U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-2

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 🛙

(Check appropriate box or boxes)

o Pre-Effective Amendment No.

x Post-Effective Amendment No. 1

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

4201 Congress St., Suite 360 Charlotte, NC 28209

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrants' telephone number, including Area Code: (704) 376-5502 Joseph B. Alala, III Chief Executive Officer and President Capitala Finance Corp. 4201 Congress St., Suite 360 Charlotte, NC 28209

(Name and address of agent for service)

COPIES TO:

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Approximate date of proposed public offering: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If any securities being registered on this form will be offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box. x

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box):

o when declared effective pursuant to section 8(c).

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Title of Securities Being Registered	Amount Being Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Note	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price ⁽¹⁾	Amount of Registration Fee ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Registered	onering Frice Fer Fiote		Registration rec
Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share ⁽²⁾				
Subscription Rights ⁽²⁾				

- (1) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933 solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee. The proposed maximum offering price per security will be determined, from time to time, by Capitala Finance Corp. (the "Registrant") in connection with the sale of the securities registered under this Registration Statement.
- (2) Subject to note 6 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, or subscription rights to purchase shares of the Registrant's common stock as may be sold, from time to time.
- (3) Includes such indeterminate number of shares of the Registrant's common stock as may, from time to time, be issued upon conversion or exchange of other securities registered hereunder, to the extent any such securities are, by their terms, convertible or exchangeable for common stock.
- (4) Subject to note 6 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of the Registrant's warrants as may be sold, from time to time, representing rights to purchase common stock, preferred stock or debt securities of the Registrant.
- (5) Subject to note 6 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of debt securities of the Registrant as may be sold, from time to time. If any debt securities of the Registrant are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering price shall be in such greater principal amount as shall result in an aggregate price to investors not to exceed \$500,000,000.
- (6) In no event will the aggregate offering price of all securities issued from time to time pursuant to this Registration Statement exceed \$500,000,000.
- (7) Previously paid.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-199106) of Capitala Finance Corp. (the "Registration Statement") is being filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), solely for the purpose of filing exhibits to the Registration Statement. Accordingly, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 consists only of a facing page, this explanatory note and Part C of the Registration Statement on Form N-2 setting forth the exhibits to the Registration Statement. This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 does not modify any other part of the Registration Statement. Pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The contents of the Registration Statement are hereby incorporated by reference.

PART C — OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 25. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

1. Financial Statements

The following financial statements are included in Part A, "Information Required to be in the Prospectus" of the Registration Statement.

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b.1	Bylaws ⁽¹⁾
b.2	Form of Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership ⁽³⁾
b.3	Form of Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III. L.P. ⁽³⁾
d.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate ⁽¹⁾
d.2	Form of Base Indenture ⁽⁵⁾
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	Form of Global Note (included as Exhibit A to the Form of First Supplemental Indenture) ⁽⁵⁾
d.5	Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 ⁽⁷⁾
e.	Form of Dividend Reinvestment Plan ⁽¹⁾
g.	Form of Investment Advisory Agreement by and between Registrant and Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC ⁽¹⁾
h.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement ⁽⁷⁾
h.2	Underwriting Agreement, dated April 8, 2015*
j.	Form of Custodian Agreement ⁽¹⁾
k.1	Form of Administration Agreement by and between Registrant and Capitala Advisors Corp. ⁽¹⁾
k.2	Form of Indemnification Agreement by and between Registrant and each of its directors ⁽¹⁾
k.3	Form of Trademark License Agreement by and between Registrant and Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC ⁽¹⁾
k.4	Form of Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement, dated October 17, 2014, among Registrant as Borrower, the lenders party thereto, and ING Capital LLC, as Administrative Agent, Arranger and Bookrunner ⁽⁶⁾
k.5	Form of Guarantee, Pledge and Security Agreement, dated October 17, 2014, among Registrant, as Borrower, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, ING Capital LLC, as Revolving Administrative Agent for the Revolving Lenders and as Collateral Agent, and each Financing
k.6	Agent and Designated Indebtedness Holder party thereto ⁽⁶⁾ Form of Incremental Assumption Agreement, dated January 6, 2015, relating to the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of October 17, 2014, among Capitala Finance Corp., as borrower, the lenders from time to time party thereto, and ING Capital LLC, as
	administrative agent, arranger and bookrunner ⁽⁹⁾
l.1	Opinion of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP ⁽⁷⁾
1.2	Opinion of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP*
n.1	Consent of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP (Incorporated by reference to exhibit 1.1 hereto) ⁽⁷⁾
n.2	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP ⁽⁸⁾
n.3	Consent of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP ⁽⁸⁾
n.4	Report of Ernst & Young LLP ⁽⁴⁾
n.5	Report of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP ⁽¹⁾
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n.6 Report of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP⁽¹⁾

Number	Description
n.7	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP*
n.8	Consent of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP*
n.9	Report of Ernst & Young LLP*
n.10	Consent of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP (Incorporated by reference to exhibit 1.2 hereto)*
n.11	License from the Small Business Administration allowing CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited
	Partnership to operate as a Small Business Investment Company ⁽²⁾
n.12	Letter from the Small Business Administration approving CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III,
	L.P.'s application to operate as a Small Business Investment Company ⁽²⁾
r.	Code of Ethics of Registrant, CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership and CapitalSouth
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99.1	Code of Business Conduct of Registrant ⁽¹⁾
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99.5	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Rights Offerings ⁽⁷⁾
99.6	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Warrants Offerings ⁽⁷⁾
99.7	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Retail Note Offerings ⁽⁷⁾
99.8	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Institutional Note Offerings ⁽⁷⁾

^{*} Filed herewith.

Evhibit

- (1) Previously filed in connection with the Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-188956) filed on September 9, 2013.
- (2) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-188956) filed on September 16, 2013.
- (3) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 5 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-188956) filed on September 24, 2013.
- (4) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-193374) filed on March 31, 2014.
- (5) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-193374) filed on May 21, 2014.
- (6) Previously filed in connection with Capitala Finance Corp.'s report on Form 8-K filed on October 21, 2014.
- (7) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-199106) filed on November 17, 2014.
- (8) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-199106) filed on November 24, 2014.
- (9) Previously filed in connection with Capitala Finance Corp.'s report on Form 8-K filed on January 8, 2015.

ITEM 26. MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS

The information contained under the heading "Plan of Distribution" in this Registration Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 27. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

SEC registration fee	\$ 58,100
FINRA filing fee	\$ 75,500
NASDAQ Global Select Market	\$ 65,000
Printing and postage	\$ 40,000
Legal fees and expenses	\$ 200,000
Accounting fees and expenses	\$ 150,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 598,600

Note: All listed amounts are estimates except for the SEC registration fee and FINRA filing fee.

ITEM 28. PERSONS CONTROLLED BY OR UNDER COMMON CONTROL

The following list sets forth each of Capitala Finance Corp.'s subsidiaries, the state under whose laws the subsidiary is organized and the voting securities owned by Capitala Finance Corp., directly, in such subsidiary:

CapitalSouth Partners Florida Sidecar Fund I, L.P. (Delaware)	100%
CSP-Florida Mezzanine Fund I, LLC (North Carolina)	100%
CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership (North Carolina)	100%
CapitalSouth Partners F-II, LLC (North Carolina)	100%
CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P. (Delaware)	100%
CapitalSouth Partners SBIC F-III, LLC (North Carolina)	100%

Currently, each of Capitala Finance Corp.'s subsidiaries is consolidated with Capitala Finance Corp. for financial reporting purposes.

In addition, we may be deemed to control certain portfolio companies. See "Portfolio Companies" in the prospectus.

ITEM 29. NUMBER OF HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

The following table sets forth the number of record holders of the Registrant's common stock at November 12, 2014:

Title of Class	Number of Record Holders
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	74

ITEM 30. INDEMNIFICATION

Directors and Officers

Reference is made to Section 2-418 of the Maryland General Corporation Law, Article VII of the Registrant's charter and Article XI of the Registrant's bylaws.

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action. The Registrant's charter contains such a provision which eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, subject to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Registrant's charter authorizes the Registrant, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as the Registrant's director or officer and at the Registrant's request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee, from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by



reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The Registrant's bylaws obligate the Registrant, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as the Registrant's director or officer and at the Registrant's request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse his or her reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The charter and bylaws also permit the Registrant to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of the Registrant in any of the capacities described above and any of the Registrant's employees or agents or any employees or agents of the Registrant's predecessor. In accordance with the 1940 Act, the Registrant will not indemnify any person for any liability to which such person would be subject by reason of such person's willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office.

Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which the Registrant's charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received unless, in either case, a court orders indemnification, and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer in advance of final disposition of a proceeding upon the corporation's receipt of (a) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (b) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

Adviser and Administrator

The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC (the "investment adviser") and its officers, managers, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from the Registrant for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of the investment adviser's services under the Investment Advisory Agreement or otherwise as an investment adviser of the Registrant.

The Administration Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, Capitala Advisors Corp. and its officers, managers, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from the Registrant for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of Capitala Advisors Corp.'s services under the Administration Agreement or otherwise as administrator for the Registrant.

The law also provides for comparable indemnification for corporate officers and agents. Insofar as indemnification for liability arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing

provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors. The indemnification agreements are intended to provide the Registrant's directors the maximum indemnification permitted under Maryland law and the 1940 Act. Each indemnification agreement provides that the Registrant shall indemnify the director who is a party to the agreement (an "Indemnitee"), including the advancement of legal expenses, if, by reason of his or her corporate status, the Indemnitee is, or is threatened to be, made a party to or a witness in any threatened, pending, or completed proceeding, other than a proceeding by or in the right of the Registrant.

ITEM 31. BUSINESS AND OTHER CONNECTIONS OF INVESTMENT ADVISER

A description of any other business, profession, vocation, or employment of a substantial nature in which the investment adviser, and each managing director, director or executive officer of the investment adviser, is or has been during the past two fiscal years, engaged in for his or her own account or in the capacity of director, officer, employee, partner or trustee, is set forth in Part A of this Registration Statement in the sections titled "Management — Board of Directors," "Investment Advisory Agreement" and "Portfolio Management — Investment Personnel." Additional information regarding the investment adviser and its officers and directors is set forth in its Form ADV, as filed with the SEC (SEC File No. 801-77467), under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 32. LOCATION OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

All accounts, books, and other documents required to be maintained by Section 31(a) of the 1940 Act, and the rules thereunder are maintained at the offices of:

- (1) the Registrant, Capitala Finance Corp., 4201 Congress Street, Suite 360, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209;
- ⁽²⁾ the Transfer Agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219;
- (3) the Custodian, U.S. Bank National Association, 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202; and
- (4) the investment adviser, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, 4201 Congress Street, Suite 360, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209.

ITEM 33. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Not applicable.

ITEM 34. UNDERTAKINGS

(1) Registrant undertakes to suspend the offering of the shares of common stock covered hereby until it amends its prospectus contained herein if (a) subsequent to the effective date of this Registration Statement, its net asset value per share of common stock declines more than 10.0% from its net asset value per share of common stock as of the effective date of this Registration Statement, or (b) its net asset value per share of common stock increases to an amount greater than its net proceeds as stated in the prospectus contained herein.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) Registrant undertakes in the event that the securities being registered are to be offered to existing stockholders pursuant to warrants or rights, and any securities not taken by shareholders are to be reoffered to



the public, to supplement the prospectus, after the expiration of the subscription period, to set forth the results of the subscription offer, the transactions by the underwriters during the subscription period, the amount of unsubscribed securities to be purchased by underwriters, and the terms of any subsequent underwriting thereof. Registrant further undertakes that if any public offering by the underwriters of the securities being registered is to be made on terms differing from those set forth on the cover page of the prospectus, the Registrant shall file a post-effective amendment to set forth the terms of such offering.

(4) The Registrant hereby undertakes:

(a) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to the registration statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

(b) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the 1933 Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of those securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and

(c) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering; and

(d) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the 1933 Act to any purchaser, if the Registrant is subject to Rule 430C: Each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 497(b), (c), (d) or (e) under the 1933 Act as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A under the 1933 Act, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness; Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(e) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the 1933 Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of securities, the undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to the purchaser:

(i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 497 under the 1933 Act;

(ii) the portion of any advertisement pursuant to Rule 482 under the 1933 Act relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and

(iii) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

(f) To file a post-effective amendment to the registration statement, and to suspend any offers or sales pursuant the registration statement until such post-effective amendment has been declared effective under the 1933 Act, in the event the shares of the Registrant is trading below its net asset value and either (i) Registrant receives, or has been advised by its independent registered accounting firm that it will receive, an audit report reflecting substantial doubt regarding the Registrant's ability to continue as a going concern or (ii) Registrant has concluded that a material adverse change has occurred in its financial position or results of operations that has caused the financial statements and other disclosures on the basis of which the offering would be made to be materially misleading.

(5)

(a) For the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of a registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in the form of prospectus filed by the Registrant under Rule 497(h) under the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of the Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(b) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of the securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(6) The Registrant undertakes to send by first class mail or other means designed to ensure equally prompt delivery within two business days of receipt of a written or oral request, any Statement of Additional Information.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Charlotte, in the State of North Carolina, on the 8th day of April, 2015.

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

By:/s/ Joseph B. Alala, III Joseph B. Alala, III Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant, and in the capacities indicated, on the 8th day of April, 2015.

Signature	Title
/s/ Joseph B. Alala, III	Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board of
Joseph B. Alala, III	Directors (Principal Executive Officer)
*	Chief Operating Officer, Secretary and Treasurer
John F. McGlinn	
/s/ Stephen A. Arnall	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and
Stephen A. Arnall	Principal Accounting Officer)
*	Director
M. Hunt Broyhill	
*	Director
H. Paul Chapman	
*	Director
Larry W. Carroll	
*	Director
R. Charles Moyer	
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* Signed by Joseph B. Alala, III pursuant to a power of attorney signed by each individual and filed with this registration statement on October 1, 2014.

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

3,500,000 Shares

Common Stock (\$0.01 par value per Share)

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

April 8, 2015

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

UBS Securities LLC Jefferies LLC Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. BB&T Capital Markets, *a division of BB&T Securities*, *LLC as Managing Underwriters* c/o UBS Securities LLC 1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Each of Capitala Finance Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Advisor</u>"), which is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "<u>Advisers Act</u>"), and Capitala Advisors Corp., a North Carolina corporation (the "<u>Administrator</u>" and, together with the Company and the Advisor, the "<u>Capitala Entities</u>") confirms its agreement with the underwriters named in <u>Schedule A</u> annexed hereto (the "<u>Underwriters</u>"), for whom you are acting as representatives, with respect to the issue and sale by the Company to the Underwriters of an aggregate 3,500,000 shares (the "<u>Firm Shares</u>") of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), of the Company. In addition, solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, the Company proposes to grant to the Underwriters the option to purchase from the Company up to an additional 525,000 shares of Common Stock (the "<u>Additional Shares</u>"). The Firm Shares and the Additional Shares are hereinafter collectively sometimes referred to as the "<u>Shares</u>." The Shares are described in the Prospectus which is referred to below.

The Company has prepared and filed a registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-199106) including a prospectus, relating to the Shares, and amendments thereto, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "<u>Act</u>") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>"), which was declared effective by the Commission on November 26, 2014.

Except where the context otherwise requires, "<u>Registration Statement</u>," as used herein, means the registration statement, as amended, referred to in the second paragraph hereof at the time of such registration statement's effectiveness for purposes of Section 11 of the Act, as such section applies to the respective Underwriters (the "<u>Effective Time</u>"), including (i) all documents filed as a part thereof, and (ii) any information contained in a prospectus supplement filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497(h) under the Act, to the extent such information is deemed, pursuant to Rule 430C under the Act, to be part of the registration statement at the Effective Time.

Except where the context otherwise requires, "<u>Base Prospectus</u>" means the base prospectus filed as part of the Registration Statement, in the form in which it has most recently been filed with the Commission on or prior to the date of this Agreement relating to the Shares; "<u>Preliminary Prospectus</u>" means any preliminary prospectus (including any preliminary prospectus supplement) relating to the Shares filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Act; "<u>Pricing Prospectus</u>" means the preliminary prospectus supplement, dated as of April 7, 2015, together with the Base Prospectus in the form filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497(h) under the Act on or before the second business day after the date hereof (or such earlier time as may be required under the Act) in the form first used by the Underwriters to confirm sales of the Shares; any reference to any amendment or supplement to the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement and any prospectus supplement relating to the Shares filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497(h) under the Act, in each case after the date of the Base Prospectus, such Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or the Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

"<u>Disclosure Package</u>," as used herein, means, collectively, the pricing information set forth on <u>Schedule B</u> attached hereto and the Pricing Prospectus considered together.

"Applicable Time," as used herein, means 9:30 A.M., New York City time, on April 8, 2015.

As used in this Agreement, "<u>business day</u>" shall mean a day on which the NASDAQ Global Select Market (the "<u>NASDAQ</u>") is open for trading. The terms "herein," "hereof," "hereio," "hereinafter" and similar terms, as used in this Agreement, shall in each case refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular section, paragraph, sentence or other subdivision of this Agreement. The term "or," as used herein, is not exclusive.

The Capitala Entities and the Underwriters agree as follows:

1. <u>Sale and Purchase</u>. Upon the basis of the representations and warranties and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company agrees to issue and sell to the respective Underwriters and each of the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Company, the number of Firm Shares set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in <u>Schedule A</u> attached hereto, subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 10 hereof, in each case at a purchase price of \$17.76 per Share. The Company is advised by you that the Underwriters intend initially to offer the Firm Shares upon the terms set forth in the Prospectus. You may from time to time increase or decrease the public offering price after the initial public offering to such extent as you may determine.

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In addition, the Company hereby grants to the several Underwriters the option (the "<u>Over-Allotment Option</u>") to purchase, and upon the basis of the representations and warranties and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Underwriters shall have the right to purchase, severally and not jointly, from the Company, ratably in accordance with the number of Firm Shares to be purchased by each of them, all or a portion of the Additional Shares as may be necessary to cover over-allotments made in connection with the offering of the Firm Shares, at the same purchase price per share to be paid by the Underwriters to the Company for the Firm Shares. The Over-Allotment Option may be exercised by UBS Securities LLC ("<u>UBS</u>") on behalf of the several Underwriters at any time and from time to time on or before the thirtieth day following the date of the Prospectus, by written notice to the Company. Such notice shall set forth the aggregate number of Additional Shares as to which the Over-Allotment Option is being exercised and the date and time when the Additional Shares are to be delivered (any such date and time being herein referred to as an "<u>additional time of purchase</u>"); provided, however, that no additional time of purchase shall be earlier than the "time of purchase" (as defined below) nor earlier than the second business day after the date on which the Over-Allotment Option shall have been exercised nor later than the tenth business day after the date on which the Over-Allotment Option shall have been exercised. The number of Additional Shares to be sold to each Underwriter shall be the number which bears the same proportion to the number of Firm Shares (subject, in each case, to such adjustment as UBS may determine to eliminate fractional shares), subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 10 hereof.

2. <u>Payment and Delivery</u>. Payment of the purchase price for the Firm Shares shall be made to the Company by federal funds wire transfer against delivery of the Firm Shares to you through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") for the respective accounts of the Underwriters. Such payment and delivery shall be made at 10:00 A.M., New York City time, on April 13, 2015 (unless another time shall be agreed to by you and the Company or unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 hereof). The time at which such payment and delivery are to be made is hereinafter sometimes called the "time of purchase." Electronic transfer of the Firm Shares shall be made to you at the time of purchase in such names and in such denominations as you shall specify.

Payment of the purchase price for the Additional Shares shall be made at the additional time of purchase in the same manner and at the same office and time of day as the payment for the Firm Shares. Electronic transfer of the Additional Shares shall be made to you at the additional time of purchase in such names and in such denominations as you shall specify.

Deliveries of the documents described in Section 8 hereof with respect to the purchase of the Shares shall be made at the offices of Morrison & Foerster LLP at 250 West 55th Street, New York, New York 10019, at 9:00 A.M., New York City time, on the date of the closing of the purchase of the Firm Shares or the Additional Shares, as the case may be.

3. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Capitala Entities</u>. The Capitala Entities, jointly and not severally, represent and warrant to and agree with each of the Underwriters that:

(a) the Registration Statement has heretofore become effective under the Act; no stop order of the Commission preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus, or the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, has been issued, and no proceedings for such purpose have been instituted or, to the Company's knowledge, are contemplated by the Commission;

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(b) as of the Effective Time, the Registration Statement complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Act and did not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; the conditions to the use of Form N-2 by the Company in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares as contemplated hereby have been satisfied; as of the Applicable Time, the Pricing Prospectus complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Act (including, without limitation, Section 10(a) of the Act) and the Disclosure Package did not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; the Prospectus will comply, as of its date, the time of purchase and each additional time of purchase, if any, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Act (including, without limitation, Section 10(a) of the Act) and, as of the date the Prospectus is filed with the Commission, the time of purchase and any additional time of purchase, if any, the Prospectus will not, as then amended or supplemented, include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Capitala Entities make no representation or warranty in this Section 3(b) with respect to any statement contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus;

(c) prior to the execution of this Agreement, the Company has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold any Shares by means of any "prospectus" (within the meaning of the Act) or used any "prospectus" (within the meaning of the Act) in connection with the offer or sale of the Shares, in each case other than the Pricing Prospectus; the Company has not, directly or indirectly, prepared, used or referred to any free writing prospectus as defined in Rule 405 under the Act; and the Pricing Prospectus is a prospectus that satisfies the requirements of Section 10 of the Act;

(d) as of the date of this Agreement, the Company qualifies as an emerging growth company ("<u>EGC</u>"), as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Act;

(e) as of the date of this Agreement, the Company has an authorized and outstanding capitalization as set forth in the sections of the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus entitled "Capitalization" and "Description of Our Capital Stock," and, as of the time of purchase and any additional time of purchase, as the case may be, the Company shall have an authorized and outstanding capitalization as set forth in the sections of the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus entitled "Capitalization" and "Description of Our Capital Stock," the capital stock of the Company conforms in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, have been issued in compliance with all applicable securities laws and were not issued in violation of any preemptive right, resale right, right of first refusal or similar right; the Shares are duly listed, and admitted and authorized for trading, subject to official notice of issuance;

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(f) the Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with full corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus to execute and deliver this Agreement, and to issue, sell and deliver the Shares as contemplated herein;

(g) each of the Company and its Subsidiaries (as defined below) is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the ownership or leasing of its properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, either (i) have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (ii) prevent or materially interfere with consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, or (iii) result in the delisting of the Common Stock from NASDAQ (the occurrence of any such effect or any such prevention or interference or any such result described in the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) being herein referred to as a "<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>");

(h) the Company owns all of the issued and outstanding equity interests of CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership, a North Carolina limited partnership ("Fund III"), CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Fund III"), CapitalSouth Partners Florida Sidecar Fund I, L.P. ("Florida Sidecar Fund"), CapitalSouth Partners F-II, LLC ("Fund II GP"), CapitalSouth Partners SBIC F-III, LLC ("Fund III GP") and CSP-Florida Mezzanine Fund I, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company ("Florida Sidecar Fund GP" and, together with Fund II, Fund III, Florida Sidecar Fund, Fund II GP and Fund III GP, the "Subsidiaries"); complete and correct copies of the charters documents of the Company and each Subsidiary and all amendments thereto have been delivered to you, and, except as may be set forth in the exhibits to the Registration Statement, no changes therein will be made on or after the date hereof through and including the time of purchase or, if later, any additional time of purchase; each Subsidiary has been duly formed and is validly existing as a limited partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, as applicable, with full corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; each Subsidiary is duly qualified to do business as a foreign limited partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, and is in good standing in each jurisdiction where the ownership or leasing of its properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; all of the outstanding equity interests of each of the Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable, have been issued in compliance with all applicable securities laws, were not issued in violation of any preemptive right, resale right, right of first refusal or similar right and are owned by the Company subject to no security interest, other encumbrance or adverse claims; and no options, warrants or other rights to purchase, agreements or other obligations to issue or other rights to convert any obligation into shares of capital stock or ownership interests in the Subsidiaries are outstanding; except for the Subsidiaries and as may be set forth in the Consolidated Schedule of Investments included in the Company's consolidated financial statements in the Prospectus, the Company has no subsidiaries (as defined in the Act);

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(i) the Shares have been duly and validly authorized and, when issued and delivered against payment therefor as provided herein, will be duly and validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and free of statutory and contractual preemptive rights, resale rights, rights of first refusal and similar rights; the Shares, when issued and delivered against payment therefor as provided herein, will be free of any restriction upon the voting or transfer thereof pursuant to the Maryland General Corporation Law or the Company's charter or bylaws or any agreement or other instrument to which the Company is a party;

(j) the capital stock of the Company, including the Shares, conforms in all material respects to each description thereof, if any, contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and the certificates for the Shares are in due and proper form;

(k) this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Capitala Entities;

(1) none of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is in breach or violation of or in default under (nor has any event occurred which, with notice, lapse of time or both, would result in any breach or violation of, constitute a default under or give the holder of any indebtedness (or a person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a part of such indebtedness under) (A) its charter, bylaws, certificate of formation, limited partnership agreement or limited liability company agreement, as the case may be, or (B) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement or other evidence of indebtedness, or any license, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties may be bound or affected, or (C) any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule, or (D) any rule or regulation of any self-regulatory organization or other non-governmental regulatory authority (including, without limitation, the rules and regulations of NASDAQ), or (E) any decree, judgment or order applicable to it or any of its properties;

(m) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the issuance and sale of the Shares and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not conflict with, result in any breach or violation of or constitute a default under (nor constitute any event which, with notice, lapse of time or both, would result in any breach or violation of, constitute a default under or give the holder of any indebtedness (or a person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a part of such indebtedness under) (or result in the creation or imposition of a lien, charge or encumbrance on any property or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary pursuant to) (A) its charter, bylaws, certificate of formation, limited partnership agreement or limited liability company agreement of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, as applicable, or (B) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement or other evidence of indebtedness, or any license, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of the Subsidiaries is a party or by which any of them or any of their respective properties may be bound or affected, or (C) any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule, or (D) any rule or regulation of any self-regulatory organization or other non-governmental regulatory authority (including, without limitation, the rules and regulations of NASDAQ), or (E) any decree, judgment or order applicable to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries or any of their respective properties;

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(n) no approval, authorization, consent or order of or filing with any federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory commission, board, body, authority or agency, or of or with any self-regulatory organization or other non-governmental regulatory authority (including, without limitation, NASDAQ) is required in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby, other than (i) registration of the Shares under the Act, which has been effected, (ii) any necessary qualification under the securities or blue sky laws of the various jurisdictions in which the Shares are being offered by the Underwriters, (iii) under the rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("<u>FINRA</u>"), (iv) any listing applications and related consents or any notices required by NASDAQ in the ordinary course of the offering of the Shares, or (v) filings with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497(h) under the Act;

(o) except as described in the Registration Statement (excluding the exhibits thereto), the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (i) no person has the right, contractual or otherwise, to cause the Company to issue or sell to it any shares of Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock or other equity interests of the Company, (ii) no person has any preemptive rights, resale rights, rights of first refusal or other rights to purchase any shares of Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock of or other equity interests in the Company, (iii) no person has the right to act as an underwriter or as a financial advisor to the Company in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares and (iv) no person has the right, contractual or otherwise, to cause the Company to register under the Act any shares of Common Stock or shares of any other capital stock of or other equity interests in the Company or to include any such shares or interests in the Registration Statement or the offering contemplated thereby;

(p) each of the Company and the Subsidiaries has all necessary licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals and has made all necessary filings required under any applicable law, regulation or rule, and has obtained all necessary licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals from other persons, in order to conduct their respective businesses; neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries is in violation of, or in default under, or has received notice of any proceedings relating to revocation or modification of, any such license, authorization, consent or approval or any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, order or judgment applicable to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, except where such violation, default, revocation or modification would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect;

(q) there are no actions, suits, claims, investigations or proceedings pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened or contemplated to which the Company or any of the Subsidiaries or any of their respective directors or officers is or would be a party or of which any of their respective properties is or would be subject at law or in equity, before or by any federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory commission, board, body, authority or agency, or before or by any self-regulatory organization or other non-governmental regulatory authority (including, without limitation, NASDAQ), except any such action, suit, claim, investigation or proceeding which, if resolved adversely to the Company or any Subsidiary, would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect;

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(r) (i) Ernst & Young LLP, whose report on the financial statements of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 is included in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, are independent registered public accountants as required by the Act and by the rules of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board;

(ii) Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP, whose report on the financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2012 is included in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, are independent registered public accountants as required by the Act and by the rules of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board;

the consolidated financial statements included in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, together (s) with the related notes and schedules, present fairly the financial position of the Company and the Subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the consolidated results of operations, cash flows and changes in stockholders' equity of the Company for the periods specified and have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved; all pro forma financial statements or data included in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus comply with the requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act, and the assumptions used in the preparation of such pro forma financial statements and data are reasonable, the pro forma adjustments used therein are appropriate to give effect to the transactions or circumstances described therein and the pro forma adjustments have been properly applied to the historical amounts in the compilation of those statements and data; the other financial data contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are accurately and fairly presented and prepared on a basis consistent with the financial statements and books and records of the Company; there are no financial statements (historical or pro forma) that are required to be included in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus that are not included as required; the Company does not have any material liabilities or obligations, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations), not described in the Registration Statement (excluding the exhibits thereto), the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and all disclosures contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the rules and regulations of the Commission) comply with Regulation G of the Exchange Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the Act, to the extent applicable;

(t) subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, in each case excluding any amendments or supplements to the foregoing made after the execution of this Agreement, there has not been (i) any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in the business, properties, management, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (ii) any transaction that is material to the Company or any Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (iv) any material change in the capital stock or in the outstanding indebtedness of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries taken as a whole or (v) any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made on the capital stock of the Company or any Subsidiary, in each case, other than as contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

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(u) the Company has obtained for the benefit of the Underwriters the agreement (a "<u>Lock-Up Agreement</u>"), in the form set forth as <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, of each of its directors, "officers" (within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(f) under the Exchange Act) and existing stockholders of the Company and the Subsidiaries;

(v) the Company and each of the Subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all property (real and personal, excluding for the purposes of this Section 3(v), Intellectual Property (as defined below)) described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as being owned by any of them, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests or other encumbrances; all the property described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as being held under lease by the Company or a Subsidiary is held thereby under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases;

(w) each of the Company and the Subsidiaries owns or possesses all inventions, patent applications, patents, trademarks (both registered and unregistered), tradenames, service names, copyrights, trade secrets and other proprietary information (collectively, "<u>Intellectual Property</u>") described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as being owned or licensed by it or which is necessary for the conduct of, or material to, its businesses, and the Company is unaware of any claim to the contrary or any challenge by any other person to the rights of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries with respect to Intellectual Property; except for matters which would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries has infringed or is infringing the Intellectual Property of a third party, and neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has received notice of a claim by a third party to the contrary;

(x) except as would not be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, all tax returns required to be filed by the Company or any of the Subsidiaries have been timely filed (within any applicable time limit extensions permitted by the relevant tax authority), and all taxes and other assessments of a similar nature (whether imposed directly or through withholding) including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto due or claimed to be due from such entities have been timely paid, other than those being contested in good faith and for which adequate reserves have been provided;

(y) the Company and each of the Subsidiaries maintain insurance covering their respective properties, operations, personnel and businesses as the Company reasonably deems adequate; such insurance insures against such losses and risks to an extent which is adequate in accordance with customary industry practice to protect the Company and the Subsidiaries and their respective businesses; all such insurance is fully in force on the date hereof and will be fully in force at the time of purchase and each additional time of purchase, if any; neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has reason to believe that it will not be able to (i) renew any such insurance as and when such insurance expires or (ii) obtain comparable coverage from similar institutions as may be necessary or appropriate to conduct its business as now conducted at a cost that would not result in any Material Adverse Effect; the Capitala Entities' fidelity bond required by Rule 17g-1 of the rules and regulations promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (collectively, the "<u>1940 Act</u>"), is subject to legal and valid binders and is in full force and effect; each Capitala Entity is in compliance with the terms of such fidelity bond in all material respects; there are no claims by any Capitala Entity under any such fidelity bond as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause;

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(z) neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has sent or received any communication regarding termination of, or intent not to renew, any of the agreements referred to or described in any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, or referred to or described in, or filed as an exhibit to, the Registration Statement, and no such termination or non-renewal has been threatened by the Company or any Subsidiary or, to the Company's knowledge, any other party to any such contract or agreement;

(a) the Company and each of the Subsidiaries maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences;

(bb) the Company has established and maintains "disclosure controls and procedures" (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act) and "internal control over financial reporting" (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act); such disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer by others within those entities, and such disclosure controls and procedures are effective to perform the functions for which they were established; the Company's independent registered public accountants and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company have been advised of: (i) all significant deficiencies, if any, in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data; and (ii) all fraud, if any, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a role in the Company's internal controls; all "significant deficiencies" and "material weaknesses" (as such terms are defined in Rule 1-02(a)(4) of Regulation S-X under the Act) of the Company, if any, have been identified to the Company's independent registered public accountants and are disclosed in the Registration Statement (excluding the exhibits thereto), the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; since the date of the most recent evaluation of such disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls, there have been no significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses; and the Company has taken all necessary actions to ensure that, upon and at all times after the filing of the Registration Statement, the Company and the Subsidiaries and their respective officers and directors, in their capacities as such, will be in compliance in all material respects with the applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act") and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

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(cc) all statistical or market-related data included in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company reasonably believes to be reliable and accurate;

(dd) neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "Foreign Corrupt Practices Act"); and the Company, the Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, its affiliates have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure continued compliance therewith;

(ee) the operations of the Company and the Subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the applicable money laundering statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency in each case, to the extent applicable to the Company and the Subsidiaries (collectively, the "<u>Money</u> <u>Laundering Laws</u>"); and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator or non-governmental authority involving the Company or any of the Subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened;

(ff) neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries is currently subject to any sanctions administered or enforced by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department ("OFAC"); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering of the Shares contemplated hereby, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity for the purpose of financing the activities of any person currently subject to any sanctions administered or enforced by OFAC;

(gg) no Subsidiary is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such Subsidiary's capital stock, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such Subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such Subsidiary's property or assets to the Company or any other Subsidiary of the Company, except as described in the Registration Statement (excluding the exhibits thereto), each Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(hh) except pursuant to this Agreement, neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries has incurred any liability for any finder's or broker's fee or agent's commission in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or by the Registration Statement;

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(ii) neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries nor, to their knowledge, any of their respective directors or officers, affiliates or controlling persons has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed, or which has constituted or might reasonably be expected to cause or result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares;

(jj) to the Company's knowledge, there are no affiliations or associations between (i) any member of FINRA and (ii) the Company or any of the Company's officers, directors or 5% or greater security holders or any beneficial owner of the Company's unregistered equity securities that were acquired at any time on or after the 180th day immediately preceding the date the Registration Statement was initially filed with the Commission, except as disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(kk) Except as otherwise disclosed in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, to the knowledge of the Company, each of the companies in which the Company invests is current in all material respects with its obligations to the Company, and no event of default (or a default which with the giving of notice or the passage of time would become an event of default) has occurred under its agreements with the Company, except to the extent that any such failure to be current in its obligations and any such default would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(ll) Except as disclosed in the Prospectus, no person is serving or acting as an investment adviser, officer or director of any of the Capitala Entities or the Subsidiaries except in accordance with the applicable provisions of the 1940 Act. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, no director of any of the Capitala Entities or the Subsidiaries is (i) an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any of the Capitala Entities or the Subsidiaries or (ii) an "affiliated person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any Underwriter. For purposes of this Section 3(ll), the Capitala Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely on representations from such officers and directors;

(mm) Each of the Company, Fund II and Fund III has filed with the Commission a Notification of Election to be Subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the 1940 Act on Form N-54A (a "<u>BDC Election</u>") (File Nos. 814-01022, 814-01021 and 814-01023, respectively) pursuant to which the Company, Fund II and Fund III each elected to be treated as a business development company ("<u>BDC</u>") under the 1940 Act. At the time each of the Company's, Fund II's and Fund III's BDC Election was filed with the Commission, each (i) contained all statements required to be stated therein in accordance with, and complied in all material respect with the requirements of, the 1940 Act and (ii) did not include any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. None of the Company, Fund II of Fund III has filed with the Commission any notice of withdrawal of a BDC Election pursuant to Section 54(c) of the 1940 Act, each BDC Election remains in full force and effect, and, to Company's, Fund II's and Fund III's knowledge, as applicable, no order of suspension or revocation of a BDC Election under the 1940 Act has been issued or proceedings therefore initiated or threatened by the Commission. The operations of the Company, Fund II and Fund III are in compliance in all material respects with the provisions of the 1940 Act, including the provisions applicable to BDCs, as amended by the order of the Commission under the 1940 Act set forth in Release No. 31074 dated June 10, 2014;

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(nn) The Company has entered into or adopted (i) the Custody Agreement with U.S. Bank National Association that complies with Section 17(f) of the 1940 Act, (ii) the Transfer Agency and Registrar Services Agreement with American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, which, among other matters, will implement the Company's dividend reinvestment plan, (iii) the Investment Advisory Agreement, dated September 24, 2013 (the "<u>Administration Agreement</u>") with the Advisor, (iv) the Administration Agreement, dated September 24, 2013 (the "<u>Administration Agreement</u>") with the Administrator, and (v) the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement and a Guarantee, Pledge and Security Agreement with ING Capital LLC, dated October 17, 2014 (all such agreements being herein referred to collectively as the "<u>Material Agreements</u>"). Each Material Agreement is in full force and effect and no notice of default or violation have been received by the Company. Each Material Agreement required to be described in the Disclosure Package and Prospectus has been accurately and fully described in all material respects. Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries has sent or received notice of, or otherwise communicated or received communication with respect to, termination of any Material Agreement, nor has any such termination been threatened by any person;

(oo) Each of Fund II and Fund III is licensed to operate as a Small Business Investment Company ("<u>SBIC</u>") by the United States Small Business Administration (the "<u>SBA</u>"). Each of Fund II's and Fund III's SBIC license is in good standing with the SBA and no adverse regulatory findings contained in any examinations reports prepared by the SBA regarding either Fund II or Fund III are outstanding or unresolved. The method of operation of each of Fund III will permit it to continue to meet the requirements for qualification as an SBIC;

(pp) Each of Fund II and Fund III is eligible to sell securities guaranteed by the SBA. Neither Fund II nor Fund III is in default under the terms of any debenture that it has issued to the SBA for guaranty by the SBA or under any other material monetary obligation.

In addition, any certificate signed by any officer of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries and delivered to any Underwriter or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Shares shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Capitala Entities, as to matters covered thereby, to each Underwriter.

4. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Advisor</u>. The Advisor represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters that:

(a) With respect to the Advisor, except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus: (i) there has been no material adverse change, or any development that could reasonably be expected to (x) have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Advisor, (y) prevent or materially interfere with consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, or (z) resulting in the delisting of the Common Stock from NASDAQ (the occurrence of any such effect or any such prevention or interference or any such result described in the foregoing clauses (x), (y) and (z) being herein referred to as an "<u>Advisor Material Adverse Effect</u>") and (ii) the Advisor has not incurred any material liability or obligation, indirect, direct or contingent, not in the ordinary course of business or entered into any material transaction or agreement not in the ordinary course of business;

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(b) The Advisor is a limited liability company that is duly formed and validly existing as a limited liability company under the laws of the state of Delaware and is duly qualified as a foreign limited liability company to transact business, and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required whether by reason of ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except for such jurisdictions where the failure to so qualify or be in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have an Advisor Material Adverse Effect;

(c) The Advisor is not in violation of or default under: (i) its certificate of formation or other organizational documents; (ii) any indenture, mortgage, loan or credit agreement, note, contract, franchise, lease or other instrument; or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over it or any of its properties, as applicable, except with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii) herein, for such violations or defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have an Advisor Material Adverse Effect;

(d) The Advisor's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (i) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and will not result in any violation of the provisions of the organizational documents of the Advisor, (ii) will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Advisor pursuant to, or require the consent of any other party to, any existing instrument, except for such conflicts, breaches, defaults, liens, charges or encumbrances as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in an Advisor Material Adverse Effect and (iii) will not result in any violation of any law, administrative regulation or administrative or court decree applicable to the Advisor. No consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental or regulatory authority or agency, is required for the Advisor's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement or consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except such as have already been obtained or made under the Act and the 1940 Act and such as may be required under any applicable state securities or blue sky laws or from FINRA;

(e) The Advisor possesses such valid and current certificates, authorizations or permits issued by the appropriate state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies necessary to conduct its business, and the Advisor has not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of, or non-compliance with, any such certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, could reasonably be expected to result in an Advisor Material Adverse Effect;

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(f) There is no legal suit, proceeding or investigation before or brought by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, now pending, or, to the knowledge of the Advisor, threatened, against the Advisor, which is required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (other than as disclosed therein), or which might reasonably be expected to result in an Advisor Material Adverse Effect, or which might reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement, or the performance by the Advisor of its obligations hereunder or under the Investment Advisory Agreement. The aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which either the Advisor is a party or of which any of its property or assets is the subject which are not described in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Disclosure Package, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, could not reasonably be expected to have an Advisor Material Adverse Effect;

(g) The description of the Advisor and its business, and the statements attributable to the Advisor, in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus complied and comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Act, the 1940 Act and the Advisers Act and did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(h) The Advisor is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act and is not prohibited by the Advisers Act or the 1940 Act from acting under the Investment Advisory Agreement as an investment advisor for the Company as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(i) The Advisor maintains insurance covering its properties, operations, personnel and business as it deems adequate; such insurance insures against such losses and risks to an extent which is adequate in accordance with customary industry practice to protect the Advisor and its business;

(j) The Advisor has not taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that might be reasonably expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares;

(k) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Advisor has no material lending or other relationship with a bank or lending institution affiliated with any of the Underwriters;

(1) The Advisor has the financial and other resources available to it necessary for the performance of its services and obligations as contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package, the Prospectus, this Agreement and the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Advisor owns, leases or has access to all properties and other assets that are necessary to the conduct of its business and to perform the services, as described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and

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(m) The Advisor is not aware that (i) any executive, key employee or significant group of employees of the Advisor plans to terminate employment with the Advisor or (ii) any such executive or key employee is subject to any non-compete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Advisor, except where such termination or violation would not reasonably be expected to have an Advisor Material Adverse Effect.

5. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Administrator</u>. The Administrator represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters that:

(a) With respect to the Administrator, except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus: (i) there has been no material adverse change, or any development that could reasonably be expected to (x) have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the Administrator, (y) prevent or materially interfere with consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, or (z) resulting in the delisting of the Common Stock from NASDAQ (the occurrence of any such effect or any such prevention or interference or any such result described in the foregoing clauses (x), (y) and (z) being herein referred to as an "<u>Administrator Material Adverse Effect</u>"); and (ii) the Administrator has not incurred any material liability or obligation, indirect, direct or contingent, not in the ordinary course of business or entered into any material transaction or agreement not in the ordinary course of business;

(b) The Administrator is a corporation that is duly incorporated and validly existing as a corporation under the laws of the state of North Carolina and is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business, and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required whether by reason of ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except for such jurisdictions where the failure to so qualify or be in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have an Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

(c) The Administrator is not in violation of or default under: (i) its certificate of incorporation or other organizational documents; (ii) any indenture, mortgage, loan or credit agreement, note, contract, franchise, lease or other instrument; or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over it or any of its properties, as applicable, except with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii) herein, for such violations or defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have an Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

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(d) The Administrator's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (i) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and will not result in any violation of the provisions of the organizational documents of the Administrator, (ii) will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Administrator pursuant to, or require the consent of any other party to, any existing instrument, except for such conflicts, breaches, defaults, liens, charges or encumbrances as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in an Administrator Material Adverse Effect and (iii) will not result in any violation of any law, administrative regulation or administrative or court decree applicable to the Administrator. No consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental or regulatory authority or agency, is required for the Administrator's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement or consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except such as have already been obtained or made under the Act and the 1940 Act and such as may be required under any applicable state securities or blue sky laws or from FINRA;

(e) The Administrator possesses such valid and current certificates, authorizations or permits issued by the appropriate state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies necessary to conduct its business, and the Administrator has not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of, or non-compliance with, any such certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, could reasonably be expected to result in an Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

(f) There is no legal suit, proceeding or investigation before or brought by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, now pending, or, to the knowledge of the Administrator, threatened, against the Administrator, which is required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (other than as disclosed therein), or which might reasonably be expected to result in an Administrator Material Adverse Effect, or which might reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement, or the performance by the Administrator of its obligations hereunder or under the Administration Agreement. The aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which either the Administrator is a party or of which any of its property or assets is the subject which are not described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, could not reasonably be expected to have an Administrator Material Adverse Effect;

(g) The description of the Administrator and its business, and the statements attributable to the Administrator, in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus complied and comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Act and the 1940 Act and did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(h) The Administrator is not prohibited by the Advisers Act or the 1940 Act from acting under the Administration Agreement for the Company as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(i) The Administrator maintains insurance covering its properties, operations, personnel and business as it deems adequate; such insurance insures against such losses and risks to an extent which is adequate in accordance with customary industry practice to protect the Administrator and its business;

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(j) The Administrator has not taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that might be reasonably expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares;

(k) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Administrator has no material lending or other relationship with a bank or lending institution affiliated with any of the Underwriters;

(1) The Administrator has the financial and other resources available to it necessary for the performance of its services and obligations as contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package, the Prospectus, this Agreement and the Administration Agreement and the Administrator owns, leases or has access to all properties and other assets that are necessary to the conduct of its business and to perform the services, as described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; and

(m) The Administrator is not aware that (i) any executive, key employee or significant group of employees of the Administrator plans to terminate employment with the Administrator or (ii) any such executive or key employee is subject to any non-compete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Administrator, except where such termination or violation would not reasonably be expected to have an Administrator Material Adverse Effect.

6. <u>Certain Covenants of the Capitala Entities</u>. The Capital Entities agree:

(a) to furnish such information as may be required and otherwise to cooperate in qualifying the Shares for offering and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such states or other jurisdictions as you may designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect so long as you may request for the distribution of the Shares; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to consent to the service of process under the laws of any such jurisdiction (except service of process with respect to the offering and sale of the Shares); and to promptly advise you of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offer or sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose;

(b) to make available to the Underwriters in New York City, as soon as practicable after this Agreement becomes effective, and thereafter from time to time to furnish to the Underwriters, as many copies of the Prospectus (or of the Prospectus as amended or supplemented if the Company shall have made any amendments or supplements thereto) as the Underwriters may request for the purposes contemplated by the Act; in case any Underwriter is required to deliver, in connection with the sale of the Shares, a prospectus after the nine-month period referred to in Section 10(a)(3) of the Act, the Company will prepare, at its expense, promptly upon request such amendment or amendments to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as may be necessary to permit compliance with the requirements of Section 10(a)(3) of the Act;

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(c) if, at the time this Agreement is executed and delivered, it is necessary or appropriate for a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement to be filed with the Commission and become effective before the Shares may be sold, the Company will use its best efforts to cause such post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement to be filed and become effective, and will pay any applicable fees in accordance with the Act, as soon as possible; and the Company will advise you promptly and, if requested by you, will confirm such advice in writing, (i) when such post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement has become effective, and (ii) if Rule 430C under the Act is used, when the Prospectus is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497(h) under the Act (which the Company agrees to file in a timely manner in accordance with such Rules);

(d) for so long as a prospectus is required by the Act to be delivered to notify you immediately upon an event that causes the Company to no longer qualify as an EGC;

(e) to advise you promptly, confirming such advice in writing, of any request by the Commission for amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or for additional information with respect thereto, or of notice of institution of proceedings for, or the entry of a stop order, suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement and, if the Commission should enter a stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement and, if the Commission should enter a stop order you promptly of any proposal to amend or supplement the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, and to provide you and Underwriters' counsel copies of any such documents for review and comment a reasonable amount of time prior to any proposed filing and to file no such amendment or supplement to which you shall have objected as soon as reasonably practicable in writing;

(f) subject to Section 6(e) hereof, to file promptly all reports and documents and any preliminary or definitive proxy or information statement required to be filed by the Company with the Commission in order to comply with the Exchange Act for so long as a prospectus is required by the Act to be delivered in connection with any sale of Shares;

(g) to advise the Underwriters promptly of the happening of any event within the period during which a prospectus is required by the Act to be delivered in connection with any sale of Shares, which event could require the making of any change in the Prospectus then being used so that the Prospectus would not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading, and to advise the Underwriters promptly if, during such period, it shall become necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to cause the Prospectus to comply with the requirements of the Act, and, in each case, during such time, subject to Section 6(e) hereof, to prepare and furnish, at the Company's expense, to the Underwriters promptly such amendments or supplements to such Prospectus as may be necessary to reflect any such change or to effect such compliance;

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(h) to make generally available (within the meaning of Rule 158 under the Act) to its security holders, and, if not available on the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System ("<u>EDGAR</u>"), to deliver to you, an earnings statement of the Company and the Subsidiaries (which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act) covering a period of twelve months beginning after the effective date of the Registration Statement (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the Act) as soon as is reasonably practicable after the termination of such twelve-month period but in any case not later than the date determined in accordance with the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the Act and Rule 158(c) thereunder;

(i) to furnish to you two copies of the Registration Statement, as initially filed with the Commission, and of all amendments thereto (including all exhibits thereto) and sufficient copies of the foregoing (other than exhibits) for distribution of a copy to each of the other Underwriters, which obligation may be satisfied by delivery of a .pdf file unless otherwise requested by you;

(j) if requested by you, to furnish to you as early as practicable prior to the time of purchase and any additional time of purchase, as the case may be, but not later than two business days prior thereto, a copy of the latest available unaudited interim and monthly consolidated financial statements, if any, of the Company, provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to furnish any materials pursuant to this clause if such materials are available via EDGAR;

(k) to apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Shares in the manner set forth under the caption "Use of Proceeds" in the Prospectus;

(1) to pay all costs, expenses, fees and taxes in connection with (i) the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, and the printing and furnishing of copies of each thereof to the Underwriters and to dealers (including costs of mailing and shipment), (ii) the registration, issue, sale and delivery of the Shares including any stock or transfer taxes and stamp or similar duties payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Shares to the Underwriters, (iii) the producing, word processing and/or printing of this Agreement, any dealer agreements, and any closing documents (including compilations thereof) and the reproduction and/or printing and furnishing of copies of each thereof to the Underwriters and (except closing documents) to dealers (including costs of mailing and shipment), (iv) the qualification of the Shares for offering and sale under state or foreign laws and the determination of their eligibility for investment under state or foreign law (including the reasonable legal fees and filing fees and other disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters relating thereto) and the printing and furnishing of copies of any blue sky surveys or legal investment surveys to the Underwriters and to dealers, (v) any NASDAQ fees and expenses relating to the Shares, (vi) the costs and expenses incurred by officers of the Company relating to presentations or meetings undertaken in connection with the marketing of the offering and sale of the Shares to prospective investors and the Underwriters' sales forces, including, without limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged directly by the Company in connection with the road show presentations, travel, lodging and other expenses incurred by the officers of the Company and any such consultants, and (vii) the performance of the Company's other obligations hereunder;

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(m) beginning on the date hereof and ending on, and including, the date that is 90 days after the date of the Prospectus (the "Lock-Up Period"), without the prior written consent of UBS, not to (i) issue, sell, offer to sell, contract or agree to sell, hypothecate, pledge, grant any option to purchase or otherwise dispose of or agree to dispose of, directly or indirectly, or establish or increase a put equivalent position or liquidate or decrease a call equivalent position within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder, with respect to, any Common Stock or any other securities of the Company that are substantially similar to Common Stock, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, or any warrants or other rights to purchase, the foregoing, (ii) file or cause to become effective a registration statement under the Act relating to the offer and sale of any Common Stock or any other securities of the Company that are substantially similar to Common Stock, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, or any warrants or other rights to purchase, the foregoing, (iii) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of Common Stock or any other securities of the Company that are substantially similar to Common Stock, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, or any warrants or other rights to purchase, the foregoing, whether any such transaction is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise or (iv) publicly announce an intention to effect any transaction specified in clause (i), (ii) or (iii), except, in each case, for the registration of the offer and sale of the Shares as contemplated by this Agreement and the issuance of shares pursuant to the Company's dividend reinvestment plan. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company may, without the prior written consent of UBS or any of the Managers: after providing the Managers with at least three business days advance written notice, file or cause the filing of a registration statement under the Act, or a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement, (1) with respect to, among other types of securities, Common Stock or other capital stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or other capital stock, which registration statement is generally intended to replace the Registration Statement upon its expiration and/or (2) to establish an "at the market" equity distribution program, provided, however, the Company will not enter into any transaction described in clause (i) or (iii) above during the Lock-Up Period, other than, starting after the 30th day after the Prospectus, the Company may issue, sell, offer to sell, contract or agree to sell, Common Stock pursuant to the foregoing "at the market" equity distribution program pursuant to the Registration Statement, and may file with the Commission and distribute one or more prospectus supplements pertaining thereto;

(n) until the closing of the purchase of the Firm Shares, to provide you with reasonable advance notice of and opportunity to comment on any press release or other communication directly or indirectly and hold no press conferences with respect to the Company or any Subsidiary, the financial condition, results of operations, business, properties, assets, or liabilities of the Company or any Subsidiary, or the offering of the Shares, and to issue no such press release or communications or hold such press conference without your prior consent;

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(o) not, at any time at or after the execution of this Agreement, to, directly or indirectly, offer or sell any Shares by means of any "prospectus" (within the meaning of the Act), or use any "prospectus" (within the meaning of the Act) in connection with the offer or sale of the Shares, in each case other than the Prospectus;

(p) not to, and to cause the Subsidiaries not to, take, directly or indirectly, any action designed, or which will constitute, or has constituted, or might reasonably be expected to cause or result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares;

(q) to use its best efforts to cause the Common Stock to remain listed for quotation on NASDAQ; and

(r) to use its best efforts to cause each of Fund II and Fund III to continue to comply with the requirements for qualification as an SBIC and to meet its obligations as an SBIC licensed by the SBA.

7. <u>Reimbursement of the Underwriters' Expenses</u>. If, after the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Shares are not delivered for any reason other than the termination of this Agreement pursuant to clause (2) of the second paragraph of Section 9 or the fifth paragraph of Section 10 hereof or the default by one or more of the Underwriters in its or their respective obligations hereunder, the Company shall, in addition to paying the amounts described in Section 6(1) hereof, reimburse the Underwriters for all of their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of their counsel.

8. <u>Conditions of the Underwriters' Obligations</u>. The several obligations of the Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Capitala Entities on the date hereof, at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, the performance by the Capitala Entities of their obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions precedent:

(a) The Company shall furnish to you at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, the opinions of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, counsel for the Company, addressed to the Underwriters, and dated the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be, with executed copies for each Underwriter, and in form and substance satisfactory to you, in the forms set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

(b) The Company shall furnish to you at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, an opinion of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A. counsel for the Company, addressed to the Underwriters, and dated the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be, with executed copies for each Underwriter, and in form and substance satisfactory to you, in the form set forth in <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto.

(c) (i) You shall have received from Ernst & Young LLP letters dated, respectively, the date of this Agreement, the time of purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, and addressed to the Underwriters (with executed copies for each Underwriter) in the forms satisfactory to you, which letters shall cover, without limitation, various financial disclosures relating to the Company contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

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(ii) You shall have received from Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP letters dated, respectively, the date of this Agreement, the time of purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, and addressed to the Underwriters (with executed copies for each Underwriter) in the forms satisfactory to you, which letters shall cover, without limitation, various financial disclosures relating to the Company contained in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(d) You shall have received at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, the favorable opinion of Morrison & Foerster LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to you.

(e) No Prospectus or amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall have been filed to which you shall have objected in writing.

(f) The Registration Statement shall remain effective under the Act, and any registration statement required to be filed, prior to the sale of the Shares, under the Act pursuant to Rule 462(b) shall have been filed and shall have become effective under the Act. The Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497(h) under the Act at or before 5:30 P.M., New York City time, on the second full business day after the date of this Agreement (or such earlier time as may be required under the Act).

(g) Prior to and at the time of purchase, and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, (i) no stop order with respect to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the Act or proceedings initiated under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the Act; (ii) the Registration Statement and all amendments thereto shall not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; (iii) neither the Pricing Prospectus nor the Prospectus, and no amendment or supplement thereto, shall include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact or omit to state a material fact or to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading; and (iv) no Disclosure Package, and no amendment or supplement thereto, shall include an untrue state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, shall include an untrue state a material fact necessary in order to make the statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statement of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading; and (iv) no Disclosure Package, and no amendment or supplement thereto, shall include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading;

(h) Each of the Capitala Entities will, at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at the additional time of purchase, deliver to you (i) a certificate of its Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, dated the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be, in the form attached as Exhibit D hereto, and (ii) a certificate of its Chief Financial Officer dated the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be, with respect to certain financial information in the Registration Statement, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Underwriters.

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(i) You shall have received each of the signed Lock-Up Agreements referred to in Section 3(u) hereof, and each such Lock-Up Agreement shall be in full force and effect at the time of purchase and the additional time of purchase, as the case may be.

(j) The Company shall have furnished to you such other documents and certificates as to the accuracy and completeness of any statement in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus as of the time of purchase and, if applicable, the additional time of purchase, as you may reasonably request.

(k) The Shares shall have been approved for quotation on NASDAQ, subject only to notice of issuance at or prior to the time of purchase or the additional time of purchase, as the case may be.

(l) FINRA shall not have raised any objection with respect to the fairness or reasonableness of the underwriting, or other arrangements of the transactions, contemplated hereby.

9. <u>Effective Date of Agreement; Termination</u>. This Agreement shall become effective when the parties hereto have executed and delivered this Agreement.

(a) The obligations of the several Underwriters hereunder shall be subject to termination in your absolute discretion, if (1) since the time of execution of this Agreement or the earlier respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus there has been any change or any development involving a prospective change in the business, properties, management, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, the effect of which change or development is, in your judgment, so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or (2) since the time of execution of this Agreement, there shall have occurred: (A) a suspension or material limitation in trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange, NYSE MKT LLC or NASDAQ; (B) a suspension or material limitation in trading in securities on NASDAQ; (C) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities declared by either federal or New York State authorities or a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States; (D) an outbreak or escalation of hostilities or acts of terrorism involving the United States or a declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war; or (E) any other calamity or crisis or any change in financial, political or economic conditions in the United States or elsewhere, if the effect of any such event specified in clause (D) or (E), in your judgment, makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(b) If you elect to terminate this Agreement as provided in this Section 9, the Capital Entities and each other Underwriter shall be notified promptly in writing.

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(c) If the sale to the Underwriters of the Shares, as contemplated by this Agreement, is not carried out by the Underwriters for any reason permitted under this Agreement, or if such sale is not carried out because the Capitala Entities shall be unable to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement, the Company shall not be under any obligation or liability under this Agreement (except to the extent provided in Sections 6(l), 7 and 11 hereof), and the Underwriters shall be under no obligation or liability to the Company under this Agreement (except to the extent provided in Section 11 hereof) or to one another hereunder.

10. Increase in Underwriters' Commitments. Subject to Sections 8 and 9 hereof, if any Underwriter shall default in its obligation to take up and pay for the Firm Shares to be purchased by it hereunder (otherwise than for a failure of a condition set forth in Section 8 hereof or a reason sufficient to justify the termination of this Agreement under the provisions of Section 9 hereof) and if the number of Firm Shares which all Underwriters so defaulting shall have agreed but failed to take up and pay for does not exceed 10% of the total number of Firm Shares, the non-defaulting Underwriters (including the Underwriters, if any, substituted in the manner set forth below) shall take up and pay for (in addition to the aggregate number of Firm Shares they are obligated to purchase pursuant to Section 1 hereof) the number of Firm Shares agreed to be purchased by all such defaulting Underwriters, as hereinafter provided. Such Shares shall be taken up and paid for by such non-defaulting Underwriters in such amount or amounts as you may designate with the consent of each Underwriter so designated or, in the event no such designation is made, such Shares shall be taken up and paid for by all non-defaulting Underwriters in <u>Schedule A</u>.

(a) Without relieving any defaulting Underwriter from its obligations hereunder, the Company agrees with the non-defaulting Underwriters that it will not sell any Firm Shares hereunder unless all of the Firm Shares are purchased by the Underwriters (or by substituted Underwriters selected by you with the approval of the Company or selected by the Company with your approval).

(b) If a new Underwriter or Underwriters are substituted by the Underwriters or by the Company for a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters in accordance with the foregoing provision, the Company or you shall have the right to postpone the time of purchase for a period not exceeding five business days in order that any necessary changes in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and other documents may be effected.

(c) The term "Underwriter" as used in this Agreement shall refer to and include any Underwriter substituted under this Section 10 with like effect as if such substituted Underwriter had originally been named in <u>Schedule A</u> hereto.

(d) If the aggregate number of Firm Shares which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed to purchase exceeds 10% of the total number of Firm Shares which all Underwriters agreed to purchase hereunder, and if neither the non-defaulting Underwriters nor the Company shall make arrangements within the five business day period stated above for the purchase of all the Firm Shares which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed to purchase hereunder, this Agreement shall terminate without further act or deed and without any liability on the part of the Company to any Underwriter and without any liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter to the Company. Nothing in this paragraph, and no action taken hereunder, shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

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11. <u>Indemnity and Contribution</u>.

The Capitala Entities jointly and not severally agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless each Underwriter, its partners, (a) directors, officers and members, any person who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and any "affiliate" (within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Act) of such Underwriter, and the successors and assigns of all of the foregoing persons, from and against any loss, damage, expense, liability or claim (including the reasonable cost of investigation) which, jointly or severally, any such Underwriter or any such person may incur under the Act, the Exchange Act, the common law or otherwise, insofar as such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim arises out of or is based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or in the Registration Statement as amended by any post-effective amendment thereof by the Company) or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, except insofar as any such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in, and in conformity with information concerning such Underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in, the Registration Statement or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in the Registration Statement in connection with such information, which material fact was not contained in such information and which material fact was required to be stated in such Registration Statement or was necessary to make such information not misleading or (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included in any Prospectus (the term Prospectus for the purpose of this Section 11 being deemed to include any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements to the foregoing), or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except, with respect to such Prospectus, insofar as any such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in, and in conformity with information concerning such Underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in, such Prospectus or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in such Prospectus in connection with such information, which material fact was not contained in such information and which material fact was necessary in order to make the statements in such information, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and will reimburse each "indemnified party" (defined below) for any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending against any loss, damage, expense, liability, claim, action, litigation, investigation or proceeding whatsoever (whether or not such indemnified party is a party thereto), whether threatened or commenced, and in connection with the enforcement of this provision with respect to the above as such fees and expenses are incurred.

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(b) Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Capitala Entities, their directors and officers, and any person who controls the Capitala Entities within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, any "affiliate" (within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Act) of each of the Capitala Entities, and the successors and assigns of all of the foregoing persons, from and against any loss, damage, expense, liability or claim (including the reasonable cost of investigation) which, jointly or severally, the Capitala Entities or any such person may incur under the Act, the Exchange Act, the common law or otherwise, insofar as such loss, damage, expense, liability or claim arises out of or is based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in, and in conformity with information concerning such Underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in, the Registration Statement (or in the Registration Statement as amended by any post-effective amendment thereof by the Company), or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in such Registration Statement in connection with such information, which material fact was not contained in such information and which material fact was required to be stated in such Registration Statement or was necessary to make such information not misleading or (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in, and in conformity with information concerning such Underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter through you to the Company expressly for use in, a Prospectus, or arises out of or is based upon any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in such Prospectus in connection with such information, which material fact was not contained in such information and which material fact was necessary in order to make the state

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If any action, suit or proceeding (each, a "Proceeding") is brought against a person (an "indemnified party") in respect of which (c) indemnity may be sought against any Capitala Entity or an Underwriter (as applicable, the "indemnifying party") pursuant to subsection (a) or (b), respectively, of this Section 11, such indemnified party shall promptly notify such indemnifying party in writing of the institution of such Proceeding and such indemnifying party shall assume the defense of such Proceeding, including the retention of counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, and pay all legal or other fees and expenses related to such Proceeding or incurred in connection with such indemnified party's enforcement of subsection (a) or (b) of this Section 11; provided, however, that the omission to so notify such indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability that such indemnifying party may have to any indemnified party or otherwise (except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced by such omission). The indemnified party or parties shall have the right to retain its or their own counsel in any such case, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party or parties unless (i) the retention of such counsel shall have been authorized in writing by the indemnifying party in connection with the defense of such Proceeding, (ii) the indemnifying party shall not have, within a reasonable period of time in light of the circumstances, retained counsel to defend such Proceeding or (iii) such indemnified party or parties shall have reasonably concluded that there may be defenses available to it or them that are different from, additional to or in conflict with those available to such indemnifying party (in which case such indemnifying party shall not have the right to direct the defense of such Proceeding on behalf of the indemnified party or parties), in any of which events such fees and expenses shall be borne by such indemnifying party and paid as incurred (it being understood, however, that such indemnifying party shall not be liable for the fees or expenses of more than one separate counsel (in addition to any local counsel) in any one Proceeding or series of related Proceedings in the same jurisdiction representing the indemnified parties who are parties to such Proceeding). The indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any Proceeding effected without its written consent but, if settled with its written consent, such indemnifying party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the indemnified party or parties from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by the second sentence of this Section 11(c), then the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any Proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 60 business days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have fully reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement and (iii) such indemnified party shall have given the indemnifying party at least 30 days' prior notice of its intention to settle. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened Proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such Proceeding and does not include an admission of fault or culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of such indemnified party.

If the indemnification provided for in this Section 11 is unavailable to an indemnified party under subsections (a) and (b) of this (d) Section 11 or insufficient to hold an indemnified party harmless in respect of any losses, damages, expenses, liabilities or claims referred to therein, then each applicable indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, damages, expenses, liabilities or claims (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Capitala Entities on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand from the offering of the Shares or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Capitala Entities on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, damages, expenses, liabilities or claims, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Capitala Entities on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total proceeds from the offering (net of underwriting discounts and commissions but before deducting expenses) received by the Company, and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, bear to the aggregate public offering price of the Shares. The relative fault of the Capitala Entities on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission relates to information supplied by the Company or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, damages, expenses, liabilities and claims referred to in this subsection shall be deemed to include any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with investigating, preparing to defend or defending any Proceeding.

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(e) The Capitala Entities and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 11 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in subsection 11(d) above. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 11, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares underwritten by such Underwriter and distributed to the public exceeds the amount of any damage which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 11 are several in proportion to their respective underwriting commitments and not joint.

(f) The indemnity and contribution agreements contained in this Section 11 and the covenants, warranties and representations of the Capitala Entities contained in this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter, its partners, directors, officers or members or any person (including each partner, officer, director or member of such person) who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, or by or on behalf of the Company, its directors or officers or any person who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and shall survive any termination of this Agreement or the issuance and delivery of the Shares. The Capitala Entities and each Underwriter agree promptly to notify each other of the commencement of any Proceeding against it and, in the case of the Capitala Entities, against any of the Capitala Entities' officers or directors in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares, or in connection with the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus.

12. <u>Information Furnished by the Underwriters</u>. The statements set forth in the third, fourth, tenth and eleventh paragraphs under the caption "Underwriting" in the Prospectus, only insofar as such statements relate to the amount of selling concession and reallowance or to over-allotment and stabilization activities that may be undertaken by the Underwriters, constitute the only information furnished by or on behalf of the Underwriters, as such information is referred to in Sections 3(b) and 11(a) hereof.

13. <u>Notices</u>. Except as otherwise herein provided, all statements, requests, notices and agreements shall be in writing or by telegram or facsimile and, if to the Underwriters, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent to UBS Securities LLC on behalf of the Underwriters, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019, Attention: Syndicate (fax: (212) 713-3371); and if to the Capitala Entities, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent to the Company at the offices of the Company at 4201 Congress St., Suite 360, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209 (facsimile: (704) 376-5877), Attention: Joseph B. Alala, III, Chief Executive Officer and President, with a copy to Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, 700 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, District of Columbia 20001, Attention: Steven B. Boehm (fax: (202) 637-3593).

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14. <u>Governing Law; Construction</u>. This Agreement and any claim, counterclaim or dispute of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement ("<u>Claim</u>"), directly or indirectly, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts formed and to be performed entirely within the state of New York without regard to the conflicts of law principles thereof to the extent such principals would require or permit the application of the laws of another jurisdiction. The section headings in this Agreement have been inserted as a matter of convenience of reference and are not a part of this Agreement.

15. <u>Submission to Jurisdiction</u>. Except as set forth below, no Claim may be commenced, prosecuted or continued in any court other than the courts of the State of New York located in the City and County of New York or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, which courts shall have jurisdiction over the adjudication of such matters, and the Capitala Entities each consent to the jurisdiction of such courts and personal service with respect thereto. The Capitala Entities each hereby consent to personal jurisdiction, service and venue in any court in which any Claim arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement is brought by any third party against any Underwriter or any indemnified party. Each Underwriter and each Capitala Entity (on its behalf and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, on behalf of its stockholders and affiliates) waive all right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether based upon contract, tort or otherwise) in any way arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The Capitala Entities each agree that a final judgment in any such action, proceeding or counterclaim brought in any such court shall be conclusive and binding upon such Capitala Entity and may be enforced in any other courts to the jurisdiction of which such Capitala Entity is or may be subject, by suit upon such judgment.

16. <u>Parties at Interest</u>. The Agreement herein set forth has been and is made solely for the benefit of the Underwriters and the Capitala Entities and to the extent provided in Section 11 hereof the controlling persons, partners, directors, officers, members and affiliates referred to in such Section, and their respective successors, assigns, heirs, personal representatives and executors and administrators. No other person, partnership, association or corporation (including a purchaser, as such purchaser, from any of the Underwriters) shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement.

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17. No Fiduciary Relationship. The Capitala Entities hereby acknowledge that the Underwriters are acting solely as underwriters in connection with the purchase and sale of the Company's securities. The Capitala Entities further acknowledge that the Underwriters are acting pursuant to a contractual relationship created solely by this Agreement entered into on an arm's length basis, and in no event do the parties intend that the Underwriters act or be responsible as a fiduciary to any of the Capitala Entities, their management, stockholders or creditors or any other person in connection with any activity that the Underwriters may undertake or have undertaken in furtherance of the purchase and sale of the Company's securities, either before or after the date hereof. The Underwriters hereby expressly disclaim any fiduciary or similar obligations to the Capitala Entities, either in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any matters leading up to such transactions, and the Capitala Entities hereby confirm their understanding and agreement to that effect. The Capitala Entities and the Underwriters agree that they are each responsible for making their own independent judgments with respect to any such transactions and that any opinions or views expressed by the Underwriters to the Company regarding such transactions, including, but not limited to, any opinions or views with respect to the price or market for the Company's securities, do not constitute advice or recommendations to the Company. The Capitala Entities and the Underwriters agree that the Underwriters are acting as principal and not the agent or fiduciary of the Company and no Underwriter has assumed, and none of them will assume, any advisory responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether any Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company on other matters). The Capitala Entities hereby waive and release, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Capitala Entities may have against the Underwriters with respect to any breach or alleged breach of any fiduciary, advisory or similar duty to the Capitala Entities in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any matters leading up to such transactions.

18. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be signed by the parties in one or more counterparts which together shall constitute one and the same agreement among the parties.

19. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Underwriters, the Capitala Entities and their successors and assigns and any successor or assign of any substantial portion of the Capitala Entities' and any of the Underwriters' respective businesses and/or assets.

20. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. UBS, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of UBS AG, is not a bank and is separate from any affiliated bank, including any U.S. branch or agency of UBS AG. Because UBS is a separately incorporated entity, it is solely responsible for its own contractual obligations and commitments, including obligations with respect to sales and purchases of securities. Securities sold, offered or recommended by UBS are not deposits, are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, are not guaranteed by a branch or agency, and are not otherwise an obligation or responsibility of a branch or agency.

21. <u>PATRIOT Act</u>. The Company acknowledges that, in accordance with the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, the Underwriters are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies their respective clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of their respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the Underwriters to properly identify their respective clients.

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If the foregoing correctly sets forth the understanding between the Capitala Entities and the several Underwriters, please so indicate in the space provided below for that purpose, whereupon this Agreement and your acceptance shall constitute a binding agreement between the Capitala Entities and the several Underwriters.

Very truly yours,

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

By: /s/ Joseph B. Alala, III Name: Joseph B. Alala, III Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

CAPITALA INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC

By: /s/ Joseph B. Alala, III Name: Joseph B. Alala, III Title: Manager

CAPITALA ADVISORS CORP.

By: /s/ Joseph B. Alala, III Name: Joseph B. Alala, III Title: Chief Executive Officer and President Accepted and agreed to as of the date first above written, on behalf of themselves and the other several Underwriters named in Schedule A

UBS SECURITIES LLC

By:	/s/ Bradford Lo Gatto
	Name: Bradford Lo Gatto
	Title: Associate Director

By: /s/ Jeff Spurlock Name: Jeff Spurlock Title: Director

JEFFERIES LLC

By: <u>/s/ Michael Bauer</u> Name: Michael Bauer Title: Managing Director

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.

By: /s/ Allen G. Laufenberg Name: Allen G. Laufenberg Title: Managing Director

BB&T CAPITAL MARKETS, A DIVISION OF BB&T SECURITIES, LLC

By: /s/ G. Jacob Savage Name: G. Jacob Savage Title: Senior Managing Director

SCHEDULE A

Underwriter	Number of Firm Shares
UBS Securities LLC	840,000
Jefferies LLC	752,500
Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.	612,500
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC	315,000
JMP Securities LLC	245,000
Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.	157,500
Wunderlich Securities, Inc.	157,500
Stephens Inc.	227,500
Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.	140,000
Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P.	52,500
Total	3,500,000

SCHEDULE B

Pricing Information Provided Orally by Underwriters

Price per share to the public: \$18.32

Number of Shares Offered: 3,500,000 Firm Shares and 525,000 Additional Shares

April 8, 2015

Capitala Finance Corp. 4201 Congress St., Suite 360 Charlotte, NC 28209

Re: Capitala Finance Corp. <u>Registration Statement on Form N-2</u>

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Capitala Finance Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "*Company*"), in connection with the preparation and filing by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*Commission*") of a registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-199106) on October 1, 2014 (as amended from time to time, the "*Registration Statement*") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "*Securities Act*"), with respect to (i) the offer, issuance and sale from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, of up to \$500,000,000 in aggregate offering amount of (a) shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "*Common Stock*"), (b) shares of the Company's preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "*Common Stock*"), (d) debt securities of the Company ("*Debt Securities*"), and (e) warrants representing rights to purchase Common Stock, Preferred Stock or Debt Securities ("*Warrants*," and together with the Common Stock, the Preferred Stock, the Rights and the Debt Securities, the "*Securities*"). The Registration Statement provides that the Securities may be sold from time to time in amounts, at prices, and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements to the final prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time it becomes effective.

This opinion letter is rendered in connection with the issuance and sale by the Company of up to 4,025,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock (the *"Shares"*), as described in the prospectus supplement, dated as of April 8, 2015, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act (the *"Prospectus Supplement"*). The Shares are being sold by the Company pursuant to an underwriting agreement, dated as of April 8, 2015, by and among the Company, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, Capitala Advisors Corp., on the one hand, and UBS Securities LLC, Jefferies LLC, Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC, on the other hand, as representatives of the several underwriters listed in Schedule A thereto (the *"Underwriting Agreement"*).

As counsel to the Company, we have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus Supplement and have examined the originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction as being true copies, of such records, documents or other instruments as we in our judgment have deemed to be necessary or appropriate to enable us to render the opinion hereinafter expressed including, without limitation, the following:

- (i) The Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company (the "*Charter*"), certified as of a recent date by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "*SDAT*");
- (ii) The Bylaws of the Company, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
- (iii) A Certificate of Good Standing with respect to the Company issued by SDAT as of a recent date (the "Certificate of Good Standing");
- (iv) The resolutions of the board of directors (the "*Board*") of the Company relating to, among other things, (a) the authorization and approval of the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, and (b) the authorization, issuance, offer and sale of the Shares pursuant to the Registration Statement, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company (collectively, the "*Resolutions*").

With respect to such examination and our opinion expressed herein, we have assumed, without any independent investigation or verification, (i) the genuineness of all signatures on all documents submitted to us for examination, (ii) the legal capacity of all natural persons, (iii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, (iv) the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as conformed or reproduced copies and the authenticity of the originals of such copied documents, and (v) that all certificates issued by public officials have been properly issued. We also have assumed without independent investigation or verification the accuracy and completeness of all corporate records made available to us by the Company.

As to certain matters of fact relevant to the opinions in this opinion letter, we have relied upon certificates of public officials (which we have assumed remain accurate as of the date of this opinion), upon certificates and/or representations of officers and employees of the Company, upon such other certificates as we deemed appropriate, and upon such other data as we have deemed to be appropriate under the circumstances. We have not independently established the facts, or in the case of certificates of public officials, the other statements, so relied upon.

The opinions set forth below are limited to the effect of the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "*MGCL*"), as in effect on the date hereof, and we express no opinion as to the applicability or effect of any other laws of such jurisdiction or the laws of any other jurisdictions. Without limiting the preceding sentence, we express no opinion as to any federal or state securities or broker-dealer laws or regulations thereunder relating to the offer, issuance and sale of the Shares.

On the basis of and subject to the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, and subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in this opinion letter, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance and, when issued and paid for in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The opinions expressed in this opinion letter (i) are strictly limited to the matters stated in this opinion letter, and without limiting the foregoing, no other opinions are to be implied and (ii) are only as of the date of this opinion letter, and we are under no obligation, and do not undertake, to advise the addressee of this opinion letter or any other person or entity either of any change of law or fact that occurs, or of any fact that comes to our attention, after the date of this opinion letter, even though such change or such fact may affect the legal analysis or a legal conclusion in this opinion letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference of our firm in the "Legal Matters" section of the Registration Statement. We do not admit by giving this consent that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ SUTHERLAND ASBILL & BRENNAN LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the reference to our firm under the captions "Selected Consolidated Financial and Other Data", "Senior Securities", "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm", and "Preliminary Estimates of Net Asset Value and Net Investment Income", in the Registration Statement (Form N-2 No. 333-199106) and the related Prospectus of Capitala Finance Corp. for the registration of common stock. We also consent to the inclusion therein of our reports (a) dated March 4, 2015 with respect to the consolidated statement of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated schedule of investments, of Capitala Finance Corp. as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows, and the consolidated financial highlights for each of the two years in the period then ended, and (b) dated April 7, 2015, with respect to the Senior Securities table of Capitala Finance Corp. as of December 31, 2014.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina April 7, 2015

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the use in this Prospectus Supplement of Capitala Finance Corp. of our report dated March 28, 2014 except for Note 11 as to which the date is March 4, 2015, with respect to the combined financial statements of Capitala Finance Corp for the year ended December 31, 2012 and our report dated March 28, 2014, with respect to the combined financial statements of Capitala Finance Corp as of December 31, 2012 and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2012. We also consent to the incorporation by reference in the above named registration statement of our reports dated June 18, 2013, with respect to the senior securities table related to CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership and to the senior securities table related to Capitala Finance Corp., CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership and CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P., which reports appear in the Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the registration statements on Forms N-2 and N-5 (Nos. 333-188966) and 333-188961) of Capitala Finance Corp., CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership and CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P. We also consent to the references to us under the headings "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" and "Senior Securities" in such registration statement.

/s/ Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP

High Point, North Carolina April 7, 2015

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders Capitala Finance Corp.

We have audited the senior securities table of Capitala Finance Corp. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2014 included in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement dated April 7, 2015. The senior securities table is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the senior securities table based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the senior securities table is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the senior securities table. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall senior securities table presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the senior securities table referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the senior securities, as defined in Section 18 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, of Capitala Finance Corp. at December 31, 2014, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina April 7, 2015

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