance with the guidance from the Financial Accounting Standards Board on fair value measurements and disclosures under GAAP, the Company discloses the fair value of its investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to valuations based upon unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to valuations based upon unobservable inputs that are significant to the valuation (Level 3 measurements).

The guidance establishes three levels of the fair value hierarchy as follows:

**Level 1** Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access at the date of measurement.

**Level 2** 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 an inactive market, prices for similar instruments in an active or inactive market, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risks, yield curves, default rates, and similar data.

**Level 3** Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Company's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

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The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Company's net assets as of September 30, 2015:

	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 OTHER SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS	LEVEL 3 SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS
Assets			
Common Stocks			
Advanced Materials	\$—	\$ —	\$ 294,150
Consumer Electronics	—	—	7,192,899
Computer Storage	—	—	238,000
Internet	—	—	3,180,740
Other Electronics	1,121,862	—	—
Renewable Energy	—	—	5,948,201
Semiconductor Equipment	7,642,400	—	—
Semiconductors	4,645,000	—	—
Software	—	—	580,000
Total Common Stocks	13,409,262	—	17,433,990
Preferred Stocks			
Advanced Materials	—	—	12,000,240
Advertising Technology	—	—	25,142,690
Automotive	—	—	12,900,352
Aerospace	—	—	2,000,000
Cloud Computing	—	—	9,999,998
Consumer Electronics	—	—	7,780,061
Medical Devices	—	—	22,655,879
Mobile Computing	—	—	9,615,632
Networking	—	—	4,463,122
Semiconductor Equipment	—	—	22,806,288
Total Preferred Stocks	—	—	129,364,262
Asset Derivatives *			
Equity Contracts	—	—	615,834
Total Asset Derivatives	—	—	615,834
Convertible Notes			
Consumer Electronics	—	—	2,000,000
Intellectual Property	—	—	4,643,532
Medical Devices	—	—	4,000,000
Total Convertible Notes	—	—	10,643,532
Total	\$13,409,262	\$ —	\$ 158,057,618

\* Asset derivatives include warrants.

At the end of each calendar quarter, management evaluates the Level 2 and Level 3 assets and liabilities for changes in liquidity, including, but not limited to: whether a broker is willing to execute at the quoted price, the depth and consistency of prices from third-party services, and the existence of contemporaneous, observable trades in the

market. Additionally, management evaluates the Level 1 and Level 2 assets and liabilities on a quarterly basis for changes in listings or delistings on national exchanges. Transfers in and out of the levels are recognized at the value at the end of the quarter. There were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2 as of September 30, 2015.

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Following is a reconciliation of Level 3 assets (at either the beginning or the ending of the period) for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value.

INVESTMENTS AT FAIRVALUE USING SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 3)	BALANCE AS OF 12/31/14	NET PURCHASES/ CONVERSION	NET SALES/ CONVERSION	NET REALIZED GAINS	NET UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION (LOSS)	TRANSFERS IN (OUT) OF LEVELS (1)	BALANCE AS OF 9/30/15
Common Stocks							
Advanced Materials	\$607,650	\$—	\$—	\$ —	\$ (313,500 )	\$ —	\$294,150
Computer Storage	—	336,000	—	—	(98,000 )	—	238,000
Consumer Electronics	11,820,642	452,500	—	—	(5,080,243 )	—	7,192,899
Internet	2,547,272	—	—	—	633,468	—	3,180,740
Renewable Energy	5,061,960	—	—	—	886,241	—	5,948,201
Software	—	580,000	—	—	—	—	580,000
Preferred Stocks							
Advanced Materials	11,432,476	—	—	—	567,764	—	12,000,240
Advertising							
Technology	19,323,228	5,999,995	—	—	(180,533 )	—	25,142,690
Automotive	10,916,840	1,358,998	—	—	624,514	—	12,900,352
Aerospace	—	2,000,000	—	—	—	—	2,000,000
Cloud Computing	9,999,998	—	—	—	—	—	9,999,998
Consumer Electronics	4,000,000	1,500,000	—	—	2,280,061	—	7,780,061
Medical Devices	15,986,250	26,299,939	(20,299,940 )	—	669,630	—	22,655,879
Mobile Computing	9,999,997	—	—	—	(384,365 )	—	9,615,632
Networking	—	3,999,987	—	—	463,135	—	4,463,122
Semiconductor							
Equipment	18,682,483	2,321,483	—	—	1,802,322	—	22,806,288
Asset Derivatives							
Equity Contracts	567,900	—	—	—	47,934	—	615,834
Convertible Notes							
Consumer Electronics	500,000	2,100,000	(1,200,000 )	—	600,000	—	2,000,000
Intellectual Property	5,250,000	—	—	—	(606,468 )	—	4,643,532
Medical Devices	4,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	4,000,000
Semiconductor							
Equipment	2,000,000	—	(2,000,000 )	—	—	—	—
Total	\$132,696,696	\$46,948,902	\$(23,499,940 )	\$ —	\$1,911,960	\$ —	\$158,057,618

(1) The net change in unrealized depreciation from Level 3 instruments held as of September 30, 2015 was \$1,911,960.

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The below chart represents quantitative disclosure about significant unobservable inputs for Level 3 fair value measurements at September 30, 2015:

	FAIR VALUE AT 9/30/15	VALUATION TECHNIQUES	UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS	RANGE (WEIGHTED AVG.)
Direct venture capital investments: Advanced Materials	\$12.9M	Market Comparable Companies Prior Transaction Analysis	EBITDA Multiple	4.7x - 6.2x
			Revenue Multiple	0.8x - 1.0x
			Volatility	53.77% - 58.03%
			Risk-Free Rate	1.37%
Direct venture capital investments: Advertising Technology	\$25.1M	Market Comparable Companies Prior Transaction Analysis	Discount for Lack of Marketability	32.2% - 34.4%
			Revenue Multiple	0.7x
			Volatility	53.84% - 61.76%
			Risk-Free Rate	0.64%
Direct venture capital investments: Aerospace	\$2.0M	Prior Transaction Analysis	Discount for Lack of Marketability	0.0%
			Volatility	65.88%
Direct venture capital investments: Automotive	\$12.9M	Prior Transaction Analysis	Risk-Free Rate	0.92%
			Discount for Lack of Marketability	0.0%
			Volatility	36.99%
Direct venture capital investments: Cloud Computing	\$10.0M	Prior Transaction Analysis	Risk-Free Rate	0.33%
			Discount for Lack of Marketability	11.4%
			Volatility	
Direct venture capital investments: Computer Storage	\$0.2M	Prior Transaction Analysis	Discount for Lack of Marketability	0.0%
			Volatility	45.24% 62.18%
Direct venture capital investments: Consumer Electronics	\$17.0M	Prior Transaction Analysis	Risk-Free Rate	0.33% 1.37%
			Discount for Lack of Marketability	0.0% 29.3%
			Volatility	
Direct venture capital investments: Intellectual Property	\$4.6M	Market Comparable Companies	Volatility	55.47%
			Risk-Free Rate	1.37%
				0.0%

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			Discount for Lack of Marketability	
			Volatility	68.76%
Direct venture capital investments: Internet	\$3.2M	Prior Transaction Analysis	Risk-Free Rate	0.33%
			Discount for Lack of Marketability	20.9%
Direct venture capital investments: Medical Devices	\$26.7M	Market Comparable Companies	Volatility	75.05%
		Prior Transaction Analysis	Risk-Free Rate	1.15%
			Discount for Lack of Marketability	0.0%



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	FAIR VALUE AT 9/30/15	VALUATION TECHNIQUES	UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS	RANGE (WEIGHTED AVG.)
Direct venture capital investments: Mobile Computing	\$9.6M	Market Comparable Companies Prior Transaction Analysis	Volatility	71.55%
			Risk-Free Rate	0.64%
			Discount for Lack of Marketability	0.0%
Direct venture capital investments: Networking	\$4.5M	Prior Transaction Analysis	Volatility	28.99%
			Risk-Free Rate	0.33%
			Discount for Lack of Marketability	9.0%
Direct venture capital investments: Renewable Energy	\$6.0M	Prior Transaction Analysis	Discount for Lack of Marketability	15.0%
Direct venture capital investments: Semiconductor Equipment	\$22.8M	Prior Transaction Analysis	Volatility	42.74%
			Risk-Free Rate	0.92%
			Discount for Lack of Marketability	0.0%
Direct venture capital investments: Software	\$0.6M	Prior Transaction Analysis	Volatility	62.23%
			Risk-Free Rate	0.33%
			Discount for Lack of Marketability	19.0%

#### NOTE 7. FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

The Company has elected, and intends to qualify annually, for the special tax treatment afforded RICs under the Code. As provided in the Code, in any fiscal year in which a BDC so qualifies and distributes at least 90% of its taxable net income, the BDC (but not the shareholders) will be relieved of federal income tax on the income distributed. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made. To avoid imposition of the excise tax applicable to regulated investment companies, the Company intends to declare as dividends in each calendar year at least 98% of its net investment income (earned during the calendar year) and 98.2% of its net realized capital gains (earned during the 12 months ended October 31) plus undistributed amounts, if any, from prior years.

The reorganization described in Note 1 (the formation of FVI as a fully owned subsidiary for investment activities) was structured to avoid any adverse tax consequences for the Company and its shareholders. The Company's engaging in investment activities through FVI does not, in our view, jeopardize the Company's ability to continue to qualify as a RIC under the Code.

The Company is subject to tax provisions that establish a minimum threshold for recognizing, and a system for measuring, the benefits of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Taxable years ending 2012, 2013, and 2014 remain open to federal and state audit. As of December 31, 2014, management has evaluated the application of these provisions to the Company and has determined that no provision for income tax is required in the Company's financial statements for uncertain tax provisions.

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## NOTE 8. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Investment transactions (excluding short-term investments) were as follows for the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

## PURCHASES AND SALES

Purchases of investment securities	\$38,491,828
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investment securities	\$47,408,157

## NOTE 9. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATES AND CONTROLLED INVESTMENTS

Under the 1940 Act, the Company is required to identify investments where it owns greater than 5% (but less than 25%) of the portfolio company's outstanding voting shares as an affiliate of the Company. Also, under the 1940 Act, the Company is required to identify investments where it owns greater than 25% of the portfolio company's outstanding voting shares as a controlled investment of the Company. A summary of the Company's investments in affiliates and controlled investments for the period from December 31, 2014 through September 30, 2015, is noted below:

AFFILIATE/ CONTROLLED INVESTMENT*	SHARES/PAR ACTIVITY			BALANCE AT 9/30/15	REALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	INTEREST VALUE 9/30/15	ACQUISITION COST
	BALANCE AT 12/31/14	PURCHASES/ CONVERSIONS	SALES/ MATURITY/ CONVERSIONS				
IntraOp Medical Corp. Series A-1 Preferred*	6,800,000	—	(6,800,000 )	—	\$ —	\$—	\$—
IntraOp Medical Corp. Series A-2 Preferred*	13,500,000	—	(13,500,000 )	—	—	—	—
IntraOp Medical Corp. Series B Preferred*	—	3,000,000	(3,000,000 )	—	—	—	—
IntraOp Medical Corp. Series C Preferred*	—	26,856,187	—	26,856,187	—	22,655,879	26,299,938
IntraOp Medical Corp. Convertible Note*	1,000,000	—	—	1,000,000	—112,615	1,000,000	1,000,000
IntraOp Medical Corp. Term Note*	3,000,000	—	—	3,000,000	—179,507	3,000,000	3,000,000
Pivotal Systems, Series A Preferred*	11,914,217	—	—	11,914,217	—	9,610,007	6,000,048
Pivotal Systems, Series B Preferred*	7,942,811	5,122,425	—	13,065,236	—	10,538,419	6,321,482
Pivotal Systems, Series C	2,291,260	—	—	2,291,260	—	2,657,862	2,657,862

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Preferred*							
Pivotal Systems, Convertible Note*	2,000,000	—	(2,000,000 )	—	—	109,123	—
QMAT, Preferred Stock Series A*	12,000,240	—	—	12,000,240	—	12,000,240	12,000,240
QMAT, Series A Warrant*	2,000,000	—	—	2,000,000	—	615,800	—
Silicon Genesis Corp., Common*	921,892	—	—	921,892	—	—	169,045
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	BALANCE AT 12/31/14	PURCHASES/ MERGER	SALES/ MATURITY/ EXPIRATION					
Silicon Genesis Corp., Convertible Note*	1,250,000	—	—	1,250,000	—	\$438,630	\$1,105,603	\$1,610,753
Silicon Genesis Corp., Convertible Note*	1,000,000	—	—	1,000,000	—	273,379	884,482	1,000,000
Silicon Genesis Corp., Term Note*	3,000,000	—	—	3,000,000	—	269,581	2,653,447	3,000,000
Silicon Genesis Corp., Common Warrant*	37,982	—	—	37,982	—	—	—	6,678
Silicon Genesis Corp., Common Warrant*	5,000,000	—	—	5,000,000	—	—	—	—
Silicon Genesis Corp., Common Warrant*	3,000,000	—	—	3,000,000	\$	—	—	—
Silicon Genesis Corp., Series 1-C Preferred*	82,914	—	—	82,914	—	—	—	109,518
Silicon Genesis Corp., Series 1-D*	850,830	—	—	850,830	—	—	—	431,901
Silicon Genesis Corp., Series 1-E Preferred*	5,704,480	—	—	5,704,480	—	—	—	2,946,535
Silicon Genesis Corp., Series 1-F Preferred*	912,453	—	—	912,453	—	—	—	583,060
Telepathy Investors, Inc. Convertible Note	—	2,000,000	—	2,000,000	—	55,556	2,000,000	2,000,000
Telepathy Investors, Inc. Series A Preferred	15,238,000	—	—	15,238,000	—	—	4,000,000	3,999,999
Vufine, Inc. Series A Preferred*	—	15,000,000	—	15,000,000	—	—	1,500,000	1,500,000
Vufine, Inc. Common*	—	750,000	—	750,000	—	—	21,675	15,000
Wrightspeed, Inc. Series C Preferred	2,267,659	—	—	2,267,659	—	—	7,320,003	5,999,999
Wrightspeed, Inc. Series D Preferred	1,100,978	—	—	1,100,978	—	—	3,921,353	3,375,887
Wrightspeed, Inc. Series E Preferred	—	450,814	—	450,814	—	—	1,658,996	1,658,996
Total Affiliates and Controlled Investments							\$87,143,766	\$85,686,941
Total Affiliates							\$18,900,352	\$17,034,881
Total Controlled Investments							\$68,243,414	\$68,652,060

\*Controlled investment.

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As of September 30, 2015, Kevin Landis represents the Company and sits on the board of directors of Hera, Inc.; Hiku Labs, Inc.; IntraOp Medical, Inc.; Phunware, Inc.; Pivotal Systems, Inc.; QMAT, Inc.; Telepathy Investors, Inc.; Vufine, Inc.; and Wrightspeed, Inc. Serving on boards of directors of portfolio companies may cause conflicts of interest. The Adviser has adopted various procedures to ensure that the Company will not be unfavorably affected by these potential conflicts.

NOTE 10. TENDER OFFER

TENDER OFFER

In connection with our agreement with a shareholder, we agreed to commence an issuer tender offer for up to \$20 million of our shares of common stock at a purchase price per share equal to 95% of the Fund's net asset value per share ("NAV") as of the close of ordinary trading on the NASDAQ Global Market on December 31, 2014 (the "Offer"). On December 22, 2014, the Fund commenced a tender offer to purchase up to \$20 million of its issued and outstanding common shares for cash at a price per share equal to 95% of the NAV determined on December 31, 2014 (\$23.2702 per share). The tender offer, which expired on January 22, 2015 at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, was oversubscribed. Because the number of shares tendered exceeded the maximum amount of its offer, the Fund purchased shares from tendering shareholders on a pro-rata basis based on the number of shares properly tendered. Of the 5,044,728 shares properly tendered, the Fund purchased 859,468 shares of common stock pursuant to the tender offer.

NOTE 11. SILICON GENESIS BANKRUPTCY FILING

SILICON GENESIS

On February 17, 2015, Silicon Genesis Corp. filed a Voluntary Petition for Chapter 11 protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The Company currently is the only secured creditor of Silicon Genesis.

NOTE 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Adviser has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure and determined that there were no additional material events that would require additional disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The matters discussed in this report, as well as in future oral and written statements by management of the Company, include forward-looking statements based on current management expectations that involve substantial risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the results expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements related to future events or our future financial performance. We generally identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "could," "intends," "target," "projects," "contemplates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential," or "continue" or the negative of these terms or other similar words. Important assumptions include our ability to originate new investments and to achieve certain margins and levels of profitability and the availability of additional capital. In light of these and other uncertainties, the inclusion of a projection or forward-looking statement in this report should not be regarded as a representation by us that our plans or objectives will be achieved. The forward-looking statements contained in this report include, without limitations, statements as to:

- our future operating results;
- our business prospects and the prospects of our prospective portfolio companies;
- the impact of investments that we expect to make;
- the impact of a protracted decline in the liquidity of the credit markets on our business;
- our informal relationships with third parties;
- the expected market for venture capital investments and our addressable market;
- the dependence of our future success on the general economy and its impact on the industries in which we invest;
- our ability to access the equity market;
- the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives;
- our expected financings and investments;
- our regulatory structure and tax status;
- our ability to operate as a business development company and a regulated investment company;
- the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital;
- the timing of cash flows, if any, from the operation of our portfolio companies;
- the timing, form, and amount of any dividend distributions;
- impact of fluctuation of interest rates on our business;
- valuation of any investments in portfolio companies particularly those having no liquid trading market; and
- our ability to recover unrealized losses.

You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements made in this report relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this report.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. In addition to historical information, the following discussion and other parts of this prospectus contain forward-looking information that involves risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated by such forward-looking information due to the factors discussed under "Risk Factors" and "Forward-Looking Statements" appearing elsewhere herein.

OVERVIEW

We are an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company organized as a Maryland corporation that has elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. As such, we are required to comply with certain regulatory requirements. For instance, we generally have to invest at least 70% of our total assets in

"qualifying assets," including securities of private or micro-cap public U.S. companies, cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. In addition, for tax purposes we have elected to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. FCM serves as our investment adviser and manages the investment process on a daily basis.

Our investment objective is to seek long-term growth of capital, principally by seeking capital gains on our equity and equity-related investments. There can be no assurance that we will achieve our investment objective. Under normal circumstances, we invest at least 80% of our net assets for investment purposes in technology companies. We consider technology companies to be those companies that derive at least 50% of their revenues from products and/or services within the information technology sector or in the "cleantech" sector. Information technology companies include, but are not limited to, those focused on computer hardware, software, telecommunications, networking, Internet, and consumer electronics. While there is no standard definition of cleantech, it is generally regarded as including goods and services designed to harness renewable energy and materials, eliminate emissions and waste, and reduce the use of natural resources. In addition, under normal circumstances we invest at least 70% of our total assets in privately held companies and public companies with market capitalizations of less than \$250 million. Our portfolio is primarily composed of equity and equity derivative securities of technology and cleantech companies (as defined above). These investments generally range between \$1 million and \$10 million each, although the investment size will vary proportionately with the size of our capital base. We acquire our investments through direct investments in private companies, negotiations with selling shareholders, and in organized secondary marketplaces for private securities.

While our primary focus is to invest in illiquid private technology and cleantech companies, we also may invest in micro-cap publicly traded companies. In addition, we may invest up to 30 percent of the portfolio in opportunistic investments that do not constitute the private companies and micro-cap public companies described above. These other investments may include investments in securities of public companies that are actively traded or in actively traded derivative securities such as options on securities or security indices. These other investments may also include investments in high-yield bonds, distressed debt, or securities of public companies that are actively traded and securities of companies located outside of the United States. Our investment activities are managed by FCM.

#### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

We make investments in securities of both public and private companies. Our portfolio investments consist principally of equity and equity-like securities, including common and preferred stock, warrants for the purchase of common and stock, and convertible debt. The fair value of our investment portfolio was approximately \$171.5 million as of September 30, 2015 as compared to approximately \$191.7 million as of December 31, 2014.

The following table summarizes the fair value of our investment portfolio by industry sector as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Semiconductor Equipment	17.2%	19.0%
Medical Devices	15.0%	9.5%
Advertising Technology	14.2%	9.3%
Consumer Electronics	9.7%	7.7%
Advanced Materials	7.3%	6.0%
Automotive	7.3%	5.2%
Cloud Computing	5.6%	4.8%
Mobile Computing	5.4%	4.8%
Renewable Energy	3.4%	2.4%
Semiconductors	2.6%	5.3%
Intellectual Property	2.6%	2.5%
Networking	2.5%	0.0%
Internet	1.8%	4.5%
Aerospace	1.1%	0.0%
Other Electronics	0.6%	0.9%
Software	0.3%	3.9%
Computer Storage	0.1%	0.0%
Communications Equipment	0.0%	3.5%
Peripherals	0.0%	2.1%
Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities	3.3%	8.6%
Net Assets	100.0%	100.0%

#### MATURITY OF PRIVATE COMPANIES IN THE CURRENT PORTFOLIO



The Fund invests in private companies at various stages of maturity. As our portfolio companies mature, they move from the "early (development) stage" to the "middle (revenue) stage" and then to the "late stage." We expect that this continuous progression may create a pipeline of potential exit opportunities through initial public offerings (IPOs) or acquisitions. Of course, some companies do not progress.

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The illustration below describes typical characteristics of companies at each stage of maturity and where we believe our current portfolio companies fit within these categories. We expect some of our portfolio companies to transition between stages of maturity over time. The transition may be forward if the company is maturing and is successfully executing its business plan or may be backward if the company is not successfully executing its business plan or decides to change its business plan substantially from its original plan.

EARLY STAGE

Developing product or service for market, high level of research and development, little or no revenue.

MIDDLE STAGE

Established product, customers, business model; limited revenues.

LATE STAGE

Appreciable revenue; may be break-even or profitable; IPO or acquisition candidate.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Comparison of the three months ended September 30, 2015 to the three months ended September 30, 2014.

INVESTMENT INCOME

For the three months ended September 30, 2015, we had investment income of \$523,651 primarily attributable to interest accrued on convertible/term note investments with Silicon Genesis Corporation, IntraOp Medical and Pivotal.

For the three months ended September 30, 2014, we had interest income of \$875,846 primarily attributable to interest accrued and royalty income on convertible/term note investments with Silicon Genesis Corporation, IntraOp Medical, Pivotal and Wrightspeed.

The lower level of interest income in the three months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014 was due to a significant decrease in the royalty income from Silicon Genesis Corp.

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Gross operating expenses totaled approximately \$1,212,517 during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and \$1,738,313 during the three months ended September 30, 2014.

Significant components of gross operating expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2015, were management fee expense of \$936,770 and professional fees (audit, legal, accounting, and consulting) of \$110,614. Significant components of gross operating expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2014, were management fee expense of \$1,358,816 and professional fees (audit, legal, accounting, and consulting) of \$155,463.

The lower level of gross operating expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014 is primarily attributable to a decrease in our total assets, on which the investment advisory fees are based.

**NET INVESTMENT LOSS**

Net investment income was \$2,064,144 for the three months ended September 30, 2015 versus a net investment loss of \$6,521,575 for the three months ended September 30, 2014.

The greater net investment income in the three months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014 is primarily due to the incentive fee adjustment. For each quarter that we are in a net realized/unrealized gain position, we must accrue for an incentive fee and adjust the fee quarterly based on investment appreciation/depreciation in that quarter. In the three months ended September 30, 2015, we decreased our incentive fee accrual by \$2,753,010 due to depreciation of our investments and realized gains during the quarter.

**NET INVESTMENT REALIZED GAINS AND LOSSES AND UNREALIZED APPRECIATION AND DEPRECIATION**

A summary of the net realized and unrealized gains and loss on investments for the three month periods ended September 30, 2015, and September 30, 2014, is shown below.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015
Realized loss	\$(3,725,521 )
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments	(10,039,528)
Net realized and unrealized losses on investments	\$(13,765,049)

	As of September 30, 2015
Gross unrealized appreciation on portfolio investments	\$11,122,387
Gross unrealized depreciation on portfolio investments	(22,555,738)
Net unrealized depreciation on portfolio investments	\$(11,433,351)

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	2014
Realized gains	\$42,124,851
Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments	(13,837,171)
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	\$28,287,680

	As of
	September
	30,
	2014
Gross unrealized appreciation on portfolio investments	\$37,984,639
Gross unrealized depreciation on portfolio investments	(20,098,507)
Net unrealized appreciation on portfolio investments	\$17,886,132

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During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we recognized net realized losses of approximately \$3,725,521 from the sale of investments. Realized losses were substantially higher than those in the year-ago period due to the sale of our Twitter, Qualcomm and Western Digital Corp investments.

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, net unrealized depreciation on total investments increased by \$10,039,528. The change in net unrealized appreciation and depreciation of our private investments is based on portfolio asset valuations determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. The increase in unrealized depreciation on total investments during the quarter is due primarily to the decrease in valuation to our Mattson, Aliphcom, Sunrun and Invensense investments.

During the three months ended September 30, 2014, we recognized net realized gains of approximately \$42,124,851, mainly from the sale of Facebook common stock.

During the three months ended September 30, 2014, net unrealized appreciation on total investments decreased by \$13,837,171. The change in net unrealized appreciation and depreciation of our private investments is based on portfolio asset valuations determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. The decrease in unrealized appreciation on total investments during the quarter is due primarily to the sale of Facebook securities, which had the effect of reducing unrealized appreciation and increasing realized gains for the Fund.

### INCOME AND EXCISE TAXES

It is our intent to continue to qualify as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code; accordingly, the Company does not provide for income taxes. The Company does, however, recognize interest and penalties, if any, as an income tax expense.

### NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE

For the three months ended September 30, 2015, the net decrease in net assets resulting from operations totaled \$11,700,905 and the basic and fully diluted net change in net assets per share for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was (\$1.49).

For the three months ended September 30, 2014, the net increase in net assets resulting from operations totaled \$21,766,105 and the basic and fully diluted net change in net assets per share for the three months ended September 30, 2014 was \$2.40.

The larger decrease in net assets resulting from operations for the three months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014, is due primarily to an increase in realized losses from investment transactions, most notably the sale of Qualcomm, Western Digital and Twitter securities.

Comparison of the nine months ended September 30, 2015 to the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

### INVESTMENT INCOME

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we had investment income of \$1,648,478 primarily attributable to interest accrued on convertible/term note investments with Silicon Genesis Corporation, IntraOp Medical and Pivotal.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we had investment income of \$1,793,493 primarily attributable to interest accrued on convertible/term note investments with Silicon Genesis Corporation, IntraOp Medical, Pivotal and Wrightspeed.

The lower level of interest income in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014, was due to a significant decrease in the royalty income from Silicon Genesis Corp.

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Gross operating expenses totaled approximately \$4,331,288 during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and \$5,921,181 during the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

Significant components of operating expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, were management fee expense of \$2,931,531, and professional fees (audit, legal, accounting, and consulting) of \$957,049. Significant components of operating expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, were management fee expense of \$3,929,151, settlement fee expense of \$838,000 and professional fees (audit, legal, accounting, and consulting) of \$651,689.

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The lower level of operating expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014, is primarily attributable to fees associated with the decrease in our total assets, on which the investment advisory fees are based and the absence of proxy-related settlement fees in 2015.

NET INVESTMENT LOSS

Net investment loss was \$283,496 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and \$8,353,857 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

The lesser net investment loss in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014 is primarily due to the incentive fee adjustment. For each quarter that we are in a net realized/unrealized gain position, we must accrue for an incentive fee and adjust the fee quarterly based on investment appreciation/depreciation in that quarter. In the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we decreased our incentive fee accrual by \$2,399,314 due to depreciation of our investments during the period. We increased our incentive fee accrual by \$4,226,169 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 due to appreciation of our investment during the nine months.

NET INVESTMENT REALIZED GAINS AND LOSSES AND UNREALIZED APPRECIATION AND DEPRECIATION

A summary of the gross and net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015, and September 30, 2014, is shown below.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015
Realized losses	\$ (\$1,809,695)
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments	\$ (10,340,186)
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments	\$ (12,149,881)

	As of September 30, 2015
Gross unrealized appreciation on portfolio investments	\$ 11,122,387
Gross unrealized depreciation on portfolio investments	(22,555,738)
Net unrealized appreciation on portfolio investments	\$ (11,433,351)

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014
Realized gains	\$42,124,983
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments	(21,241,978)
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	\$20,883,005

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Gross unrealized appreciation on portfolio investments	\$37,984,639
Gross unrealized depreciation on portfolio investments	(20,098,507)
Net unrealized depreciation on portfolio investments	\$17,886,132

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we recognized net realized losses of approximately \$1,809,695 from the sale of securities. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we recognized net realized gains of approximately \$42,124,983 from the sale of securities. Realized losses were substantially higher than those during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 due to the sale of our Twitter, Qualcomm and Western Digital Corp investments.

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During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, net unrealized depreciation on total investments increased by \$10,340,186 compared to a decrease of \$21,241,978 in unrealized appreciation on the total investments during the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The change in net unrealized appreciation and depreciation of our private investments is based on portfolio asset valuations determined in good faith by our Board of Directors. This increase in net unrealized depreciation was primarily the result of a decrease in the valuation of our Mattson and Aliphcom holdings for the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

#### INCOME AND EXCISE TAXES

It is our intent to continue to qualify as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code; accordingly, the Company does not provide for income taxes. The Company does, however, recognize interest and penalties, if any, as an income tax expense.

#### NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the net decrease in net assets resulting from operations totaled \$12,433,377 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the net increase in net assets resulting from operations totaled \$12,529,148. The basic and fully diluted net change in net assets per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was (\$1.59) and the basic and fully diluted net change in net assets per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 was \$1.38. The greater decrease in net assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014, was due primarily to the increase in unrealized and realized gains from Facebook and Twitter for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 as opposed to realized losses from the sale of Twitter, Qualcomm and Western Digital for the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

#### DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Our board of directors will determine the timing and amount, if any, of our distributions. We intend to pay distributions on an annual basis out of assets legally available therefore. In order to qualify as a RIC and to avoid corporate-level tax on our income, we must distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any, on an annual basis. In addition, we also intend to distribute any realized net capital gains (i.e., realized net long-term capital gains in excess of realized net short-term capital losses) at least annually.

#### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The Fund does not have any Contractual Obligations that meet the requirements for disclosure under Item 303 of Regulation S-K.

#### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Fund does not have any Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This discussion of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements will require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets, and any other parameters used in determining such estimates could cause actual results to differ. In addition to the discussion below, we will describe our critical accounting policies in the notes to our future financial statements.

### Valuation of Portfolio Investments

As a business development company, we generally invest in illiquid equity and equity derivatives of securities of venture capital stage technology companies. Under written procedures established by our board of directors, securities traded on stock exchanges, or quoted by NASDAQ, are valued according to the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. ("NASDAQ") official closing price, if applicable, or at their last reported sale price as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (normally 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time). If a security is not traded that day, the security will be valued at its most recent bid price. Securities traded in the over-the-counter market, but not quoted by NASDAQ, are valued at the last sale price (or, if the last sale price is not readily available, at the most recent closing bid price as quoted by brokers that make markets in the securities) at the close of trading on the NYSE. Securities traded both in the over-the-counter market and on a stock exchange are valued according to the broadest and most representative market. We obtain these market values from an independent pricing service or at the mean between the bid and ask prices obtained from at least two brokers or dealers (if available, otherwise by a principal market maker or a primary market dealer). In addition, a large percentage of our portfolio investments are in the form of securities that are not publicly traded. The fair value of securities and other investments that are not publicly traded may not be readily determinable. We value these securities quarterly at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors. Our board of directors may use the services of a nationally recognized independent valuation firm to aid it in determining the fair value of these securities. The methods for valuing these securities may include: fundamental analysis (sales, income, or earnings multiples, etc.), discounts from market prices of similar securities, purchase price of securities, subsequent private transactions in the security or related securities, or discounts applied to the nature and duration of restrictions on the disposition of the securities, as well as a combination of these and other factors. Because such valuations, and particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate over short periods of time, and may be based on estimates, our determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used if a ready market for these securities existed. Our net asset value could be adversely affected if our determinations regarding the fair value of our investments were materially higher than the values that we ultimately realize upon the disposal of such securities.

### Revenue Recognition

We record interest or dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that we expect to collect such amounts. We do not accrue as a receivable interest on loans and debt securities if we have reason to doubt our ability to collect such interest. Loan origination fees, original issue discount, and market discount are capitalized, and we amortize any such amounts as interest income. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any unamortized loan origination is recorded as interest income. We will record prepayment premiums on loans and debt securities as interest income when we receive such amounts.

### Net Realized Gains or Losses and Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation

We measure realized gains or losses by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the cost basis of the investment, without regard to unrealized appreciation or depreciation previously recognized. Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation reflects the change in portfolio investment values during the reporting period, including any reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation or depreciation, when gains or losses are realized.

### Recently Issued Accounting Standards

From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the FASB or other standards setting bodies that are adopted by us as of the specified effective date. We believe that the impact of recently issued standards that are not yet effective will not have a material impact on our financial statements upon effectiveness.

### Inflation

Inflation has not had a significant effect on our results of operations in any of the reporting periods presented herein. However, our portfolio companies have experienced, and may in the future experience, the impacts of inflation on their operating results.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to the close of the fiscal quarter on September 30, 2015, and through the date of the issuance of the financial statements included herein, a number of events related to our portfolio of investments occurred, consisting primarily of purchases of securities. Since that date, we have purchased private securities with an aggregate cost of approximately \$2.0 million.

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

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The Company's business activities contain elements of risk. We consider the principal types of market risk to be valuation risk and small company investment risk.

**VALUATION RISK**

Value, as defined in Section 2(a)(41) of the 1940 Act, is (i) the market price for those securities for which market quotations are readily available and (ii) fair value as determined in good faith by, or under the direction of, the Board of Directors for all other assets.

Because there is typically no public market for our interests in the small privately-held companies in which we invest, the valuation of the securities in that portion of our portfolio is determined in good faith by our Board of Directors with the assistance of our Valuation Committee, comprised of the independent members of our Board of Directors, in accordance with our Valuation Procedures. In addition, the Board of Directors may use the services of a nationally recognized independent valuation firm to aid it in determining the fair value of some of these securities. In the absence of a readily ascertainable market value, the determined value of our portfolio of securities may differ significantly from the values that would be placed on the portfolio if a ready market for such securities existed. Determining fair value requires that judgment be applied to the specific facts and circumstances of each portfolio investment, although our valuation policy is intended to provide a consistent basis for determining fair value of the portfolio investments. The methods for valuing these securities may include: fundamental analysis (sales, income, or earnings multiples, etc.), discounts from market prices of similar securities, purchase price of securities, subsequent private transactions in the security or related securities, or discounts applied to the nature and duration of restrictions on the disposition of the securities, as well as a combination of these and other factors. Because such valuations, and particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate over short periods of time, and may be based on estimates, our determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used if a ready market for these securities existed.

Furthermore, changes in valuation of any of our investments in privately-held companies from one period to another may be volatile.

Investments in privately held, immature companies are inherently more volatile than investments in more mature businesses. Such immature businesses are inherently fragile and easily affected by both internal and external forces.

Our portfolio companies can lose much or all of their value suddenly in response to an internal or external adverse event. Conversely, these immature businesses can gain suddenly in value in response to an internal or external positive development.

The values assigned to our assets are based on available information and do not necessarily represent amounts that might ultimately be realized, as these amounts depend on future circumstances and cannot be reasonably determined until the individual investments are actually liquidated or become readily marketable. Upon sale of investments, the values that are ultimately realized may be different from what is presently estimated. This difference could be material.

**PRIVATELY PLACED SMALL COMPANIES RISK**

The Company invests in small companies, and its investments in these companies are considered speculative in nature. The Company's investments often include securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale that adversely affect the liquidity and marketability of such securities. As a result, the Company is subject to risk of loss which may prevent our shareholders from achieving price appreciation, dividend distributions and return of capital.



ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

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- (a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures
- As of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")). Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective and provided reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.
- (b) 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) under the Exchange Act, that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2015, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.
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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

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ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

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We are not a party to any material pending legal proceeding, and no such proceedings are known to be contemplated.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

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There have been no material changes from risk factors as previously disclosed in our Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2014 in response to Item 1A of Part 1 of Form 10-K.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.

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None.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.

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None.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.

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None.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.

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None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

FIRSTHAND  
TECHNOLOGY VALUE  
FUND, INC.

Dated: November 9, 2015

By: /s/ Kevin Landis  
Kevin Landis  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: November 9, 2015

By: /s/ Omar Billawala  
Omar Billawala  
Chief Financial Officer

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