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Oxford Lane Capital Corp.

\$25,000,000
Common Stock

We are a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company that has registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the 1940 Act. Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio's total return. We have implemented our investment objective by purchasing portions of equity and junior debt tranches of collateralized loan obligation (CLO) vehicles. Structurally, CLO vehicles are entities formed to originate and manage a portfolio of loans. The loans within the CLO vehicle are limited to loans which meet established credit criteria and are subject to concentration limitations in order to limit a CLO vehicle's exposure to a single credit.

We have entered into an equity distribution agreement, dated March 7, 2016, with Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. relating to the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

The equity distribution agreement provides that we may offer and sell shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$25,000,000 from time to time through Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., as our sales agent. Sales of our common stock, if any, under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be made in negotiated transactions or transactions that are deemed to be at the market, as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including sales made directly on the NASDAQ Global Select Market or similar securities exchange or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange, at prices related to the prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. will receive a commission from us up to 2.0% of the gross sales price of any shares of our common stock sold through Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. under the equity distribution agreement. Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. is not required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of common stock, but will use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its sales and trading practices to sell the shares of our common stock offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. See Plan of Distribution beginning on page S-21 of this prospectus supplement. The sales price per share of our common stock offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, less Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.'s commission, will not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time of such sale.

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol OXLC. On March 4, 2016, the last reported sales price on the NASDAQ Global Select Market for our common stock was \$9.01 per share. We are

required to determine the net asset value per share of our common stock on a quarterly basis. Our net asset value per share of our common stock as of December 31, 2015 was \$8.13.

Please read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before investing in our securities and keep each for future reference. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain important information about us that a prospective investor ought to know before investing in our securities. We are required to file annual, semi-annual and quarterly reports, proxy statements and other information about us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. This information is available free of charge by contacting us by mail at 8 Sound Shore Drive, Suite 255, Greenwich, CT 06830, by telephone at (203) 983-5275 or on our website at <http://www.oxfordlanecapital.com>. The SEC also maintains a website at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains such information. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider that information to be part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

An investment in our common stock is subject to risks and involves a heightened risk of total loss of investment. Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value. In addition, the CLO securities in which we invest are subject to special risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-17 of this prospectus supplement and page 18 of the accompanying prospectus to read about factors you should consider, including the risk of leverage, before investing in our common stock.

Neither the SEC 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.

Ladenburg Thalmann

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form N-2 (File Nos. 333-205405 and 811-22432) utilizing a shelf registration process relating to the securities described in this prospectus supplement, which registration statement was declared effective on November 24, 2015. This document is in two parts. The first part is the prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of this offering of common stock and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information and disclosure. To the extent the information contained in this prospectus supplement differs from or is additional to the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement. Please carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus together with the additional information described under the headings Available Information and Risk Factors included in the accompanying prospectus, respectively, before investing in our common stock.

Neither we nor Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. has authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus 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 or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of the dates on their respective covers. Our financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. To the extent required by law, we will amend or supplement the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to reflect any material changes subsequent to the date of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and prior to the completion of any offering pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

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SUMMARY

The following summary contains basic information about the offering of shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of the offering of shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus supplement, we encourage you to read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and the documents to which we have referred in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Together, these documents describe the specific terms of the shares we are offering. You should carefully read the sections entitled Risk Factors and Business and our financial statements included in the accompanying prospectus.

Except where the context requires otherwise, the terms Oxford Lane Capital, the Company, the Fund, we, us and our refer to Oxford Lane Capital Corp.; Oxford Lane Management and investment adviser refer to Oxford Lane Management, LLC; BDC Partners and administrator refer to BDC Partners, LLC; and Alaric and Alaric Compliance Services refer to Alaric Compliance Services, LLC.

Overview

We are a non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act. Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio's risk-adjusted total return.

We have implemented our investment objective by purchasing portions of equity and junior debt tranches of collateralized loan obligation (CLO) vehicles. Substantially all of the CLO vehicles in which we may invest would be deemed to be investment companies under the 1940 Act but for the exceptions set forth in section 3(c)(1) or section 3(c)(7). Structurally, CLO vehicles are entities formed to originate and manage a portfolio of loans. The loans within the CLO vehicle are limited to loans which meet established credit criteria and are subject to concentration limitations in order to limit a CLO vehicle's exposure to a single credit. A CLO vehicle is formed by raising various classes or tranches of debt (with the most senior tranches being rated AAA to the most junior tranches typically being rated BB or B) and equity. The CLO vehicles which we focus on are collateralized primarily by senior secured loans made to companies whose debt is unrated or is rated below investment grade (Senior Loans), and generally have very little or no exposure to real estate, mortgage loans or to pools of consumer-based debt, such as credit card receivables or auto loans. Below investment grade securities are often referred to as junk. Our investment strategy also includes warehouse facilities, which are financing structures intended to aggregate loans that may be used to form the basis of a CLO vehicle. We may also invest, on an opportunistic basis, in other corporate credits of a variety of types. We expect that each of our investments will range in size from \$5 million to \$50 million, although the investment size may vary consistent with the size of our overall portfolio.

Oxford Lane Management manages our investments and its affiliate arranges for the performance of the administrative services necessary for us to operate.

Distributions

In order to qualify as a regulated investment company, or RIC, and to eliminate our liability for corporate-level U.S. federal income tax on the income we distribute to our stockholders, we are required, under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, to distribute to our stockholders on an annual basis at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses,

if any.

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The following table reflects the cash distributions, including dividends, distributions reinvested and returns of capital, if any, per share that we have declared on our common stock to date:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount ⁽¹⁾
Fiscal 2017			
December 11, 2015	June 16, 2016	June 30, 2016	\$0.60
Total (2017)			0.60
Fiscal 2016			
December 11, 2015	March 16, 2016	March 30, 2016	0.60
November 4, 2015	December 16, 2015	December 31, 2015	0.60
July 29, 2015	September 30, 2015	October 30, 2015	0.60
May 13, 2015	June 16, 2015	June 30, 2015	0.60
Total (2016)			2.40
Fiscal 2015			
January 28, 2015	March 17, 2015	March 31, 2015	0.60
November 5, 2014	December 17, 2014	December 31, 2014	0.60
August 1, 2014	September 16, 2014	September 30, 2014	0.60
May 19, 2014	June 16, 2014	June 30, 2014	0.60
Total (2015)			2.40
Fiscal 2014			
November 26, 2013	March 17, 2014	March 31, 2014	0.60
November 26, 2013	March 17, 2014	March 31, 2014	0.10 ⁽²⁾
November 6, 2013	December 17, 2013	December 31, 2013	0.55
July 24, 2013	September 16, 2013	September 30, 2013	0.55
May 22, 2013	June 14, 2013	June 28, 2013	0.55
Total (2014)			2.35
Fiscal 2013			
February 6, 2013	March 15, 2013	March 29, 2013	0.55
October 23, 2012	December 17, 2012	December 31, 2012	0.55
July 31, 2012	September 14, 2012	September 28, 2012	0.55
May 22, 2012	June 15, 2012	June 29, 2012	0.55
Total (2013)			2.20
Fiscal 2012			
January 25, 2012	March 16, 2012	March 30, 2012	0.55
October 24, 2011	December 16, 2011	December 30, 2011	0.50
July 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 30, 2011	0.50
April 6, 2011	June 16, 2011	June 30, 2011	0.50
Total (2012)			2.05
Fiscal 2011			
March 7, 2011	March 21, 2011	April 1, 2011	0.25
Total (2011)			0.25
			\$12.25

All of our cash distributions to date were funded from net investment income, except approximately \$0.07 per share, \$0.38 per share and \$0.14 per share of the distributions paid on June 29, 2012, June 28, 2013, and June 30, 2014, respectively, which were funded from long term capital gains. The tax characterization of cash distributions for the year ended March 31, 2015 will not be known until the tax return for that year is finalized.

(2) Represents a special dividend for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014.

For the nine months ended December 31, 2015, we paid dividends totaling \$421,888, \$5,471,037 and \$3,698,782 on the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares, the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares and the Series

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2024 Term Preferred Shares, respectively. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, we paid \$1,344,083, \$5,286,287 and \$2,912,844 on the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares, the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares and the Series 2024 Term Preferred Shares, respectively. For fiscal year 2014, we paid \$1,344,083 and \$2,638,151 in preferred dividends on the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares and the Series 2023 Term Preferred Shares, respectively. For fiscal year 2013, we paid \$459,228 in preferred dividends on the Series 2017 Term Preferred Shares. The 2017 Term Preferred Shares were fully redeemed in July 2015.

For accounting purposes the distributions declared on our common stock for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 were in excess of the reported earnings. However, as a RIC, earnings and distributions are determined on a tax basis. Furthermore, taxable earnings are determined according to tax regulations and differ from reported income for accounting purposes. For the fiscal years ended March 31, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011, taxable earnings exceeded our distributions, and there was no tax return of capital for these years. The tax characterization of distributions for the year ended March 31, 2015 will not be known until the tax return is finalized. To the extent that taxable earnings for any fiscal year are less than the amount of the dividends paid during the year, there would be a tax return of capital to shareholders. Distributions in excess of current and accumulated taxable earnings and profits will generally not be taxable to the shareholders, because a tax return of capital represents a return of a portion of a shareholder's original investment in our common stock to the extent of a shareholder's basis in our stock. Generally, a tax return of capital will reduce an investor's basis in our stock for federal tax purposes, which will result in the shareholder recognizing additional gain (or less loss) when the stock is sold. Assuming that a shareholder holds our stock as a capital asset, any such additional gain would be a capital gain. Shareholders should not assume that the source of all distributions is from our net profits and shareholders may periodically receive the payment of a distribution consisting of a return of capital. The tax character of any distributions will be determined after the end of the fiscal year. Tax matters are very complicated and the tax consequences to an investor of an investment in our shares will depend on the facts of its particular situation. We encourage investors to consult their own tax advisors regarding the specific consequences of such an investment, including tax reporting requirements, the applicability of federal, state, local and foreign tax laws, eligibility for the benefits of any applicable tax treaty and the effect of any possible changes in the tax laws.

We have elected to be treated, and intend to continue to qualify annually, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code beginning with our 2011 taxable year. To maintain RIC tax treatment, we must, among other things, distribute at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any. In order to avoid certain U.S. federal excise taxes imposed on RICs, we currently intend to distribute during each calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of: (1) 98% of our ordinary income for the calendar year; (2) 98.2% of our capital gains in excess of capital losses for the one-year period ending on October 31 of the calendar year; and, (3) 100% of any ordinary income and net capital gains for preceding years that were not distributed during such years and on which we paid no U.S. federal income tax. In addition, although we currently intend to distribute realized net capital gains (i.e., net long term capital gains in excess of short term capital losses), if any, at least annually, we may in the future decide to retain such capital gains for investment and elect to treat such gains as deemed distributions to you. If this happens, you will be treated as if you had received an actual distribution of the capital gains we retain and reinvested the net after tax proceeds in us. In this situation, you would be eligible to claim a tax credit (or, in certain circumstances, a tax refund) equal to your allocable share of the tax we paid on the capital gains deemed distributed to you. See "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying prospectus. We can offer no assurance that we will achieve results that will permit the payment of any cash distributions and, to the extent that we issue senior securities, we will be prohibited from making distributions if doing so causes us to fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios stipulated by the 1940 Act or if distributions are limited by the terms of any of our borrowings.

We may make distributions by issuing additional shares of our common stock under our distribution reinvestment plan, unless you elect to receive your dividends and/or long-term capital gains distributions in cash. We reserve the right to purchase shares in the open market in connection with our implementation of the distribution reinvestment plan. See Distribution Reinvestment Plan in the accompanying prospectus. If you hold shares in the name of a broker or financial intermediary, you should contact the broker or financial intermediary regarding your election to receive distributions in cash. We can offer no assurance that we will achieve results that will permit the payment of any cash distributions and, if we issue senior securities, we will be prohibited from making distributions if doing so causes us to fail to maintain the asset coverage ratios stipulated by the 1940 Act or if distributions are limited by the terms of any of our borrowings.

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Distribution Policy

Oxford Lane is subject to significant and variable differences between its accounting income and its taxable income particularly as it relates to our CLO equity investments. We invest in CLO entities which generally constitute passive foreign investment companies and which are subject to complex tax rules; the calculation of taxable income attributed to a CLO equity investment can be dramatically different from the calculation of income for financial reporting purposes. Taxable income is based upon the distributable share of earnings as determined under tax regulations for each CLO equity investment, which may be consistent with the cash flows generated by those investments (although significant differences are possible), while accounting income is currently based upon an effective yield calculation.

The Fund's final taxable earnings for the nine months ending December 31, 2015 will not be known until our tax returns are filed but our experience has been that cash flows have historically represented a generally reasonable estimate of taxable earnings. While reportable GAAP earnings from our CLO equity investments for the nine months ended December 31, 2015 were approximately \$44.0 million, we received or were entitled to receive approximately \$67.6 million in distributions. In general, we currently expect our annual taxable income to be higher than our GAAP earnings on the basis of the difference between cash distributions actually received (and record date distributions to be received) and the effective yield income. Our distribution policy is based upon our estimate of our taxable net investment income, with further consideration given to our realized gains or losses, if any, on a taxable basis.

Oxford Lane Management

Our investment activities are managed by Oxford Lane Management, which is an investment adviser that has registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or the Advisers Act. Under our investment advisory agreement with Oxford Lane Management, which we refer to as our Investment Advisory Agreement, we have agreed to pay Oxford Lane Management an annual base management fee based on our gross assets, as well as an incentive fee based on our performance. See Investment Advisory Agreement in the accompanying prospectus.

We expect to benefit from the ability of our investment adviser's team to identify attractive opportunities, conduct diligence on and value prospective investments, negotiate terms where appropriate, and manage and monitor a diversified portfolio although we do not intend to operate as a diversified investment company within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Our investment adviser's senior investment team members have broad investment backgrounds, with prior experience at investment banks, commercial banks, unregistered investment funds and other financial services companies, and have collectively developed a broad network of contacts to provide us with our principal source of investment opportunities.

Our investment adviser is led by Jonathan H. Cohen, our Chief Executive Officer, and Saul B. Rosenthal, our President. Messrs. Cohen and Rosenthal are assisted by Darryl M. Monasebian, Executive Vice President, and Hari Srinivasan and Debdeep Maji, who serve as Managing Directors for Oxford Lane Management. We consider Messrs. Cohen, Rosenthal, Monasebian, Srinivasan and Maji to be Oxford Lane Management's senior investment team.

Messrs. Cohen, Rosenthal, Monasebian, Srinivasan and Maji together with the other members of Oxford Lane Management's investment team, have developed an infrastructure that we believe provides Oxford Lane Capital with a competitive advantage in locating and acquiring attractive CLO investments.

Charles M. Royce is a non-managing member of Oxford Lane Management. Mr. Royce serves as Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Managers of Royce & Associates, LLC (Royce & Associates). He also manages or co-manages ten of Royce & Associates' open- and closed-end registered funds. Mr. Royce currently serves on the

Board of Directors of The Royce Funds and TICC Capital Corp. Mr. Royce is also a non-managing member of TICC Management, LLC, the investment adviser for TICC Capital Corp. Mr. Royce, as a non-managing member of Oxford Lane Management, does not take part in the management or participate in the operations of Oxford Lane Management; however, Mr. Royce may be available from time to time to Oxford Lane Management to provide certain consulting services without compensation. Royce & Associates is a wholly owned subsidiary of Legg Mason, Inc.

In addition, we will reimburse BDC Partners, an affiliate of Oxford Lane Management, our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by BDC Partners in performing its obligations under an

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administration agreement by and among us and BDC Partners (the Administration Agreement), including rent, the fees and expenses associated with performing administrative functions, and our allocable portion of the compensation of our Chief Financial Officer and any administrative support staff, including accounting personnel. We will also pay the costs associated with the functions performed by our Chief Compliance Officer under the terms of an agreement between us and Alaric Compliance Services, a compliance consulting firm. These arrangements could create conflicts of interest that our Board of Directors must monitor.

Investment Focus

Our investment objective is to maximize our portfolio's risk-adjusted total return. Our current focus is to seek that return by investing in structured finance investments, specifically the equity and junior debt tranches of CLO vehicles, which are collateralized primarily by a diverse portfolio of Senior Loans, and which generally have very little or no exposure to real estate loans, or mortgage loans or to pools of consumer-based debt, such as credit card receivables or auto loans. Our investment strategy also includes investing in warehouse facilities, which are financing structures intended to aggregate loans that may be used to form the basis of a CLO vehicle. As of December 31, 2015, we held debt investments in three different CLO structures and income notes and subordinated notes (i.e. equity) in 34 different CLO structures. We may also invest, on an opportunistic basis, in a variety of other types of corporate credits.

The CLO investments we currently hold in our portfolio generally represent either a residual economic interest, in the case of an equity tranche, or a debt investment collateralized by a portfolio of Senior Loans. The value of our CLO investments generally depend on both the quality and nature of the underlying portfolio it references and also on the specific structural characteristics of the CLO itself.

CLO Structural Elements

Structurally, CLO vehicles are entities formed to originate and manage a portfolio of loans. The loans within the CLO vehicle are generally limited to loans which meet established credit criteria and are subject to concentration limitations in order to limit a CLO vehicle's exposure to a single credit.

A CLO vehicle is formed by raising multiple tranches of debt (with the most senior tranches being rated AAA to the most junior tranches typically being rated BB or B) and equity. As interest payments are received the CLO vehicle makes contractual interest payments to each tranche of debt based on their seniority. If there are funds remaining after each tranche of debt receives its contractual interest rate and the CLO vehicle meets or exceeds required collateral coverage levels (or other similar covenants) the remaining funds may be paid to the equity tranche. The contractual provisions setting out this order of payments are set out in detail in the CLO vehicle's indenture. These provisions are referred to as the priority of payments or the waterfall and determine any other obligations that may be required to be paid ahead of payments of interest and principal on the securities issued by a CLO vehicle. In addition, for payments to be made to each tranche, after the most senior tranche of debt, there are various tests which must be complied with, which are different for each CLO vehicle.

CLO indentures typically provide for adjustments to the priority of payments in the event that certain cashflow or collateral requirements are not maintained. The collateral quality tests that may divert cashflows in the priority of payments are predominantly determined by reference to the par values of the underlying loans, rather than their current market values. Accordingly, we believe that CLO equity and junior debt investments allow investors to gain diversified exposure to the Senior Loan market on a levered basis without being structurally subject to mark-to-market price fluctuations of the underlying loans. As such, although the current valuations of CLO equity and junior debt

tranches are expected to fluctuate based on price changes within the loan market, interest rate movements and other macroeconomic factors, those tranches will generally be expected to continue to receive distributions from the CLO vehicle periodically so long as the underlying portfolio does not suffer defaults, realized losses or other covenant violations sufficient to trigger changes in the waterfall allocations. We therefore believe that an investment portfolio consisting of CLO equity and junior debt investments of this type has the ability to provide attractive risk-adjusted rates of return.

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The diagram below is for illustrative purposes only. The CLO structure highlighted below is only a hypothetical structure and structures among CLO vehicles in which we may invest may vary substantially from the hypothetical example set forth below.

The Syndicated Senior Loan Market

We believe that while the syndicated leveraged corporate loan market is relatively large, with Standard and Poor's estimating the total par value outstanding at approximately \$864 billion as of February 5, 2016, this market remains largely inaccessible to a significant portion of investors that are not lenders or approved institutions. The CLO market permits wider exposure to syndicated Senior Loans, but this market is almost exclusively private and predominantly institutional.

The Senior Loan market is characterized by various factors, including:

Seniority. A Senior Loan typically ranks senior in a company's capital structure to all other forms of debt or equity. As such, that loan generally maintains the senior-most claim on the company's assets and cash flow, and, we believe should, all other things being equal, offer the prospect of a relatively more stable and lower-risk holding.

Floating rate instruments. A Senior Loan typically contains a floating versus a fixed interest rate, which we believe provides some measure of protection against the risk of interest rate fluctuation.

Frequency of interest payments. A Senior Loan typically provides for scheduled interest payments no less frequently than quarterly.

In the current environment, we believe the above attributes seem particularly desirable.

Investment Opportunity

We believe that the market for CLO-related assets continues to provide us with the opportunity to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns within our strategy. We believe that a number of factors support this conclusion, including:

We believe that the long-term and relatively low-cost capital that many CLO vehicles have secured, compared with current asset spreads and associated LIBOR floors have created opportunities to purchase certain CLO equity and junior debt instruments that may produce attractive risk-adjusted returns. Although the senior secured corporate loan market has been volatile recently due in part to the oil and gas sector, this volatility may be beneficial as it has allowed some collateral managers of CLO vehicles to invest in loans at greater discounts to par and at wider loan spreads. Additionally, given that the CLO vehicles we invest in are not mark-to-market vehicles, this term financing is extremely beneficial in periods of market volatility that we are currently experiencing. We believe that CLO equity and junior debt instruments continue to offer attractive risk-adjusted returns.

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We believe that the market to invest in warehouse facilities, which are short and medium-term facilities that are generally expected to form the basis of CLO vehicles (which we may participate in or be repaid by), has created additional attractive risk-adjusted investment opportunities for us.

We believe that investing in CLO securities, and CLO equity instruments and warehouse facilities in particular, requires a high level of research and analysis. We believe that transactions in this market can only be adequately conducted by knowledgeable market participants since this market and these structures tend to be highly specialized. We believe that the U.S. risk retention requirements imposed for CLO managers under Section 941 of the Dodd-Frank Act has created some uncertainty in the market in regards to future CLO issuances. Given that certain CLO managers may require capital provider partners to satisfy this requirement when it becomes effective on December 24, 2016, we believe that this may create additional opportunities (and additional risks) for us in the future.

We believe that the U.S. CLO market is relatively large with an outstanding deal balance of approximately \$436 billion.⁽¹⁾ We estimate that the amount outstanding of the junior-most debt tranches (specifically the tranches originally rated BB and B) and equity tranches together are approximately \$70 billion.

We continue to review a large number of CLO investment vehicles in the current market environment, and we expect that the majority of our portfolio holdings, over the near to intermediate-term, will continue to be focused on CLO debt and equity securities, with the more significant focus over the near-term on CLO equity securities and warehouse facilities.

Summary Risk Factors

The value of our 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 us. Investing in Oxford Lane Capital involves other risks, including the following:

We have a limited operating history as a closed-end investment company;

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

We are dependent upon Oxford Lane Management's key personnel for our future success;

Our incentive fee structure and the formula for calculating the fee payable to Oxford Lane Management may incentivize Oxford Lane Management to pursue speculative investments, use leverage when it may be unwise to do so, or refrain from de-levering when it would otherwise be appropriate to do so;

A general increase in interest rates may have the effect of making it easier for our investment adviser to receive incentive fees, without necessarily resulting in an increase in our net earnings;

Our portfolio of investments may lack diversification among CLO vehicles which may subject us to a risk of significant loss if one or more of these CLO vehicles experiences a high level of defaults on its underlying Senior Loans;

The Senior Loan portfolios of the CLO vehicles in which we will invest may be concentrated in a limited number of industries, which may subject those vehicles, and in turn us, to a risk of significant loss if there is a downturn in a particular industry in which a number of our CLO vehicles' investments are concentrated;

The CLO equity market has recently experienced a significant downturn, which has negatively impacted our net asset value per share and, if those reduced values are realized over time, you may not receive dividends or our dividends may decline or may not grow over time.

1. As of January 8, 2016. Source: Wells Fargo Securities, LLC.

2. Oxford Lane has estimated this amount based on Guggenheim CLO new issue summary, as of December 22, 2015.

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The application of the risk retention rules to CLOs may have broader effects on the CLO and loan markets in general, potentially resulting in fewer or less desirable investment opportunities for the Company.

Our financial results may be affected adversely if one or more of our significant equity or junior debt investments in such CLO vehicles defaults on its payment obligations or fails to perform as we expect;

Investing in CLO vehicles, Senior Loans and other high-yield corporate credits involves a variety of risks, any of which may adversely impact our performance;

Our equity investment distributions from CLO vehicles will likely be materially reduced if three month LIBOR increases;

A disruption or downturn in the capital markets and the credit markets could impair our ability to raise capital and negatively affect our business;

Regulations governing our operation as a registered closed-end management investment company affect our ability to raise additional capital and the way in which we do so. The raising of debt capital may expose us to risks, including the typical risks associated with leverage;

We may borrow money and/or issue preferred stock to leverage our portfolio, which would magnify the potential for gain or loss on amounts invested and will increase the risk of investing in us;

We may experience fluctuations in our quarterly results;

We will be subject to corporate-level U.S. federal income tax if we are unable to maintain our RIC status under Subchapter M of the Code;

Common shares of closed-end management investment companies, including Oxford Lane Capital, have in the past frequently traded at discounts to their net asset values, and we cannot assure you that the market price of shares of our common stock will not decline below our net asset value per share;

Our common stock price may be volatile and may decrease substantially;

There is a risk that our stockholders may not receive distributions or that our distributions may not grow or may be reduced over time, including on a per share basis as a result of the dilutive effects of this offering;

Any amounts that we use to service our indebtedness or preferred dividends, or that we use to redeem our preferred stock, will not be available for distributions to our common stockholders;

Our common stock is subject to a risk of subordination relative to holders of our debt instruments and holders of our preferred stock; and

Holders of our preferred stock have the right to elect members of our Board of Directors and class voting rights on certain matters.

See Risk Factors beginning on page 18 of the accompanying prospectus. In addition, the other information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contains a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock.

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Operating and Regulatory Structure

Oxford Lane Capital is a Maryland corporation that is a non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act. As a registered closed-end fund, we are required to meet regulatory tests. See Regulation as a Registered Closed-End Investment Company in the accompanying prospectus. We may also borrow funds to make investments. In addition, we have elected to be treated for federal income tax purposes, and intend to qualify annually, as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. See Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations in the accompanying prospectus.

Our investment activities are managed by Oxford Lane Management and supervised by our Board of Directors. Oxford Lane Management is an investment adviser that is registered under the Advisers Act. Under our Investment Advisory Agreement, we have agreed to pay Oxford Lane Management an annual base management fee based on our gross assets as well as an incentive fee based on our performance. See Investment Advisory Agreement in the accompanying prospectus. We have also entered into an administration agreement with BDC Partners, which we refer to as the Administration Agreement, under which we have agreed to reimburse BDC Partners for our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by BDC Partners in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including furnishing us with office facilities, equipment and clerical, bookkeeping and record keeping services at such facilities, as well as providing us with other administrative services. See Administration Agreement in the accompanying prospectus.

BDC Partners also serves as the managing member of Oxford Lane Management. Messrs. Cohen and Rosenthal, in turn, serve as the managing member and non-managing member, respectively, of BDC Partners.

Recent Developments

Financial Results as of December 31, 2015

For the quarter ended December 31, 2015, we recorded net investment income, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) of approximately \$8.2 million, or approximately \$0.46 per share. During the quarter, we also recorded unrealized depreciation of approximately \$51.0 million and realized losses of approximately \$4.1 million. In total we had a net decrease in net assets from operations of approximately \$46.9 million, or \$2.62 per share.

Estimated distributable net investment income (EDNII) for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 was approximately \$17.3 million or \$0.96 per share. EDNII represents that portion of our estimated annual taxable net investment income available for distribution to our common shareholders attributable to the quarter. Our distribution policy is based, to a significant extent, on our EDNII.

On a supplemental basis, we provide information relating to EDNII which is a non-GAAP measure. This measure is provided in addition to, but not as a substitute for, net investment income. Our non-GAAP measures may differ from similar measures by other companies, even if similar terms are used to identify such measures. EDNII represents net investment income adjusted for additional taxable income on our CLO equity investments.

Income from CLO equity investments, for generally accepted accounting purposes, is recorded using the effective yield method. This method requires the calculation of an effective yield to expected redemption based upon an estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows, including recurring cash flows as well as future principal

payments; the difference between the actual cash received (and record date distributions to be received), and the effective yield calculation is an adjustment to cost. Accordingly, investment income recognized on CLO equity investments in the GAAP statement of operations differs from the estimated taxable net investment income (which is generally based upon the cash distributions actually received and record date distributions to be received by us during the period), and the resulting difference is referred to below as CLO equity additional estimated taxable income.

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The following table provides a reconciliation of net investment income to EDNII for the three months ended December 31, 2015:

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2015	
	Amount	Per Share Amounts
Net investment income	\$ 8,195,866	\$ 0.46
CLO equity additional estimated taxable income	9,076,748	0.50
Estimated distributable net investment income	\$ 17,272,614	\$ 0.96

Total investment income, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 amounted to approximately \$16.0 million, which represents an increase of approximately \$1.5 million when compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2015.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2015, we recorded GAAP investment income from our portfolio as follows:

approximately \$15.5 million from our CLO equity investments,
approximately \$0.2 million from our CLO debt investments,
approximately \$0.3 million from all other sources.

While reportable GAAP earnings from our CLO equity class investments for the three months ended December 31, 2015 was approximately \$15.5 million, we received or were entitled to receive approximately \$24.5 million in distributions. Our experience has been that cash flows have historically represented a reasonable estimate of CLO equity investment taxable earnings. In general, we currently expect our annual taxable income to be higher than our GAAP earnings on the basis of the difference between cash distributions actually received (and record date distributions to be received) and the effective yield income. Our distribution policy will be based upon our estimate of that taxable income (as required for a regulated investment company).

Our total expenses for the quarter ended December 31, 2015 were approximately \$7.8 million, compared to total expenses of approximately \$8.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2015.

The decrease in expense is largely driven by lower interest expense resulting from the July 24, 2015 extinguishment of the Series 2017 Preferred Shares.

Total assets stood at approximately \$315.9 million as of December 31, 2015 compared with total assets of \$382.2 million at September 30, 2015.

As of December 31, 2015, net asset value per share was \$8.13 compared with net asset value per share as of September 30, 2015 of \$11.33.

As of December 31, 2015, the weighted average GAAP yield of our CLO debt investments at current cost stood at approximately 9.0%, compared with 8.2% as of September 30, 2015.

As of December 31, 2015, the weighted average GAAP effective yield of CLO equity investments at current cost was approximately 15.4%, compared with 13.9% as of September 30, 2015.

As of December 31, 2015, the weighted average cash distribution yield of cash income producing CLO equity investments at current cost was approximately 25.6% which stood at 26.6% as of September 30, 2015.

Preferred Stock Repurchase Program

On December 2, 2015, our Board of Directors authorized a Preferred Stock Repurchase Program for the purpose of repurchasing up to \$25 million worth of the outstanding shares of the Company's 7.50% Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock and up to \$25 million worth of the outstanding shares of the Company's 8.125% Series 2024 Term Preferred Stock. Under this repurchase program, prior to December 31, 2015 we repurchased 49,268 shares of our Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock, at an average price of \$24.14 per share, and since December 31, 2015, we have repurchased 688,127 shares of the Series 2023 Term Preferred Stock,

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at an average price of \$24.24 per share and 405,909 shares of the Series 2024 Term Preferred Stock, at an average price of \$24.67 per share. We may, but are not obligated, to repurchase our outstanding Preferred Stock in the open market from time to time through June 30, 2016.

As a result of the shares of Preferred Stock repurchased to date under the Preferred Stock Repurchase Program, we have cured our non-compliance as of December 31, 2015 with the asset coverage requirement in the Preferred Stock governing documents, in accordance with the cure provisions therein.

Distributions and Dividends

Our Board of Directors declared distributions for fourth fiscal quarter 2016 and first fiscal quarter 2017 of \$0.60 per common share

- Record date is March 16, 2016
- Payable on March 31, 2016
- Record date is June 16, 2016
- Payable June 30, 2016

Our distribution policy is based primarily upon estimates of the ultimate taxable earnings for each tax year, which are primarily (but not entirely) based upon the cash flows for each investment. The final taxable amounts cannot be known until our tax return is filed, but our experience has been that cash flows have historically represented a reasonable estimate of taxable earnings.

There have historically been significant differences between our GAAP earnings and our taxable earnings and this is likely to continue, particularly related to CLO equity investments where the our taxable earnings are based upon distributable earnings while GAAP earnings are based upon an effective yield calculation. In general, we currently expect our near-term taxable earnings to continue to be higher than our reportable GAAP earnings.

Our Board of Directors has also declared the required monthly dividends on our Series 2023 and Series 2024 Term Preferred Shares (each, a Share), as follows:

	Per Share Dividend Amount Declared	2016 Record Dates	2016 Payable Dates
Series 2023	\$0.15625	March 16, April 15, May 16	March 31, April 29, May 31
Series 2024	\$0.16930	March 16, April 15, May 16	March 31, April 29, May 31

In accordance with their terms, each of the Series 2023 and Series 2024 Shares will pay a monthly dividend at a fixed rate of 7.50% and 8.125%, respectively, of the \$25.00 per share liquidation preference, or \$1.875 and \$2.03125 per share per year, respectively. This fixed annual dividend rate is subject to adjustment under certain circumstances, but will not in any case be lower than 7.50% and 8.125% per year, respectively, for each of the Series 2023 and Series 2024 Shares.

Our Corporate Information

Our offices are located at 8 Sound Shore Drive, Suite 255, Greenwich, CT 06830, and our telephone number is (203) 983-5275.

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THE OFFERING

Common stock offered by us

Shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$25,000,000.

Common stock outstanding as of March 4, 2016

18,137,818 shares

Manner of offering

At the market offering that may be made from time to time through Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., as sales agent using commercially reasonable efforts. See Plan of Distribution.

Use of proceeds

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for acquiring investments in accordance with our investment objective and strategies described in this prospectus supplement, possibly repurchasing our outstanding preferred stock and for general working capital purposes. Pending these uses, we will invest such net proceeds primarily in cash, cash equivalents, and U.S. government securities or other high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less from the date of investment. The management fee payable by us to our investment adviser will not be reduced while our assets are invested in such securities. See Use of Proceeds.

Distribution

To the extent that we have income available, we intend to distribute quarterly distributions to our stockholders. The amount of our distributions, if any, will be determined by our Board of Directors. Any distributions to our stockholders will be declared out of assets legally available for distribution. See Price Range of Common Stock and Distributions in the accompanying prospectus.

Taxation

We have elected to be treated for federal income tax purposes as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. As a RIC, we generally do not have to pay corporate-level federal income taxes on any ordinary income or capital gains that we distribute to our stockholders as dividends. To maintain our RIC tax status, we must meet specified source-of-income and asset diversification requirements and distribute annually at least 90% of our ordinary income and realized net short-term capital gains in excess of realized net long-term capital losses, if any. See Price Range of Common Stock and Distributions in the accompanying prospectus and Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations in the accompanying prospectus.

NASDAQ Global Select Market symbol of common stock

OXLC

Risk factors

An investment in our common stock is subject to risks and involves a heightened risk of total loss of investment. In addition, the companies in which we invest are subject to special risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-17 of this prospectus supplement and page 18 of the accompanying prospectus to read about factors you should consider, including the risk of leverage, before investing in our common stock.

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FEES AND EXPENSES

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 supplement and the accompanying prospectus contains a reference to fees or expenses paid by us or Oxford Lane Capital, or that we will pay fees or expenses, you will indirectly bear such fees or expenses as an investor in Oxford Lane Capital Corp.

Stockholder transaction expenses:	
Sales load (as a percentage of offering price)	2.00 % ⁽¹⁾
Offering expenses borne by us (as a percentage of offering price)	0.74 % ⁽²⁾
Distribution reinvestment plan expenses	None ⁽³⁾
Total stockholder transaction expenses (as a percentage of offering price)	2.74 %
Annual expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock):	