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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form N-2
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 ý
Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 ý
Post-Effective Amendment No. o**

**New Mountain Finance Corporation
New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C.**
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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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.

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

- when declared effective pursuant to Section 8(c).
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Title of Securities Being Registered	Amount Being Registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share(2)(3)(7)			
Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share(2)			
Subscription Rights(2)			
Warrants(4)			
Debt Securities(5)			
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share(6)(7)	4,843,938	(8)	(8)
Total		\$250,000,000(9)	\$32,638.52(10)

(1) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933 solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee. The proposed maximum offering price per security will be determined, from time to time, by

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New Mountain Finance Corporation ("NMFC") and New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C. (the "Operating Company", and together with NMFC, the "Registrants") in connection with the sale by NMFC or the Operating Company, as applicable, of the securities registered under this Registration Statement.

- (2) Subject to Note 9 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, or subscription rights to purchase shares of common stock of NMFC as may be sold, from time to time.
- (3) Includes such indeterminate number of shares of common stock of NMFC as may, from time to time, be issued upon conversion or exchange of other securities registered hereunder, to the extent any such securities are, by their terms, convertible or exchangeable for common stock of NMFC.
- (4) Subject to Note 9 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of warrants of NMFC as may be sold, from time to time, representing rights to purchase common stock, preferred stock or debt securities of NMFC or the Operating Company, as applicable.
- (5) Subject to Note 9 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of debt securities of NMFC or the Operating Company, as applicable, as may be sold, from time to time. If any debt securities of NMFC or the Operating Company, as applicable, are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering price shall be in such greater principal amount as shall result in an aggregate price to investors not to exceed \$250,000,000.
- (6) These shares are being registered on behalf of selling stockholders.
- (7) For each outstanding share of NMFC common stock, NMFC will hold one common membership unit of the Operating Company on a one-to-one basis. No separate consideration will be received for the Operating Company's common membership units in this offering.
- (8) In reliance upon Rule 429 under the Securities Act of 1933, all shares unsold on behalf of such selling stockholders under a registration statement on Form N-2 (File Nos. 333-185955 and 333-185954) (a total of 4,843,938 shares) are carried forward into this registration statement. A registration fee has been previously paid with respect to the 4,843,938 shares being registered on behalf of such selling stockholders.
- (9) In no event will the aggregate offering price of all securities issued from time to time pursuant to this Registration Statement exceed \$250,000,000.
- (10) Previously paid.

The Registrants hereby amend this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrants shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange

Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED _____, 2013

PROSPECTUS

\$250,000,000

New Mountain Finance Corporation

Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Subscription Rights
Warrants
Debt Securities

New Mountain Finance Corporation ("NMFC") is a holding company with no direct operations of its own, and its only business and sole asset is its ownership of common membership units of New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C. (the "Operating Company"). The Operating Company is an externally managed business development company managed by New Mountain Finance Advisers BDC, L.L.C. and is the operating company for NMFC's business. NMFC and the Operating Company each have elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Operating Company's investment objective is to generate current income and capital appreciation through the sourcing and origination of debt securities at all levels of the capital structure, including first and second lien debt, notes, bonds and mezzanine securities. As of December 4, 2013, NMFC owned approximately 94.4% of the common membership units of the Operating Company and New Mountain Finance AIV Holdings Corporation owned approximately 5.6% of the common membership units of the Operating Company.

NMFC or the Operating Company, as applicable, may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings or series, up to \$250,000,000 of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights to purchase shares of common stock, debt securities or warrants, which we refer to, collectively, as the "securities". The preferred stock, subscription rights, debt securities and warrants offered hereby may be convertible or exchangeable into shares of common stock. The securities may be offered at prices and on terms to be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus.

In the event NMFC offers common stock, the offering price per share of NMFC's common stock less any underwriting discounts or commissions will generally not be less than the net asset value per share of NMFC's common stock at the time we make the offering. However, NMFC may issue shares of its common stock pursuant to this prospectus at a price per share that is less than its net asset value per share (i) in connection with a rights offering to NMFC's existing stockholders, (ii) with the prior approval of the majority of NMFC's common stockholders or (iii) under such other circumstances as the Securities and Exchange Commission may permit.

The securities may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, or through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. Each prospectus supplement relating to an offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of the securities, and will disclose any applicable purchase price, fee, discount or commissions arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters or among our underwriters or the

basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See "Plan of Distribution". We may not sell any of the securities through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of this prospectus and a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such securities.

In addition, this prospectus relates to 4,843,938 shares of NMFC's common stock that may be sold by the selling stockholders identified under "Selling Stockholders", which reflects the offering completed on October 17, 2013 including the exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase up to an additional 900,000 shares of NMFC's common stock on behalf of a selling stockholder. Sales of NMFC's common stock by the selling stockholders, which may occur at prices below the net asset value per share of NMFC's common stock, may adversely affect the market price of NMFC's common stock and may make it more difficult for NMFC to raise capital.

The selling stockholders identified under "Selling Stockholders" acquired their respective shares of NMFC's common stock either through (i) the concurrent private placement to certain affiliates of NMFC in connection with NMFC's initial public offering or (ii) the formation transactions completed immediately prior to NMFC's initial public offering. Each offering by the selling stockholders of their shares of NMFC's common stock through agents, underwriters or dealers will be accompanied by a prospectus supplement that will identify the selling stockholders that are participating in such offering. NMFC and the Operating Company will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of NMFC's common stock by any of the selling stockholders.

NMFC's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "NMFC". On December 4, 2013, the last reported sales price on the New York Stock Exchange for NMFC's common stock was \$14.69 per share. Based on this last reported sales price of NMFC's common stock, the aggregate market value of the shares of NMFC's common stock held by the selling stockholders identified under "Selling Stockholders" is approximately \$71.2 million.

An investment in NMFC's common stock is very risky and highly speculative. Shares of closed-end investment companies, including business development companies, frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. In addition, the companies in which NMFC invests, through the Operating Company, are subject to special risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 24 to read about factors you should consider, including the risk of leverage, before investing in NMFC's common stock.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of NMFC's securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Please read this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplements before investing and keep each for future reference. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplements contain important information about NMFC and the Operating Company that a prospective investor ought to know before investing in NMFC's securities. NMFC and the Operating Company file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (<http://www.sec.gov>), which is available free of charge by contacting NMFC by mail at 787 Seventh Avenue, 48th Floor, New York, New York 10019 or on our website at <http://www.newmountainfinance.com>.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement to this prospectus. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained in this prospectus or any such supplements as if we had authorized it. This prospectus and any such supplements do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of any offer to buy any security other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do they constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information contained in this prospectus and any such supplements is accurate as of the dates on their covers. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since then.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), using the "shelf" registration process. Under the shelf registration process, which constitutes a delayed offering in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), NMFC or the Operating Company, as applicable, may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings, up to \$250,000,000 of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights to purchase shares of common stock, debt securities or warrants, on terms to be determined at the time of the offering. In addition, this prospectus relates to 4,843,938 shares of NMFC's common stock that may be sold by the selling stockholders identified under "Selling Stockholders", which reflects the offering completed on October 17, 2013 including the exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase up to an additional 900,000 shares of NMFC's common stock on behalf of a selling stockholder. The securities may be offered at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the offerings of securities that NMFC or the Operating Company, as applicable, may conduct pursuant to this prospectus. Each time NMFC or the Operating Company, as applicable, uses this prospectus to offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. A prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus.

Please carefully read this prospectus and any such supplements together with any exhibits and the additional information described under "Available Information" and in the "Summary" and "Risk Factors" sections before you make an investment decision.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary contains basic information about offerings pursuant to this prospectus. It may not contain all the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of offerings pursuant to this prospectus, we encourage you to read this entire prospectus and the documents to which we have referred in this prospectus, together with any accompanying prospectus supplements, including the risks set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement and the information set forth under the caption "Available Information" in this prospectus.

In this prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires, references to:

"NMFC" refers to New Mountain Finance Corporation, a Delaware corporation, which was incorporated on June 29, 2010 in preparation for the initial public offering;

"NMF SLF" refers to New Mountain Finance SPV Funding, L.L.C.;

"Operating Company" refers to New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, which is the operating company for our business. References to the Operating Company include New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C.'s wholly-owned subsidiary, NMF SLF, unless the context otherwise requires. References to the Operating Company exclude NMF SLF when referencing the Operating Company's common membership units, board of directors, and credit facility or leverage;

"Guardian AIV" refers to New Mountain Guardian AIV, L.P.;

"AIV Holdings" refers to New Mountain Finance AIV Holdings Corporation, a Delaware corporation which was incorporated on March 11, 2011, of which Guardian AIV is the sole stockholder;

"New Mountain Finance Entities", "we", "us" and "our" refer to NMFC, the Operating Company and AIV Holdings, collectively; except for references to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and the offering of securities thereunder, in which case references to "we", "us" and "our" refer to NMFC and the Operating Company only.

"Investment Adviser" refers to New Mountain Finance Advisers BDC, L.L.C., the Operating Company's investment adviser;

"Administrator" refers to the New Mountain Finance Entities' administrator, New Mountain Finance Administration, L.L.C.;

"New Mountain Capital" refers to New Mountain Capital Group, L.L.C. and its affiliates;

"Predecessor Entities" refers to New Mountain Guardian (Leveraged), L.L.C. and New Mountain Guardian Partners, L.P., together with their respective direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries prior to the initial public offering;

"Holdings Credit Facility" refers to the Operating Company's Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, dated May 19, 2011, as amended;

"SLF Credit Facility" refers to NMF SLF's Loan and Security Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, dated October 27, 2010, as amended; and

"Credit Facilities" refers to the Holding Credit Facility and the SLF Credit Facility, collectively.

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Overview

The Operating Company is a Delaware limited liability company. The Operating Company is externally managed and has elected to be treated as a business development company ("BDC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As such, the Operating Company is obligated to comply with certain regulatory requirements. The Operating Company intends to be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes for so long as it has at least two members.

The Operating Company is externally managed by the Investment Adviser. The Administrator provides the administrative services necessary for operations. The Investment Adviser and Administrator are wholly-owned subsidiaries of New Mountain Capital. New Mountain Capital is a firm with a track record of investing in the middle market and with assets under management (which includes amounts committed, not all of which have been drawn down and invested to date) totaling more than \$9.0 billion as of September 30, 2013. New Mountain Capital focuses on investing in defensive growth companies across its private equity, public equity, and credit investment vehicles. The Operating Company, formerly known as New Mountain Guardian (Leveraged), L.L.C., was originally formed as a subsidiary of Guardian AIV by New Mountain Capital in October 2008. Guardian AIV was formed through an allocation of approximately \$300.0 million of the \$5.1 billion of commitments supporting New Mountain Partners III, L.P., a private equity fund managed by New Mountain Capital. In February 2009, New Mountain Capital formed a co-investment vehicle, New Mountain Guardian Partners, L.P., comprising \$20.4 million of commitments.

NMFC is a Delaware corporation that was originally incorporated on June 29, 2010. NMFC is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. As such, NMFC is obligated to comply with certain regulatory requirements. NMFC has elected to be treated, and intends to comply with the requirements to continue to qualify annually, as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code").

AIV Holdings is a Delaware corporation that was originally incorporated on March 11, 2011. Guardian AIV, a Delaware limited partnership, is AIV Holdings' sole stockholder. AIV Holdings is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a BDC under the 1940 Act. As such, AIV Holdings is obligated to comply with certain regulatory requirements. AIV Holdings has elected to be treated, and intends to comply with the requirements to continue to qualify annually, as a RIC under the Code.

On May 19, 2011, NMFC priced its initial public offering (the "IPO") of 7,272,727 shares of common stock at a public offering price of \$13.75 per share. Concurrently with the closing of the IPO and at the public offering price of \$13.75 per share, NMFC sold an additional 2,172,000 shares of its common stock to certain executives and employees of, and other individuals affiliated with, New Mountain Capital in a concurrent private placement (the "Concurrent Private Placement"). Additionally, 1,252,964 shares were issued to the partners of New Mountain Guardian Partners, L.P. at that time for their ownership interest in the Predecessor Entities. In connection with NMFC's IPO and through a series of transactions, the Operating Company owns all of the operations of the Predecessor Entities, including all of the assets and liabilities related to such operations.

NMFC and AIV Holdings are holding companies with no direct operations of their own, and their sole asset is their ownership in the Operating Company. NMFC and AIV Holdings each entered into a joinder agreement with respect to the Limited Liability Company Agreement, as amended and restated, of the Operating Company, pursuant to which NMFC and AIV Holdings were admitted as members of the Operating Company. NMFC acquired from the Operating Company, with the gross proceeds of the IPO and the Concurrent Private Placement, common membership units ("units") of

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the Operating Company (the number of units are equal to the number of shares of NMFC's common stock sold in the IPO and the Concurrent Private Placement). Additionally, NMFC received units of the Operating Company equal to the number of shares of common stock of NMFC issued to the partners of New Mountain Guardian Partners, L.P. Guardian AIV was the parent of the Operating Company prior to the IPO and, as a result of the transactions completed in connection with the IPO, obtained units in the Operating Company. Guardian AIV contributed its units in the Operating Company to its newly formed subsidiary, AIV Holdings, in exchange for common stock of AIV Holdings. AIV Holdings has the right to exchange all or any portion of its units in the Operating Company for shares of NMFC's common stock on a one-for-one basis at any time.

Since NMFC's IPO, and through September 30, 2013, NMFC raised approximately \$190.4 million in net proceeds from additional offerings of common stock and issued shares valued at approximately \$193.7 million to AIV Holdings for exchanged units. NMFC acquired from the Operating Company units of the Operating Company equal to the number of shares of NMFC's common stock sold in additional offerings. As of September 30, 2013, NMFC and AIV Holdings owned approximately 85.3% and 14.7%, respectively, of the units of the Operating Company.

The current structure was designed to generally prevent NMFC and its stockholders from being allocated taxable income with respect to unrecognized gains that existed at the time of the IPO in the Predecessor Entities' assets, and rather such amounts would be allocated generally to AIV Holdings and its stockholders. The result is that any distributions made to NMFC's stockholders that are attributable to such gains generally will not be treated as taxable dividends but rather as return of capital. See "Material Federal Income Tax Considerations".

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The diagram below depicts the New Mountain Finance Entities' organizational structure as of September 30, 2013.

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Includes partners of New Mountain Guardian Partners, L.P.

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These common membership units are exchangeable into shares of NMFC common stock on a one-for-one basis.

New Mountain Finance SPV Funding, L.L.C. ("NMF SLF").

The Operating Company's investment objective is to generate current income and capital appreciation through the sourcing and origination of debt securities at all levels of the capital structure, including first and second lien debt, notes, bonds and mezzanine securities. In some cases, the Operating Company's investments may also include equity interests. The primary focus is in the debt of defensive growth companies, which are defined as generally exhibiting the following characteristics: (i) sustainable secular growth drivers, (ii) high barriers to competitive entry, (iii) high free cash flow after capital expenditure and working capital needs, (iv) high returns on assets and (v) niche market dominance.

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As of September 30, 2013, the Operating Company's net asset value was \$641.8 million and its portfolio had a fair value of approximately \$1,041.4 million in 57 portfolio companies, with a

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weighted average yield to maturity of approximately 10.4%. This yield to maturity calculation assumes that all investments not on non-accrual are purchased at fair value on September 30, 2013 and held until their respective maturities with no prepayments or losses and exited at par at maturity. The actual yield to maturity may be higher or lower due to the future selection of the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") contracts by the individual companies in the Operating Company's portfolio or other factors.

Recent Developments

On November 8, 2013, the Operating Company's board of directors, and subsequently NMFC's board of directors, declared a fourth quarter 2013 distribution of \$0.34 per unit/share payable on December 31, 2013 to holders of record as of December 17, 2013.

On October 17, 2013, NMFC completed a public offering of 3,000,000 shares of its common stock and an underwritten secondary public offering of 3,000,000 shares of its common stock on behalf of a selling stockholder, AIV Holdings, at a public offering price of \$14.34 per share. In connection with the underwritten secondary public offering, the underwriters purchased an additional 900,000 shares of NMFC's common stock from AIV Holdings with the exercise of the overallotment option to purchase up to an additional 900,000 shares of common stock. The Operating Company received net proceeds of \$43.0 million in connection with the sale of 3,000,000 shares by NMFC of its common stock. NMFC did not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of NMFC's common stock by AIV Holdings. The Operating Company and NMFC bore only their allocable portion of offering expenses related to the public offering of 3,000,000 shares, and did not bear any expenses in connection with the secondary public offering of the 3,900,000 shares of NMFC's common stock on behalf of AIV Holdings, which were borne by AIV Holdings.

On October 28, 2013, the Operating Company amended its Holdings Credit Facility to increase the maximum amount of revolving borrowings available under the Holdings Credit Facility from \$250.0 million to \$280.0 million.

The Investment Adviser

The Investment Adviser, a wholly-owned subsidiary of New Mountain Capital, manages the Operating Company's day-to-day operations and provides it with investment advisory and management services. In particular, the Investment Adviser is responsible for identifying attractive investment opportunities, conducting research and due diligence on prospective investments, structuring the Operating Company's investments and monitoring and servicing the Operating Company's investments. We currently do not have, and do not intend to have, any employees. As of September 30, 2013, the Investment Adviser was supported by approximately 100 staff members of New Mountain Capital, including 62 investment professionals.

The Investment Adviser is managed by a five member investment committee (the "Investment Committee"), which is responsible for approving purchases and sales of the Operating Company's investments above \$5.0 million in aggregate by issuer. The Investment Committee currently consists of Steven B. Klinsky, Robert A. Hamwee, Adam Collins, Douglas Londal and John Kline. The Investment Committee is responsible for approving all of the Operating Company's investment purchases above \$5.0 million. The Investment Committee also monitors investments in the Operating Company's portfolio and approves all asset dispositions above \$5.0 million. Purchases and dispositions below \$5.0 million may be approved by the Operating Company's Chief Executive Officer. These approval thresholds are subject to change over time. We expect to benefit from the extensive and varied relevant experience of the investment professionals serving on the Investment Committee, which includes expertise in private equity, primary and secondary leveraged credit, private mezzanine finance and distressed debt.

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Competitive Advantages

We believe that we have the following competitive advantages over other capital providers to middle market companies:

Proven and Differentiated Investment Style With Areas of Deep Industry Knowledge

In making its investment decisions, the Investment Adviser applies New Mountain Capital's long-standing, consistent investment approach that has been in place since its founding more than 10 years ago. We focus on companies in less well followed defensive growth niches of the middle market space where we believe few debt funds have built equivalent research and operational size and scale.

We benefit directly from New Mountain Capital's private equity investment strategy that seeks to identify attractive investment sectors from the top down and then works to become a well positioned investor in these sectors. New Mountain Capital focuses on companies and industries with sustainable strengths in all economic cycles, particularly ones that are defensive in nature, that are non-cyclical and can maintain pricing power in the midst of a recessionary and/or inflationary environment. New Mountain Capital focuses on companies within sectors in which it has significant expertise (examples include federal services, software, education, niche healthcare, business services, energy and distribution and logistics) while typically avoiding investments in companies with products or services that serve markets that are highly cyclical, have the potential for long-term decline, are overly-dependent on consumer demand or are commodity-like in nature.

In making its investment decisions, the Investment Adviser has adopted the approach of New Mountain Capital, which is based on three primary investment principles:

1. A generalist approach, combined with proactive pursuit of the highest quality opportunities within carefully selected industries, identified via an intensive and structured ongoing research process;
2. Emphasis on strong downside protection and strict risk controls; and
3. Continued search for superior risk adjusted returns, combined with timely, intelligent exits and outstanding return performance.

Experienced Management Team and Established Platform

The Investment Adviser's team members have extensive experience in the leveraged lending space. Steven B. Klinsky, New Mountain Capital's Founder, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director and Chairman of the board of directors of the New Mountain Finance Entities, was a general partner of Forstmann Little & Co., a manager of debt and equity funds totaling multiple billions of dollars in the 1980s and 1990s. He was also a co-founder of Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s Leverage Buyout Group in the period from 1981 to 1984. Robert A. Hamwee, Chief Executive Officer and President of the New Mountain Finance Entities and Managing Director of New Mountain Capital, was formerly President of GSC Group Inc. ("GSC"), where he was the portfolio manager of GSC's distressed debt funds and led the development of GSC's CLOs. Douglas Lodal, Managing Director of New Mountain Capital, was previously co-head of Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s United States ("U.S.") mezzanine debt team. John Kline, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the New Mountain Finance Entities and Managing Director of New Mountain Capital, worked at GSC as an investment analyst and trader for GSC's control distressed and corporate credit funds and at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in the Credit Risk Management and Advisory Group.

Many of the debt investments that the Operating Company has made to date have been in the same companies with which New Mountain Capital has already conducted months of intensive

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acquisition due diligence related to potential private equity investments. We believe that private equity underwriting due diligence is usually more robust than typical due diligence for loan underwriting. In its underwriting of debt investments, the Investment Adviser is able to utilize the research and hands-on operating experience that New Mountain Capital's private equity underwriting teams possess regarding the individual companies and industries. Business and industry due diligence is led by a team of investment professionals of the Investment Adviser that generally consists of three to seven individuals, typically based on their relevant company and/or industry specific knowledge. Additionally, the Investment Adviser is also able to utilize its relationships with operating management teams and other private equity sponsors. We believe this differentiates us from many of our competitors.

Significant Sourcing Capabilities and Relationships

We believe the Investment Adviser's ability to source attractive investment opportunities is greatly aided by both New Mountain Capital's historical and current reviews of private equity opportunities in the business segments we target. To date, a significant majority of the investments that the Operating Company has made are in the debt of companies and industry sectors that were first identified and reviewed in connection with New Mountain Capital's private equity efforts, and the majority of our current pipeline reflects this as well. Furthermore, the Investment Adviser's investment professionals have deep and longstanding relationships in both the private equity sponsor community and the lending/agency community which they have and will continue to utilize to generate investment opportunities.

Risk Management through Various Cycles

New Mountain Capital has emphasized tight control of risk since its inception and long before the recent global financial distress began. To date, New Mountain Capital has never experienced a bankruptcy of any of its portfolio companies in its private equity efforts or with respect to the Predecessor Entities' business. The Investment Adviser seeks to emphasize tight control of risk with our investments in several important ways, consistent with New Mountain Capital's historical approach. In particular, the Investment Adviser:

Emphasizes the origination or purchase of debt in what the Investment Adviser believes are defensive growth companies, which are less likely to be dependent on macro-economic cycles;

Targets investments in companies that are preeminent market leaders in their own industries, and when possible, investments in companies that have strong management teams whose skills are difficult for competitors to acquire or reproduce; and

Emphasizes capital structure seniority in the Investment Adviser's underwriting process.

Access to Non Mark to Market, Seasoned Leverage Facilities

The amounts available under the Credit Facilities are generally not subject to reduction as a result of mark to market fluctuations in the Operating Company's portfolio investments. For a detailed discussion of the Credit Facilities, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources".

Market Opportunity

We believe that the size of the market for investments that we target, coupled with the demands of middle market companies for flexible sources of capital at competitive terms and rates, create an attractive investment environment for us.

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The leverage finance market has a high level of financing needs over the next several years due to significant bank debt maturities. We believe that the large dollar volume of loans that need to be refinanced will present attractive opportunities to invest capital in a manner consistent with our stated objectives.

Middle market companies continue to face difficulties in accessing the capital markets. We believe opportunities to serve the middle market will continue to exist. While many middle market companies were formerly able to raise funds by issuing high-yield bonds, we believe this approach to financing has become more difficult in recent years as institutional investors have sought to invest in larger, more liquid offerings. In addition, many private finance companies and hedge funds have reduced their middle market lending activities due to decreased availability of their own financing.

Consolidation among commercial banks has reduced the focus on middle market lending. We believe that many traditional bank lenders to middle market businesses have either exited or de-emphasized their service and product offerings in the middle market. These traditional lenders have instead focused on lending and providing other services to large corporate clients. We believe this has resulted in fewer key players and the reduced availability of debt capital to the companies we target.

Attractive pricing. Reduced access to, and availability of, debt capital typically increases the interest rates, or pricing, of loans for middle market lenders. Recent primary debt transactions in this market often include upfront fees, prepayment protections and, in some cases, warrants to purchase common stock, all of which should enhance the profitability of new loans to lenders.

Conservative deal structures. As a result of the credit crisis, many lenders are requiring larger equity contributions from financial sponsors. Larger equity contributions create an enhanced margin of safety for lenders because leverage is a lower percentage of the implied enterprise value of the company.

Large pool of uninvested private equity capital available for new buyouts. We expect that private equity firms will continue to pursue acquisitions and will seek to leverage their equity investments with mezzanine loans and/or senior loans (including traditional first and second lien, as well as unitranche loans) provided by companies such as ours.

Operating and Regulatory Structure

NMFC and the Operating Company are closed-end, non-diversified management investment companies that have elected to be treated as BDCs under the 1940 Act and are required to maintain an asset coverage ratio, as defined in the 1940 Act, of at least 200.0%. NMFC has no material long-term liabilities itself and its only business and sole asset is its ownership of units of the Operating Company. As a result, NMFC looks to the Operating Company's assets for purposes of satisfying the requirements under the 1940 Act otherwise applicable to NMFC. See "Regulation". The Operating Company and NMF SLF have long term liabilities related to the Credit Facilities.

NMFC has elected to be treated, and intends to comply with the requirements to continue to qualify annually, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. See "Material Federal Income Tax Considerations". As a RIC, NMFC generally will not have to pay corporate-level federal income taxes on any net ordinary income or capital gains that it timely distributes to its stockholders as dividends if it meets certain source-of-income, distribution and asset diversification requirements. The Operating Company intends to make distributions to its unit holders that will be sufficient to enable NMFC to pay quarterly distributions to its stockholders and to maintain its status as a RIC.

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NMFC intends to distribute to its stockholders substantially all of its annual taxable income, except that it may retain certain net capital gains for reinvestment in units of the Operating Company.

Risks

An investment in our securities involves risk, including the risk of leverage and the risk that our operating policies and strategies may change without prior notice to NMFC stockholders or prior stockholder approval. See "Risk Factors" and the other information included in this prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our securities. The value of the Operating Company's assets, as well as the market price of our securities, will fluctuate. Our investments may be risky, and you may lose all or part of your investment in NMFC or the Operating Company, as applicable. Investing in NMFC or the Operating Company, as applicable, involves other risks, including the following:

We have a limited operating history;

The Operating Company may suffer credit losses;

The Operating Company does not expect to replicate the Predecessor Entities' historical performance or the historical performance of other entities managed or supported by New Mountain Capital;

There is uncertainty as to the value of the Operating Company's portfolio investments because most of its investments are, and may continue to be in private companies and recorded at fair value. In addition, because NMFC is a holding company, the fair values of the Operating Company's investments are determined by the Operating Company's board of directors in accordance with the Operating Company's valuation policy;

The Operating Company's ability to achieve its investment objective depends on key investment personnel of the Investment Adviser. If the Investment Adviser were to lose any of its key investment personnel, the Operating Company's ability to achieve its investment objective could be significantly harmed;

The Investment Adviser has limited experience managing a BDC or a RIC, which could adversely affect our business;

The Operating Company operates in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities and may not be able to compete effectively;

Our business, results of operations and financial condition depends on the Operating Company's ability to manage future growth effectively;

The Operating Company borrows money, which could magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested in us and increase the risk of investing in us;

Changes in interest rates may affect the Operating Company's cost of capital and net investment income;

Regulations governing the operations of BDCs will affect our ability to raise additional equity capital as well as our ability to issue senior securities or borrow for investment purposes, any or all of which could have a negative effect on our investment objectives and strategies;

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We may experience fluctuations in our annual and quarterly results due to the nature of our business;

The Operating Company's board of directors may change its investment objective, operating policies and strategies without prior notice or member approval, the effects of which may be adverse to your interest as a stockholder;

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NMFC will be subject to corporate-level federal income tax on all of its income if it is unable to maintain RIC status under Subchapter M of the Code, which would have a material adverse effect on its financial performance;

NMFC may not be able to pay you distributions on its common stock, its distributions to you may not grow over time and a portion of its distributions to you may be a return of capital for federal income tax purposes;

The Operating Company's investments in portfolio companies may be risky, and the Operating Company could lose all or part of any of its investments;

The lack of liquidity in the Operating Company's investments may adversely affect our business;

Economic recessions or downturns could impair the Operating Company's portfolio companies and harm its operating results;

NMFC is a holding company with no direct operations of its own, and will depend on distributions from the Operating Company to meet its ongoing obligations;

Any future exchange by AIV Holdings of units of the Operating Company for shares of NMFC's common stock would significantly dilute the voting power of NMFC's current stockholders with respect to the election of NMFC directors or other matters that require the approval of NMFC stockholders only. In addition, the interests of the partners of Guardian AIV following such exchange by AIV Holdings may be adverse to the interests of NMFC's current stockholders and could limit your ability to influence the outcome of key transactions, including any change of control;

The market price of NMFC's common stock may fluctuate significantly; and

Sales of substantial amounts of NMFC's common stock in the public market may have an adverse effect on the market price of its common stock.

Company Information

Our administrative and executive offices are located at 787 Seventh Avenue, 48th Floor, New York, New York 10019, and our telephone number is (212) 720-0300. We maintain a website at <http://www.newmountainfinance.com>. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and you should not consider information contained on our website to be part of this prospectus.

Presentation of Historical Financial Information and Market Data

Historical Financial Information

Unless otherwise indicated, historical references contained in this prospectus in "Selected Financial and Other Data", "Selected Quarterly Data", "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations", "Senior Securities" and "Portfolio Companies" relate to the Operating Company, which is NMFC's sole investment. The consolidated financial statements of New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C., formerly known as New Mountain Guardian (Leveraged), L.L.C., and New Mountain Guardian Partners, L.P. are the Operating Company's historical consolidated financial statements.

Market Data

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Statistical and market data used in this prospectus has been obtained from governmental and independent industry sources and publications. We have not independently verified the data obtained from these sources, and we cannot assure you of the accuracy or completeness of the data. Forward-looking information obtained from these sources is subject to the same qualifications and the additional uncertainties regarding the other forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus. See "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements".

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THE OFFERING

NMFC or the Operating Company, as applicable, may offer, from time to time, up to \$250,000,000 of common stock, preferred stock, subscription rights to purchase shares of common stock, debt securities or warrants, on terms to be determined at the time of each offering. We will offer our securities at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The offering price per share of our securities, less any underwriting commissions or discounts, generally will not be less than the net asset value per share of our securities at the time of an offering. However, we may issue securities pursuant to this prospectus at a price per share that is less than NMFC's or the Operating Company's, as applicable, net asset value per share (i) in connection with a rights offering to NMFC's existing stockholders, (ii) with the prior approval of the majority of NMFC's common stockholders or (iii) under such other circumstances as the SEC may permit. Any such issuance of shares of NMFC's common stock below net asset value may be dilutive to the net asset value of NMFC's common stock. See "Risk Factors Relating to Offerings Pursuant to this Prospectus". In addition, this prospectus relates to 4,843,938 shares of NMFC's common stock that may be sold by the selling stockholders identified under "Selling Stockholders", which reflects the offering completed on October 17, 2013 including the exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase up to an additional 900,000 shares of NMFC's common stock on behalf of a selling stockholder. Sales of NMFC's common stock by the selling stockholders, which may occur at prices below the net asset value per share of NMFC's common stock, may adversely affect the market price of NMFC's common stock and may make it more difficult for NMFC to raise capital.

NMFC's or the Operating Company's securities, as applicable, may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, or through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to an offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our securities, and will disclose any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters or among our underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See "Plan of Distribution". We may not sell any of our securities through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of this prospectus and a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of securities.

Set forth below is additional information regarding offerings of securities pursuant to this prospectus:

Use of Proceeds

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the Operating Company intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of our securities for new investments in portfolio companies in accordance with the Operating Company's investment objective and strategies described in this prospectus, to temporarily repay indebtedness (which will be subject to reborrowing), to pay our operating expenses and distributions to our stockholders/unit holders and for general corporate purposes, and other working capital needs. Proceeds not immediately used for new investments or the temporary repayment of debt will be invested in cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high-quality investments that mature in one year or less from the date of the investment. These securities may have lower yields than the types of investments we would typically make in accordance with our investment objective

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and, accordingly, may result in lower distributions, if any, during such period. Each supplement to this prospectus relating to an offering will more fully identify the use of the proceeds from such offering. See "Use of Proceeds".

We will not receive any proceeds from any sale of common stock by the selling stockholders identified under "Selling Stockholders".

New York Stock Exchange Symbol

"NMFC"

Investment Advisory Fees

NMFC does not have an investment adviser. The Operating Company pays the Investment Adviser a fee for its services under an amended and restated investment advisory and management agreement (the "Investment Management Agreement") consisting of two components – a base management fee and an incentive fee. The base management fee is calculated at an annual rate of 1.75% of the Operating Company's gross assets less (i) the borrowings under the SLF Credit Facility and (ii) cash and cash equivalents. The base management fee is payable quarterly in arrears, and is calculated based on the average value of the Operating Company's gross assets, borrowings under the SLF Credit Facility, and cash and cash equivalents at the end of each of the two most recently completed calendar quarters, and appropriately adjusted on a pro rata basis for any equity capital raises or repurchases during the current calendar quarter. The incentive fee consists of two parts. The first part is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears and equals 20.0% of the Operating Company's "Pre-Incentive Fee Adjusted Net Investment Income" for the immediately preceding quarter, subject to a "preferred return", or "hurdle", and a "catch-up" feature each as described in the Investment Management Agreement. The second part will be determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Investment Management Agreement) and will equal 20.0% of the Operating Company's "Adjusted Realized Capital Gains", if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of the year, computed net of all "Adjusted Realized Capital Losses" and "Adjusted Unrealized Capital Depreciation" on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid capital gain incentive fee each as described in the Investment Management Agreement. See "Investment Management Agreement".

Administrator

The Administrator serves as the administrator for us and arranges office space for us and provides us with office equipment and administrative services. The Administrator performs, or oversees the performance of, our financial records, prepares reports to our stockholders/unit holders and reports filed by us with the SEC, monitors the payment

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of our expenses, and oversees the performance of administrative and professional services rendered to us by others. The Operating Company reimburses the Administrator for the New Mountain Finance Entities' allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by the Administrator in performing its obligations to the

New Mountain Finance Entities under an administration agreement, as amended and restated (the "Administration Agreement"). See "Administration Agreement".

Distributions

NMFC intends to pay quarterly distributions to its stockholders out of assets legally available for distribution. The quarterly distributions, if any, will be determined by NMFC's board of directors. The distributions NMFC pays to its stockholders in a year may exceed its taxable income for that year and, accordingly, a portion of such distributions may constitute a return of capital for federal income tax purposes. The specific tax characteristics of NMFC's distributions will be reported to stockholders after the end of the calendar year. The Operating Company intends to make distributions to its members that will be sufficient to enable NMFC to pay quarterly distributions to its stockholders. See "Price Range of Common Stock and Distributions".

Taxation of NMFC

NMFC has elected to be treated, and intends to comply with the requirements to continue to qualify annually, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. As a RIC, NMFC generally will not pay corporate-level federal income taxes on any net ordinary income or capital gains that it timely distributes to its stockholders as dividends. To maintain its RIC status, NMFC must meet specified source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and distribute annually to its stockholders at least 90.0% of its net ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any. The Operating Company intends to make distributions to its members that will be sufficient to enable NMFC to obtain and maintain its status as a RIC. See "Price Range of Common Stock and Distributions" and "Material Federal Income Tax Considerations".

Taxation of Operating Company

The Operating Company intends to be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes for as long as it has at least two members. As a result, the Operating Company will itself not be subject to federal income tax. Rather, each of the Operating Company's unit holders, including NMFC, will be required to take into account, for federal income tax purposes, its allocable share of the Operating Company's items of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit. NMF SLF is treated as a disregarded entity for federal income tax purposes. As a result, NMF SLF will itself not be subject to federal income tax and, for federal income

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tax purposes, the Operating Company will take into account all of NMF SLF's assets and items of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit. See "Material Federal Income Tax Considerations".

Dividend Reinvestment Plan

NMFC has adopted an "opt out" dividend reinvestment plan for its stockholders. As a result, if NMFC declares a distribution, then your cash distributions will be automatically reinvested in additional shares of NMFC's common stock, unless you specifically "opt out" of the dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash distributions. Stockholders who receive distributions in the form of stock will be subject to the same federal income tax consequences as stockholders who elect to receive their distributions in cash. Cash distributions reinvested in additional shares of NMFC's common stock will be automatically reinvested by NMFC in additional units of the Operating Company. NMFC will use only newly issued shares to implement the plan if the price at which newly issued shares are to be credited is equal to or greater than 110.0% of the last determined net asset value of the shares. NMFC reserves the right to purchase shares of its common stock in the open market in connection with its implementation of the plan if the price at which its newly issued shares are to be credited does not exceed 110.0% of the last determined net asset value of the shares. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan".

Trading at a Discount

Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. The possibility that NMFC's common stock may trade at a discount to its net asset value per share is separate and distinct from the risk that its net asset value per share may decline. We cannot predict whether NMFC's common stock will trade above, at or below net asset value.

License Agreement

The New Mountain Finance Entities have entered into a royalty-free license agreement with New Mountain Capital, pursuant to which New Mountain Capital has agreed to grant the New Mountain Finance Entities a non-exclusive license to use the names "New Mountain" and "New Mountain Finance". See "License Agreement".

Leverage

We expect to continue to use leverage to make investments. As a result, we may continue to be exposed to the risks of leverage, which include that leverage may be considered a speculative investment technique. The use of leverage magnifies the potential for gain and loss on amounts we invest and therefore, indirectly, increases the risks associated with investing in shares of NMFC's common stock. See "Risk Factors".

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Anti-Takeover Provisions

The New Mountain Finance Entities' respective boards of directors are divided into three classes of directors serving staggered three-year terms. This structure is intended to provide us with a greater likelihood of continuity of management, which may be necessary for us to realize the full value of our investments. A staggered board of directors also may serve to deter hostile takeovers or proxy contests, as may certain other measures that we may adopt. These measures may delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might otherwise be in the best interests of NMFC stockholders. See "Description of NMFC's Capital Stock - Delaware Law and Certain Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaw Provisions; Anti-Takeover Measures".

Available Information

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form N-2 together with all amendments and related exhibits under the Securities Act. The registration statement contains additional information about us and the shares of common stock being offered by this prospectus.

We are required to file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). This information is available at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, District of Columbia 20549 and on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The public may obtain information on the operation of the SEC's public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. This information is also available free of charge by contacting us at New Mountain Finance Corporation, 787 Seventh Avenue, 48th Floor, New York, New York 10019, by telephone at (212) 720-0300, or on our website at <http://www.newmountainfinance.com>. Information contained on our website or on the SEC's web site about us is not incorporated into this prospectus and you should not consider information contained on our website or on the SEC's website to be part of this prospectus.

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The following table is intended to assist you in understanding the costs and expenses that you will bear directly or indirectly. We caution you that some of the percentages indicated in the table below are estimates and may vary. Except where the context suggests otherwise, whenever this prospectus contains a reference to fees or expenses paid by "you", "NMFC", the "Operating Company", or "us" or that "we", "NMFC", or the "Operating Company" will pay fees or expenses, stockholders will indirectly bear such fees or expenses through NMFC's investment in the Operating Company.

Stockholder transaction expenses:	
Sales load (as a percentage of offering price)	N/A(1)
Offering expenses borne by us (as a percentage of offering price)	N/A(2)
Dividend reinvestment plan fees	N/A(3)
Total stockholder transaction expenses (as a percentage of offering price)	%
Annual expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock):	
Base management fees	2.2%(4)
Incentive fees payable under the Investment Management Agreement	2.9%(5)
Interest payments on borrowed funds	1.4%(6)
Other expenses	1.0%(7)
Total annual expenses	7.5%(8)

Example

The following example, required by the SEC, demonstrates the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses that would be incurred over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in NMFC's common stock. In calculating the following expense amounts, we have assumed that the Operating Company's borrowings and annual operating expenses would remain at the levels set forth in the table above. In the event that shares to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, a corresponding prospectus supplement will restate this example to reflect the applicable sales load and offering expenses.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a 5.0% annual return	\$ 46	\$ 138	\$ 231	\$ 464

The example and the expenses in the tables above should not be considered a representation of future expenses, and actual expenses may be greater or less than those shown.

While the example assumes, as required by the applicable rules of the SEC, a 5.0% annual return, the Operating Company's performance will vary and may result in a return greater or less than 5.0%. The incentive fee under the Investment Management Agreement, which, assuming a 5.0% annual return, would either not be payable or would have an insignificant impact on the expense amounts shown above, is not included in the above example. The above illustration assumes that we will not realize any capital gains (computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation) in any of the indicated time periods. If we achieve sufficient returns on the Operating Company's investments, including through the realization of capital gains, to trigger an incentive fee of a material amount, our expenses and returns to our investors would be higher. For example, if we assumed that we received our 5.0% annual return completely in the form of net realized capital gains on the Operating Company's investments, computed net of all

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cumulative unrealized depreciation on the Operating Company's investments, the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses set forth in the above illustration would be as follows:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
You would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a 5.0% annual return	\$ 56	\$ 165	\$ 273	\$ 536

The example assumes no sales load. In addition, while the examples assume reinvestment of all distributions at net asset value, participants in NMFC's dividend reinvestment plan will receive a number of shares of NMFC's common stock determined by dividing the total dollar amount of the distribution payable to a participant by the market price per share of NMFC's common stock at the close of trading on the dividend payment date. The market price per share of NMFC's common stock may be at, above or below net asset value. See "Dividend Reinvestment Plan" for additional information regarding the dividend reinvestment plan.

- (1) In the event that the shares to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, a corresponding prospectus supplement will disclose the applicable sales load.
- (2) The prospectus supplement corresponding to each offering, including each underwritten offering by any of the selling stockholders identified under "Selling Stockholders", will disclose the applicable estimated amount of offering expenses, the offering price and the offering expenses borne by us as a percentage of the offering price.
- (3) The de minimus expenses of the dividend reinvestment plan are included in "other expenses".
- (4) The base management fee under the Investment Management Agreement is based on an annual rate of 1.75% of the Operating Company's average gross assets for the two most recent quarters less (i) the borrowings under the SLF Credit Facility and (ii) cash and cash equivalents. The base management fees reflected in the table above is based on the nine months ended September 30, 2013. See "Investment Management Agreement".
- (5) Assumes that annual incentive fees earned by the Investment Adviser remain consistent with the incentive fees earned by the Investment Adviser during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and includes accrued capital gains incentive fee. These accrued capital gains incentive fees would be paid by the Operating Company if the Operating Company ceased operations on September 30, 2013 and liquidated its investments at the September 30, 2013 valuation. As we cannot predict whether the Operating Company will meet the thresholds for incentive fees under the Investment Management Agreement, the incentive fees paid in subsequent periods, if any, may be substantially different than the fees incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2013. For more detailed information about the incentive fee calculations, see the "Investment Management Agreement" section of this prospectus.
- (6) We may borrow funds from time to time to make investments to the extent we determine that additional capital would allow us to take advantage of additional investment opportunities or if the economic situation is otherwise conducive to doing so. The costs associated with these borrowings are indirectly borne by NMFC's stockholders through its investment in the Operating Company. As of September 30, 2013, the Operating Company had \$159.1 million and \$215.0 million of indebtedness outstanding under the Holdings Credit Facility and the SLF Credit Facility, respectively. For purposes of this calculation, we have assumed the September 30, 2013 amounts outstanding under these credit facilities, and have computed interest expense using an assumed interest rate of 2.9% for the Holdings Credit Facility and 2.3% for the SLF Credit Facility, which were the rates payable as of September 30, 2013. See "Senior Securities".

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- (7) "Other expenses" include the New Mountain Finance Entities' overhead expenses, including payments by the Operating Company under the Administration Agreement based on the allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by the Administrator in performing its obligations to the New Mountain Finance Entities under the Administration Agreement. Pursuant to the Administration Agreement, and further restricted by the Operating Company, expenses payable to the Administrator by the Operating Company as well as other direct and indirect expenses (excluding interest, other credit facility expenses, trading expenses and management and incentive fees) have been capped at \$3.5 million for the time period from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 and capped at \$4.25 million for the time period from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. This expense ratio does not include any expense cap. Assuming \$4.25 million of annual expense, the expense ratio would be 0.7%. See "Administration Agreement".
- (8) The holders of shares of NMFC's common stock indirectly bear the cost associated with our annual expenses through NMFC's investment in the Operating Company.

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The selected financial and other data should be read in conjunction with the respective financial statements and related combined notes thereto and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in this prospectus. Financial information as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012, December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010, December 31, 2009 and as of December 31, 2008 and for the period October 29, 2008 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2008 has been derived from our financial statements and related combined notes that were audited by Deloitte & Touche, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. The financial information for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was derived from our unaudited financial statements and related combined notes. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring accruals, considered necessary for the fair presentation of financial statements for the interim periods, have been included. Our results for the interim periods may not be indicative of our results for any future interim period or the full year. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Senior Securities" below for more information.

The below selected financial and other data is for the Operating Company.

	Year ended December 31,					Period from October 29, 2008 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2008
	Nine months ended September 30, 2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	
	(in thousands except units and per unit data)					
New Mountain Finance Holdings, L.L.C.						
Statement of Operations Data:						
Total investment income	\$ 86,267	\$ 85,786	\$ 56,523	\$ 41,375	\$ 21,767	\$ 256
Net expenses	38,438	40,569	17,998	3,911	1,359	
Net investment income	47,829	45,217	38,525	37,464	20,408	256
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	12,034	28,779	(6,848)	26,328	105,272	(1,435)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	59,863	73,996	31,677	63,792	125,680	(1,179)
Per unit data:						
Net asset value	\$ 14.32	\$ 14.06	\$ 13.60	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations (basic and diluted)	1.40	2.18	1.02	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dividends declared(1)	1.14	1.71	0.86	N/A	N/A	N/A
Balance sheet data:						
Total assets	\$ 1,077,294	\$ 1,025,564	\$ 730,579	\$460,224	\$330,558	\$ 61,669
Holdings Credit Facility	159,091	206,938	129,038	59,697	77,745	
SLF Credit Facility	215,000	214,262	165,928	56,936		
Total net assets	641,805	569,939	420,502	241,927	239,441	30,354

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Other data:

Total return at net asset value(2)	10.20%	16.61%	10.09%	26.54%	76.38%	NM
Number of portfolio companies at period end	57	63	55	43	24	6
Total new investments for the period	\$ 349,349	\$ 673,218	\$ 493,331	\$ 332,708	\$ 268,382	\$ 63,018
Investment sales and repayments for the period	\$ 315,139	\$ 423,874	231,962	258,202	125,430	132
Weighted average Yield to Maturity on debt portfolio at period end(3) (unaudited)	10.4%	10.1%	10.7%	(4)	(4)	(4)
Weighted average Adjusted Yield to Maturity on debt portfolio at period end(5) (unaudited)	(5)	(5)	13.1%	12.5%	12.7%	18.8%
Weighted average common membership units outstanding for the period	42,847,638	34,011,738	30,919,629	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portfolio turnover	30.46%	52.02%	42.13%	76.69%	57.50%	0.22%

N/A Fund was not unitized as of December 31, 2010, December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

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NM Total return from commencement of operations through December 31, 2008 was deemed not meaningful due to the scaling of operations during this short time period.

- (1)

Dividends declared in the nine months ended September 30, 2013 include a \$0.12 per unit special dividend related to a distribution received attributable to the Operating Company's investment in YP Equity Investors LLC. Dividends declared in the year ended December 31, 2012 include a \$0.23 per unit special dividend related to estimated realized capital gains attributable to the Operating Company's investments in Lawson Software, Inc. and Infor Lux Bond Company and a \$0.14 per unit special dividend intended to minimize to the greatest extent possible NMFC's federal income or excise tax liability. Actual cash payments on the dividends declared to AIV Holdings, only, for the quarters ended March 31, 2012, June 30, 2012 and December 31, 2012, were made on April 4, 2012, July 9, 2012 and January 7, 2013 respectively.
- (2)

For the nine months ended September, 2013 and the year ended December 31, 2012, total return is calculated assuming a purchase at net asset value on the opening of the first day of the year and a sale at net asset value on the last day of the respective period or year. Dividend and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at the net asset value on the last day of the respective quarter. For the year ended December 31, 2011, total return is calculated in two parts: (1) from the opening of the first day of the year to NMFC's IPO date, total return is calculated based on net income over weighted average net assets and (2) from NMFC's IPO date to the last day of the year, total return is calculated assuming a purchase at net asset value on NMFC's IPO date and a sale at net asset value on the last day of the year. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at net asset value. For the years ended December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, total return is the ratio of net income compared to capital, adjusted for capital contributions and distributions.
- (3)

The Operating Company's weighted average Yield to Maturity calculation assumes that all investments not on non-accrual are purchased at fair value on the last day of the period and held until their respective maturities with no prepayments or losses and exited at par at maturity.
- (4)

Prior to NMFC's IPO, for yield calculation purposes, NMF SLF was treated as a fully levered asset of the Operating Company with NMF SLF's net asset value being included in the yield to maturity calculations. Since NMF SLF is consolidated in accordance with GAAP, at the time of the IPO, the Operating Company began using the weighted average Yield to Maturity concept instead of the "Adjusted Yield to Maturity" concept for yield calculation purposes.
- (5)

"Adjusted Yield to Maturity" assumes that the investments in the Operating Company's portfolio are purchased at fair value on the last day of the period and held until their respective maturities with no prepayments or losses and exited at par at maturity. This calculation excludes the impact of existing leverage, except for the non-recourse debt of NMF SLF. NMF SLF is treated as a fully levered asset of the Operating Company, with NMF SLF's net asset value being included for yield calculation purposes.

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The below selected financial and other data is for NMFC.

	Nine months ended September 30, 2013	Year ended December 31, 2012	Period from May 19, 2011 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2011
(in thousands except shares and per share data)			
New Mountain Finance Corporation			
Statement of Operations Data:			
Total investment income allocated from the Operating Company	\$ 64,093	\$ 37,511	\$ 13,669
Net expenses allocated from the Operating Company	28,398	17,719	5,324
Net investment income allocated from the Operating Company	35,695	19,792	8,345
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) allocated from the Operating Company	8,320	12,087	(4,235)
Net change in unrealized (depreciation) appreciation of investment in the Operating Company	(40)	(95)	6,221
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	43,975	31,784	10,331
Per share data:			
Net asset value	\$ 14.32	\$ 14.06	\$ 13.60
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations (basic)	1.38	2.14	0.97
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations (diluted)	1.40	2.18	0.38
Dividends declared(1)	1.14	1.71	0.86
Balance sheet data:			
Total assets	\$ 547,722	\$ 345,331	\$ 145,487
Total net assets	547,722	341,926	145,487
Other data:			
Total return at market value(2)	4.58%	24.84%	4.16%
Total return at net asset value(3)	10.20%	16.61%	2.82%
Weighted average shares outstanding for the period	31,952,623	14,860,838	10,697,691

- (1) Dividends declared in the nine months ended September 30, 2013 include a \$0.12 per unit special dividend related to a distribution received attributable to the Operating Company's investment in YP Equity Investors LLC. Dividends declared in the year ended December 31, 2012 include a \$0.23 per share special dividend related to estimated realized capital gains attributable to the Operating Company's investments in Lawson Software, Inc. and Infor Lux Bond Company and a \$0.14 per share special dividend intended to minimize to the greatest extent possible NMFC's federal income or excise tax liability.
- (2) For the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and the year ended December 31, 2012, total return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock on the opening of the first day of the year and a sale on the closing of the last business day of the respective periods. For the period May 19, 2011 to December 31, 2011, total return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at IPO and a sale on the closing of the last business day of the period. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at prices obtained under NMFC's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (3) Total return is calculated assuming a purchase at net asset value on the opening of the first day of the period and a sale at net asset value on the last day of the period. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at the net asset value on the last day of the respective quarter.

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The selected quarterly financial data should be read in conjunction with the respective financial statements and related combined notes thereto and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in this prospectus. The following table sets forth certain quarterly financial data for the quarters ended September 30, 2013, June 30, 2013 and March 31, 2013 and for each of the quarters for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012, December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 of the Operating Company, which is derived from the Operating Company's financial statements and related combined notes, and for the quarters ended September 30, 2013, June 30, 2013 and March 31, 2013 and each of the quarters for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 and for each of the quarters from May 19, 2011 (commencement of operations) through December 31, 2011 of NMFC. This data is derived from our unaudited financial statements and related combined notes. Results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year or for any future quarter. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Senior Securities" included in this prospectus for more information.

The below selected quarterly financial data is for the Operating Company.

Quarter Ended	Investment Income		Net Investment Income		Total Net Realized Gains and Net Changes in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) of Investments		Net Increase (Decrease) in Capital Resulting from Operations	
	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit	Total	Per Unit
(in thousands except for per unit data)								
September 30, 2013	\$ 25,793	\$ 0.57	\$ 12,659	\$ 0.29	\$ 7,819	\$ 0.17	\$ 20,478	\$ 0.46
June 30, 2013	35,156	0.82	23,543	0.55	(8,719)	(0.21)	14,824	0.34
March 31, 2013	25,318	0.62	11,627	0.28	12,934	0.32	24,561	0.60
December 31, 2012	\$ 24,713	\$ 0.65	\$ 13,522	\$ 0.36	\$ 3,478	\$ 0.09	\$ 17,000	\$ 0.45
September 30, 2012	21,752	0.60	10,136	0.28	12,109	0.34	22,245	0.62
June 30, 2012	20,299	0.66	11,646	0.38	(561)	(0.02)	11,085	0.36
March 31, 2012	19,022	0.62	9,913	0.32	13,754	0.45	23,667	0.77
December 31, 2011	\$ 17,127	\$ 0.55	\$ 9,540	\$ 0.31	\$ 8,317	\$ 0.27	\$ 17,857	\$ 0.58
September 30, 2011	15,069	0.49	10,002	0.32	(21,255)	(0.68)	(11,253)	(0.36)
June 30, 2011	13,116	0.42	9,554	0.31	(899)	(0.03)	8,655	0.28
March 31, 2011	11,212	N/A	9,429	N/A	6,990	N/A	16,419	N/A
December 31, 2010	\$ 9,820	N/A	\$ 8,335	N/A	\$ 7,978	N/A	\$ 16,313	N/A
September 30, 2010	13,881	N/A	13,145	N/A	5,560	N/A	18,705	N/A
June 30, 2010	8,597	N/A	7,777	N/A	(5,349)	N/A	2,428	N/A
March 31, 2010	9,077	N/A	8,208	N/A	18,138	N/A	26,346	N/A
December 31, 2009	\$ 7,617	N/A	\$ 6,617	N/A	\$ 1,617	N/A	\$ 8,234	N/A
September 30, 2009	6,148	N/A	6,030	N/A	33,709	N/A	39,739	N/A
June 30, 2009	5,092	N/A	4,877	N/A	42,562	N/A	47,439	N/A
March 31, 2009	2,910	N/A	2,883	N/A	27,385	N/A	30,268	N/A

N/A Not applicable, as the Operating Company was not unitized until May 19, 2011.

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The below selected quarterly financial data is for NMFC.

Quarter Ended	Net Investment Income allocated from the Operating Company		Total Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses)		Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	
	Total	Per Share	Total	Per Share	Total	Per Share
	(in thousands except for per share data)					
September 30, 2013	\$ 10,803	\$ 0.29	\$ 6,664	\$ 0.17	\$ 17,467	\$ 0.46
June 30, 2013	17,674	0.55	(6,682)	(0.21)	10,992	0.34
March 31, 2013	7,218	0.28	8,298	0.33	15,516	0.61
December 31, 2012	\$ 7,759	\$ 0.36	\$ 2,047	\$ 0.09	\$ 9,806	\$ 0.45
September 30, 2012	4,574	0.28	5,381	0.34	9,955	0.62
June 30, 2012	4,029	0.38	(194)	(0.02)	3,835	0.36
March 31, 2012	3,430	0.32	4,758	0.45	8,188	0.77
December 31, 2011	\$ 3,301	\$ 0.31	\$ 2,877	\$ 0.27	\$ 6,178	\$ 0.58
September 30, 2011	3,460	0.32	(7,353)	(0.68)	(3,893)	(0.36)
June 30, 2011	1,584	0.15	6,462	0.60	8,046	0.75
March 31, 2011	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A Not applicable, as NMFC did not commence operations until May 19, 2011.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a number of significant risks. In addition to the other information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, you should consider carefully the following information before making an investment in our securities. The risks set out below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or not presently deemed material by us might also impair our operations and performance. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In such case, our net asset value and the trading price of NMFC's common stock could decline or the value of our preferred stock, subscription rights, warrants or debt securities may decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

RISKS IN THE CURRENT ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The downgrade of the U.S. credit rating and the economic crisis in Europe could negatively impact the Operating Company's liquidity, financial condition and earnings, thus affecting the financial condition and earnings of NMFC.

The U.S. debt ceiling and budget deficit concerns, together with signs of deteriorating sovereign debt conditions in Europe, have increased the possibility of additional credit-rating downgrades and economic slowdowns. Although U.S. lawmakers passed legislation to raise the federal debt ceiling, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services lowered its long-term sovereign credit rating on the U.S. from "AAA" to "AA+" in August 2011. The impact of this or any further downgrades to the U.S. government's sovereign credit rating, or its perceived creditworthiness, and the impact of the current crisis in Europe with respect to the ability of certain European Union countries to continue to service their sovereign debt obligations is inherently unpredictable and could adversely affect the U.S. and global financial markets and economic conditions. There can be no assurance that governmental or other measures to aid economic recovery will be effective. These developments, and the government's credit concerns in general, could cause interest rates and borrowing costs to rise, which may negatively impact both the perception of credit risk associated with the Operating Company's debt portfolio and its ability to access the debt markets on favorable terms. In addition, the decreased credit rating could create broader financial turmoil and uncertainty, which may weigh heavily on NMFC's stock price. Continued adverse economic conditions could have a material adverse effect on the New Mountain Finance Entities' business, financial condition and results of operations.

RISKS RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS AND STRUCTURE

We have a limited operating history.

NMFC is a newly-formed entity while the Operating Company commenced operations in October 2008, owning all of the operations, including all of the assets and liabilities, of the Predecessor Entities. NMFC is a holding company with no direct operations of its own, and its only business and sole asset is its ownership of units of the Operating Company. As a result, we are subject to many of the business risks and uncertainties associated with any new business, including the risk that we may not achieve the Operating Company's investment objective and that, as a result, the value of NMFC's common stock and the Operating Company's units could decline substantially.

The Operating Company may suffer credit losses.

Investments in small and middle market businesses are highly speculative and involve a high degree of risk of credit loss. These risks are likely to increase during volatile economic periods, such as the U.S. and many other economies have recently been experiencing.

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The Operating Company does not expect to replicate the Predecessor Entities' historical performance or the historical performance of other entities managed or supported by the New Mountain Capital.

The Operating Company does not expect to replicate the Predecessor Entities' historical performance or the historical performance of New Mountain Capital's investments. The Operating Company's investment returns may be substantially lower than the returns achieved by the Predecessor Entities. Although the Predecessor Entities commenced operations during otherwise unfavorable economic conditions, this was a favorable environment in which the Operating Company could conduct its business in light of its investment objectives and strategy. In addition, the Operating Company's investment strategies may differ from those of New Mountain Capital or its affiliates. The New Mountain Finance Entities, as BDCs, and NMFC as a RIC, are subject to certain regulatory restrictions that do not apply to New Mountain Capital or its affiliates.

The Operating Company is generally not permitted to invest in any portfolio company in which New Mountain Capital or any of its affiliates currently have an investment or to make any co-investments with New Mountain Capital or its affiliates, except to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act. This may adversely affect the pace at which the Operating Company makes investments. Moreover, the Operating Company may operate with a different leverage profile than the Predecessor Entities. Furthermore, none of the prior results from the Predecessor Entities were from public reporting companies, and all or a portion of these results were achieved in particularly favorable market conditions for the Operating Company's investment strategy which may never be repeated. Finally, we can offer no assurance that the Operating Company's investment team will be able to continue to implement its investment objective with the same degree of success as it has had in the past.

There is uncertainty as to the value of the Operating Company's portfolio investments because most of its investments are, and may continue to be in private companies and recorded at fair value. In addition, because NMFC is a holding company, the fair values of the Operating Company's investments are determined by the Operating Company's board of directors in accordance with the Operating Company's valuation policy.

Some of the Operating Company's investments are and may be in the form of securities or loans that are not publicly traded. The fair value of these investments may not be readily determinable. Under the 1940 Act, the Operating Company is required to carry its portfolio investments at market value or, if there is no readily available market value, at fair value as determined in good faith by its board of directors, including to reflect significant events affecting the value of its securities. The Operating Company values its investments for which it does not have readily available market quotations quarterly, or more frequently as circumstances require, at fair value as determined in good faith by its board of directors in accordance with its valuation policy, which is at all times consistent with GAAP.

The Operating Company's board of directors utilizes the services of one or more independent third-party valuation firms to aid it in determining the fair value with respect to its material unquoted assets in accordance with its valuation policy. The inputs into the determination of fair value of these investments may require significant management judgment or estimation. Even if observable market data is available, such information may be the result of consensus pricing information or broker quotes, which include a disclaimer that the broker would not be held to such a price in an actual transaction. The non-binding nature of consensus pricing and/or quotes accompanied by disclaimers materially reduces the reliability of such information.

The types of factors that the board of directors takes into account in determining the fair value of its investments generally include, as appropriate: available market data, including relevant and

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applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and multiples, security covenants, call protection provisions, information rights, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments, its earnings and discounted cash flows and the markets in which it does business, comparisons of financial ratios of peer companies that are public, comparable merger and acquisition transactions and the principal market and enterprise values. Since these valuations, and particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate over short periods of time and may be based on estimates, the Operating Company's determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used if a ready market for these securities existed.

Due to this uncertainty, the Operating Company's fair value determinations may cause its net asset value and, consequently, NMFC's net asset value, on any given date, to materially understate or overstate the value that the Operating Company may ultimately realize upon the sale of one or more of our investments. In addition, investors purchasing NMFC's common stock based on an overstated net asset value would pay a higher price than the realizable value of our investments might warrant. Since NMFC is a holding company and its only business and sole asset is its ownership of units of the Operating Company, NMFC's net asset value is based on the Operating Company's valuation and its percentage interest in the Operating Company.

Although the Operating Company's current board of directors is comprised of the same individuals as NMFC's board of directors, there can be no assurances that the Operating Company's board composition will remain the same as NMFC. As a result, the value of your investment in NMFC could be similarly understated or overstated based on the Operating Company's fair value determinations. However, in the event that NMFC's board of directors believes that a different fair value for the Operating Company's investments is appropriate, NMFC's board of directors may discuss the differences in the valuations with the Operating Company's board of directors for the purposes of resolving the differences in valuation. The valuation procedures of NMFC are substantially similar to those utilized by the Operating Company described above.

The Operating Company may adjust quarterly the valuation of its portfolio to reflect its board of directors' determination of the fair value of each investment in its portfolio. Any changes in fair value are recorded in the Operating Company's statement of operations as net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

The Operating Company's ability to achieve its investment objective depends on key investment personnel of the Investment Adviser. If the Investment Adviser were to lose any of its key investment personnel, the Operating Company's ability to achieve its investment objective could be significantly harmed.

The Operating Company depends on the investment judgment, skill and relationships of the investment professionals of the Investment Adviser, particularly Steven B. Klinsky and Robert Hamwee, as well as other key personnel to identify, evaluate, negotiate, structure, execute, monitor and service its investments. The Investment Adviser, as an affiliate of New Mountain Capital, is supported by New Mountain Capital's team, which as of September 30, 2013 consisted of approximately 100 staff members of New Mountain Capital and its affiliates to fulfill its obligations to the Operating Company under the Investment Management Agreement. The Investment Adviser may also depend upon New Mountain Capital to obtain access to investment opportunities originated by the professionals of New Mountain Capital and its affiliates. The Operating Company's future success depends to a significant extent on the continued service and coordination of the key investment personnel of the Investment Adviser. The departure of any of these individuals could have a material adverse effect on the Operating Company's ability to achieve its investment objective.

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The Investment Committee, which provides oversight over the Operating Company's investment activities, is provided by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Committee currently consists of five members. The loss of any member of the Investment Committee or of other senior professionals of the Investment Adviser and its affiliates without suitable replacement could limit the Operating Company's ability to achieve its investment objective and operate as we anticipate. This could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operation and cash flows. To achieve the Operating Company's investment objective, the Investment Adviser may hire, train, supervise and manage new investment professionals to participate in its investment selection and monitoring process. If the Investment Adviser is unable to find investment professionals or do so in a timely manner, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

The Investment Adviser has limited experience managing a BDC or a RIC, which could adversely affect our business.

Other than the New Mountain Finance Entities, the Investment Adviser has not previously managed a BDC or a RIC. The 1940 Act and the Code impose numerous constraints on the operations of BDCs and RICs that do not apply to the other investment vehicles previously managed by the investment professionals of the Investment Adviser. For example, under the 1940 Act, BDCs are required to invest at least 70.0% of their total assets primarily in securities of qualifying U.S. private or thinly traded companies, cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and other high quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. Moreover, qualification for taxation as a RIC under subchapter M of the Code requires satisfaction of source-of-income, asset diversification and annual distribution requirements. NMFC has no assets other than its ownership of units of the Operating Company and has no material long-term liabilities. As a result, NMFC looks to the Operating Company's assets and income for purposes of satisfying the requirements under the 1940 Act applicable to BDCs and the requirements under the Code applicable to RICs. The failure to comply with these provisions in a timely manner could prevent NMFC and the Operating Company from qualifying as BDCs or NMFC from qualifying as a RIC and could force us to pay unexpected taxes and penalties, which would have a material adverse effect on our performance. The Investment Adviser's lack of experience in managing a portfolio of assets under the constraints applicable to BDCs and RICs may hinder its ability to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities and, as a result, achieve the Operating Company's investment objective. If the Operating Company fails to maintain its status as a BDC or operate in a manner consistent with NMFC's status as a RIC, its operating flexibility could be significantly reduced and NMFC may be unable to maintain its status as a BDC or RIC.

The Operating Company operates in a highly competitive market for investment opportunities and may not be able to compete effectively.

The Operating Company competes for investments with other BDCs and investment funds (including private equity and hedge funds), as well as traditional financial services companies such as commercial banks and other sources of funding. Many of its competitors are substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than it does. For example, some competitors may have a lower cost of capital and access to funding sources that are not available to the Operating Company. In addition, some of the Operating Company's competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments than the Operating Company has. Furthermore, many of the Operating Company's competitors have greater experience operating under, or are not subject to, the regulatory restrictions that the 1940 Act imposes on the New Mountain Finance Entities as BDCs or the source-of-income, asset diversification and distribution requirements that NMFC must satisfy to obtain and maintain its RIC status. These characteristics could allow the Operating Company's competitors to consider a wider

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variety of investments, establish more relationships and offer better pricing and more flexible structuring than the Operating Company is able to do. There are a number of new BDCs that have recently completed their initial public offerings or that have filed registration statements with the SEC, which could create increased competition for investment opportunities.

The Operating Company may lose investment opportunities if it does not match its competitors' pricing, terms and structure. With respect to the investments the Operating Company makes, it does not seek to compete based primarily on the interest rates it may offer, and we believe that some of the Operating Company's competitors may make loans with interest rates that may be lower than the rates it offers. In the secondary market for acquiring existing loans, we expect the Operating Company to compete generally on the basis of pricing terms. If the Operating Company matches its competitors' pricing, terms and structure, it may experience decreased net interest income, lower yields and increased risk of credit loss. If the Operating Company is forced to match its competitors' pricing, terms and structure, it may not be able to achieve acceptable returns on its investments or may bear substantial risk of capital loss. Part of the Operating Company's competitive advantage stems from the fact that we believe the market for middle market lending is underserved by traditional bank lenders and other financial sources. A significant increase in the number and/or the size of the Operating Company's competitors in this target market could force it to accept less attractive investment terms. The Operating Company may also compete for investment opportunities with accounts managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates. Although the Investment Adviser allocates opportunities in accordance with its policies and procedures, allocations to such other accounts reduces the amount and frequency of opportunities available to the Operating Company and may not be in the best interests of the Operating Company and, consequently, NMFC's stockholders. Moreover, the performance of investment opportunities is not known at the time of allocation. If the Operating Company is not able to compete effectively, its business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected, thus affecting the business, financial condition and results of operations of NMFC. Because of this competition, there can be no assurance that the Operating Company will be able to identify and take advantage of attractive investment opportunities that it identifies or that it will be able to fully invest its available capital.

Our business, results of operations and financial condition depends on the Operating Company's ability to manage future growth effectively.

The Operating Company's ability to achieve its investment objective and to grow depends on the Investment Adviser's ability to identify, invest in and monitor companies that meet the Operating Company's investment criteria. Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis is largely a function of the Investment Adviser's structuring of the investment process, its ability to provide competent, attentive and efficient services to the Operating Company and its ability to access financing on acceptable terms. The Investment Adviser has substantial responsibilities under the Investment Management Agreement and may also be called upon to provide managerial assistance to the Operating Company's portfolio companies. These demands on the time of the Investment Adviser and its investment professionals may distract them or slow the Operating Company's rate of investment. In order to grow, the Operating Company and the Investment Adviser may need to retain, train, supervise and manage new investment professionals. However, these investment professionals may not be able to contribute effectively to the work of the Investment Adviser. If the Operating Company is unable to manage its future growth effectively, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

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The incentive fee may induce the Investment Adviser to make speculative investments.

The incentive fee payable to the Investment Adviser may create an incentive for the Investment Adviser to pursue investments that are risky or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of such compensation arrangement, which could result in higher investment losses, particularly during cyclical economic downturns. The incentive fee payable to the Investment Adviser is calculated based on a percentage of the Operating Company's return on investment capital. This may encourage the Investment Adviser to use leverage to increase the return on the Operating Company's investments. In addition, because the base management fee is payable based upon the Operating Company's gross assets, which includes any borrowings for investment purposes, but excludes cash and cash equivalents for investment purposes, the Investment Adviser may be further encouraged to use leverage to make additional investments. Under certain circumstances, the use of leverage may increase the likelihood of default, which would impair the value of NMFC's units of the Operating Company and, consequently, the value of NMFC's common stock.

The incentive fee payable to the Investment Adviser also may create an incentive for the Investment Adviser to invest in instruments that have a deferred interest feature, even if such deferred payments would not provide the cash necessary for the Operating Company to make distributions to NMFC that enable NMFC to pay current distributions to its stockholders. Under these investments, the Operating Company would accrue the interest over the life of the investment but would not receive the cash income from the investment until the end of the investment's term, if at all. The Operating Company's net investment income used to calculate the income portion of the incentive fee, however, includes accrued interest. Thus, a portion of the incentive fee would be based on income that the Operating Company has not yet received in cash and may never receive in cash if the portfolio company is unable to satisfy such interest payment obligations. In addition, the "catch-up" portion of the incentive fee may encourage the Investment Adviser to accelerate or defer interest payable by portfolio companies from one calendar quarter to another, potentially resulting in fluctuations in timing and dividend amounts.

The Operating Company may be obligated to pay the Investment Adviser incentive compensation even if the Operating Company incurs a loss.

The Investment Adviser is entitled to incentive compensation for each fiscal quarter in an amount equal to a percentage of the excess of the Operating Company's Pre-Incentive Fee Adjusted Net Investment Income for that quarter (before deducting incentive compensation) above a performance threshold for that quarter. Accordingly, since the performance threshold is based on a percentage of the Operating Company's net asset value, decreases in the Operating Company's net asset value makes it easier to achieve the performance threshold. The Operating Company's Pre-Incentive Fee Adjusted Net Investment Income for incentive compensation purposes excludes realized and unrealized capital losses or depreciation that it may incur in the fiscal quarter, even if such capital losses or depreciation result in a net loss on the Operating Company's statement of operations for that quarter. Thus, the Operating Company may be required to pay the Investment Adviser incentive compensation for a fiscal quarter even if there is a decline in the value of its portfolio or the Operating Company incurs a net loss for that quarter.

The Operating Company borrows money, which could magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested in us and increase the risk of investing in us.

The Operating Company borrows money as part of its business plan. Borrowings, also known as leverage, magnify the potential for gain or loss on invested equity capital and may, consequently, increase the risk of investing in us. We expect the Operating Company to continue to use leverage to finance its investments. The Operating Company is generally prohibited from or subject to

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limitations on incurring additional indebtedness, including issuing any debt securities, under the Credit Facilities, without obtaining any necessary approvals, consents, amendments or waivers from the lenders thereto. Lenders under the Holdings Credit Facility have fixed dollar claims on the Operating Company's assets that are superior to NMFC's claim as a member of the Operating Company, and, consequently, superior to claims of NMFC's common stockholders. If the value of the Operating Company's assets decreases, leveraging would cause its net asset value and, consequently, NMFC's net asset value, to decline more sharply than it otherwise would have had it not leveraged. Similarly, any decrease in the Operating Company's income would cause its net income and consequently NMFC's net income to decline more sharply than they would have had it not borrowed. Such a decline could adversely affect the Operating Company's ability to make distributions to its members and, consequently, NMFC's ability to make common stock dividend payments. In addition, because the Operating Company's investments may be illiquid, the Operating Company may be unable to dispose of them or to do so at a favorable price in the event it needs to do so if it is unable to refinance any indebtedness upon maturity and, as a result, we may suffer losses. Leverage is generally considered a speculative investment technique.

The Operating Company's ability to service any debt that it incurs depends largely on its financial performance and is subject to prevailing economic conditions and competitive pressures. Moreover, as the Investment Adviser's management fee is payable to the Investment Adviser based on gross assets, including those assets acquired through the use of leverage, the Investment Adviser may have a financial incentive to incur leverage which may not be consistent with NMFC's interests and the interests of its common stockholders. In addition, holders of NMFC's common stock will, indirectly, bear the burden of any increase in the Operating Company's expenses as a result of leverage, including any increase in the management fee payable to the Investment Adviser.

At September 30, 2013, the Operating Company had \$159.1 million and \$215.0 million of indebtedness outstanding under the Holdings Credit Facility and the SLF Credit Facility, respectively. The Holdings Credit Facility had a weighted average interest rate of 2.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and the SLF Credit Facility had a weighted average interest rate of 2.3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Illustration. The following table illustrates the effect of leverage on returns from an investment in NMFC's common stock assuming various annual returns, net of expenses and adjusted for unsettled securities purchased. The calculations in the table below are hypothetical. Actual returns may be higher or lower than those appearing below and will also depend on NMFC's ownership interest in the Operating Company. The calculation assumes (i) \$1,077.3 million in total assets, (ii) a weighted average cost of borrowings of 2.5%, (iii) \$374.1 million in debt outstanding and (iv) \$641.8 million in members' capital.

**Assumed Return on the Operating Company's Portfolio
(net of expenses)**

	(10.0)%	(5.0)%	0%	5.0%	10.0%
Corresponding return to stockholder	(18.3)%	(9.9)%	(1.5)%	6.9%	15.3%

We may need to raise additional capital to grow.

All of the proceeds from the IPO, the Concurrent Private Placement and subsequent offerings by NMFC were contributed to the Operating Company in exchange for NMFC's acquisition of units of the Operating Company. The Operating Company may need additional capital to fund new investments and grow its portfolio of investments once the Operating Company has fully invested these proceeds. NMFC may access the capital markets periodically to issue equity securities, which

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would in turn increase the equity capital available to the Operating Company. In addition, the Operating Company may also issue debt securities or borrow from financial institutions in order to obtain such additional capital. However, the Operating Company is generally prohibited from or subject to limitations on incurring additional indebtedness, including issuing any debt securities, under the Credit Facilities, without obtaining any necessary approvals, consents, amendments or waivers from the lenders thereto. NMFC is not permitted to own any securities other than its units of the Operating Company. As a result, any proceeds from offerings by NMFC of equity securities would be contributed to the Operating Company. Unfavorable economic conditions could increase NMFC and the Operating Company's funding costs and limit their access to the capital markets or result in a decision by lenders not to extend credit to the Operating Company. A reduction in the availability of new capital could limit the Operating Company's ability to grow. In addition, NMFC is required to distribute at least 90.0% of its net ordinary income and net short-term capital gains in excess of net long-term capital losses, if any, to its stockholders to obtain and maintain its RIC status. As a result, these earnings will not be available to fund new investments. If NMFC or the Operating Company is unable to access the capital markets or if the Operating Company is unable to borrow from financial institutions, the Operating Company may be unable to grow its business and execute its business strategy fully and our earnings, if any, could decrease which could have an adverse effect on the value of NMFC's securities.

If the Operating Company is unable to comply with the covenants or restrictions in the Credit Facilities, our business could be materially adversely affected.

The Credit Facilities include covenants that, subject to exceptions, among other things, generally prohibit the Operating Company from or subject it to limitations on incurring additional indebtedness (including issuing any debt securities) and restrict the Operating Company's ability to pay distributions, create liens on assets, make investments, make acquisitions and engage in mergers or consolidations. The Holdings Credit Facility also includes a change of control provision that accelerates the indebtedness under the facility in the event of certain change of control events. Complying with these restrictions may prevent the Operating Company from taking actions that we believe would help it to grow its business or are otherwise consistent with its investment objective. These restrictions could also limit the Operating Company's ability to plan for or react to market conditions or meet extraordinary capital needs or otherwise restrict corporate activities. For example, these restrictions, as currently in effect, would prohibit the Operating Company from or subject it to limitations on incurring any additional indebtedness, which would include issuing any debt securities. However, in the event that the Operating Company obtains any necessary approvals, consents, amendments or waivers from the lenders under the Credit Facilities to permit the issuance of debt securities, the Operating Company may issue debt securities in one or more series as described under "Description of the Operating Company's Debt Securities" herein. In addition, the restrictions contained in the Credit Facilities could limit the Operating Company's ability to make distributions to its members in certain circumstances which could result in NMFC failing to qualify as a RIC and thus becoming subject to corporate-level federal income tax (and any applicable state and local taxes).

The breach of any of the covenants or restrictions unless cured within the applicable grace period, would result in a default under the applicable Credit Facilities that would permit the lenders thereunder to declare all amounts outstanding to be due and payable. In such an event, the Operating Company may not have sufficient assets to repay such indebtedness. As a result, any default could have serious consequences to our financial condition. An event of default or an acceleration under the Credit Facilities could also cause a cross-default or cross-acceleration of another debt instrument or contractual obligation, which would adversely impact the Operating Company's liquidity. An event of default under the Holdings Credit Facility will trigger an event of default under the SLF Credit Facility. The Operating Company may not be granted waivers or

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amendments to the Credit Facilities if for any reason it is unable to comply with it, and the Operating Company may not be able to refinance the Credit Facilities on terms acceptable to it, or at all.

The Operating Company may enter into reverse repurchase agreements, which are another form of leverage.

Subject to limitations in the Credit Facilities, the Operating Company may enter into reverse repurchase agreements as part of its management of its investment portfolio. Under a reverse repurchase agreement, the Operating Company will effectively pledge its assets as collateral to secure a short-term loan. Generally, the other party to the agreement makes the loan in an amount equal to a percentage of the fair value of the pledged collateral. At the maturity of the reverse repurchase agreement, the payor will be required to repay the loan and correspondingly receive back its collateral. While used as collateral, the assets continue to pay principal and interest which are for the benefit of the Operating Company.

The Operating Company's use of reverse repurchase agreements, if any, involves many of the same risks involved in its use of leverage, as the proceeds from reverse repurchase agreements generally will be invested in additional securities. There is a risk that the market value of the securities acquired with the proceeds of a reverse repurchase agreement may decline below the price of the securities that it has sold but remains obligated to repurchase under the reverse repurchase agreement. In addition, there is a risk that the market value of the securities effectively pledged by the Operating Company may decline. If a buyer of securities under a reverse repurchase agreement were to file for bankruptcy or experience insolvency, the Operating Company may be adversely affected. Also, in entering into reverse repurchase agreements, the Operating Company would bear the risk of loss to the extent that the proceeds of such agreements at settlement are more than the fair value of the underlying securities being pledged. In addition, due to the interest costs associated with reverse repurchase agreements transactions, the Operating Company's net asset value would decline, and, in some cases, we may be worse off than if such instruments had not been used.

If the Operating Company is unable to obtain additional debt financing, or if its borrowing capacity is materially reduced, our business could be materially adversely affected.

The Operating Company may want to obtain additional debt financing, or need to do so upon maturity of its Credit Facilities, in order to obtain funds which may be made available for investments. The Operating Company is generally prohibited from or subject to limitations on incurring additional indebtedness, including issuing any debt securities, under the Credit Facilities without obtaining any necessary approvals, consents, amendments or waivers from the lenders thereto. The revolving period under the Holdings Credit Facility ends on October 27, 2014, and the Holdings Credit Facility matures on October 27, 2016. The revolving period under the SLF Credit Facility ends on October 27, 2014, and the SLF Credit Facility matures on October 27, 2016. If the Operating Company is unable to increase, renew or replace any such facility and enter into a new debt financing facility or other debt financing on commercially reasonable terms, its liquidity may be reduced significantly. Further, if the Operating Company is unable to obtain any necessary approvals, consents, amendments, or waivers from the lenders under the Credit Facilities to permit the issuance of debt securities, the Operating Company would be prohibited from or subject to limitations on incurring any additional indebtedness, including issuing the debt securities described herein. In addition, if the Operating Company is unable to repay amounts outstanding under any such facilities and is declared in default or is unable to renew or refinance these facilities, it may not be able to make new investments or operate our business in the normal course. These situations may arise due to circumstances that the Operating Company may be unable to control, such as

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lack of access to the credit markets, a severe decline in the value of the U.S. dollar, a further economic downturn or an operational problem that affects third parties or the Operating Company, and could materially damage the Operating Company's business operations and, consequently, NMFC's business, results of operations and financial condition.

A renewed disruption in the capital markets and the credit markets could adversely affect our business.

As BDCs, NMFC and the Operating Company must maintain its ability to raise additional capital for investment purposes. If NMFC or the Operating Company is unable to access the capital markets or credit markets, the Operating Company may be