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

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FORM N-2

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REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

(Check appropriate box or boxes)

Pre-Effective Amendment No.

Post-Effective Amendment No. 5

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**CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.**

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)*

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4201 Congress St., Suite 360  
Charlotte, NC 28209

*(Address of Principal Executive Offices)*

Registrant's 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  
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*(Name and address of agent for service)*

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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.

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 5 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) 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. 5 consists only of a facing page, this explanatory note and Part C of the Registration Statement, which sets forth the exhibits to the Registration Statement. This Post-Effective Amendment No. 5 does not modify any other part of the Registration Statement. Pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 5 shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The contents of the Registration Statement are hereby incorporated by reference.

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**PART C — OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 25. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

***1. Financial Statements***

The following financial statements of Capitala Finance Corp. (the “Registrant” or the “Company”) are included in Part A, “Information Required to be in the Prospectus” of the Registration Statement.

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## 2. Exhibits

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a.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement <sup>(1)</sup>
a.2	Certificate of Limited Partnership of CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership <sup>(2)</sup>
a.3	Certificate of Limited Partnership of CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>
b.1	Bylaws <sup>(1)</sup>
b.2	Form of Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership <sup>(3)</sup>
b.3	Form of Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
d.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate <sup>(1)</sup>
d.2	Form of Base Indenture <sup>(4)</sup>
d.3	Form of First Supplemental Indenture relating to the 7.125% notes due 2021, by and between the Registrant and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, including the form of Global Note <sup>(4)</sup>
d.4	Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 <sup>(12)</sup>
d.5	Form of Second Supplemental Indenture relating to the 6.00% notes due 2022, by and between the Registrant and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, including the form of Global Note*
e.	Form of Dividend Reinvestment Plan <sup>(1)</sup>
g.	Form of Investment Advisory Agreement by and between Registrant and Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC <sup>(1)</sup>
h.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement <sup>(6)</sup>
h.2	Underwriting Agreement, dated May 10, 2017, among Capitala Finance Corp., Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC and Capitala Advisors Corp., on the one hand, and Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., as representative of the several underwriters named therein, on the other hand*
j.	Form of Custodian Agreement <sup>(1)</sup>
k.1	Form of Administration Agreement by and between Registrant and Capitala Advisors Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>
k.2	Form of Indemnification Agreement by and between Registrant and each of its directors <sup>(1)</sup>
k.3	Form of Trademark License Agreement by and between Registrant and Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC <sup>(1)</sup>
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 <sup>(5)</sup>
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 Agent and Designated Indebtedness Holder party thereto <sup>(5)</sup>
k.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 <sup>(7)</sup>
k.7	First Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Capitala Senior Liquid Loan Fund I, LLC, dated March 24, 2015 <sup>(9)</sup>
k.8	Form of Incremental Assumption Agreement, dated August 19, 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 <sup>(10)</sup>
l.1	Opinion and Consent of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP <sup>(8)</sup>
l.2	Opinion and Consent of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP*
n.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP <sup>(13)</sup>
n.2	Report of Ernst & Young LLP <sup>(12)</sup>

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n.3	Consent of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP <sup>(13)</sup>
n.4	Report of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP <sup>(1)</sup>
n.5	Report of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP <sup>(1)</sup>
n.6	License from the Small Business Administration allowing CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership to operate as a Small Business Investment Company <sup>(2)</sup>
n.7	Letter from the Small Business Administration approving CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P.'s application to operate as a Small Business Investment Company <sup>(2)</sup>
n.8	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP *
n.9	Consent of Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP *
r.	Code of Ethics of Registrant, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, and Capitala Private Advisors, LLC <sup>(11)</sup>
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99.6	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Warrants Offerings <sup>(6)</sup>
99.7	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Retail Note Offerings <sup>(6)</sup>
99.8	Form of Prospectus Supplement for Institutional Note Offerings <sup>(6)</sup>

\* Filed herewith.

- (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. 2 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-193374) filed on May 21, 2014.
- (5) Previously filed in connection with Capitala Finance Corp.'s report on Form 8-K filed on October 21, 2014.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Previously filed in connection with Capitala Finance Corp.'s report on Form 8-K filed on January 8, 2015.
- (8) Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) filed on July 28, 2015.
- (9) Previously filed in connection with Capitala Finance Corp.'s report on Form 8-K filed on March 24, 2015.
- (10) Previously filed in connection with Capitala Finance Corp.'s report on Form 8-K filed on August 25, 2015.
- (11) Previously filed in connection with Post-Effective Amendment No.1 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) filed on March 29, 2016.
- (12) Previously filed in connection with Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) filed on March 9, 2017.
- (13) Previously filed in connection with Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to Capitala Finance Corp.'s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) filed on April 28, 2017.

## ITEM 26. MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS

The information contained under the heading “Plan of Distribution” in the prospectus that is part of 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	<u>\$ 598,600</u>

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

\* \$50,547 of this amount has been offset against filing fees associated with unsold securities registered under a previous registration statement.

\*\* \$65,250 of this amount has been offset against filing fees associated with unsold securities registered under a previous registration statement.

## 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 that is part of this Registration Statement.

## ITEM 29. NUMBER OF HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

The following table sets forth the number of record holders of the Registrant’s common stock at April 27, 2017.

Title of Class	Number of Record Holders
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	53

## 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 will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract 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. 5 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

By: /s/ Joseph B. Alala, III

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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. 5 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Joseph B. Alala, III</u>	Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board of
<u>Joseph B. Alala, III</u>	Directors (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>*</u>	Chief Operating Officer, Secretary and Treasurer
<u>John F. McGlenn</u>	
<u>/s/ Stephen A. Amall</u>	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and
<u>Stephen A. Amall</u>	Principal Accounting Officer)
<u>*</u>	Director
<u>M. Hunt Broyhill</u>	
<u>*</u>	Director
<u>H. Paul Chapman</u>	
<u>*</u>	Director
<u>Larry W. Carroll</u>	
<u>*</u>	Director
<u>R. Charles Moyer</u>	

\* Signed by Joseph B. Alala, III pursuant to a power of attorney signed by each individual and filed with this registration statement on May 29, 2015.

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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE**

**between**

**CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.**

**and**

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,**

**as Trustee**

**Dated as of May 16, 2017**

THIS SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this “Second Supplemental Indenture”), dated as of May 16, 2017, is between Capitala Finance Corp., a Maryland corporation (the “Company”), and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”). All capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Base Indenture (as defined below).

**RECITALS OF THE COMPANY**

The Company and the Trustee executed and delivered an Indenture, dated as of June 16, 2014 (the “Base Indenture” and, as supplemented by this Second Supplemental Indenture, the “Indenture”), to provide for the issuance by the Company from time to time of the Company’s unsecured debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (the “Securities”), to be issued in one or more series as provided in the Indenture.

The Company desires to issue and sell up to \$70,000,000 aggregate principal amount (or up to \$80,500,000 aggregate principal amount if the underwriters’ option to purchase additional Notes is exercised in full) of the Company’s 6.00% Notes due 2022 (the “Notes”).

The Company previously entered into the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 16, 2014 (the “First Supplemental Indenture”), which amended and supplemented the Base Indenture. The First Supplemental Indenture is not applicable to the Notes.

Sections 901(4) and 901(6) of the Base Indenture provide that without the consent of Holders of the Securities of any series issued under the Indenture, the Company, when authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, and the Trustee, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental to the Base Indenture to (i) change or eliminate any of the provisions of the Indenture when there is no Security Outstanding of any series created prior to the execution of the supplemental indenture that is entitled to the benefit of such provision and (ii) establish the form or terms of Securities of any series as permitted by Section 201 and Section 301 of the Base Indenture.

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The Company desires to establish the form and terms of the Notes and to modify, alter, supplement and change certain provisions of the Base Indenture for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes (except as may be provided in a future supplemental indenture to the Indenture (“Future Supplemental Indenture”)).

The Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Second Supplemental Indenture to provide for the issuance of the Notes and all acts and things necessary to make this Second Supplemental Indenture a valid, binding, and legal obligation of the Company and to constitute a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, have been done and performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Notes by the Holders thereof, it is mutually agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Notes, as follows:

**ARTICLE I  
TERMS OF THE NOTES**

**Section 1.01. Terms of the Notes.** The following terms relating to the Notes are hereby established:

(a) The Notes shall constitute a series of Senior Securities having the title “6.00 % Notes due 2022.” The Notes shall bear a CUSIP number of 14054R 304 and an ISIN number of US14054R3049.

(b) The aggregate principal amount of the Notes that may be initially authenticated and delivered under the Indenture (except for Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of, transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Notes pursuant to Sections 304, 305, 306, 906, 1107 or 1305 of the Base Indenture, and except for any Securities that, pursuant to Section 303 of the Base Indenture, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered under the Indenture) shall be \$70,000,000 (or up to \$80,500,000 aggregate principal amount if the underwriters’ option to purchase additional Notes is exercised in full). Under a Board Resolution, Officers’ Certificate pursuant to Board Resolutions or an indenture supplement, the Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of Notes, issue additional Notes (in any such case “Additional Notes”) having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Notes. Any Additional Notes and the existing Notes will constitute a single series under the Indenture and all references to the relevant Notes herein shall include the Additional Notes unless the context otherwise requires.

(c) The entire outstanding principal of the Notes shall be payable on May 31, 2022.

(d) The rate at which the Notes shall bear interest shall be 6.00% per annum (the “Applicable Interest Rate”). The date from which interest shall accrue on the Notes shall be May 16, 2017, or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or provided for; the Interest Payment Dates for the Notes shall be February 28, May 31, August 31 and November 30 of each year, commencing August 31, 2017 (if an Interest Payment Date falls on a day that is not a Business Day, then the applicable interest payment will be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no additional interest will accrue as a result of such delayed payment); the initial interest period will be the period from and including May 16, 2017, to, but excluding, the initial Interest Payment Date, and the subsequent interest periods will be the periods from and including an Interest Payment Date to, but excluding, the next Interest Payment Date or the Stated Maturity, as the case may be; the interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date, will be paid to the Person in whose name the Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be February 15, May 15, August 15 or November 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Payment of principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any such interest on the Notes will be made at the office of the Trustee located at 60 Livingston Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55107, Attention: Capitala Finance Corp. (6.00% Notes due 2022) and at such other address as designated by the Trustee, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided, however*, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register; *provided, further, however*, that so long as the Notes are registered to Cede & Co., such payment will be made by wire transfer in accordance with the procedures established by The Depository Trust Company and the Trustee. Interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

(e) The Notes shall be initially issuable in global form (each such Note, a “Global Note”). The Global Notes and the Trustee’s certificate of authentication thereon shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A to this Second Supplemental Indenture. Each Global Note shall represent the outstanding Notes as shall be specified therein and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the Security Registrar, in accordance with Sections 203 and 305 of the Base Indenture.

(f) The depository for such Global Notes (the “Depository”) shall be The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. The Security Registrar with respect to the Global Notes shall be the Trustee.

(g) The Notes shall be defeasible pursuant to Section 1402 or Section 1403 of the Base Indenture. Covenant defeasance contained in Section 1403 of the Base Indenture shall apply to the covenants contained in Sections 1007 and 1008 of the Indenture.

(h) The Notes shall be redeemable pursuant to Section 1101 of the Base Indenture and as follows:

(i) The Notes will be redeemable in whole or in part at any time or from time to time, at the option of the Company, on or after May 31, 2019, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest payments otherwise payable for the then-current quarterly interest period accrued to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption.

(ii) Notice of redemption shall be given in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid or by overnight courier guaranteeing next-day delivery, to each Holder of the Notes to be redeemed, not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the Redemption Date, at the Holder's address appearing in the Security Register. All notices of redemption shall contain the information set forth in Section 1104 of the Base Indenture.

(iii) Any exercise of the Company's option to redeem the Notes will be done in compliance with the Investment Company Act, to the extent applicable.

(iv) If the Company elects to redeem only a portion of the Notes, the Trustee or the Depository, as applicable, will determine the method for selecting the particular Notes to be redeemed, in accordance with Section 1103 of the Base Indenture and the Investment Company Act and the rules of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which the Notes are listed, in each case to the extent applicable.

(v) Unless the Company defaults in payment of the Redemption Price, on and after the Redemption Date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes called for redemption hereunder.

- (i) The Notes shall not be subject to any sinking fund pursuant to Section 1201 of the Base Indenture.
- (j) The Notes shall be issuable in denominations of \$25 and integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof.
- (k) Holders of the Notes will not have the option to have the Notes repaid prior to the Stated Maturity.
- (l) The Notes are hereby designated as "Senior Securities" under the Indenture.

## ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

**Section 2.01.** Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article One of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following defined terms to Section 101 in appropriate alphabetical sequence, as follows:

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and any statute successor thereto.”

“‘GAAP’ means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the opinions and pronouncements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, which are in effect from time to time.”

“‘Investment Company Act’ means the Investment Company act of 1940, as amended, and the rules, regulations and interpretations promulgated thereunder, to the extent applicable, and any statute successor thereto.”

### ARTICLE III EXECUTION OF SECURITIES

**Section 3.01.** Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 303 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing the first paragraph thereof with the following:

“The Securities shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Chief Executive Officer, its President, its Chief Operating Officer, its Chief Financial Officer or any of its Vice Presidents and attested by its Secretary, any of its Assistant Secretaries, its Chief Financial Officer (if the Chief Financial Officer is not otherwise executing the Securities), or its Chief Compliance Officer. The signature of any of these officers on the Securities may be manual or facsimile signatures of the present or any future such authorized officer and may be imprinted or otherwise reproduced on the Securities.”

### ARTICLE IV REMEDIES

**Section 4.01.** Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 501 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing clauses (2) and (6) thereof with the following:

“(2) default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Security of that series when it becomes due and payable at its Maturity;”

“(6) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:

(A) is for relief against the Company in an involuntary case or proceeding, or

(B) adjudges the Company bankrupt or insolvent, or approves as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of the Company, or

(C) appoints a Custodian of the Company or for all or substantially all of its property, or



(D) orders the winding up or liquidation of the Company,

and the continuance of any such decree or order for relief or any such other decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; or”

## ARTICLE V COVENANTS

**Section 5.01.** Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article Ten of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following new Sections 1007 and 1008 thereto, each as set forth below:

“Section 1007. Section 18(a)(1)(A) of the Investment Company Act.

The Company hereby agrees that for the period of time during which Notes are Outstanding, the Company will not violate Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act or any successor provisions thereto of the Investment Company Act, whether or not the Company continues to be subject to such provisions, giving effect, in either case, to any exemptive relief granted to the Company by the Commission.”

“Section 1008. Commission Reports and Reports to Holders.

If, at any time, the Company is not subject to the reporting requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act to file any periodic reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company agrees to furnish to the Holders of Notes and the Trustee for the period of time during which the Notes are Outstanding: (i) within 90 days after the end of the each fiscal year of the Company (which fiscal year ends on December 31), audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Company and (ii) within 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the Company (other than the Company’s fourth fiscal quarter), unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Company. All such financial statements shall be prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.”

## ARTICLE VI REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

**Section 6.01.** Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 1103 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing the heading and first paragraph thereof with the following:

“Section 1103. Selection of Securities to Be Redeemed.

If less than all the Securities of any series issued on the same day with the same terms are to be redeemed, the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, or by the Depositary in the case of global Securities, in compliance with the requirements of DTC, from the Outstanding Securities of such series issued on such date with the same terms not previously called for redemption, in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange on which the Securities are listed (if the Securities are listed on any national securities exchange), or if the Securities are not held through DTC or listed on any national securities exchange, or DTC prescribed no method of selection, on a pro rata basis, or by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and subject to and otherwise in accordance with the procedures of the applicable Depositary; provided that such method complies with the rules of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which the Securities are listed, and may provide for the selection for redemption of portions (equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of that series or any integral multiple thereof) of the principal amount of Securities of such series of a denomination larger than the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of that series; provided, however, that no such partial redemption shall reduce the portion of the principal amount of a Security not redeemed to less than the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of such series.”

**ARTICLE VII  
MEETINGS OF HOLDERS OF SECURITIES**

**Section 7.01.** Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 1505 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing clause (c) thereof with the following:

“(c) At any meeting of Holders, each Holder of a Security of such series or proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each \$25.00 principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series held or represented by such Holder; provided, however, that no vote shall be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Security challenged as not Outstanding and ruled by the chairman of the meeting to be not Outstanding. The chairman of the meeting shall have no right to vote, except as a Holder of a Security of such series or proxy.”

**ARTICLE VIII  
MISCELLANEOUS**

**Section 8.01.** This Second Supplemental Indenture and the Notes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. This Second Supplemental Indenture is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of the Indenture and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions.

**Section 8.02.** In case any provision in this Second Supplemental Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

**Section 8.03.** This Second Supplemental Indenture may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be an original, but such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Second Supplemental Indenture. The exchange of copies of this Second Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile, .pdf transmission, email or other electronic means shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Second Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile, .pdf transmission, email or other electronic means shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

**Section 8.04.** The Base Indenture, as supplemented and amended by this Second Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and the Base Indenture and this Second Supplemental Indenture shall be read, taken and construed as one and the same instrument with respect to the Notes. All provisions included in this Second Supplemental Indenture supersede any conflicting provisions included in the Base Indenture with respect to the Notes, unless not permitted by law. The Trustee accepts the trusts created by the Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Second Supplemental Indenture, and agrees to perform the same upon the terms and conditions of the Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Second Supplemental Indenture.

**Section 8.05.** The provisions of this Second Supplemental Indenture shall become effective as of the date hereof.

**Section 8.06.** Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary herein, the terms and provisions of this Second Supplemental Indenture shall apply only to the Notes and shall not apply to any other series of Securities under the Indenture and this Second Supplemental Indenture shall not and does not otherwise affect, modify, alter, supplement or change the terms and provisions of any other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding.

**Section 8.07.** The recitals contained herein and in the Notes shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Second Supplemental Indenture, the Notes or any Additional Notes, except that the Trustee represents that it is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Second Supplemental Indenture, authenticate the Notes and any Additional Notes and perform its obligations hereunder. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of the Notes or any Additional Notes or the proceeds thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Second Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

**CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.**

By: /s/ Joseph B. Alala, III

Name: Joseph B. Alala, III

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee**

By: /s/ Karen R. Beard

Name: Karen R. Beard

Title: Vice President

*[Signature page to Second Supplemental Indenture]*

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**Exhibit A – Form of Global Note**

This Security is a Global Note within the meaning of the Indenture hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company or a nominee thereof. This Security may not be exchanged in whole or in part for a Security registered, and no transfer of this Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name of any Person other than The Depository Trust Company or a nominee thereof, except in the limited circumstances described in the Indenture.

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company to the issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment and such certificate issued in exchange for this certificate is registered in the name of Cede & Co., or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, any transfer, pledge or other use hereof for value or otherwise by or to any person is wrongful, as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

**Capitala Finance Corp.**

No. \$  
CUSIP No. 14054R 304  
ISIN No. US14054R3049

6.00% Notes due May 31, 2022

Capitala Finance Corp., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Maryland (herein called the “Company,” which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co., or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on May 31, 2022 and to pay interest thereon from May 16, 2017 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, quarterly on February 28, May 31, August 31 and November 30 in each year, commencing August 31, 2017, at the rate of 6.00% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be February 15, May 15, August 15 or November 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Securities of this series not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Securities of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture. This Security may be issued as part of a series.

Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any such interest on this Security will be made at the office of the Trustee located at 60 Livingston Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55107, Attention: Capitala Finance Corp. (6.00% Notes due 2022) and at such other address as designated by the Trustee, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register; *provided, further, however*, that so long as this Security is registered to Cede & Co., such payment will be made by wire transfer in accordance with the procedures established by The Depository Trust Company and the Trustee.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Security set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Security shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated:

**CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Attest

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Dated:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

Exhibit A – 4

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**Capitala Finance Corp.**  
6.00% Notes due 2022

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of Senior Securities of the Company (herein called the “Securities”), issued and to be issued in one or more series under an Indenture, dated as of June 16, 2014 (herein called the “Base Indenture”, which term shall have the meaning assigned to it in such instrument), between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (herein called the “Trustee”, which term includes any successor trustee under the Base Indenture), and reference is hereby made to the Base Indenture for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee, and the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered, as supplemented by the Second Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities, dated May 16, 2017, by and between the Company and the Trustee (herein called the “Second Supplemental Indenture”, the Second Supplemental Indenture and the Base Indenture collectively are herein called the “Indenture”). In the event of any conflict between the Base Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture, the Second Supplemental Indenture shall govern and control.

This Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof, which series is initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$ (or up to \$ aggregate principal amount if the underwriters’ option to purchase additional Securities is exercised in full). Under a Board Resolution, Officers’ Certificate pursuant to Board Resolutions or an indenture supplement, the Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of Securities, issue additional Securities of this series (in any such case “Additional Securities”) having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Securities. Any Additional Securities and the existing Securities will constitute a single series under the Indenture and all references to the relevant Securities herein shall include the Additional Securities unless the context otherwise requires. The aggregate amount of outstanding Securities represented hereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions.

The Securities of this series are subject to redemption in whole or in part at any time or from time to time, at the option of the Company, on or after May 31, 2019, at a redemption price per security equal to 100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest payments otherwise payable for the then-current quarterly interest period accrued to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid or by overnight courier guaranteeing next-day delivery, to each Holder of the Securities to be redeemed, not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the Redemption Date, at the Holder’s address appearing in the Security Register. All notices of redemption shall contain the information set forth in Section 1104 of the Base Indenture.

Any exercise of the Company’s option to redeem the Securities will be done in compliance with the Investment Company Act, to the extent applicable.

If the Company elects to redeem only a portion of the Securities, the Trustee or the Depositary, as applicable, will determine the method for selecting the particular Securities to be redeemed, in accordance with Section 1.01 of the Second Supplemental Indenture and Section 1.103 of the Base Indenture. In the event of redemption of this Security in part only, a new Security or Securities of this series and of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof will be issued in the name of the Holder hereof upon the cancellation hereof.

Unless the Company defaults in payment of the Redemption Price, on and after the Redemption Date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes called for redemption.

Holders of Securities do not have the option to have the Securities repaid prior to May 31, 2022.

The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time of the entire indebtedness of this Security or certain restrictive covenants and Events of Default with respect to this Security, in each case upon compliance with certain conditions set forth in the Indenture.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of this series shall occur and be continuing, the principal of the Securities of this series may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series to be affected. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Security and of any Security issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Security.

As provided in and subject to the provisions of the Indenture, the Holder of this Security shall not have the right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or for any other remedy thereunder, unless such Holder shall have previously given the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of this series, the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Securities of this series at the time Outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default as Trustee and offered the Trustee indemnity, security, or both reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request, and the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in principal amount of Securities of this series at the time Outstanding a direction inconsistent with such request, and shall have failed to institute any such proceeding, for sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity and/or security. The foregoing shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Holder of this Security for the enforcement of any payment of principal hereof or any premium or interest hereon on or after the respective due dates expressed herein.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Security or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on this Security at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the transfer of this Security is registrable in the Security Register, upon surrender of this Security for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in any place where the principal of and any premium and interest on this Security are payable, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Securities of this series and of like tenor, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Securities of this series are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$25 and any integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company, the Trustee, or the Security Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee, or the Security Registrar and any agent of the Company, the Trustee, or the Security Registrar may treat the Person in whose name this Security is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Security be overdue, and none of the Company, the Trustee, the Security Registrar, or any agent thereof shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

All terms used in this Security which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

The Indenture and this Security shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

**\$70,000,000**

**CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.**

**6.00% Notes due 2022**

**UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT**

May 10, 2017

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Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.  
As Representative of the several  
Underwriters named in Schedule I attached hereto,  
c/o Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.

277 Park Avenue, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10172

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Capitala Finance Corp., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland (the “**Fund**”), is a non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “**Investment Company Act**”). The Fund proposes to issue and sell to the several Underwriters named in Schedule I hereto (the “**Underwriters**”) \$70,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 6.00% notes due May 31, 2022 (the “**Notes**”). The Securities will be issued under the indenture dated as of June 16, 2014 between the Fund and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “**Trustee**”), as amended and supplemented by that certain Second Supplemental Indenture to be dated as of May 16, 2017 (such indenture, as so amended and supplemented, the “**Indenture**”). The Fund also proposes to sell to the several Underwriters up to an additional \$10,500,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes (the “**Additional Notes**”) if and to the extent that Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., as the representative of the Underwriters in the offering (the “**Representative**”), shall have determined to exercise, on behalf of the Underwriters, the right to purchase such Additional Notes granted to the Underwriters in Section 3 hereof. The Notes and the Additional Notes are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “**Securities**.”

Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “**Investment Advisor**”), acts as the Fund’s investment adviser pursuant to an Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between the Investment Advisor and the Fund, dated September 24, 2013 (the “**Investment Advisory Agreement**”). Capitala Advisors Corp. (the “**Administrator**”) also acts as the Fund’s administrator pursuant to an Administration Agreement between the Administrator and the Fund dated September 24, 2013 (the “**Administration Agreement**”). The Fund has also entered into a license agreement dated September 24, 2013 with the Investment Advisor (the “**License Agreement**”, which together with the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement are hereinafter referred to as the “**Fund Agreements**”).

The Investment Company Act and the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), are hereinafter referred to collectively as the “**Acts**,” and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) under the Acts and under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”) are hereinafter referred to collectively as the “**Rules and Regulations**.”

The Fund filed with the Commission a notification of election to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act on Form N-54A (File No. 814-01022) (the “**Notification of Election**”) on September 24, 2013. The Fund has prepared and filed with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, a shelf registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-204582) for the offer and sale of an aggregate amount of up to \$500,000,000 of certain of the Fund’s securities, including the Notes, which registration statement was declared effective by the Commission on May 1, 2017, and which contains a form of prospectus dated May 1, 2017 (the “**Base Prospectus**”) to be used in connection with the public offering and sale of certain securities to be issued from time to time by the Fund, including the Notes. The Fund has filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act a preliminary prospectus supplement, dated May 9, 2017, to the Base Prospectus (the “**Preliminary Prospectus Supplement**” and, together with the Base Prospectus, the “**Preliminary Prospectus**”) and proposes to file with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 a Prospectus supplement, dated May 10, 2017, to the Base Prospectus relating to the Securities and the method of distribution thereof (the “**Prospectus Supplement**” and, together with the Base Prospectus, the “**Prospectus**”). Such registration statement as amended, including the exhibits and schedules thereto, at the time it became effective, including the information, if any, deemed to be part of the registration statement at the time of its effectiveness pursuant to Rule 430C and Rule 497 under the Securities Act, is hereinafter referred to as the “**Registration Statement.**” All references in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, or any amendments or supplements to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include any copy thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (“**EDGAR**”) system.

For purposes of this Agreement, “**Omitting Prospectus**” means any written advertisement used with the written consent of the Fund in the public offering of the Securities and filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 482 of the Rules and Regulations (“**Rule 482**”). “**Time of Sale Prospectus**” means, as of the Applicable Time (as defined below), the Preliminary Prospectus, together with the information set forth on Schedule II hereto (which information the Underwriters have informed the Fund is being conveyed orally by the Underwriters to prospective purchasers at or prior to the Underwriters’ confirmation of sales of the Securities in the offering). As used herein, the terms “Registration Statement,” “Preliminary Prospectus,” “Time of Sale Prospectus” and “Prospectus” shall include the documents, if any, incorporated by reference therein.

“**Applicable Time**” means 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on May 10, 2017 or such other time as agreed by the Fund and the Representative.

1. Representations and Warranties.

*Representations and Warranties of the Fund.* The Fund represents and warrants to each of the Underwriters as of the date hereof, the Applicable Time and the Closing Date as follows:

- (a) The Registration Statement has been filed with, and declared effective by, the Commission; no notice of objection of the Commission to the use of such Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been received by the Fund; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement is in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose are pending before or, to the knowledge of the Fund, threatened by the Commission. The Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with this offering was identical in all material respects to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T. At the time of filing the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto, and at the date hereof, the Fund was not and is not an “ineligible issuer,” as defined in Rule 405 of the Rules and Regulations.

(b) At the respective times the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto (filed before the Closing Date) became effective and at the Closing Date (and, if any Additional Notes are purchased, at the Option Closing Date), the Registration Statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Rules and Regulations and did not and will 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. Neither the Prospectus nor any amendment or supplement thereto, as of the respective dates thereof and at the Closing Date (and, if any Additional Notes are purchased, at the Option Closing Date), contained or will contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or will omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The Time of Sale Prospectus, at the Applicable Time, 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, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The representations and warranties in this paragraph do not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus made solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Fund by the Representative on behalf of any Underwriter for use in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or Prospectus. Each of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator acknowledges that the only written information that the Underwriters have provided to the Fund expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus are the tenth through thirteenth paragraphs under the caption “Underwriting” in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus (the “**Underwriters’ Information**”)

(c) The Fund has been duly incorporated and is validly existing in good standing as a corporation under the laws of the State of Maryland. The Fund has full power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and enter into this Agreement and is in good standing and is duly qualified to transact business in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the condition, financial or otherwise, or on the earnings, business, operations, prospects or property of the Fund (a “**Fund Material Adverse Effect**”). The Fund does not have any capital stock, partnership interests or membership or similar interests in any entities other than (i) such interests in portfolio companies set forth in the Consolidated Schedule of Investments included in the financial statements or (ii) those interests set forth on Schedule IV hereto (each such entity a “**Subsidiary**” and collectively, the “**Subsidiaries**”).

(d) The Fund has duly elected to be treated by the Commission under the Investment Company Act as a “business development company” (the “**BDC Election**”) and the Fund has not filed with the Commission any notice of withdrawal of the BDC Election pursuant to Section 54(c) of the Investment Company Act, and no order of suspension or revocation of such BDC Election has been issued or proceedings therefor initiated or, to the knowledge of the Fund, threatened by the Commission.

(e) The Fund is, and at all times through the completion of the transactions contemplated hereby will be, in compliance in all material respects with the applicable terms and conditions of the Exchange Acts, the Investment Company Act and the Rules and Regulations. No person is serving or acting as an officer or director of, or investment adviser to, the Fund except in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Company Act and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the “**Advisers Act**”). Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, to the knowledge of the Fund, based on information provided to the Fund by directors of the Fund, no director of the Fund is an “interested person” of the Fund or an “affiliated person” of any Underwriter (each as defined in the Investment Company Act).

(f) Each of this Agreement and the Fund Agreements has been duly authorized by the Fund. Each Fund Agreement complies with all applicable provisions of the Investment Company Act, the Advisers Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations. Each Fund Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Fund and (assuming the due and valid authorization, execution and delivery by the other parties thereto) represents a valid and binding agreement of the Fund, enforceable against the Fund in accordance with its terms, except (i) as rights to indemnity and contribution may be limited by federal or state securities laws or principles of public policy and subject to the qualification that the enforceability of the Fund’s obligations thereunder may be limited by bankruptcy, fraudulent conveyance, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium, and other laws relating to or affecting creditors’ rights generally and by general equitable principles (including without limitation the availability of specific performance or injunctive relief and the application of concepts of materiality reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing) whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law (the “**Enforceability Exceptions**”), and (ii) in the case of the Investment Advisory Agreement, with respect to termination under the Investment Company Act or the reasonableness or fairness of compensation payable thereunder.

(g) None of (i) the execution and delivery by the Fund of, and the performance by the Fund of its obligations under, this Agreement and each Fund Agreement, or (ii) the issuance and sale by the Fund of the Securities as contemplated by this Agreement conflicts with or will conflict with, result in, or constitute a violation, breach of, default under, (x) the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Fund, as amended to date (the “**Charter**”) or the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Fund, as amended to date (the “**Bylaws**”) (y) any agreement, indenture, note, bond, license, lease or other instrument or obligation binding upon the Fund or any Subsidiary that is material to the Fund and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, or (z) any law, rule or regulation applicable to the Fund or any Subsidiary or any judgment, order or decree of any governmental body, agency or court having jurisdiction over the Fund or any Subsidiary, whether foreign or domestic; except, with respect to clauses (y) or (z), any contravention which would have neither (1) a Fund Material Adverse Effect or (2) a material adverse effect on the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; *provided* that no representation or warranty is made with respect to compliance with the laws of any jurisdiction outside of the United States in connection with the offer or sale of the Securities in such jurisdiction by any Underwriter.



(h) No consent, approval, authorization, order or permit of, license from, or qualification with, any governmental body, agency or authority, self-regulatory organization or court or other tribunal, whether foreign or domestic, is required to be obtained by the Fund prior to the Closing Date for the performance by the Fund of its obligations under this Agreement or the Fund Agreements, except such as have been obtained and as may be required by (i) the Acts, the Advisers Act, the Exchange Act, or the applicable Rules and Regulations, (ii) the rules and regulations of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“**FINRA**”) or the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (“**Nasdaq**”), (iii) by the securities or “blue sky laws” of the various states and foreign jurisdictions in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities or (iv) such as which the failure to obtain would have neither (i) a Fund Material Adverse Effect or (ii) a material adverse effect on the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(i) The authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock of the Fund conforms in all material respects to the description thereof under the heading “Description of Our Capital Stock” in each of the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, and this Agreement, the Charter, the Bylaws and the Fund Agreements conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained in each of the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus.

(j) This Agreement, the Notes, the Charter and the Bylaws and the Fund Agreements comply with all applicable provisions of the Acts and the applicable Rules and Regulations, and all approvals of such documents required under the Investment Company Act by the Fund’s shareholders and Board of Directors have been obtained and are in full force and effect. The Indenture has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, (the “Trust Indenture Act”), and all approvals, if any, of such documents required under the Trust Indenture Act have been obtained and are in full force and effect.

(k) The Fund Agreements are in full force and effect and neither the Fund nor, to the knowledge of the Fund, any other party to any such agreement is in default thereunder, and no event has occurred which with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would constitute a default by the Fund thereunder, and the Fund is not currently in breach of, or in default under, any other written agreement or instrument to which it or its property is bound or affected, the default under or breach of which could reasonably be expected to result in a Fund Material Adverse Effect.

(l) The outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “**Common Stock**”), of the Fund have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. None of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Fund were issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Fund. Other than as contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, no options, warrants or other rights to purchase, agreements or other obligations to issue, or rights to convert any obligations into or exchange any securities for, shares of capital stock of or ownership interests in the Fund are outstanding.

(m) The Indenture has been duly authorized by the Fund and when duly executed and delivered in accordance with its terms by the Fund and the Trustee, will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of the Fund enforceable against the Fund in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by the Enforceability Exceptions.

(n) The Securities have been duly authorized by the Fund and, when duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered as provided in the Indenture and paid for as provided herein, will be duly and validly issued and outstanding and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Fund enforceable against the Fund in accordance with their terms, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions, and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture. All statements relating to the Securities contained in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Time of Sale Prospectus conform, in all material respects, to the Securities, and the issuance of the Securities is not subject to any preemptive rights, rights of first refusal or offer or similar rights.

(o) An application for listing of the Securities for trading on the Nasdaq Global Select Market has been filed by the Fund.

(p) Each Omitting Prospectus, as of the date thereof and as of the Closing Date, (i) complies in all material respects with the requirements of Rule 482, (ii) does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact and (iii) complied and will comply in all material respects with the Securities Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations. Except for the Omitting Prospectuses identified on Schedule III hereto, the Fund has not prepared, used or referred to and will not, without your prior consent, prepare, use or refer to any Omitting Prospectus.

(q) Since December 31, 2016, except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus, there has not occurred any material adverse change, or any development reasonably likely to involve a prospective material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Fund and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, except as would not result in a Fund Material Adverse Effect, and there have been no transactions entered into by the Fund which are material to the Fund other than those in the ordinary course of its business or as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(r) There are no legal or governmental proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Fund or any Subsidiary, threatened to which the Fund or any Subsidiary is a party or to which any of the properties of the Fund or any Subsidiary is subject (i) other than proceedings described in all material respects in the Time of Sale Prospectus and proceedings that would not result in a Fund Material Adverse Effect, or on the power or ability of the Fund to perform its obligations under this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Time of Sale Prospectus or (ii) that are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectuses or the Prospectus and are not so described.

(s) The statements in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus under the headings “Specific Terms of the Notes and the Offering,” “Investment Advisory Agreement,” “Administration Agreement,” “License Agreement,” “Regulation as a Business Development Company,” “Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations,” “Additional Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations,” “Description of the Notes,” “Description of Our Capital Stock” and “Description of Our Debt Securities,” insofar as such statements summarize legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings discussed therein, are accurate and fair summaries of such legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings.

(t) The Fund and each Subsidiary has all necessary consents, authorizations, approvals, orders (including exemptive orders), licenses, certificates, permits, qualifications and registrations of and from, and has made all declarations and filings with, all governmental authorities, self-regulatory organizations and courts and other tribunals, whether foreign or domestic, to own and use its assets and to conduct its business in the manner described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, except to the extent that the failure to obtain or file the foregoing would not result in a Fund Material Adverse Effect.

(u) Each of the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, as of the respective dates thereof, and the Time of Sale Prospectus, as of the Applicable Time, complied in all material respects with the Securities Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations.

(v) When the Notification of Election was filed with the Commission, it (i) contained all statements required to be stated therein in accordance with, and complied in all material respects with the requirements of, the Investment Company Act, as applicable to business development companies, and (ii) did not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

(w) Except as otherwise contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, the financial statements included in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, together with the related notes thereto (collectively, the “**Fund Financial Statements**”), present fairly the financial condition of the Fund as of the date indicated and said Fund Financial Statements comply as to form with the requirements of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act and have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (“**GAAP**”). The supporting schedules to such Fund Financial Statements, if any, present fairly in accordance with GAAP the information required to be stated therein. Ernst & Young LLP, whose report appears in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus and who have certified the Fund Financial Statements and supporting schedules, if any, included in the Registration Statement, is an independent registered public accounting firm as required by the Acts and the applicable Rules and Regulations.

(x) There are no material restrictions, limitations or regulations with respect to the ability of the Fund or any Subsidiary to invest its assets as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, other than as described therein.

(y) Neither the Fund nor any of its agents or representatives (other than the Underwriters in their capacity as such) has prepared, made, used, authorized, approved or referred to any written communication that constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the Securities other than (i) the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, and any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing, and (ii) the Omitting Prospectuses, if any, identified on Schedule III hereto. All other promotional material (including “road show slides” or “road show scripts”) prepared by or on behalf of the Fund, for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities (“**Road Show Material**”) is not inconsistent with the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, and when taken together with the Time of Sale Prospectus, at the Applicable Time, did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits 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.

(z) There are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Fund and any person granting such person the right to require the Fund to file a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any securities of the Fund or to require the Fund to include such securities with the Securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement.

(aa) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, (i) neither the Fund nor any Subsidiary has incurred any material liability or obligation, direct or contingent, nor entered into any material transaction (other than investment activity conducted in the ordinary course of business); (ii) neither the Fund nor any Subsidiary has purchased any of its outstanding capital stock, nor declared, paid or otherwise made any dividend or distribution of any kind on its capital stock, other than ordinary and customary dividends; and (iii) there has not been any material change in the capital stock, short-term debt or long-term debt of the Fund, except in each case as contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, respectively.

(bb) The Fund and each Subsidiary owns or possesses, or can acquire on reasonable terms, all material patents, patent rights, licenses, inventions, copyrights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures), trademarks, service marks and trade names currently employed by them in connection with the business now operated by it, and neither the Fund nor any Subsidiary has received any notice of infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any of the foregoing which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would have a Fund Material Adverse Effect.

(cc) The Common Stock of the Fund is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the ticker symbol “CPTA.” The Fund has not received any notice that it is not in compliance with the listing or maintenance requirements of the Nasdaq with respect to its Common Stock. The Fund believes that it is, and has no reason to believe that it will not in the foreseeable future continue to be, in material compliance with all such listing and maintenance requirements.

(dd) To the extent that the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission and Nasdaq thereunder (the “**Sarbanes-Oxley Act**”), have been applicable to the Fund, there is and has been no failure on the part of the Fund to comply with any applicable provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act that would reasonably be expected to result in a Fund Material Adverse Effect.

(ee) The Fund maintains a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations and with the applicable requirements of the Acts and the Exchange Act; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain asset accountability and compliance with the books and records requirements under the Acts and the Exchange Act; (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 the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. Since the date of the Fund's most recent audited financial statements included in the Prospectus, there has been (i) no material weakness in the Fund's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated); (ii) no fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or employees who have a role in the Fund's internal controls; and (iii) no change in the Fund's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Fund's internal control over financial reporting.

(ff) The Fund maintains "disclosure controls and procedures" (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15 of the Rules and Regulations; such disclosure controls and procedures are effective; and the Fund is not aware of any material weakness in such controls and procedures.

(gg) None of the Fund, any Subsidiary nor, to the knowledge of the Fund, any employee nor agent of the Fund or any Subsidiary has made any payment of funds of the Fund or received or retained any funds, which payment, receipt or retention is of a character to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus.

(hh) Any statistical and market-related data included in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Fund believes to be reliable and accurate.

(ii) There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus (or the documents incorporated by reference therein) or to be filed as exhibits thereto by the Securities Act or the Investment Company Act which have not been so described and filed as required.

(jj) The operations of the Fund and each Subsidiary are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements and the money laundering statutes and the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "**Money Laundering Laws**") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Fund or any Subsidiary with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Fund, threatened.

(kk) None of the Fund, any Subsidiary, the Investment Advisor, the Administrator nor, to the knowledge of the Fund, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Fund, any Subsidiary, the Investment Advisor or the Administrator is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such persons of the Foreign Corruption Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (“**FCPA**”), including, without limitation, making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any “foreign official” (as such term is defined in FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of the FCPA and the Fund, any Subsidiary, the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, and to the knowledge of the Fund, its affiliates and the affiliates of the Investment Advisor and the Administrator have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

(ll) None of the Fund, any Subsidiary, the Investment Advisor, the Administrator nor, to the knowledge of the Fund, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Fund, any Subsidiary, the Investment Advisor or the Administrator is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department (“**OFAC**”) and neither the Fund, any Subsidiary, the Investment Advisor nor the Administrator will directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering, 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 U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC.

(mm) The Fund and each Subsidiary is insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which it is engaged; all policies of insurance insuring the Fund, any Subsidiary or their respective business, assets, employees, officers and directors, including the Fund’s directors and officers errors and omissions insurance policy and its fidelity bond required by Rule 17g-1 of the Rules and Regulations, are in full force and effect and the Fund and each Subsidiary is in compliance with the terms of such policies and fidelity bond in all material respects; and there are no claims by the Fund or any Subsidiary under any such policies or fidelity bond as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause; neither the Fund nor any Subsidiary has been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and the Fund has no reason to believe that it or the Subsidiaries will not be able to renew its or their existing insurance coverage and fidelity bond as and when such coverage and fidelity bond expires or to obtain similar coverage and fidelity bond from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not result in a Fund Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus.

(nn) Except as set forth in or contemplated in the Preliminary Prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus, neither the Fund nor any Subsidiary (i) has any material lending or other relationship with any bank or lending affiliate of the Representative (the description of such arrangements and outstanding indebtedness thereunder is true, accurate and complete in all respects) and (ii) intends to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities hereunder to repay any outstanding debt owed to any affiliate of the Representative.

(oo) There are no business relationships or related-party transactions involving the Fund, any Subsidiary or any other person required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus which have not been described as required, it being understood and agreed that the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator make no representation or warranty with respect to such relationships involving any Underwriter or any affiliate of such Underwriter and any other person that have not been disclosed to the Fund by the relevant Underwriter in connection with this offering.

(pp) None of the Fund, any Subsidiary, the Investment Advisor, the Administrator nor any of their affiliates has taken, directly or indirectly, any action which constitutes or is designed to cause or result in, or which could reasonably be expected to constitute, cause or result in, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

(qq) The Fund and each Subsidiary owns, leases or has rights to use all such properties as are necessary to the conduct of its operations as presently conducted.

(rr) No director or officer of the Fund, any Subsidiary, the Investment Advisor or the Administrator is subject to any non-competition agreement or non-solicitation agreement with any employer or prior employer which could materially affect his ability to be and act in his respective capacity of the Fund, any Subsidiary, the Investment Advisor or the Administrator or result in a Fund Material Adverse Effect.

(ss) The Fund is currently organized and operates in compliance in all material respects with the requirements to be taxed as, and has duly elected to be taxed as (which election has not been revoked), a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**"). The Fund intends to direct the investment of the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Securities in the manner specified in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds" and in such a manner as to continue to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Code.

(tt) The Fund has (i) appointed a Chief Compliance Officer and (ii) adopted and implemented written policies and procedures which the Board of Directors of the Fund has determined are reasonably designed to prevent violation of the Federal Securities laws in a manner required by and consistent with Rule 38a-1 under the Investment Company Act and is in compliance in all material respects with such Rule.

Any certificate signed by or on behalf of the Fund and delivered to the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Securities shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Fund as to the matters covered therein to each Underwriter.

2. *Representations and Warranties of the Investment Advisor and the Administrator.* The Investment Advisor represents and warrants to and agrees with each of the Underwriters as of the date hereof as follows:

(a) The Investment Advisor has been duly formed and is validly existing as a limited liability company in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Administrator has been duly incorporated and is validly existing in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina. Each of the Investment Advisor and the Administrator has the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and enter into this Agreement and the other Fund Agreements to which it is a party, as the case may be, and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the condition, financial or otherwise, or on the earnings, business or operations of the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, as the case may be (an “**Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect**”). Neither the Investment Advisor nor the Administrator has any capital stock, partnership interests or membership or similar interests in any entities, other than (i) the Investment Advisor’s membership interest in Capitala Private Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and (ii) the Administrator’s membership interest in Capitala Restricted Shares I, LLC.

(b) The Investment Advisor is duly registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act, and is not prohibited by the Advisers Act or the Investment Company Act from acting under the Investment Advisory Agreement as an investment adviser to the Fund as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, and no order of suspension or revocation of such registration has been issued or proceedings therefor initiated or, to the knowledge of the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, threatened by the Commission.

(c) Each of this Agreement and the Fund Agreements to which the Investment Advisor or the Administrator is a party, as the case may be, has been duly authorized by the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, as applicable. Each Fund Agreement to which the Investment Advisor is a party, complies with the applicable provisions of the Investment Company Act, the Advisers Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations. Each Fund Agreement to which the Investment Advisor or the Administrator is a party has been duly executed and delivered by the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, as applicable, and (assuming the due and valid authorization, execution and delivery by the other parties thereto) represents a valid and binding agreement of the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, as applicable, enforceable against the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, as applicable, in accordance with its terms, except (i) as rights to indemnity and contribution may be limited by federal or state securities laws or principles of public policy and subject to the qualification that the enforceability of the Investment Advisor’ or the Administrator’ obligations thereunder, as applicable, may be limited by Enforceability Exceptions, and (ii) in the case of the Investment Advisory Agreement, with respect to termination under the Investment Company Act or the reasonableness or fairness of compensation payable thereunder.



(d) The execution and delivery by the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator of, and the performance by the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator, of its obligations under, this Agreement does not conflict with or will conflict with, result in, or constitute a violation, breach of, default under, (x) the limited liability company operating agreement of the Investment Advisor or the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Administrator, (y) any agreement, indenture, note, bond, license, lease or other instrument or obligation binding upon the Investment Advisor or the Administrator that is material to the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, as applicable, or (z) any law, rule or regulation applicable to the Investment Advisor, or the Administrator, as applicable, or any judgment, order or decree of any governmental body, agency or court having jurisdiction over the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, whether foreign or domestic; except, with respect to clauses (y) or (z), any contravention which would have neither (i) an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect or (ii) a material adverse effect on the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; *provided* that no representation or warranty is made with respect to compliance with the laws of any jurisdiction outside of the United States in connection with the offer or sale of the Securities in such jurisdiction by any Underwriter.

(e) No consent, approval, authorization, order or permit of, license from, or qualification or registration with any governmental body, agency or authority, self-regulatory organization or court or other tribunal, whether foreign or domestic, is required to be obtained by the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, prior to the Closing Date for the performance by the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, as the case may be, of its obligations under this Agreement or any Fund Agreement to which it is a party, except such as have been obtained and as may be required by (i) the Acts, the Advisers Act, Exchange Act, or the applicable Rules and Regulations, (ii) the rules and regulations of the FINRA or Nasdaq, (iii) by the securities or “blue sky laws” of the various states and foreign jurisdictions in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities or (iv) such as which the failure to obtain would have neither (i) an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect or (ii) a material adverse effect on the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(f) There are no legal or governmental proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Investment Advisor and the Administrator, threatened to which the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator is a party or to which any of the properties of the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator is subject (i) other than proceedings accurately described in all material respects in the Time of Sale Prospectus and proceedings that would not have a material adverse effect on the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator, as applicable, or on the power or ability of the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator, as applicable, to perform its obligations under this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Time of Sale Prospectus or (ii) that are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectuses or the Prospectus and are not so described.

(g) Each of the Investment Advisor and the Administrator has all necessary consents, authorizations, approvals, orders (including exemptive orders), licenses, certificates, permits, qualifications and registrations of and from, and has made all declarations and filings with, all governmental authorities, self-regulatory organizations and courts and other tribunals, whether foreign or domestic, to own and use its assets and to conduct its business in the manner described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, except to the extent that the failure to obtain or file the foregoing would not result in an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect.

(h) Each of the Investment Advisor and the Administrator has the financial resources available to it necessary for the performance of its services and obligations as contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus and by this Agreement and each Fund Agreement to which it is a party.

(i) The Investment Advisory Agreement is in full force and effect and neither the Investment Advisor nor, to the knowledge of the Investment Advisor, any other party to the Investment Advisory Agreement is in default thereunder, and, no event has occurred which with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would constitute a default by the Investment Advisor under such document.

(j) All information furnished by the Investment Advisor and the Administrator for use in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and Prospectus, including, without limitation, the descriptions of the Investment Advisor and the Administrator do not, and on the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make such information not misleading (in the case of the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, in light of the circumstances under which such information is provided).

(k) There has not occurred any material adverse change, or any development reasonably likely to involve a prospective material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Investment Advisor or the Administrator as it relates to the Fund from that set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus, and there have been no transactions entered into by the Investment Advisor or the Administrator which are material to the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, as the case may be, as it relates to the Fund other than those in the ordinary course of its business or as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(l) Neither the Investment Advisor, the Administrator, nor any of their affiliates, has taken, directly or indirectly, any action which constitutes or is designed to cause or result in, or which could reasonably be expected to constitute, cause or result in, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

(m) The operations of the Investment Advisor and the Administrator are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable Money Laundering Laws and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Investment Advisor or the Administrator with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Investment Advisor and the Administrator, threatened.

(n) The Investment Advisor maintains a system of internal controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions effectuated by it under the Investment Advisory Agreement are executed in accordance with its management's general or specific authorization and (ii) access to the Fund's assets is permitted only in accordance with its management's general or specific authorization.

(o) The Administrator maintains a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions for which it has bookkeeping and record keeping responsibility for under the Administration Agreement are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of the Fund's financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for the Fund's assets and (ii) the recorded accountability for such assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

Any certificate signed by or on behalf of the Investment Advisor or the Administrator and delivered to the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Securities shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, as applicable as, to the matters covered therein to each Underwriter.

3. *Agreements to Sell and Purchase.*

(a) On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained, but subject to the conditions hereinafter stated, the Fund hereby agrees to sell to the several Underwriters, and each Underwriter, agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Fund the respective principal amount of Notes set forth in Schedule I hereto opposite its name at \$24.21875 per Note (the "**Purchase Price**").

(b) On the basis of the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement, and subject to its terms and conditions, the Fund agrees to sell to the Underwriters the Additional Notes and the Underwriters shall have the right to purchase, severally and not jointly, up to an additional \$10,500,000 total aggregate principal amount of Additional Notes (without giving effect to any accrued interest from the Closing Date to the Option Closing Date, as defined below) at the Purchase Price set forth in paragraph (a) above. The Representative may exercise this right on behalf of the Underwriters in whole or from time to time in part by giving written notice to the Fund not later than thirty (30) days after the date of this Agreement. Any exercise notice shall specify the total aggregate principal amount of Additional Notes to be purchased by the Underwriters and the date on which such Additional Notes are to be purchased. Each purchase date must be at least one business day after the written notice is given and may not be earlier than the Closing Date for the Notes nor later than ten business days after the date of such notice. Additional Notes may be purchased as provided in Section 5 hereof solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments made in connection with the offering of the Notes. On each Option Closing Date, if any, that Additional Notes are to be purchased, each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase the aggregate principal amount of Additional Notes that bears the same proportion to the total aggregate principal amount of Additional Notes to be purchased on such Option Closing Date as the total aggregate principal amount of Notes set forth in Schedule I hereto opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the aggregate principal amount of Notes.

4. *Terms of Public Offering.* Each of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator understands that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of their respective portions of the Securities on the terms set forth in the Prospectus as soon as the Representative deems advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered. The Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator each further understands that the Securities are to be offered to the public initially at \$25.00 per Note, and to certain dealers selected by the Representative at a price that represents a concession not to exceed \$0.50 per Security.

5. *Payment and Delivery.* Payment for the Notes shall be made to the Fund in Federal or other funds immediately available to a bank account designated by the Fund against delivery of the Notes, with any transfer taxes payable in connection with the sale of the Notes duly paid by the Fund, for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters at 10:00 A.M. (New York City time), on May 16, 2017 or at such other time on the same or such other date determined by agreement between the Fund and the Representative. The time and date of such payment are herein referred to as the “**Closing Date.**”

Payment for any Additional Notes shall be made to the Fund in Federal or other funds immediately available to a bank account designated by the Fund against delivery of such Additional Notes, with any transfer taxes payable in connection with the sale of the Additional Notes duly paid by the Fund, for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters at 10:00 A.M. (New York City time), on the date specified in the corresponding notice described in Section 3 or at such other time on the same or on such other date, in any event not later than June 9, 2017, as shall be designated in writing by the Representative. The time and date of any such payment for Additional Notes are herein referred to as the “**Option Closing Date.**”

The Notes and Additional Notes shall be registered in such names and in such denominations as the Representative shall request in writing not later than one full business day prior to the Closing Date or the applicable Option Closing Date, as the case may be. The Notes and Additional Notes shall be delivered through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on the Closing Date or an Option Closing Date, as the case may be, for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters.

6. *Conditions to the Fund’s, the Investment Advisor’s and the Administrator’s and the Underwriters’ Obligations.*

(a) The respective obligations of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator, and the several obligations of the Underwriters, hereunder are subject to the condition that the Registration Statement has become effective and at the Closing Date no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the Securities Act and no proceedings with respect thereto shall have been initiated or, to the Fund’s knowledge, threatened by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of counsel to the Underwriters. A prospectus containing the Rule 430C Information shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 497 (or a post-effective amendment providing such information shall have been filed and declared effective in accordance with the requirements of rule 430C under the Securities Act) of the Rules and Regulations.

(b) The several obligations of the Underwriters are subject to the following further conditions:

(i) Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date, there shall not have occurred any Fund Material Adverse Effect, from that set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus that, in the Representative's reasonable judgment, is material and adverse and that makes it, in the Representative's reasonable judgment, impracticable to market the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(ii) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by an executive officer of the Fund, to the effect that the representations and warranties of the Fund and contained in this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and that the Fund has complied with all of the agreements and satisfied all of the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder on or before the Closing Date. The Underwriters shall also have received on the Closing Date a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by an executive officer of the Investment Advisor, to the effect that the representations and warranties of the Investment Advisor and contained in this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and that the Investment Advisor has complied with all of the agreements and satisfied all of the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder on or before the Closing Date. The Underwriters shall also have received on the Closing Date a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by an executive officer of the Administrator, to the effect that the representations and warranties of the Administrator and contained in this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and the Administrator has complied with all of the agreements and satisfied all of the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder on or before the Closing Date.

Each officer signing and delivering such a certificate may rely upon his or her knowledge as to proceedings threatened.

(iii) Each of the Investment Advisor, the Administrator and the Fund shall have performed all of their respective obligations to be performed hereunder on or prior to the Closing Date.

(iv) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion and negative assurance letter of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, counsel for the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator, dated the Closing Date, satisfactory to the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters in form and substance, to the effect set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

(v) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion of Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A. ("**RB&H**"), dated the Closing Date, as to matters of North Carolina law and satisfactory to the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters in form and substance, in the form set forth in Exhibit A-2 hereto.

(vi) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date the favorable opinion of Blank Rome LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated the Closing Date, and covering such matters as the Underwriters shall reasonably request.

The opinions of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP and RB&H described in Sections 6(b)(iv) and 6(b)(v) above shall be rendered to the Underwriters at the request of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator, as applicable, and shall so state therein. Each of the foregoing shall include a statement to the effect that it may be relied upon by counsel to the Underwriters as to the laws of the States of Maryland and North Carolina, respectively, in any opinion delivered to the Underwriters.

(vii) The Underwriters shall have received, on each of the date hereof and the Closing Date, a letter dated the date hereof or the Closing Date, as the case may be, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters, from Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accountants, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, *provided* that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a "cut-off date" not earlier than the date hereof.

(viii) All filings, applications and proceedings taken by the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator in connection with the registration of the Securities under the Securities Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters.

(ix) No action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation shall have been instituted or threatened by the Commission which would adversely affect the Fund's standing as a business development company under the Investment Company Act or the standing of the Investment Advisor as a registered investment adviser under the Advisers Act.

(x) The Fund shall have applied to have the Notes listed for trading on the Nasdaq Global Select Market.

(xi) The Underwriters shall have obtained a Conditional No Objections Letter from FINRA regarding the fairness and reasonableness of the Underwriting terms and arrangements.

The several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase Additional Notes hereunder are subject to the delivery to the Representative on the applicable Option Closing Date of such documents as the Representative may reasonably request with respect to the good standing of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator, the due authorization and issuance of the Additional Notes to be sold on such Option Closing Date and other matters related to the issuance of such Additional Notes, and officers' certificates, opinions of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP and RB&H to the effect set forth above, and comfort letters of Ernst & Young LLP to the effect set forth above, except that such certificates, opinions and comfort letters shall be dated as of the applicable Option Closing Date and statements and opinions above contemplated to be given as of the Closing Date shall instead be made and given as of such Option Closing Date.

(xii) The Fund shall have filed a registration statement on Form 8-A relating to the Securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act.

7. *Covenants of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator.* In further consideration of the agreements of the Underwriters herein contained, the Fund covenants and agrees, and the Investment Advisor and the Administrator covenant and agree with the Underwriters as follows:

(a) To notify the Underwriters as soon as practicable, and confirm such notice in writing, of the happening of any event during the period during which a prospectus relating to the Securities is or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172 of the Securities Act Rules and Regulations, would be required by the Securities Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Securities or which in the judgment of the Fund makes any statement in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any Omitting Prospectus or the Prospectus untrue in any material respect or which requires the making of any change in or addition to the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any Omitting Prospectus or the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein not misleading in any material respect. If at any time the Commission shall issue any order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, the Fund will use its best efforts to obtain the withdrawal of such order at the earliest possible moment.

(b) To furnish to the Representative in New York City, without charge, prior to 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the business day next succeeding the date of this Agreement and during the period mentioned in Section 7(a) above, as many copies of the Preliminary Prospectus, Prospectus and any supplements and amendments thereto or to the Registration Statement as the Representative may reasonably request.

(c) Before amending or supplementing the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, to furnish to the Representative a copy of each such proposed amendment or supplement and not to file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which the Representative reasonably objects, and to file with the Commission within the applicable period specified in Rule 497 under the Securities Act any prospectus required to be filed pursuant thereto.

(d) To furnish to the Representative a copy of each proposed Omitting Prospectus to be prepared by or on behalf of, used by, or referred to by the Fund and not to use or refer to any proposed Omitting Prospectus to which the Representative reasonably objects.

(e) If the Time of Sale Prospectus is being used to solicit offers to buy the Securities at a time when the Prospectus is not yet available to prospective purchasers and any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances, not misleading, or if any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which the Time of Sale Prospectus materially conflicts with the information contained in the Registration Statement then on file, or if, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Prospectus to comply with applicable law, forthwith to prepare, file with the Commission and furnish, at its own expense, to the Underwriters and to any dealer upon request, either amendments or supplements to the Time of Sale Prospectus so that the statements in the Time of Sale Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances when delivered to a prospective purchaser, be misleading or so that the Time of Sale Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will no longer materially conflict with the Registration Statement, or so that the Time of Sale Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with applicable law, as applicable.

(f) The Fund will use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Securities in the manner specified in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(g) None of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator will take any action designed to cause or result in the manipulation of the price of any security of the Fund to facilitate the sale of Securities in violation of the Acts or the Exchange Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations, or the securities or “blue sky” laws of the various states and foreign jurisdictions in connection with the offer and sale of Securities.

(h) If, during such period after the first date of the public offering of the Securities as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters the Prospectus is required by law to be delivered in connection with sales by an Underwriter or dealer, any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading, or if, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with applicable law, forthwith to prepare, file with the Commission and furnish, at its own expense, to the Underwriters and to the dealers (whose names and addresses the Representative will furnish to the Fund) to which Securities may have been sold by the Representative on behalf of the Underwriters and to any other dealers upon request, either amendments or supplements to the Prospectus so that the statements in the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with law, as applicable.

(i) To endeavor to qualify the Securities for offer and sale under the securities or “blue sky” laws of such jurisdictions as the Underwriters shall reasonably request.



(j) Whether or not the transactions contemplated in this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, to pay or cause to be paid all expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator under this Agreement, including: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Fund's counsel and the Fund's accountants in connection with the registration and delivery of the Securities under the Securities Act and all other fees or expenses in connection with the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus, and any Omitting Prospectus prepared by or on behalf of, used by, or referred to by the Fund and amendments and supplements to any of the foregoing, including all printing costs associated therewith, and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers, in the quantities hereinabove specified, (ii) all costs and expenses related to the transfer and delivery of the Securities to the Underwriters, including any transfer or other taxes payable thereon, (iii) the cost of printing or producing any "blue sky" memorandum in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities under state securities laws and all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Securities for offer and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 7(i) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky memorandum, (iv) all filing fees and the reasonable disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters incurred in connection with the review and qualification of the offering of the Securities by FINRA, (v) all costs and expenses incident to listing the Securities on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, (vi) the cost of printing certificates representing the Securities, (vii) the costs and charges of any transfer agent, registrar or depositary, (viii) the costs and expenses of the Fund relating to investor presentations on any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Securities, including, without limitation, expenses associated with the preparation or dissemination of any electronic road show, expenses associated with production of road show slides and graphics, the reasonable fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations with the prior approval of the Fund, and the travel and lodging expenses of the officers of the Fund and any such consultants, (ix) the document production charges and expenses associated with printing this Agreement and (x) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Fund hereunder for which provision is not otherwise made in this Section 7(j). It is understood, however, that except as provided in this Section, Section 8 entitled "Indemnity and Contribution" and the last paragraph of Section 10 below, the Underwriters will pay all of their costs and expenses, including fees and disbursements of their counsel, stock transfer taxes payable on resale of any of the Securities by them, the travel and lodging expenses of the Representative in connection with any "road show" presentations, and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make.

(k) The Fund will comply with all applicable securities and other applicable laws, rules and regulation, including, without limitation, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and will use reasonable efforts to cause the Fund's directors and officers, in their capabilities, as such, to comply with such laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the provisions of Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

(l) The Fund will use reasonable best efforts to maintain its status as a "business development company" under the Investment Company Act, provided, however, that the Fund may change the nature of its business so as to cease to be, or withdraw its election to be regulated as, a business development company with the approval of its Board of Directors and a vote of shareholders to the extent required by Section 58 of the Investment Company Act.

(m) The Fund will use reasonable best efforts to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Code to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Code, with respect to any fiscal year in which the Fund is a business development company regulated under the Investment Company Act.

(n) Each of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator will use their reasonable efforts to perform all of the agreements required of them by this Agreement and discharge all conditions of theirs to closing as set forth in this Agreement.

(o) Before using, approving or referring to any Road Show Material, the Fund will furnish to the Representative and counsel to the Underwriters a copy of such material for review and will not make, prepare, use authorize, approve or refer to any such material to which the Representative reasonably objects.

(p) As soon as practicable, the Fund will make generally available to its security holders and to the Representative an earnings statement or statements of the Fund which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act and Rule 158 under the Act.

8. *Indemnity and Contribution.* (a) The Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and each partner, director, officer, trustee, manager, member and shareholder of any Underwriter (each, an “**Underwriter Indemnified Party**”) from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim), caused by, arising out of, related to or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof, the Preliminary Prospectus, any Omitting Prospectus, any Road Show Material, the Time of Sale Prospectus, or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, except insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities are caused by any such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission based upon the Underwriters’ Information.

(b) Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless each of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator, and each of their respective partners, directors, trustees, managers, members and shareholders (as the case may be), and each officer of the Fund who signs the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Fund, the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act (each, a “**Fund Indemnified Party**”) to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator to such Underwriter, but only with reference to the Underwriters’ Information, as originally filed with the Commission, or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus, any Omitting Prospectus, any Road Show Material or the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(c) In case any proceeding (including any governmental investigation) shall be instituted involving any person in respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to Section 8(a) or 8(b), such person (the “**indemnified party**”) shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnity may be sought (the “**indemnifying party**”) in writing and the indemnifying party, upon request of the indemnified party, shall retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party and any others the indemnifying party may designate in such proceeding and shall pay the fees and disbursements reasonably incurred of such counsel related to such proceeding. In any such proceeding, any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel, (ii) the use of counsel chosen by the indemnifying party to represent the indemnified party would present such counsel with an actual conflict of interest, or (iii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party. It is understood that the indemnifying party shall not, in respect of the legal expenses of any indemnified party in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for (i) the fees and expenses reasonably incurred of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Underwriter Indemnified Parties, collectively, and (ii) the fees and expenses reasonably incurred of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Fund Indemnified Parties, collectively. In the case of any such separate firm for the Underwriter Indemnified Parties, such firm shall be designated in writing by the Representative. In the case of any such separate firm for the Fund Indemnified Parties, such firm shall be designated in writing by the Fund. The indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, but if settled with such consent or if there is a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by the second and third sentences of this Section 8(c), 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 30 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the material terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into, and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. 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.

(d) To the extent the indemnification provided for in Section 8(a) or 8(b) is unavailable to an indemnified party or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to therein, then each indemnifying party under such paragraph, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party thereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Fund, the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand from the offering of the Securities or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause 8(d)(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 8(d)(i) above but also the relative fault of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Fund, the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the offering of the Securities shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds from the offering of the Securities (before deducting expenses) received by the Fund and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate net Public Offering Price of the Securities. The relative fault of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Fund, the Investment Advisor and/or the Administrator or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 8 are several in proportion to the respective aggregate principal amount of Securities they have purchased hereunder, and not joint.

(e) The Fund, the Investment Advisor, the Administrator and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just or equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8 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 Section 8(d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages and liabilities referred to in Section 8(d) shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages that such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The remedies provided for in this Section 8 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies which may otherwise be available to any indemnified party at law or in equity.

(f) The indemnity and contribution provisions contained in this Section 8 and the representations, warranties and other statements of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator contained in this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any termination of this Agreement, (ii) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter Indemnified Party or by or on behalf of any Fund Indemnified Party and (iii) acceptance of and payment for any of the Securities.

(g) No party shall be entitled to indemnification under this Section 8 if such indemnification of such party would violate Section 17(i) of the Investment Company Act.

9. *Termination.* The Underwriters may terminate this Agreement by notice given by the Representative to the Fund, if after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date (i) trading generally shall have been suspended or materially limited on, or by, as the case may be, any of the New York Stock Exchange, the NYSE Amex LLC or the NASDAQ Stock Market, (ii) trading of any securities of the Fund shall have been suspended on any exchange or in any over-the-counter market, (iii) a material disruption in securities settlement, payment or clearance services in the United States shall have occurred, (iv) any moratorium on commercial banking activities shall have been declared by Federal or New York State authorities or (v) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities, or any change in financial markets or any calamity or crisis that, in the Representative's judgment, is material and adverse and which, singly or together with any other event specified in this clause (v), makes it, in your judgment, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offer, sale or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus.

10. *Effectiveness; Defaulting Underwriters.*

(a) This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery hereof by the parties hereto.

(b) If, on the Closing Date or an Option Closing Date, as the case may be, any one or more of the Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Securities that it has or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on such date, and the aggregate principal amount of Securities which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase is not more than one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of Securities to be purchased on such date, the other Underwriters shall be obligated severally in the proportions that the aggregate principal amount of Notes set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule I bears to the aggregate principal amount of Notes set forth opposite the names of all such non-defaulting Underwriters, or in such other proportions as the Representative may specify, to purchase the Securities which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date; provided that in no event shall the aggregate principal amount of Notes that any Underwriter has agreed to purchase pursuant to this Agreement be increased pursuant to this Section 10 by an amount in excess of one-tenth of such aggregate principal amount of Securities without the written consent of such Underwriter. If, on the Closing Date, any Underwriter or Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Notes and the aggregate principal amount of Securities with respect to which such default occurs is more than one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of Securities to be purchased on such date, and arrangements satisfactory to the Representative and the Fund for the purchase of such Securities are not made within 36 hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter. In any such case either the Representative or the Fund shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date, but in no event for longer than seven days, in order that the required changes, if any, in the Registration Statement, in the Time of Sale Prospectus, in the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be affected. If, on an Option Closing Date, any Underwriter or Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Additional Notes and the aggregate principal amount of Additional Notes with respect to which such default occurs is more than one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of Additional Notes to be purchased on such Option Closing Date, the non-defaulting Underwriters shall have the option to (i) terminate their obligation hereunder to purchase the Additional Notes to be sold on such Option Closing Date or (ii) purchase not less than the principal amount of Additional Notes that such non-defaulting Underwriters would have been obligated to purchase in the absence of such default. Any action taken under this paragraph shall not relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

(c) If this Agreement shall be terminated by the Underwriters (other than pursuant to Section 9(i), (iii), (iv) or (v)) because of any failure or refusal on the part of the Fund, the Investment Advisor or the Administrator to comply with the terms or to fulfill any of the conditions of this Agreement other than the condition specified in Section 7(k) of this Agreement, or if for any reason the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator shall be unable to perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator, jointly and severally, will reimburse the Underwriters, severally, for all out-of-pocket accountable expenses (including the reasonable fees and disbursements of their counsel) actually incurred by the Underwriters in connection with this Agreement or the offering contemplated hereunder up to a maximum of \$50,000.

11. *Entire Agreement.* (a) This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between and among the Fund, the Investment Advisor, the Administrator and the Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

(b) The Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator acknowledge that in connection with the offering of the Securities: (i) the Underwriters have acted at arms length, are not agents of, and owe no fiduciary duties to, the Fund, the Investment Advisor, the Administrator or any other person, (ii) the Underwriters owe the Fund, the Investment Advisor or the Administrator only those duties and obligations set forth in this Agreement and prior written agreements (to the extent not superseded by this Agreement), if any, and (iii) the Underwriters may have interests that differ from those of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator. Each of the Fund, the Investment Advisor and the Administrator agree that it will not claim that the Underwriters owe an agency, fiduciary or similar duty to the Fund, the Investment Advisor or the Administrator in connection with offer or sale of the Securities or the process leading thereto.

12. *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be signed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument.

13. *Applicable Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts made and to be performed within the State of New York.

14. *Headings.* The headings of the sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed a part of this Agreement.

15. *Notices.* All communications hereunder shall be in writing and effective only upon receipt and (A) if to the Underwriters, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered, mailed or sent to the Representative in care of Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., 277 Park Avenue, 26th Floor, New York, New York 10172, Attention: Equity Syndicate Desk (facsimile no. (631)-794-2330), with a copy to the Legal Department, with a copy to Blank Rome LLP, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10174, Attention: Thomas Westle, Esq. (facsimile no. (212) 885-5001); and (B) if to the Fund, the Investment Advisor or the Administrator shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered, mailed or sent to the Fund, the Investment Advisor or the Administrator, as applicable, at the offices of the Fund at 4201 Congress Street, Suite 360, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209, Attention: Mr. Joseph B. Alala III (facsimile no. (704) 376-5877), with a copy to Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, 700 Sixth St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001, Attention: Steven B. Boehm (facsimile no. (202) 637-3593).

*[Signature page follows.]*

Very truly yours,

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

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

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: Sole Director

Accepted as of the date hereof

Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.

Acting on behalf of itself and  
the several Underwriters named in  
Schedule I hereto

By: Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.

By: /s/ Steven Kaplan  
Name: Steven Kaplan  
Title: Head of Capital Markets

Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement

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SCHEDULE I

<b>Underwriter</b>	<b>Principal Amount of Notes To Be Purchased</b>
Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.	\$ 29,875,000
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC	\$ 20,875,000
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC	\$ 7,000,000
William Blair & Company L.L.C.	\$ 4,075,000
Wunderlich Securities, Inc.	\$ 7,000,000
Seaport Global Securities LLC	\$ 1,175,000
Total	70,000,000

**Pricing Information****Capitala Finance Corp.**  
6.00% Notes Due 2022**Final Pricing Term Sheet**  
**May 10, 2017**

<b>Issuer:</b>	Capital Finance Corp.
<b>Title of the Securities:</b>	6.00% Notes due 2022 (the "2022 Notes")
<b>Initial Aggregate Principal Amount Being Offered:</b>	\$70,000,000
<b>Option to Purchase Additional Notes:</b>	Up to an additional \$10,500,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes within 30 days
<b>Underwriting Discount:</b>	\$0.78125 per Note; \$2,187,500 total (assuming the over-allotment option is not exercised)
<b>Net Proceeds to the Issuer, before Expenses:</b>	\$24.21875 per Note; \$67,812,500 total (assuming the over-allotment option is not exercised)
<b>Initial Public Offering Price:</b>	100% of aggregate principal amount
<b>Denominations:</b>	Issue the Notes in denominations of \$25.00 and integral multiples of \$25.00 in excess thereof
<b>Principal at Time of Payment:</b>	100% of the aggregate principal amount; the principal amount of each Note will be payable on its stated maturity date.
<b>Type of Note:</b>	Fixed rate note
<b>Coupon Rate:</b>	6.00% per annum
<b>Day Count:</b>	30/360
<b>Original Issue Date:</b>	May 16, 2017
<b>Stated Maturity Date:</b>	May 31, 2022
<b>Date Interest Starts Accruing:</b>	May 16, 2017
<b>Interest Payment Date:</b>	Every February 28, May 31, August 31 and November 30, beginning August 31, 2017. If an interest payment date falls on a non-business day, the applicable interest payment will be made on the next business day and no additional interest will accrue as a result of such delayed payment.
<b>Interest Periods:</b>	The initial interest period will be the period from and including May 16, 2017, to, but excluding, the initial interest payment date, and the subsequent interest periods will be the periods from and including an interest payment date to, but excluding, the next interest payment date or the stated maturity date, as the case may be.

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**Regular Record Dates for Interest:** February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, beginning August 15, 2017

**Optional Redemption:** The Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time at Issuer's option on or after May 31, 2019 upon not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days written notice by mail prior to the date fixed for redemption thereof, at a redemption price of 100% of the outstanding principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest payments otherwise payable thereon for the then-current quarterly interest period accrued to the date fixed for redemption.

**Repayment at Option of Holders:** Holders will not have the option to have the Notes repaid prior to the stated maturity date.

**Listing:** Issuer intends to list the Notes on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, within 30 days of the original issue date under the trading symbol "CPTAL."

**CUSIP / ISIN:** 14054R 304/ US14054R3049

**Joint Book-Running Managers:** Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.  
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC  
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC  
William Blair & Company L.L.C.  
Wunderlich Securities, Inc.

**The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus and related prospectus supplement) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for this offering.**

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**Omitting Prospectuses**

1. Press release dated May 9, 2017, with respect to the launch of the offering
  2. Press Release dated May 10, 2017, with respect to the pricing of the offering
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**Subsidiaries**

CapitalSouth Partners Florida Sidecar Fund I, L.P.  
CapitalSouth Partners Fund II Limited Partnership  
CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P.  
CapitalSouth Partners SBIC F-III, LLC  
CSP-Florida Mezzanine Fund I, LLC  
CapitalSouth Partners F-II, LLC

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**EXHIBIT A-1**

**OPINION OF COUNSEL TO THE FUND, CAPITALA INVESTMENT ADVISORS AND THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**[TO BE PROVIDED]**

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**EXHIBIT A-II**

**OPINION OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNSEL TO THE ADMINISTRATOR**

***[TO BE PROVIDED]***

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May 16, 2017

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

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 of a registration statement on Form N-2, which was (i) initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “*Commission*”) on May 29, 2015, and amended by filing of pre-effective amendments thereto on July 28, 2015 and July 31, 2015, and by post-effective amendments on March 29, 2016, May 25, 2016, March 9, 2017 and April 28, 2017 (“*Post-Effective Amendment No. 4*” and such registration statement, at the time Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 became effective on May 1, 2017, the “*Registration Statement*”), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “*Securities Act*”), and the prospectus dated May 1, 2017 (the “*Prospectus*”) and the final prospectus supplement thereto dated May 10, 2017 (the “*Prospectus Supplement*”), with respect to the issuance pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of \$70,000,000 aggregate principal amount (or up to \$80,500,000 aggregate principal amount if the underwriters’ option to purchase additional Securities is exercised in full) of the Company’s 6.00% Notes due 2022 (the “*Notes*”).

The Notes will be issued pursuant to the indenture, substantially in the form filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, entered into between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “*Trustee*”), on June 16, 2014, and as supplemented by a second supplemental indenture, substantially in the form filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, to be entered into between the Company and the Trustee (collectively, the “*Indenture*”).

As counsel to the Company, we have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement, and have examined the originals or copies of the following:

- (i) the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company, certified as of a recent date by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State 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 the SDAT as of a recent date;

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(iv) resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company, or a duly authorized committee thereof, relating to, among other things, (a) the authorization and approval of the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement and (b) the authorization, execution and delivery of the Indenture;

(v) the Indenture; and

(vi) a specimen copy of the form of the Notes to be issued pursuant to the Indenture in the form attached to the Indenture.

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 (i) the accuracy and completeness of all corporate records made available to us by the Company and (ii) that the Indenture will be a valid and legally binding obligation of the parties thereto (other than the Company).

Where factual matters material to this opinion letter were not independently established, we have relied upon certificates and/or representations of officers of the Company. We have also relied on certificates of public officials. Except as otherwise stated herein, we have not independently established the facts, or in the case of certificates of public officials, the other statements, so relied upon.

This opinion is limited to the contract laws of the State of New York, as in effect on the date hereof, and we express no opinion with respect to any other laws of the State of New York or the laws of any other jurisdiction. Without limiting the preceding sentence, we express no opinion as to any state securities or broker-dealer laws or regulations thereunder relating to the offer, issuance or sale of the Notes. This opinion letter has been prepared, and should be interpreted, in accordance with customary practice followed in the preparation of opinion letters by lawyers who regularly give, and such customary practice followed by lawyers who on behalf of their clients regularly advise opinion recipients regarding, opinion letters of this kind.

Based upon and subject to the limitations, exceptions, qualifications and assumptions set forth in this opinion letter, we are of the opinion that, when the Notes are duly executed and delivered by duly authorized officers of the Company and duly authenticated by the Trustee, all in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, and delivered to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor, the Notes will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance, and other similar laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally and to general principles of equity (including without limitation the availability of specific performance or injunctive relief and the application of concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing), regardless of whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity.

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The opinions expressed in this opinion letter (a) are strictly limited to the matters stated in this opinion letter, and without limiting the foregoing, no other opinions are to be implied and (b) 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 as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm in the "Legal Matters" section in 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.

/s/ EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND (US) LLP

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**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” and “Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” and to the inclusion of our reports (a) dated March 7, 2017, with respect to the consolidated statements of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated schedules of investments, of Capitala Finance Corp. as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016, and (b) dated March 9, 2017, with respect to the Senior Securities table of Capitala Finance Corp., in the Registration Statement (Form N-2 No. 333-204582) and related Prospectus of Capitala Finance Corp. for the registration of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights, warrants, and debt securities.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina  
May 15, 2017

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Prospectus Supplement related to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (No. 333-204582) of Capitala Finance Corp. 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 CapitalSouth Partners SBIC Fund III, L.P., which reports appear in the Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the registration statements on Form N-2 (No. 333-188956) of Capitala Finance Corp. filed on September 9, 2013. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Senior Securities" in such registration statement.

/s/ Dixon Hughes Goodman llp

High Point, North Carolina  
May 16, 2017