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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

x **Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2011

.. **Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**
Commission File Number: 814-00754

SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Maryland
(State or Incorporation)

26-1381340
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

500 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.
(Address of principal executive offices)

10022
(Zip Code)

(212) 993-1670

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer Smaller Reporting Company

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

The number of shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$.01 par value, outstanding as of May 2, 2011 was 36,477,607.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders

Solar Capital Ltd.:

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated statement of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated schedule of investments, of Solar Capital Ltd. (the Company) as of March 31, 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, the statement of changes in net assets for the three-month period ended March 31, 2011 and statements of cash flows for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2011 and 2010. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our reviews in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial accounting and reporting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying consolidated financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the accompanying consolidated statement of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated schedule of investments, of Solar Capital Ltd. as of December 31, 2010, and the related consolidated statement of net assets for the year ended December 31, 2010 and we expressed an unqualified opinion on them in our report dated March 1, 2011.

/s/ KPMG LLP

New York, New York

May 2, 2011

Table of Contents**SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

(in thousands, except shares)

	March 31, 2011 (unaudited)	December 31, 2010
Assets		
Investments at value:		
Companies more than 25% owned (cost: \$20,185 and \$20,511, respectively)	\$ 21,807	\$ 20,508
Companies 5% to 25% owned (cost: \$38,139 and \$34,806, respectively)	32,308	29,235
Companies less than 5% owned (cost: \$985,389 and \$1,008,244 respectively)	934,490	926,478
Total investments (cost: \$1,043,713 and \$1,063,561, respectively)	988,605	976,221
Cash and cash equivalents	339,178	288,732
Interest and dividends receivable	10,135	5,592
Receivable for investments sold	6,093	10,560
Deferred credit facility costs	5,339	5,904
Fee revenue receivable	3,913	3,935
Derivative assets	2,305	604
Deferred offering costs	193	
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	297	243
Total Assets	1,356,058	1,291,791
Liabilities		
Credit facilities payable	400,000	400,000
Term Loan	35,000	35,000
Payable for investments purchased	30,719	14,625
Dividend payable	21,830	
Due to Solar Capital Partners LLC:		
Investment advisory and management fee payable	4,987	4,892
Performance-based incentive fee payable	4,788	4,347
Derivative liabilities	1,549	1,539
Deferred fee revenue	925	1,242
Due to Solar Capital Management LLC	382	773
Interest payable	896	597
Income taxes payable	69	329
Other accrued expenses and payables	731	1,453
Total Liabilities	501,876	464,797
Net Assets		
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share 36,383,158 shares issued and outstanding, 200,000,000 authorized	364	364
Paid-in capital in excess of par	926,991	926,991
Distributions in excess of net investment income	(4,225)	(1,545)
Accumulated net realized losses	(12,174)	(10,541)
Net unrealized depreciation	(56,774)	(88,275)

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Total Net Assets	\$ 854,182	\$ 826,994
Number of shares outstanding	36,383,158	36,383,158
Net Asset Value Per Share	\$ 23.48	\$ 22.73

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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(in thousands, except shares)

	Three months ended March 31, 2011 (unaudited)	Three months ended March 31, 2010 (unaudited)
INVESTMENT INCOME:		
Interest and dividends:		
Companies more than 25% owned	\$ 695	\$
Companies 5% to 25% owned		7,619
Other interest and dividend income	31,599	27,691
Total interest and dividends	32,294	35,310
Total investment income	32,294	35,310
EXPENSES:		
Investment advisory and management fees	4,987	4,366
Performance-based incentive fee	4,788	5,279
Interest and other credit facility expenses	2,037	2,951
Administrative service fee	438	453
Other general and administrative expenses	894	1,150
Total operating expenses	13,144	14,199
Net investment income	19,150	21,111
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, DERIVATIVES AND FOREIGN CURRENCIES:		
Net realized gain (loss):		
Investments:		
Companies 5% to 25% owned		16,397
Companies less than 5% owned	2,802	(43,728)
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	2,802	(27,331)
Derivatives	(4,363)	1,552
Foreign currency exchange	(72)	3,536
Net realized loss	(1,633)	(22,243)
Net change in unrealized gain (loss):		
Investments:		
Companies more than 25% owned	1,625	
Companies 5% to 25% owned	(260)	(16,677)
Companies less than 5% owned	30,867	81,188
Net change in unrealized gain on investments	32,232	64,511

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Derivatives	(259)	(771)
Foreign currency exchange	(472)	(604)
Net change in unrealized gain	31,501	63,136
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments, derivatives and foreign currencies	29,868	40,893
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 49,018	\$ 62,004
Earnings per share	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.90
	See notes to consolidated financial statements.	

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(in thousands, except shares)

	Three months ended March 31, 2011 (unaudited)	Year ended December 31, 2010
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 19,150	\$ 69,212
Net realized loss	(1,633)	(38,968)
Net change in unrealized gain	31,501	111,641
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	49,018	141,885
Dividends and distributions declared	(21,830)	(72,657)
Capital share transactions:		
Proceeds from shares sold		184,215
Common stock offering costs		(10,198)
Senior notes issued in Solar Capital Merger		(125,000)
Reinvestment of dividends		10,846
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from capital share transactions		59,863
Net increase in net assets	27,188	129,091
Net assets at beginning of period	826,994	697,903
Net assets at end of period	\$ 854,182	\$ 826,994

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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(in thousands except shares)

	Three months ended March 31, 2011 (unaudited)	Three months ended March 31, 2010 (unaudited)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net increase in net assets from operations	\$ 49,018	\$ 62,004
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net realized (gain) loss from investments	(2,802)	27,331
Net realized (gain) loss from foreign currency exchange	72	(3,536)
Net change in unrealized gain on investments	(32,232)	(64,511)
Net change in loss on derivatives	259	771
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Purchase of investment securities	(86,990)	(53,170)
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities	109,543	114,534
Receivable for investments sold	4,467	(10,123)
Interest and dividends receivable	(4,543)	(1,224)
Purchase of interest rate cap	(1,950)	
Deferred credit facility costs	565	(3,679)
Fee revenue receivable	22	1,564
Deferred offering costs	(193)	1,184
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	(54)	(558)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Payable for investments purchased	16,094	43,650
Investment advisory and management fee payable	95	(4,297)
Performance-based incentive fee payable	441	(3,238)
Deferred fee revenue	(317)	(1,396)
Due to Solar Capital Management LLC	(391)	(167)
Interest payable	299	1,539
Income taxes payable	(260)	153
Other accrued expenses and payables	(722)	903
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	50,446	107,734
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from shares sold		116,198
Common stock offering costs		(9,530)
Cash distributions paid		(75,136)
Proceeds from borrowings on credit facility	357,253	88,000
Repayments of borrowings on credit facility	(357,253)	(172,578)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities		(53,046)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	50,446	54,688
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	288,732	5,675
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 339,178	\$ 60,363

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid for interest	\$	818	\$	1,011
Cash paid for income taxes	\$	257	\$	21

Non-cash financing activity:

Dividends payable	\$	21,830	\$	11,196
Issuance of Senior Notes	\$		\$	125,000

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Description ⁽¹⁾	Industry	Interest ⁽²⁾	Maturity	Par Amount/ Shares	Cost	Fair Value
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans - 27.58%						
Asurion Corporation (19)	Insurance	6.76%	7/3/2015	\$ 49,310	\$ 49,269	\$ 48,931
Airvana Network Solutions Inc.	Telecommunications	10.00%	3/25/2015	19,000	18,620	18,620
Classic Cruises Holdings (5)	Leisure, Motion Pictures, Entertainment	10.06%	1/31/2015	26,000	25,509	24,310
Direct Buy Inc. (19)	Home and Office Furnishing, Consumer Products	12.00%	2/1/2017	25,000	24,264	18,828
Fulton Holding Corp (19)	Retail Stores	13.82%	5/28/2016	35,000	34,011	35,000
Grakon, LLC	Machinery	12.00%	12/31/2015	9,524	7,602	9,048
Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc. - 2nd Lien (19)	Grocery	10.00%	4/16/2016	22,000	21,630	22,344
USAW 767 (10)	Aerospace & Defense	14.50%	12/31/2012	6,321	6,199	6,321
ViaWest Inc (19)	Personal, Food and Misc. Services	13.50%	5/20/2016	32,880	32,025	32,386
Vision Holding Corp. (19)	Healthcare, Education, and Childcare	12.00%	11/23/2016	40,000	39,256	39,225
VPSI, Inc. (19)	Personal Transportation	12.00%	12/23/2015	17,990	17,548	17,630
Total Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans				\$ 283,025	\$ 275,933	\$ 272,643
Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes - 63.49%						
Adams Outdoor Advertising	Diversified / Conglomerate Service	18.00%	12/8/2015	\$ 42,500	\$ 41,803	\$ 42,075
Ares Capital Corporation (18)	Finance	6.00%	4/1/2012	15,393	12,717	15,903
AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc.	Leisure, Motion Pictures, Entertainment	5.30%	6/13/2012	26,067	25,928	23,721
DS Waters	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	15.00%	4/24/2012	111,783	111,346	100,620
Earthbound (19)	Farming & Agriculture	14.25%	6/21/2017	58,947	57,542	58,947
Fleetpride Corporation (19)	Cargo Transport	11.50%	10/1/2014	43,000	43,113	43,000
Grakon Holdings LLC Sr	Machinery	14.00%	12/31/2015	1,429	1,429	1,214
Grakon Holdings LLC Jr	Machinery	12.00%	12/31/2015	13,804	11,018	6,212
Granite Global Solutions Corp. (3)(16)(20)	Insurance	13.50%	5/13/2016	31,506	30,203	30,719
Iglo Birds Eye Group Limited (3)(4)	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	11.99%	11/3/2016	5,409	5,132	5,467
Iglo Birds Eye Group Limited (3)(4)	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	11.37%	11/3/2016	12,916	15,439	13,177
Magnolia River, LLC	Hotels, Motels, Inns & Gaming	14.00%	4/28/2014	19,064	18,535	18,111
	Banking	14.25%	7/9/2015	75,000	73,275	73,125

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Midcap Financial Intermediate Holdings, LLC (19)						
ProSieben Sat.1 Media AG (3)(8)	Broadcasting & Entertainment	8.30%	3/6/2017	22,736	19,790	19,588
Richelieu Foods, Inc. (18)	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	13.75%	5/18/2016	22,500	21,909	22,050
Rug Doctor L.P. (19)	Personal, Food and Misc. Services	14.96%	10/31/2014	50,095	48,350	47,590
Seven Media Group Pty Limited (3)	Broadcasting & Entertainment	11.55%	12/29/2013	20,946	16,328	20,946
Seven Media Group Pty Limited (3)	Broadcasting & Entertainment	12.00%	12/29/2013	8,894	6,212	8,894
Shoes For Crews, LLC (18)	Textiles and Leather	13.75%	7/23/2016	15,650	15,266	15,650
Tri-Star Electronics International, Inc.	Aerospace & Defense	15.25%	8/2/2013	22,905	22,823	21,989
Weetabix Group (3)(7)	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	9.12%	9/14/2016	15,783	17,095	13,021
Weetabix Group (3)(7)	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	10.03%	5/7/2017	32,110	39,196	25,688
Total Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes				\$ 668,437	\$ 654,449	\$ 627,707

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Description ⁽¹⁾	Industry	Interest ⁽²⁾	Maturity	Par Amount/ Shares	Cost	Fair Value
Preferred Equity- 0.41%						
SODO Corp. (10)(13)	Aerospace & Defense	10.00%		388	\$ 399	\$ 399
SOCAY Corp. (10)(13)	Aerospace & Defense	10.00%		3,484	3,587	3,587
Wyle Laboratories	Aerospace & Defense	8.00%	7/17/2015	387	39	43
Total Preferred Equity					\$ 4,025	\$ 4,029
Common Equity / Partnership						
Interests / Warrants - 8.52%						
Ark Real Estate Partners LP (9)(11)(12)	Real Estate			38,085,500	\$ 38,139	\$ 32,308
Direct Buy Inc.	Home and Office Furnishing, Consumer Products			5,000,000	5,000	1,500
Global Garden Products (3)(6)	Farming & Agriculture			88,483		
Grakon, LLC	Machinery			1,714,286	1,714	
Grakon, LLC Warrants	Machinery			3,518,001		
Great American Group Inc. (14)	Personal, Food and Misc. Services			572,800	2,681	172
Great American Group Inc. (15)	Personal, Food and Misc. Services			187,500	3	56
National Specialty Alloys, LLC(10)	Mining, Steel, Iron, and Nonprecious Metals			1,000,000	10,000	11,500
Nuveen Investments, Inc.	Finance			3,486,444	30,876	16,038
NXP Semiconductors Netherlands B.V.(3) (17)	Electronics			645,292	17,592	18,152
Seven Media Group Pty Limited (3)	Broadcasting & Entertainment			4,285,714	3,301	4,500
Total Common Equity/Partnerships Interests / Warrants					\$ 109,306	\$ 84,226
Total Investments					\$ 1,043,713	\$ 988,605

(1) We generally acquire our investments in private transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Our investments are therefore generally subject to certain limitations on resale, and may be deemed to be restricted securities under the Securities Act.

(2)

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A majority of the variable rate debt investments bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to LIBOR or EURIBOR, and which reset daily, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of March 31, 2011.

- (3) The following entities are domiciled outside the United States and the investments are denominated in either Euro, British Pounds, Canadian Dollars or Australian Dollars: Iglo Birds Eye Group Limited, Global Garden Products and Weetabix Group in the United Kingdom; ProSieben Sat.1 Media AG in Germany; Granite Global Solutions Corp. in Canada; and Seven Media Group Pty Limited in Australia. NXP Semiconductors Netherlands B.V. is domiciled in the Netherlands and is denominated in U.S. dollars. All other investments are domiciled in the United States.
- (4) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in Iglo Birds Eye Group Limited are held through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l.
- (5) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in Classic Cruises Holdings are held through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l.
- (6) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in Global Garden Products are held through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l.
- (7) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in Weetabix Group are held through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l.
- (8) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in ProSieben Sat. 1 Media AG are held through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l.
- (9) Solar Capital Ltd. has an unfunded commitment of \$6,612.
- (10) Denotes a Control Investment. Control Investments are defined in the 1940 Act as investments in those companies that the Company is deemed to Control. Generally, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), the Company is deemed to Control a company in which it has invested if it owns 25% or more of the voting securities of such company or has greater than 50% representation on its board.
- (11) Denotes an Affiliate Investment. Affiliate Investments are investments in those companies that are Affiliated Companies of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act, which are not Control Investments. The Company is deemed to be an Affiliate of a company in which it has invested if it owns 5% or more but less than 25% of the voting securities of such company.
- (12) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in Ark Real Estate Partners LP are held though it wholly-owned subsidiary SLRC ADI Corp.
- (13) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in SODO Corp. and SOCA Y Corp. each include a one dollar investment in common shares.
- (14) Founders Shares.
- (15) Contingent Founders Shares.
- (16) Includes an unfunded commitment of \$29,782.
- (17) Comprised of 75,751 unrestricted shares and 569,541 restricted shares.
- (18) Indicates an investment held by Solar Capital Ltd. through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Funding II LLC. Such investments are pledged as collateral under the Senior Secured Loan Facility (see Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements) and are not generally available to the creditors of Solar Capital Ltd. Unless otherwise noted, as of March 31, 2011, all other investments were pledged as collateral for the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility and the Term Loan (see Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements).
- (19) Indicates an investment partially held by Solar Capital Ltd. through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Funding II LLC. (See note 18 above for further explanation.) Par amounts held through Solar Capital Funding II LLC include: Asurion Corporation \$14,224; Direct Buy Inc. \$15,000; Fulton Holding Corp. \$18,000; Roundy s Supermarkets Inc. \$10,000; ViaWest Inc. \$15,111; Vision Holding Corp \$9,700; VPSI Inc. \$9,518; Earthbound \$23,500; Fleetpride Corporation \$23,500; Midcap Financial Intermediate Holdings, LLC \$23,500; and Rug Doctor L.P. \$9,407. Remaining par balances are held directly by Solar Capital Ltd.
- (20) Date is approximate. The maturity will be 5 years from the initial funding date.

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Industry Classification	Percentage of Total Investments (at fair value) as of March 31, 2011 (unaudited)
Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	18%
Personal, Food and Misc. Services	8%
Insurance	8%
Banking	7%
Farming & Agriculture	6%
Broadcasting & Entertainment	6%
Leisure, Motion Pictures, Entertainment	5%
Diversified / Conglomerate Service	4%
Cargo Transport	4%
Healthcare, Education, and Childcare	4%
Retail Stores	4%
Aerospace & Defense	3%
Real Estate	3%
Finance	3%
Grocery	2%
Home and Office Furnishing, Consumer Products	2%
Telecommunications	2%
Electronics	2%
Hotels, Motels, Inns & Gaming	2%
Personal Transportation	2%
Machinery	2%
Textiles and Leather	2%
Mining, Steel, Iron, and Nonprecious Metals	1%
	100%

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Description(1)	Industry	Interest(2)	Maturity	Par Amount/ Shares	Cost	Fair Value
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans 25.3%						
Asurion Corporation(18)	Insurance	6.76%	7/3/2015	\$ 49,310	\$ 49,266	\$ 46,609
Classic Cruises Holdings(5)	Leisure, Motion Pictures, Entertainment	10.11%	1/31/2015	26,000	25,478	23,920
Emdeon Business Services LLC	Healthcare, Education, and Childcare	5.26%	5/16/2014	15,000	15,087	14,850
Fulton Holding Corp.(18)	Retail Stores	13.82%	5/28/2016	35,000	33,964	35,000
Ram Energy Resources, Inc.	Oil & Gas	12.75%	11/29/2012	9,270	9,247	8,899
Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc. 2nd Lien(18)	Grocery	10.00%	4/16/2016	22,000	21,612	22,371
USAW 767(10)	Aerospace & Defense	14.50%	12/31/2012	6,753	6,621	6,618
ViaWest Inc(18)	Personal, Food and Misc. Services	13.50%	5/20/2016	32,757	31,863	31,774
Vision Holding Corp.	Healthcare, Education, and Childcare	12.00%	11/23/2016	40,000	39,238	39,225
VPSI, Inc.	Personal Transportation	12.00%	12/23/2015	18,333	17,877	17,875
Total Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans				\$ 254,423	\$ 250,253	\$ 247,141
Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes 66.6%						
Ares Capital Corporation(17)	Finance	6.00%	4/1/2012	\$ 15,393	\$ 12,046	\$ 15,947
Ares Capital Corporation(18)	Finance	6.63%	7/15/2011	14,500	12,552	14,784
Adams Outdoor Advertising AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc.	Diversified / Conglomerate Service	18.00%	12/8/2015	42,500	41,784	41,775
Booz Allen	Leisure, Motion Pictures, Entertainment	5.30%	6/13/2012	25,729	25,564	23,414
Direct Buy Inc.(18)	Aerospace & Defense	13.00%	7/31/2016	17,362	17,103	17,927
DS Waters	Home and Office Furnishing, Consumer Products	16.00%	5/30/2013	38,100	37,724	34,614
Earthbound(18)	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	15.00%	4/24/2012	107,759	107,158	100,216
Fleetpride Corporation(18)	Farming & Agriculture	14.25%	6/21/2017	58,947	57,475	58,358
Grakon, LLC(12)	Cargo Transport	11.50%	10/1/2014	43,000	43,119	41,065
Iglo Birds Eye Group Limited(3)(4)	Machinery	14.00%	6/19/2013	22,084	18,620	6,625
Iglo Birds Eye Group Limited(3)(4)	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	11.79%	11/3/2016	5,100	5,131	5,144
Magnolia River, LLC	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	11.33%	11/3/2016	12,378	15,257	12,427
Midcap Financial Intermediate Holdings, LLC(16)(18)	Hotels, Motels, Inns & Gaming	14.00%	4/28/2014	19,064	18,492	18,111
	Banking	14.25%	7/9/2015	75,000	73,205	73,125

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ProSieben Sat.1 Media AG(3)(8)	Broadcasting & Entertainment	8.14%	3/6/2017	21,059	19,813	17,247
Richelieu Foods, Inc.(17)	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	13.75%	5/18/2016	22,500	21,901	21,881
Rug Doctor L.P.(18)	Personal, Food and Misc. Services	14.96%	10/31/2014	49,715	47,828	47,229
Seven Media Group Pty Limited(3)	Broadcasting & Entertainment	11.18%	12/29/2013	20,712	16,328	20,297
Seven Media Group Pty Limited(3)	Broadcasting & Entertainment	12.00%	12/29/2013	8,794	6,212	8,003
Shoes For Crews, LLC(17)	Textiles and Leather	13.75%	7/23/2016	15,650	15,249	15,650
Tri-Star Electronics International, Inc.	Aerospace & Defense	15.25%	8/2/2013	22,834	22,743	21,236
Weetabix Group(3)(7)	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	10.53%	9/14/2016	14,586	17,092	11,304
Weetabix Group(3)(7)	Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	10.03%	5/7/2017	31,206	38,421	23,405
Total Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes				\$ 703,972	\$ 690,817	\$ 649,784

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Description(1)	Industry	Interest(2)	Maturity	Par Amount/ Shares	Cost	Fair Value
Preferred Equity 0.4%						
SODO Corp.(10)(20)	Aerospace & Defense	10.00%		388	\$ 390	\$ 390
SOCAY Corp.(10)(20)	Aerospace & Defense	10.00%		3,484	3,500	3,500
Wyle Laboratories	Aerospace & Defense	8.00%	7/17/2015	387	39	44
Total Preferred Equity					\$ 3,929	\$ 3,934
Common Equity / Partnership Interests 7.7%						
Ark Real Estate Partners						
LP(9)(11)(19)	Real Estate			34,806,121	\$ 34,806	\$ 29,235
Direct Buy Inc.	Home and Office Furnishing, Consumer Products			5,000,000	5,000	2,500
Global Garden Products(3)(6)						
Grakon, LLC	Farming & Agriculture			88,483		
	Machinery			1,714,286	1,714	
Great American Group Inc.(13)						
	Personal, Food and Misc. Services			572,800	2,681	281
Great American Group Inc.(14)						
	Personal, Food and Misc. Services			187,500	3	92
National Specialty Alloys, LLC(10)						
	Mining, Steel, Iron, and Nonprecious Metals			1,000,000	10,000	10,000
Nuveen Investments, Inc.						
	Finance			3,000,000	30,000	7,500
NXP Semiconductors						
Netherlands B.V.(3)(15)	Electronics			1,139,081	31,057	21,897
Seven Media Group Pty Limited(3)						
	Broadcasting & Entertainment			4,285,714	3,301	3,857
Total Common Equity/Partnerships Interests					\$ 118,562	\$ 75,362
Total Investments					\$ 1,063,561	\$ 976,221

- (1) We generally acquire our investments in private transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Our investments are therefore generally subject to certain limitations on resale, and may be deemed to be restricted securities under the Securities Act.
- (2) A majority of the variable rate debt investments bear interest at a rate that may be determined by reference to LIBOR or EURIBOR, and which reset daily, quarterly or semi-annually. For each debt investment we have provided the current interest rate in effect as of December 31, 2010.

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- (3) The following entities are domiciled outside the United States and the investments are denominated in either Euro, British Pounds or Australian Dollars: Iglo Birds Eye Group Limited, Global Garden Products and Weetabix Group in the United Kingdom; ProSieben Sat.1 Media AG in Germany; and Seven Media Group Pty Limited in Australia. NXP Semiconductors Netherlands B.V. is domiciled in the Netherlands and is denominated in U.S. dollars. All other investments are domiciled in the United States.
- (4) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in Iglo Birds Eye Group Limited are held through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l.
- (5) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in Classic Cruises Holdings are held through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l.
- (6) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in Global Garden Products are held through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l.
- (7) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in Weetabix Group are held through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l.
- (8) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in ProSieben Sat. 1 Media AG are held through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l.
- (9) Solar Capital Ltd. has an unfunded commitment of \$9,946.
- (10) Denotes a Control Investment. Control Investments are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act) as investments in those companies that the Company is deemed to Control. Generally, under the 1940 Act, the Company is deemed to Control a company in which it has invested if it owns 25% or more of the voting securities of such company or has greater than 50% representation on its board.
- (11) Denotes an Affiliate Investment. Affiliate Investments are investments in those companies that are Affiliated Companies of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act, which are not Control Investments. The Company is deemed to be an Affiliate of a company in which it has invested if it owns 5% or more but less than 25% of the voting securities of such company.
- (12) Investment is on non-accrual status
- (13) Founders Shares
- (14) Contingent Founders Shares
- (15) Administrative agent to NXP management equity plan
- (16) Includes an unfunded par commitment of \$15,000.
- (17) Indicates an investment held by Solar Capital Ltd. through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Funding II LLC. Such investments are pledged as collateral under the Senior Secured Loan Facility (see Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements) and are not generally available to the creditors of Solar Capital Ltd. Unless otherwise noted, as of December 31, 2010, all other investments were pledged as collateral for the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility and the Term Loan (see Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements).
- (18) Indicates an investment partially held by Solar Capital Ltd. through its wholly-owned subsidiary Solar Capital Funding II LLC. (See note 18 above for further explanation.) Par amounts held through Solar Capital Funding II LLC include: Asurion \$14,224; Fulton Holding Corp. \$18,000; Roundy s Supermarkets Inc. \$10,000; ViaWest Inc. \$15,054; Ares Capital Corporation \$12,000; Direct Buy Inc. \$15,000; Earthbound \$23,500; Fleetpride Corporation \$23,500; Midcap Financial Intermediate Holdings, LLC \$23,500; and Rug Doctor L.P. \$9,371. Remaining par balances are held directly by Solar Capital Ltd.
- (19) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in Ark Real Estate Partners LP are held through it wholly-owned subsidiary SLRC ADI Corp.
- (20) Solar Capital Ltd. s investments in SODO Corp. and SOCA Y Corp. each include a one dollar investment in common shares.

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Industry Classification	Percentage of Total Investments (at fair value) as of December 31, 2010
Beverage, Food, and Tobacco	18%
Personal, Food and Misc. Services	8%
Banking	7%
Farming & Agriculture	6%
Healthcare, Education, and Childcare	5%
Aerospace & Defense	5%
Broadcasting & Entertainment	5%
Leisure, Motion Pictures, Entertainment	5%
Insurance	5%
Diversified / Conglomerate Service	4%
Cargo Transport	4%
Finance	4%
Home and Office Furnishing, Consumer Products	4%
Retail Stores	4%
Real Estate	3%
Grocery	2%
Electronics	2%
Hotels, Motels, Inns & Gaming	2%
Personal Transportation	2%
Textiles and Leather	2%
Mining, Steel, Iron, and Nonprecious Metals	1%
Oil & Gas	1%
Machinery	1%
	100%

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Note 1. Organization

Solar Capital Ltd. (Solar Capital , the Company or we), a Maryland corporation formed in November 2007, is a closed-end, externally managed, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). As such, the Company is required to comply with certain regulatory requirements. For instance, the Company generally has to invest at least 70% of its total assets in qualifying assets, including securities of private or thinly traded public U.S. companies, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities and high-quality debt investments that mature in one year or less. In addition, for tax purposes the Company intends to be treated as a regulated investment company (RIC) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

On February 9, 2010, Solar Capital Ltd. priced its initial public offering, selling 5.68 million shares, including the underwriters over-allotment, at a price of \$18.50 per share. Concurrent with this offering, management purchased an additional 600,000 shares through a private placement, also at \$18.50 per share.

Immediately prior to the initial public offering, through a series of transactions Solar Capital Ltd. merged with Solar Capital LLC, leaving Solar Capital Ltd. as the surviving entity (the Merger). Solar Capital Ltd. issued an aggregate of approximately 26.65 million shares of common stock and \$125 million in Senior Unsecured Notes to the existing Solar Capital LLC unit holders in connection with the Merger. Solar Capital Ltd. had no assets or operations prior to completion of the Merger and as a result, the historical books and records of Solar Capital LLC have become the books and records of the surviving entity.

Solar Capital LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, was formed in February 2007 and commenced operations on March 13, 2007 with initial capital of \$1.2 billion of which 47.04% was funded by affiliated parties.

The Company s investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. The Company invests primarily in middle-market companies in the form of mezzanine and senior secured loans, each of which may include an equity component, and, to a lesser extent, by making direct equity investments in such companies.

Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l., which was incorporated under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on April 26, 2007, and Solar Capital Funding II LLC (SC Funding II), a Delaware limited liability company formed on December 8, 2010. The consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments and reclassifications which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for the fair presentation of the results of the operations and financial condition for the periods presented. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP for interim financial information and pursuant to the requirements for reporting on Form 10-Q and Articles 6 or 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for annual financial statements. 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 period, have been included. The current period s results of operations will not necessarily be indicative of results that ultimately may be achieved for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation. As required by ASC 260-10, *Earnings Per Share*, the number of shares used to calculate weighted average shares for use in computations on a per share basis have been decreased retroactively by

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a factor of approximately 0.4022 for all periods prior to February 9, 2010. This factor represents the effective impact of the reduction in shares resulting from the Merger.

Investments The Company applies fair value accounting in accordance with GAAP. The Company generally values its assets on a quarterly basis, or more frequently if required under the 1940 Act. Securities transactions are accounted for on trade date. Securities for which market quotations are readily available on an exchange are valued at such price as of the closing price on the valuation date. The Company may also obtain quotes with respect to certain of its investments from pricing services or brokers or dealers in order to value assets. When doing so, the Company determines whether the quote obtained is sufficient according to GAAP to determine the fair value of the security. If determined adequate, the Company uses the quote obtained.

Securities for which reliable market quotations are not readily available or for which the pricing source does not provide a valuation or methodology or provides a valuation or methodology that, in the judgment of the Solar Capital Partners LLC (the Investment Adviser) or the Company's Board of Directors (the Board), does not represent fair value, shall each be valued as follows:

- 1) The quarterly valuation process begins with each portfolio company or investment being initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment;
- 2) Preliminary valuation conclusions are then documented and discussed with senior management;
- 3) Third-party valuation firms are engaged by, or on behalf of, the Board to conduct independent appraisals and review management's preliminary valuations and make their own independent assessment, for all material assets; and
- 4) The Board discusses valuations and determines the fair value of each investment in the portfolio in good faith based on the input of our investment adviser (note 4) and, where appropriate, the respective independent valuation firms.

Valuation methods, among other measures and as applicable, may include comparisons of financial ratios of the portfolio companies that issued such private equity securities to peer companies that are public, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio company's ability to make payments and its earnings and discounted cash flows, the markets in which the portfolio company does business, and other relevant factors.

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When an external event such as a purchase transaction, public offering or subsequent equity sale occurs, the Company will consider the pricing indicated by the external event to corroborate the private equity valuation. Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of the investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a readily available market value existed for such investments, and the differences could be material.

Investments of sufficient credit quality purchased within 60 days of maturity are valued at cost plus accreted discount, or minus amortized premium, which approximates fair value.

Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and cash equivalents include investments in money market accounts or investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Revenue Recognition The Company's revenue recognition policies are as follows:

Sales: Gains or losses on the sale of investments are calculated by using the specific identification method.

Interest Income: Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on an accrual basis. Origination, closing and/or commitment fees associated with investments in portfolio companies are accreted into interest income over the respective terms of the applicable loans. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any prepayment penalties and unamortized loan origination, closing and commitment fees are recorded as part of interest income. The Company has loans in its portfolio that contain a payment-in-kind (PIK) provision. PIK interest is accrued at the contractual rates and added to the loan principal on the reset dates.

Non-accrual: Loans are placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest payments are past due 30 days or more or when there is reasonable doubt that principal or interest will be collected. Accrued interest is generally reversed when a loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment. Non-accrual loans are restored to accrual status when past due principal and interest is paid and, in management's judgment, are likely to remain current.

Fee Revenue Receivable Fee revenue receivable consists of premium payments owed to the Company at the maturity of certain loans. The premium payments are recorded as a receivable at the inception of the loan and are accreted into interest income over the respective terms of the applicable loans.

Deferred Fee Revenue Deferred fee revenue represents the unearned portion of premium payments owed to the Company at the maturity of certain loans.

U.S. Federal Income Taxes The Company intends to elect to be treated as a RIC under subchapter M of the Code and operates in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. In order to qualify as a RIC, among other things, the Company is required to timely distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. The Company, among other things, has made and intends to continue to make the requisite distributions to its stockholders, which will generally relieve the Company from U.S. federal income taxes.

Depending on the level of taxable income earned in a tax year, we may choose to carry forward taxable income in excess of current year dividend distributions into the next tax year and pay a 4% excise tax on such income, as required. To the extent that the Company determines that its estimated current year annual taxable income will be in excess of estimated current year dividend distributions, the Company accrues

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excise tax, if any, on estimated excess taxable income as taxable income is earned. For three months ended March 31, 2011, there was no U.S. Federal excise tax accrued.

Although we file federal and state tax returns, our major tax jurisdiction is federal. Our inception-to-date federal tax years remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company is also subject to taxes in Luxembourg, through Solar Capital Luxembourg I S.a.r.l., a wholly-owned subsidiary. Under the laws of Luxembourg, the Company pays a corporate income tax and a municipal business tax on its subsidiary's taxable income.

The Company evaluates tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing its financial statements to determine whether the tax positions are more-likely-than-not of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold are reversed and recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. All penalties and interest associated with income taxes are included in income tax expense. Conclusions regarding tax positions are subject to review and may be adjusted at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, on-going analyses of tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. We did not have any uncertain tax positions that met the recognition or measurement criteria of ASC 740-10-25 nor did we have any unrecognized tax benefits as of the periods presented herein.

Capital Accounts Certain capital accounts including undistributed net investment income, accumulated net realized gain or loss, net unrealized appreciation or depreciation, and paid in capital in excess of par, are adjusted, at least annually, for permanent differences between book and tax. In addition, the character of income and gains to be distributed is determined in accordance with income tax regulations that may differ from GAAP.

Dividends Dividends and distributions to common stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Quarterly dividend payments are determined by the Board and are generally based upon taxable earnings estimated by management. Net realized capital gains, if any, are distributed at least annually, although we may decide to retain such capital gains for investment. We have adopted a dividend reinvestment plan that provides for reinvestment of any distributions we declare in cash on behalf of our stockholders, unless a stockholder elects to receive cash. As a result, if our Board authorizes, and we declare, a cash dividend, then our stockholders who have not opted out of our dividend reinvestment plan will have their cash dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, rather than receiving the cash dividend. While we generally use newly issued shares to implement the plan (especially if our shares are trading at a premium to net asset value), we may purchase shares in the open market in connection with our obligations under the plan. In particular, if our shares are trading at a significant enough discount to net asset value and we are otherwise permitted under applicable law to purchase such shares, we intend to purchase shares in the open market in connection with our obligations under our dividend reinvestment plan.

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Foreign Currency The accounting records of the Company are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis:

- (i) Market value of investment securities, other assets and liabilities at the current rates of exchange.
- (ii) Purchase and sales of investment securities, income and expenses at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective date of such transactions.

The Company does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign currency rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Net realized foreign currency transactions gains or losses arise from sales of investment securities and maturities of forward currency contracts, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement date on securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the Company's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from the changes in the values of assets and liabilities, including investments in securities at period end, resulting from changes in the exchange rate.

The Company's investments in foreign securities may involve certain risks such as foreign exchange restrictions, expropriation, taxation or other political, social or economic risks, all of which could affect the market and/or credit risk of the investment. In addition, changes in the relationship of foreign currencies to the U.S. dollar can significantly affect the value of these investments and therefore the earnings of the Company.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activity In accordance with GAAP, the Company recognizes derivatives as either assets or liabilities at their fair value on its Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities. At this time, the Company does not document formal hedge relationships because the hedged items are recorded at fair value with realized and unrealized gains and losses recognized in current earnings. Realized and unrealized gains and losses from derivatives are also recorded in current earnings. Realized gains or losses from derivatives are recognized when contracts are settled. The Company primarily uses foreign exchange forward contracts to economically hedge its foreign currency risk. The fair value of foreign exchange forward contracts is determined by recognizing the difference between the contract exchange rate and the current market exchange rate. These fair values are recognized as either derivative assets or derivative liabilities in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities. The Company may also borrow in foreign currencies on its multicurrency credit lines to reduce foreign currency exposure. Fluctuations in market values of assets and liabilities denominated in the same foreign currency offset in earnings providing a natural foreign currency hedge.

Deferred Offering Costs Offering costs consist of fees paid in relation to legal, accounting, regulatory and printing work completed in connection with offerings of our common stock.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reported period. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ materially.

Receivable for Investments Sold Receivable for investments sold represents funds that have not been received for investments that were sold.

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Payable for Investments Purchased Payable for investments purchased represents funds that have not been disbursed for investment purchases.

Deferred Credit Facility Costs Deferred credit facility costs are being amortized over the life of the related credit facility.

Subsequent Events Evaluation The Company has evaluated the need for disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued and determined that none are required.

Note 3. Investments

Investments consisted of the following as of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

	March 31, 2011 (unaudited)		December 31, 2010	
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans	\$ 275,933	\$ 272,643	\$ 250,253	\$ 247,141
Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes	654,449	627,707	690,817	649,784
Preferred Equity	4,025	4,029	3,929	3,934
Common Equity/Partnership Interests/Warrants	109,306	84,226	118,562	75,362
Total	\$ 1,043,713	\$ 988,605	\$ 1,063,561	\$ 976,221

As of March 31, 2011, the Company had no non-accrual investments. As of December 31, 2010, the Company had one non-accrual asset with a total market value of \$6.6 million.

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Note 4. Agreements

Solar Capital has an Investment Advisory and Management Agreement with the Investment Adviser, under which the Investment Adviser manages the day-to-day operations of, and provides investment advisory services to, Solar Capital. For providing these services, the Investment Adviser receives a fee from Solar Capital, consisting of two components—a base management fee and an incentive fee. The base management fee is determined by taking the average value of Solar Capital's gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters calculated at an annual rate of 2.00%. The incentive fee has two parts, as follows: one part is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears based on Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income for the immediately preceding calendar quarter. For this purpose, pre-incentive fee net investment income means interest income, dividend income and any other income (including any other fees (other than fees for providing managerial assistance), such as commitment, origination, structuring, diligence and consulting fees or other fees that we receive from portfolio companies) accrued during the calendar quarter, minus Solar Capital's operating expenses for the quarter (including the base management fee, any expenses payable under the Administration Agreement, and any interest expense and dividends paid on any issued and outstanding preferred stock, but excluding the incentive fee). Pre-incentive fee net investment income does not include any realized capital gains computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation. Pre-incentive fee net investment income, expressed as a rate of return on the value of Solar Capital's net assets at the end of the immediately preceding calendar quarter, is compared to the hurdle rate of 1.75% per quarter (7% annualized). Our net investment income used to calculate this part of the incentive fee is also included in the amount of our gross assets used to calculate the 2% base management fee. Solar Capital pays the Investment Adviser an incentive fee with respect to Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income in each calendar quarter as follows: (1) no incentive fee in any calendar quarter in which Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income does not exceed the hurdle rate; (2) 100% of Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income with respect to that portion of such pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.1875% in any calendar quarter; and (3) 20% of the amount of Solar Capital's pre-incentive fee net investment income, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter. These calculations are appropriately pro-rated for any period of less than three months and adjusted for any share issuances or repurchases during the relevant quarter. The second part of the incentive fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year (or upon termination of the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, as of the termination date), commencing on February 12, 2007, and equals 20% of Solar Capital's cumulative realized capital gains less cumulative realized capital losses, unrealized capital depreciation (unrealized depreciation on a gross investment-by-investment basis at the end of each calendar year) and all capital gains upon which prior performance-based capital gains incentive fee payments were previously made to the Investment Adviser. For financial statement purposes, the second part of the incentive fee is accrued based upon 20% of cumulative net realized and unrealized capital appreciation. As of March 31, 2011, there is no accrual.

Solar Capital has also entered into an Administration Agreement with Solar Capital Management, LLC (the Administrator) under which the Administrator provides administrative services for Solar Capital. For providing these services, facilities and personnel, Solar Capital reimburses the Administrator for Solar Capital's allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by the Administrator in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent. The Administrator also provides, on Solar Capital's behalf, managerial assistance to those portfolio companies to which Solar Capital is required to provide such assistance.

Note 5. Derivatives

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk both as a lender and a borrower. The Company's borrowing facilities and term loan bear interest at a floating rate, which means that rising interest rates would increase our cost of borrowing. To partially mitigate this risk, during the quarter ended March 31, 2011, the Company purchased an interest rate derivative contract, which effectively caps the London Interbank Borrowing Rate (LIBOR) at 1.00% on \$100 million of notional amount through January 2014. The interest rate cap was purchased for \$1,950 and was valued at \$1,980 on March 31, 2011. The Company had no interest rate derivatives in prior periods.

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The Company is also exposed to foreign exchange risk through its investments denominated in foreign currencies. The Company mitigates this risk through the use of foreign currency forward contracts. As an investment company, all changes in the fair value of assets, including changes caused by foreign currency fluctuation, flow through current earnings. The forward contracts serve as an economic hedge with their realized and unrealized gains and losses also recorded in current earnings. During the quarter ended March 31, 2011, the Company entered into 9 foreign currency forward contracts with durations of 1 month and an average U.S. dollar value of \$39,360. During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company entered into 77 foreign currency forward contracts with durations of 1 month and an average U.S. dollar value of \$28,181.

As of March 31, 2011, there were three open forward foreign currency contracts denominated in Australian Dollars, Euros, and British Pounds, all of which terminate on April 8, 2011. As of December 31, 2010, there were three open forward foreign currency contracts denominated in Australian Dollars, Euros, and British Pounds, all of which terminated on January 7, 2011. There was no fixed collateral held by counterparties for the open contracts and no credit-related contingent features associated with any of the open forward contracts. The contract details are as follows:

Purchase:	Counterparty	Local Currency	March 31, 2011 (unaudited)		December 31, 2010		Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)
			USD Value	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	Local Currency	USD Value	
USD / AUD	SunTrust Bank	32,613	\$ 33,733	\$ (970)	30,639	\$ 31,337	\$ (1,348)
USD / EURO	SunTrust Bank	20,105	28,493	(579)	18,307	24,464	(191)
USD / GBP	SunTrust Bank	38,755	62,172	325	37,942	59,155	604
Total			\$ 124,398	\$ (1,224)		\$ 114,956	\$ (935)

The Company had no derivatives designated as hedging instruments at March 31, 2011 or December 31, 2010.

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The following tables show the fair value and effect of the derivative instruments on the Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities and the Consolidated Statements of Operations:

Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

	Derivative Assets			
	March 31, 2011 (unaudited)		December 31, 2010	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments ^(a)				
Foreign exchange contracts	Derivative assets	\$ 325	Derivative assets	\$ 604
Interest rate caps	Derivative assets	1,980	Derivative assets	
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments ^(a)		\$ 2,305		\$ 604
Total derivative assets		\$ 2,305		\$ 604

	Derivative Liabilities			
	March 31, 2011 (unaudited)		December 31, 2010	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments ^(a)				
Foreign exchange contracts	Derivative liabilities	\$ 1,549	Derivative liabilities	\$ 1,539
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments ^(a)		\$ 1,549		\$ 1,539
Total derivative liabilities		\$ 1,549		\$ 1,539

- (a) See Note 2 for additional information on the Company's purpose for entering into derivatives not designated as hedging instruments and its overall risk management strategy.

Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Consolidated Statements of Operations

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Location of Gain or (Loss)

Recognized in Income on

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments ^(a)	Derivatives	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives	
		Three months ended March 31, 2011 (unaudited)	Three months ended March 31, 2010 (unaudited)
Foreign exchange contracts	Realized gain (loss):		
	Economic Hedges	\$ (4,363)	\$ 1,552
Foreign exchange contracts	Unrealized gain (loss):		
	Economic Hedges	(289)	(771)
Interest rate caps	Unrealized gain (loss):		
	Economic Hedges	30	
Total		\$ (4,622)	\$ 781

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Note 6. Borrowing Facilities, Senior Unsecured Notes, and Term Loan

Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility On January 11, 2008, Solar Capital LLC entered into a \$200 million Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility (the \$355 million Credit Facility) with Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. (CGMI), various lenders, and Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent for the lenders. CGMI acted as the sole lead bookrunner and the sole lead arranger for the \$355 million Credit Facility.

On February 12, 2010, Solar Capital Ltd. amended and restated the \$355 million Credit Facility, extending the maturity to February 2013 and increasing the total commitments under this facility to \$270 million. Per the amended agreement, borrowings bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the base rate plus 3.25% or the alternate base rate plus 2.25%. The commitment fee on unused balances is 0.375%. The amendment also reduced the advance rates permitted on certain asset types and placed limitations on the secured borrowing amount. On May 26, 2010, the \$355 million Credit Facility was amended to remove the limitations on the secured borrowing amount and increase the advance rates permitted on certain asset types. Total commitments under the \$355 million Credit Facility have been increased to \$355 million as a result of the addition of two new lenders on May 12, 2010 and June 23, 2010. The facility size may be increased up to \$600 million with additional new lenders or the increase in commitments of current lenders. The \$355 million Credit Facility contains certain customary affirmative and negative covenants and events of default, including the occurrence of a change of control. In addition, the \$355 million Credit Facility contains certain financial covenants that among other things, requires the Company to maintain a minimum shareholders equity and a minimum debt to total assets ratio.

Term Loan On September 2, 2010, Solar Capital Ltd. entered into a fully funded \$35 million senior secured term loan (the Term Loan), which matures in September 2013, bears interest at a rate per annum equal to the base rate plus 3.25%, and has terms substantially similar to the \$355 million Credit Facility. The Term Loan contains certain customary affirmative and negative covenants and events of default, including the occurrence of a change of control. In addition, the Term Loan contains certain financial covenants that among other things, requires the Company to maintain a minimum shareholders equity and a minimum debt to total assets ratio.

Senior Secured Loan Facility On December 17, 2010, Solar Capital Ltd. entered into a new \$100 million Senior Secured Credit Facility (the \$100 million Credit Facility) with Wells Fargo Securities LLC, as administrative agent. Solar Capital entered into (i) a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the Purchase and Sale Agreement) with SC Funding II, pursuant to which Solar Capital will sell to SC Funding II certain loans that it has originated or acquired, or will originate or acquire (the Loans) from time to time; (ii) a Loan and Servicing Agreement (the Loan and Servicing Agreement) and, together with the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the Agreements) with SC Funding II as borrower; and (iii) various supporting documentation. The \$100 million Credit Facility is secured by all of the assets held by SC Funding II. The \$100 million Credit Facility, among other things, matures on December 17, 2015 and bears interest based on LIBOR plus 3.00%. Under the Agreements, Solar and SC Funding II, as applicable, are required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The Purchase and Sale Agreement includes usual and customary events of default for credit facilities of this nature.

Senior Unsecured Notes On February 9, 2010, in connection with the Merger, senior unsecured notes (the Senior Unsecured Notes) of Solar Capital Ltd. were issued to certain equity holders. The Senior Unsecured Notes were scheduled to mature in February 2014 and had a coupon of 8.75%, payable quarterly in cash beginning May 1, 2010. The Senior Unsecured Notes were redeemable at any time, in whole or in part, at a price of 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. Further, net cash proceeds from the issuance of any other senior notes had to be used either to redeem or make an offer to purchase the outstanding Senior Unsecured Notes at a price of 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. The Senior Unsecured Notes subjected Solar Capital Ltd. to customary covenants, including, among other things, (i) a requirement to maintain an asset coverage ratio of at least 2.00 to 1.00; (ii) a requirement that in the event of a change of control (as defined in the agreement governing the Senior Unsecured Notes) Solar Capital Ltd. will be required to offer to repurchase the Senior Unsecured Notes at a price of 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of repurchase; and (iii) a restriction on incurring any debt on a junior lien basis, or any debt that is contractually subordinated in right of payment to any other debt unless it is also subordinated to the Senior Unsecured Notes on substantially identical terms. The agreement under

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which the Senior Unsecured Notes have been issued contained customary events of default. The Senior Unsecured Notes were repaid in full in December 2010 at par plus accrued interest.

The weighted average annualized interest cost for all borrowings for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 was 3.58% and 6.59%, respectively. These costs are exclusive of commitment fees and for other prepaid expenses related to establishing the \$355 million Credit Facility, the \$100 million Credit Facility, the Senior Unsecured Notes, and the Term Loan (collectively the Credit Facilities.) This weighted average annualized interest cost reflects the average interest cost for all outstanding borrowings. The average debt outstanding for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and for the year ended December 31, 2010 was \$126,318 and \$140,301, respectively. The maximum amounts borrowed on the Credit Facilities during the three months ended March 31, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2010 were \$435,000 and \$435,000, respectively. There was \$435,000 drawn on the Credit Facilities as of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010. At March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company was in compliance with all financial and operational covenants required by the Credit Facilities.

Note 7. Fair Value

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value that includes a hierarchy used to classify the inputs used in measuring fair value. The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

GAAP fair value measurement guidance classifies the inputs used to measure these fair values into the following hierarchy:

Level 1. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that the Company has the ability to access (examples include active exchange-traded equity securities, exchange-traded derivatives, and most U.S. Government and agency securities).

Level 2. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;

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- b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets (examples include corporate and municipal bonds, which trade infrequently);
- c) Pricing models whose inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability (examples include most over-the-counter derivatives, including foreign exchange forward contracts); and
- d) Pricing models whose inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or other means for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability (examples include certain of our private debt and equity investments) and long-dated or complex derivatives (including certain equity and currency derivatives).

When the inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For example, a Level 3 fair value measurement may include inputs that are observable (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable (Level 3). Therefore gains and losses for such assets and liabilities categorized within the Level 3 table below may include changes in fair value that are attributable to both observable inputs (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable inputs (Level 3). Further, it should be noted that the following tables do not take into consideration the effect of offsetting Levels 1 and 2 financial instruments entered into by the Company that economically hedge certain exposures to the Level 3 positions.

A review of fair value hierarchy classifications is conducted on a quarterly basis. Changes in the observability of valuation inputs may result in a reclassification for certain financial assets or liabilities. Reclassifications impacting Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are reported as transfers in/out of the Level 3 category as of the beginning of the quarter in which the reclassifications occur.

The following table presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

Fair Value Measurements**As of March 31, 2011**

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans		48,932	223,711	272,643
Subordinated Debt / Corporate Notes		54,135	573,572	627,707
Preferred Equity			4,029	4,029
Common Equity / Partnership Interests / Warrants	228	18,152	65,846	84,226
Derivative assets - interest rate cap		1,980		1,980
Derivative assets - forward contracts		325		325

Liabilities:

Derivative liabilities - forward contracts	1,549	1,549
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Fair Value Measurements

As of December 31, 2010

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans	\$	\$ 46,609	\$ 200,532	\$ 247,141
Subordinated Debt / Corporate Notes		83,475	566,308	649,784
Preferred Equity			3,934	3,934
Common Equity / Partnership Interests / Warrants	373	21,898	53,092	75,362
Derivative assets - forward contracts		604		604
Liabilities:				
Derivative liabilities - forward contracts		1,539		1,539

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The following table provides a summary of the changes in fair value of Level 3 assets and liabilities for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2010, as well as the portion of gains or losses included in income attributable to unrealized gains or losses related to those assets and liabilities still held at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

Fair Value Measurements Using Level 3 Inputs**As of March 31, 2011**

	Bank Debt/ Senior Secured Loans	Subordinated Debt/ Corporate Notes	Preferred Equity	Common Equity/ Partnership Interests/ Warrants
Fair value, January 1, 2011	\$ 200,532	\$ 566,308	\$ 3,934	\$ 53,092
Total gains or losses included in earnings:				
Net realized gain (loss)				
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	(2,498)	14,809		8,545
Purchase of investment securities	50,842	30,190	95	4,209
Proceeds from dispositions of investment securities	(25,165)	(37,735)		
Transfers in/out of Level 3				
Fair value, March 31, 2011	\$ 223,711	\$ 573,572	\$ 4,029	\$ 65,846

Unrealized gains (losses) for the period relating to those Level 3 assets that were still held by the Company at the end of the period:

Net change in unrealized gain:	\$ 4,673	\$ 27,161	\$	\$ 27,246
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The Company had no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during the period. During the three months ended March 31, 2011, there were no transfers in and out of Levels 1 and 2.

Fair Value Measurements Using Level 3 Inputs**As of December 31, 2010**

Preferred Equity

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	Bank Debt/ Senior Secured Loans	Subordinated Debt/ Corporate Notes		Common Equity/ Partnership Interests/ Warrants
Fair value, January 1, 2010	\$ 163,499	\$ 576,031	\$ 40	\$ 55,121
Total gains or losses included in earnings:				
Net realized gain (loss)	487	(54,093)		15,396
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	3,704	86,974	4	(4,006)
Purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements				
(net)	84,542	396	3,890	(11,722)
Transfers out of Level 3	(51,700)	(43,000)		(1,697)
Fair value, December 31, 2010	\$ 200,532	\$ 566,308	\$ 3,934	\$ 53,092

Unrealized gains (losses) for the period relating to those Level 3 assets that were still held by the Company at the end of the period:

Net change in unrealized gain:	\$ 5,522	\$ 27,161	\$ 4	\$ 27,246
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During 2010, one asset with a fair value of \$0.4 million was transferred from Level 2 to Level 1 when trading restrictions expired on a publicly traded equity investment. The Company had no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during the period.

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The table below illustrates the effect of certain transactions on our capital accounts for the three months ended March 31, 2011:

	Common Stock		Partners	Paid in Capital	Net	Accumulated	Net Unrealized	Total
	Shares	Par Amount	Capital	in Excess	Investment	Net Realized	Appreciation	Stockholders
				of Par	Income	Gain/(Loss)		Equity
Balance at December 31, 2009		\$	\$ 697,903	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 697,903
Solar Capital Merger ⁽¹⁾	26,647,312	266	(697,903)	772,553			(199,916)	(125,000)
Issuances of common stock in IPO ⁽²⁾	6,280,945	63		106,088				106,151
Issuances of common stock in private placement ⁽³⁾	2,965,000	30		67,836				67,866
Reinvestment of dividends	489,901	5		10,841				10,846
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations					69,212	(38,968)	111,641	141,885
Dividends declared (\$2.14 per share)					(65,457)	(7,200)		(72,657)
Permanent tax differences				(30,327)	(5,300)	35,627		
Balance at December 31, 2010	36,383,158	\$ 364	\$	\$ 926,991	\$ (1,545)	\$ (10,541)	\$ (88,275)	\$ 826,994
Net increase in stockholders' equity resulting from operations					19,150	(1,633)	31,501	49,018
Capitalized Offering Costs								
Dividends declared (\$0.60 per share)					(21,830)			(21,830)
Balance at March 31, 2011	36,383,158	\$ 364	\$	\$ 926,991	\$ (4,225)	\$ (12,174)	\$ (56,774)	\$ 854,182

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- (1) Immediately prior to the initial public offering, through a series of transactions Solar Capital Ltd. merged with Solar Capital LLC, leaving Solar Capital Ltd. as the surviving entity. Solar Capital Ltd. issued an aggregate of approximately 26.65 million shares of common stock and \$125 million in Senior Unsecured Notes to the existing Solar Capital LLC unit holders in connection with the Merger.
- (2) On February 9, 2010 Solar Capital Ltd. priced its initial public offering, selling 5.68 million shares, including the underwriters over-allotment, at a price of \$18.50 per share. Concurrent with this offering, management purchased an additional 600,000 shares through a private placement, also at \$18.50 per share.
- (3) On November 30, 2010 Solar Capital Ltd. priced a private offering, selling 2.85 million shares, at a price of \$22.94 per share. Concurrent with this offering, management purchased an additional 115,000 shares, also at \$22.94 per share.

Note 10. Earnings Per Share

The following information sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net increase in shareholders' equity per share resulting from operations for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010:

	Three months ended March 31, 2011 (unaudited)	Three months ended March 31, 2010 (unaudited)
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share:	\$ 49,018	\$ 62,004
Denominator for basic and diluted weighted average share:	36,383,158	32,553,322
Basic and diluted net increase in shareholders equity resulting from operations per share:	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.90

As required by ASC 260-10, *Earnings Per Share*, the number of shares used to calculate weighted average shares for use in computations on a per share basis have been decreased retroactively by a factor of approximately 0.4022 for all periods prior to February 9, 2010. This factor represents the effective impact of the reduction in shares resulting from the Merger.

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The Company intends to elect to be treated as a RIC under subchapter M of the Code and operates in a manner so as to qualify for the tax treatment applicable to RICs. In order to qualify as a RIC, among other things, the Company is required to timely distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of investment company taxable income, as defined by the Code, for each year. Additionally, as a BDC, the Company must not acquire any assets other than qualifying assets specified in the 1940 Act unless, at the time the acquisition is made, at least 70% of its total assets are qualifying assets (with certain limited exceptions). Qualifying assets include investments in eligible portfolio companies. The Company, among other things, has made and intends to continue to make the requisite distributions to its stockholders, which will generally relieve the Company from U.S. federal, state, and local income taxes, excluding excise taxes which may be imposed under the Code. However, the Company may be subject to withholding taxes imposed on investment income and/or gains recognized associated with certain securities of issuers not resident in the U.S.

Prior to the February 9, 2010, the Company was classified as a partnership for U.S. tax purposes, and therefore was generally not subject to federal and state income taxes. Each partner took into account separately on their tax return their share of the taxable income, gains, losses, deductions or credits for the partnership's taxable year. Accordingly, no provisions were made in the accompanying financial statements for federal and state income tax. The Company was subject to New York City unincorporated business tax (UBT), which is imposed on the business income of every unincorporated business that is carried on in New York City. The UBT is imposed for each taxable year at a rate of approximately 4 percent of taxable income that is allocable to New York City.

Note 12. Financial Highlights

The following is a schedule of financial highlights for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010:

	Three months ended March 31, 2011	Three months ended March 31, 2010
Per Share Data: ^(a)		
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 22.73	\$ 21.24
Net investment income	0.53	0.64
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.82	1.26
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	1.35	1.90
Effect of dilution		(0.33)
Offering Costs		(0.29)
Dividends to shareholders declared	(0.60)	(0.34)
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 23.48	\$ 22.18
 Total return ^(b)	 (1.21%)	 14.27%

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Net assets, end of period	\$ 854,182	\$ 730,379
Per share market value at end of period	23.88	21.14
Shares outstanding end of period	36,383,158	32,928,257
Ratio to average net assets:		
Expenses without incentive fees ^(c)	4.03%	5.07%
Incentive fees	0.57%	0.74%
Total expenses	4.60%	5.81%
Net investment income without incentive fees ^(c)		
Portfolio turnover ratio	11.55%	14.99%
	8.01%	4.09%

- (a) Calculated using the average shares outstanding method
- (b) Total return is based on the change in market price per share during the period and takes into account dividends reinvested with the dividend reinvestment plan. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, the public offering price of \$18.50 is used as the beginning net asset value. Not annualized for periods less than one year.
- (c) Annualized.

Note 13. Related Parties

From July 2006 through approximately the first quarter of 2009, Mr. Gross, the Company's chairman and chief executive officer, was a partner in Magnetar Capital Partners LP. Mr. Spohler, our chief operating officer together with Solar Capital Partners LLC's other investment professionals, advised Magnetar Financial LLC (Magnetar) on certain investments which coincide with those of Solar Capital. Certain entities affiliated with Magnetar owned as of March 31, 2011 either directly or indirectly, approximately 12.5% of our outstanding equity. In addition Messrs. Gross, Spohler, and Radesca serve as chairman and chief executive officer, director and chief operating officer, and chief financial officer, respectively, of Solar Senior Capital Ltd.

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(unaudited)

(in thousands, except shares)

Schedule 12-14

Portfolio Company	Investment	As of March 31, 2011 Number of Shares/Principal Amount	Three months ended March 31, 2011		As of March 31, 2011 Fair Value
			Amount of dividends and interest included in income	Amount of equity in profit and loss	
Investments Owned Greater than 25%					
USAW 767	Senior Debt	\$ 6,321	\$ 239	\$	\$ 6,321
SODO Corp.	Preferred Equity/Common	388	11		399
SOCAY Corp.	Preferred Equity/Common	3,484	95		3,587
National Specialty Alloys, LLC	Equity	1,000,000	350		11,500
Total Investments Owned Greater than 25%			\$ 695	\$	\$ 21,807
Investments Owned Greater than 5% and Less than 25%					
Ark Real Estate Partners LP	Equity	38,085,500			32,308
Total Investments Owned Greater than 5% and Less than 25%			\$	\$	\$ 32,308

The table below represents the balance at the beginning of the year, December 31, 2010 and any gross additions and reductions and net unrealized gain (loss) made to such investments as well as the ending fair value as of March 31, 2011.

Gross additions represent increases in the investment from additional investments, payments in kind of interest or dividends.

Gross reductions represent decreases in the investment from sales of investments or repayments.

	Beginning	Gross	Gross	Change in	Fair Value
	Fair Value			Unrealized	
	December 31, 2010	additions	reductions	Gain (Loss)	March 31, 2011
USAW 767	\$ 6,618	\$	\$ 422	\$ 125	\$ 6,321
SODO Corp.	390	9			399
SOCAY Corp.	3,500	87			3,587

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National Specialty Alloys, LLC	10,000		1,500	11,500
Ark Real Estate Partners LP	29,235	3,333	(260)	32,308

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Schedule 12-14

Portfolio Company	Investment	Year ended December 31, 2010			As of December 31, 2010 Fair Value
		As of December 31, 2010 Number of Shares/Principal	Amount of dividends and interest included in income	Amount of equity in profit and loss	
Investments Owned Greater than 25%					
USAW 767	Senior Debt	\$ 6,753	\$ 52	\$	\$ 6,618
SODO Corp.	Preferred Equity/Common	388	2		390
SOCAY Corp.	Preferred Equity/Common	3,484	16		3,500
National Specialty Alloys, LLC	Equity	1,000,000	600		10,000
Total Investments Owned Greater than 25%			\$ 670	\$	\$ 20,508
Investments Owned Greater than 5% and Less than 25%					
National Interest Security Corp.	Senior Debt	\$	\$ 3,544	\$	\$
National Interest Security Corp.	Subordinated	\$	4,075		
National Interest Security Corp.	Equity				
Ark Real Estate Partners LP	Equity	34,806,121			29,235
Total Investments Owned Greater than 5% and Less than 25%			\$ 7,619	\$	\$ 29,235

The table below represents the balance at the beginning of the year, December 31, 2009 and any gross additions and reductions and net unrealized gain (loss) made to such investments as well as the ending fair value as of December 31, 2010.

Gross additions represent increases in the investment from additional investments, payments in kind of interest or dividends.

Gross reductions represent decreases in the investment from sales of investments or repayments.

	Beginning Fair Value	Gross additions	Gross reductions	Change in Unrealized	Fair Value as of
	December 31, 2009			Gain (Loss)	December 31 2010
USAW 767	\$	\$ 7,294	\$ 676	\$	\$ 6,618

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SODO Corp.		390		390
SOCAY Corp.		3,500		3,500
National Specialty Alloys, LLC	9,000		1,000	10,000
National Interest Security Corp.	26,152		(1,412)	
National Interest Security Corp.	31,303		(1,073)	
National Interest Security Corp.	16,293		(14,167)	
Ark Real Estate Partners LP	19,675	6,800	2,760	29,235

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the notes thereto contained elsewhere in this report.

Overview

Solar Capital Ltd. (Solar , the Company or we), a Maryland corporation formed in November 2007, is a closed-end, externally managed, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company (BDC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). In addition, for tax purposes we intend to elect to be treated as a regulated investment company (RIC) under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

In February 2010, we completed our initial public offering and a concurrent private offering of shares to management. Prior to our initial public offering, Solar Capital LLC merged with and into Solar Capital Ltd. (the Merger), leaving Solar Capital Ltd. as the surviving entity. Solar Capital Ltd. issued shares of common stock and \$125 million in senior unsecured notes to the existing Solar Capital LLC unit holders in connection with the Merger. The senior unsecured notes that were issued in connection with the Merger were repaid in December 2010. Prior to the Merger, Solar Capital Ltd. had no assets or operations and as a result, the books and records of Solar Capital LLC have become the historical books and records of the Company.

Our investment objective is to generate both current income and capital appreciation through debt and equity investments. We invest primarily in leveraged middle market companies in the form of senior secured loans, mezzanine loans and equity securities. From time to time, we may also invest in public companies that are thinly traded. Our business model is focused primarily on the direct origination of investments through portfolio companies or their financial sponsors. Our investments generally range between \$20 million and \$100 million each, although we expect that this investment size will vary proportionately with the size of our capital base. We are managed by Solar Capital Partners, LLC (Solar Capital Partners). Solar Capital Management, LLC (Solar Capital Management) provides the administrative services necessary for us to operate. In addition, we may invest a portion of our portfolio in other types of investments, which we refer to as opportunistic investments, which are not our primary focus but are intended to enhance our overall returns. These investments may include, but are not limited to, direct investments in public companies that are not thinly traded and securities of leveraged companies located in select countries outside of the United States.

As of March 31, 2011, our long term investments totaled \$988.6 million and our net asset value was \$854.2 million. Our portfolio was comprised of debt and equity investments in 35 portfolio companies and our income producing assets, which represented 91.1% of our total portfolio, had a weighted average annualized yield on a fair value basis of approximately 13.9%.

During the three months ended March 31, 2011, we originated approximately \$50.5 million of new investments in 2 portfolio companies and approximately \$30.6 million was invested in 4 existing portfolio companies. For the three months ended March 31, 2011, we had approximately \$80.0 million in debt repayments in existing portfolio companies and sales of securities in three portfolio companies for approximately \$29.4 million.

Recent Developments

Dividend

On May 2, 2011, our board of directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.60 per share payable on July 5, 2011 to holders of record as of June 17, 2011. We expect the dividend to be paid from taxable earnings with specific tax characteristics reported to stockholders after the end of the calendar year.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting policies (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the periods reported. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates. We have identified the following items as critical accounting policies.

Valuation of Portfolio Investments

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We conduct the valuation of our assets, pursuant to which our net asset value is determined, at all times consistent with GAAP, and the 1940 Act. Our valuation procedures are set forth in more detail below:

Securities for which market quotations are readily available on an exchange are valued at the closing price on the valuation date. We may also obtain quotes with respect to certain of our investments from pricing services or brokers or dealers in order to value assets. When doing so, we determine whether the quote obtained is sufficient according to GAAP to determine the fair value of the security. If determined adequate, we use the quote obtained.

Securities for which reliable market quotations are not readily available or for which the pricing source does not provide a valuation or methodology or provides a valuation or methodology that, in the judgment of our investment adviser or board of directors, does not represent fair value, shall be valued as follows: (i) each portfolio company or investment is initially valued by the investment professionals responsible for the portfolio investment; (ii) preliminary valuation conclusions are documented and discussed with our senior management; (iii) independent third-party valuation firms engaged by, or on behalf of, the board of directors will conduct independent appraisals and review management's preliminary valuations and make their own assessment for all material assets; (iv) the board of directors will discuss valuations and determine the fair value of each investment in our portfolio in good faith based on the input of the investment adviser and, where appropriate, the respective third-party valuation firms.

The recommendation of fair value will generally be based on the following factors, as relevant:

the nature and realizable value of any collateral;

the portfolio company's ability to make payments;

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the portfolio company's earnings and discounted cash flow;

the markets in which the issuer does business; and

comparisons to publicly traded securities.

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available or for which a pricing source is not sufficient may include, but are not limited to, the following:

private placements and restricted securities that do not have an active trading market;

securities whose trading has been suspended or for which market quotes are no longer available;

debt securities that have recently gone into default and for which there is no current market;

securities whose prices are stale;

securities affected by significant events; and

securities that the investment adviser believes were priced incorrectly.

Determination of fair value involves subjective judgments and estimates. Accordingly, the notes to our financial statements express the uncertainty with respect to the possible effect of such valuations, and any change in such valuations, on our financial statements.

GAAP fair value measurement guidance classifies the inputs used to measure these fair values into the following hierarchy:

Level 1. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that the Company has the ability to access (examples include active exchange-traded equity securities and exchange-traded derivatives).

Level 2. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;

b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets (examples include corporate and municipal bonds, which trade infrequently);

c) Pricing models whose inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability (examples include most over-the-counter derivatives, including foreign exchange forward contracts); and

d) Pricing models whose inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or other means for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability (examples include certain of our private debt and equity investments) and long-dated or

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complex derivatives (including certain equity and currency derivatives).

Fair Value Measurements

As of March 31, 2011

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans		48,932	223,711	272,643
Subordinated Debt / Corporate Notes		54,135	573,572	627,707
Preferred Equity			4,029	4,029
Common Equity / Partnership Interests / Warrants	228	18,152	65,846	84,226
Derivative assets - interest rate cap		1,980		1,980
Derivative assets - forward contracts		325		325
Liabilities:				
Derivative liabilities - forward contracts		1,549		1,549

At March 31, 2011, the fair value of investments classified as Level 3 was \$867.1 million or 63.9% of total assets. There were no investments transferred into or out of Level 3 during the first quarter of 2011. However, during the first quarter of 2011, a portion of one investment with a current market value of \$0.4 million was transferred from Level 2 to Level 1 when its listed common stock became freely tradable as restrictions expired.

Revenue Recognition

Our revenue recognition policies are as follows:

Sales: Gains or losses on the sale of investments are calculated by using the specific identification method.

Interest Income: Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on an accrual basis. Origination, closing and/or commitment fees associated with investments in portfolio companies are accreted into interest income over the respective terms of the applicable loans. Upon the prepayment of a loan or debt security, any prepayment penalties and unamortized loan origination, closing and commitment fees are recorded as part of interest income. We have loans in our portfolio that contain a PIK provision. PIK interest is accrued at the contractual rates and added to the loan principal on the reset dates.

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Non-accrual: Loans are placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest payments are past due 30 days or more or when there is reasonable doubt that principal or interest will be collected. Accrued interest is generally reversed when a loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment about ultimate collectability of principal. Non-accrual loans are restored to accrual status when past due principal and interest is paid and, in management's judgment, are likely to remain current.

Payment-in-Kind Interest

We have investments in our portfolio which contain a PIK interest provision. Over time, PIK interest increases the principal balance of the investment, but is recorded as interest income. For us to maintain our status as a RIC, substantially all of this income must be paid out to stockholders in the form of dividends, even though we have not currently collected cash with respect to the PIK interest.

Portfolio Investments

The total fair value of our investments was approximately \$988.6 million and \$976.2 million at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively. During the three months ended March 31, 2011, we originated approximately \$50.5 million of new investments in 2 portfolio companies and approximately \$30.6 million was invested in 4 existing portfolio companies. During the year ended December 31, 2010, we originated approximately \$272.3 million of new investments in 9 portfolio companies and approximately \$68.2 million was invested in 3 existing portfolio companies.

In certain instances, we receive payments on our debt investments based on scheduled amortization of the outstanding balances. In addition, we may receive repayments of certain debt investments prior to their scheduled maturity date. The frequency or volume of these repayments may fluctuate significantly from period to period. Our portfolio activity also reflects sales of securities. For the three months ended March 31, 2011, we had approximately \$80.0 million in debt repayments in existing portfolio companies and sales of securities in three portfolio companies for approximately \$29.4 million. For the year ended December 31, 2010, we had approximately \$298.5 million in debt repayments and approximately \$33.1 million in sales of securities in 7 portfolio companies.

In addition, for the quarter ended March 31, 2011 we had net unrealized and realized gains on 28 investments totaling approximately \$52.9 million and net unrealized and realized losses on 20 investments totaling approximately \$17.9 million. During the year ended December 31, 2010 we had net unrealized and realized gains on 41 investments totaling approximately \$88.5 million and net unrealized and realized losses on 20 investments totaling approximately \$14.4 million.

At March 31, 2011, we had investments in debt and preferred securities of 29 portfolio companies, totaling approximately \$904.4 million, and equity investments in 9 portfolio companies, totaling approximately \$84.2 million. At December 31, 2010, we had investments in debt and preferred securities of 30 portfolio companies, totaling approximately \$900.9 million, and equity investments in 9 portfolio companies, totaling approximately \$75.4 million.

The following table shows the fair value of our portfolio of investments by asset class as of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

	March 31, 2011 (unaudited)		December 31, 2010	
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value
Bank Debt/Senior Secured Loans	\$ 275,933	\$ 272,643	\$ 250,253	\$ 247,141
Subordinated Debt/Corporate Notes	654,449	627,707	690,817	649,784
Preferred Equity	4,025	4,029	3,929	3,934
Common Equity/Partnership Interests/Warrants	109,306	84,226	118,562	75,362
Total	\$ 1,043,713	\$ 988,605	\$ 1,063,561	\$ 976,221

As of March 31, 2011, the weighted average yield on income producing investments in our portfolio was approximately 13.9%, compared to 14.3% at December 31, 2010. The decrease in yield during the first three months of 2011 was primarily due to an increase in fair value of portfolio assets and the repayment and sale of certain assets since December 2010. As of March 31, 2011, there were no investments on non-accrual status compared to one asset on non-accrual status with a market value of \$6.6 million at December 31, 2010.

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Results of Operations for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2011 compared to the Quarter Ended March 31, 2010

Revenue

	For the Three Months Ended		
	March 31,		
	(unaudited)		
	2011	2010	% Change
	(in thousands)		
Investment income	\$ 32,294	\$ 35,310	(9%)

Higher fees and other income related to early repayment of assets earned during the first quarter of 2010 were partially offset by higher interest income earned during the first three months of 2011. Prepayment premiums and the accelerated amortization of upfront fees related to early repayment of assets contributed approximately \$6.9 million to investment income for the three months ended March 31, 2010 compared with \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. Interest income was approximately \$1.9 million higher during the first quarter of 2011 primarily due to higher income producing invested balances compared to the same period in 2010.

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	For the Three Months Ended March 31, (unaudited)		
	2011	2010	% Change
	(in thousands)		
Investment advisory and management fees	\$ 4,987	\$ 4,366	14%
Performance-based incentive fee	4,788	5,279	(9%)
Interest and other credit facility expenses	2,037	2,951	(31%)
Administrative service fee	438	453	(3%)
Other general and administrative expenses	894	1,150	(22%)
Total operating expenses	\$ 13,144	\$ 14,199	(7%)

Combined performance-based incentive fee, which is calculated as a percentage of net investment income above certain hurdle rates, and investment advisory and management fees, which are calculated based on average gross assets, were comparable for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010. Interest and other credit facility expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were lower than the comparable period in 2010 primarily due to lower average debt balances outstanding and the repayment of our 8.75% senior unsecured notes in December 2010. Administrative service fees and other general and administrative fees were lower during the first quarter of 2011 because the first quarter of 2010 included costs related to pre-IPO private fund administration and reporting.

Net Realized and Unrealized Gains and Losses

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, (unaudited)	
	2011	2010
	(in thousands)	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	\$ 2,802	\$ (27,331)
Net realized (loss) gain on derivatives	(4,363)	1,552
Net realized (loss) gain on foreign currency exchange	(72)	3,536
Net unrealized gain on investments	32,232	64,511
Net unrealized loss on derivatives	(259)	(771)
Net unrealized (loss) on foreign currency exchange	(447)	(604)
Total realized and unrealized gain	\$ 29,868	\$ 40,893

Total realized and unrealized gain was \$29.9 million for the first quarter of 2011 compared to \$40.9 million for the same period in 2010. The combined net gain during the first quarter of 2011 was primarily due to continued credit improvement in the portfolio. The net gain during the first quarter of 2010 was primarily due to certain asset valuations that were beginning to recover from technical recession lows. We analyze this section on a combined basis because offsets may exist in the individual line items due to foreign exchange fluctuations and movements from unrealized to realized, which may have impacted income in prior periods.

Our investments denominated in Euro, British Pounds, Canadian dollars, and Australian dollars are converted into U.S. dollars at the balance sheet date, and as such, we are exposed to movements in exchange rates. To limit our exposure to movements in foreign currency exchange rates we enter into foreign exchange forward contracts or borrow in foreign currencies under our multi-currency revolving credit facility. For the first quarter of 2011 the total net realized and unrealized loss on forward contracts and foreign currency exchange was \$4.6 million compared to a gain of \$0.8 million for the same line items in the first quarter of 2010. The current period losses reflect the weakening of the U.S. dollar during the first quarter 2011.

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To partially mitigate this risk of rising interest rates on our floating rate debt exposure, we purchased an interest rate derivative contract during the first quarter of 2011, which effectively caps the London Interbank Borrowing Rate (LIBOR) at 1.00% on \$100 million of notional amount through January 2014.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's liquidity and capital resources are generated and generally available through its multicurrency \$355 million senior secured revolving credit facility maturing in February 2013 (\$355 million Credit Facility), \$100 million senior secured revolving credit facility maturing in December 2015 (\$100 million Credit Facility), \$35 million term loan maturing in September 2013, cash flows from operations, investment sales, repayments of senior and subordinated loans,

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income earned on investments and cash equivalents, and, we expect, through periodic follow-on equity and/or debt offerings. We may from time to time issue such securities in either public or private offerings. The issuance of debt or equity securities will depend on future market conditions, funding needs and other factors and there can be no assurance that any such issuance will occur or be successful.

The primary use of existing funds and any funds raised in the future is expected to be for repayment of indebtedness, investments in portfolio companies, cash distributions to our shareholders or for other general corporate purposes.

At March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, we had cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$339.2 and \$288.7 million, respectively. Cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 was approximately \$50.4 million and \$107.7 million, respectively. We expect that all current liquidity needs will be met with cash flows from operations and other activities.

Credit Facilities. On February 12, 2010, Solar Capital Ltd. amended and restated Solar Capital LLC's credit facility, extending the maturity to February 2013 and increasing the total commitments under this facility to \$270 million. Per the amended agreement, borrowings bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the base rate plus 3.25% or the alternate base rate plus 2.25%. The commitment fee on unused balances is 0.375%. The amendment also reduced the advance rates permitted on certain asset types and placed limitations on the secured borrowing amount. On May 26, 2010, the \$355 million Credit Facility was amended to remove the limitations on the secured borrowing and increase the advance rates permitted on certain asset types. Total commitments under this facility have been increased to \$355 million as a result of the addition of two new lenders on May 12, 2010 and June 23, 2010. The facility size may be increased up to \$600 million with additional new lenders or the increase in commitments of current lenders. The \$355 million Credit Facility contains certain customary affirmative and negative covenants and events of default, including the occurrence of a change of control. In addition, the \$355 million Credit Facility contains certain financial covenants that among other things, require the Company to maintain a minimum shareholder's equity and a minimum debt to total assets ratio.

On December 17, 2010, we established the \$100 million Credit Facility with Wells Fargo Securities, LLC acting as administrative agent. In connection with the \$100 million Credit Facility, our wholly owned financing subsidiary, Solar Capital Funding II, LLC ("SC Funding II"), as borrower, entered into a Loan and Servicing Agreement whereby we transferred certain loans we originated or acquired or will originate or acquire from time to time to SC Funding II via a Purchase and Sale Agreement. The \$100 million Credit Facility, among other things, matures on December 17, 2015 and generally bears interest based on LIBOR plus 3.00%. The \$100 million Credit Facility is secured by all of the assets held by SC Funding II. Under the \$100 million Credit Facility, Solar Capital and SC Funding II, as applicable, have made certain customary representations and warranties, and are required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The \$100 million Credit Facility includes usual and customary events of default for credit facilities of this nature.

Term Loan. On September 2, 2010, Solar Capital Ltd. entered into the fully funded \$35 million Term Loan, which matures in September 2013, bears interest at a rate per annum equal to the base rate plus 3.25%, and has terms substantially similar to the \$355 million Credit Facility.

Certain covenants may restrict our business activities, including limitations that could hinder our ability to finance additional loans and investments or to make the distributions required to maintain our status as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code.

Contractual Obligations

A summary of our significant contractual payment obligations as of March 31, 2011 is as follows:

(in millions)	Total	Payments Due by Period (unaudited)			
		Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More Than 5 Years
Senior secured revolving credit facilities ⁽¹⁾	\$ 400.0	\$	\$ 300.0	\$ 100.0	\$
Term loan	\$ 35.0	\$	\$ 35.0	\$	\$

(1) As of March 31, 2011, we had \$55.0 million of unused borrowing capacity under our credit facilities.

We have certain commitments pursuant to our Investment Advisory and Management Agreement entered into with Solar Capital Partners. We have agreed to pay a fee for investment advisory and management services consisting of two components – a base management fee and an incentive fee. Payments under the Investment Advisory and Management Agreement are equal to (1) a percentage of the value of our average gross assets and (2) a two-part incentive fee. We have also entered into an Administration Agreement with Solar Capital Management to serve as

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our administrator. Payments under the Administration Agreement are equal to an amount based upon our allocable portion of Solar Capital Management's overhead in performing its obligation under the agreement, including rent, fees, and other expenses inclusive of our allocable portion of the compensation of our chief financial officer and any administrative staff.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In the normal course of our business, we trade various financial instruments and may enter into various investment activities with off-balance sheet risk, which include forward foreign currency contracts. Generally, these financial instruments represent future commitments to purchase or sell other financial instruments at specific terms at future dates. These financial instruments contain varying degrees of off-balance sheet risk whereby changes in the market value or our satisfaction of the obligations may exceed the amount recognized in our Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities.

Borrowings

We had borrowings of \$400.0 million outstanding, under our senior secured revolving credit facilities and \$35 million on the Term Loan as of March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

Table of Contents***Distributions and Dividends***

The following table reflects the cash distributions, including dividends and returns of capital, if any, per share that we have declared on our common stock since our initial public offering:

Date Declared	Record Date	Payment Date	Amount
Fiscal 2011			
May 2, 2011	June 17, 2011	July 5, 2011	\$ 0.60
March 1, 2011	March 17, 2011	April 4, 2011	0.60
<i>Total (2011)</i>			\$ 1.20
Fiscal 2010			
November 2, 2010	December 17, 2010	December 30, 2010	\$ 0.60
August 3, 2010	September 17, 2010	October 4, 2010	0.60
May 4, 2010	June 17, 2010	July 2, 2010	0.60
January 26, 2010	March 18, 2010	April 1, 2010	0.34
<i>Total (2010)</i>			\$ 2.14

The \$0.34 dividend declared during the first quarter of 2010 was a \$0.60 dividend prorated for the number of days that remained in the quarter after our initial public offering.

Tax characteristics of all dividends will be reported to shareholders on Form 1099 after the end of the calendar year. Future quarterly dividends, if any, will be determined by our board of directors.

We intend to elect to be taxed as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. To maintain our RIC status, we must 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, out of the assets legally available for distribution. In addition, although we currently intend to distribute net realized capital gains (net long-term capital gains in excess of short-term capital losses), if any, at least annually, out of the assets legally available for such distributions, we may in the future decide to retain such capital gains for investment.

We maintain an opt out dividend reinvestment plan for our common stockholders. As a result, if we declare a dividend, then stockholders cash dividends will be automatically reinvested in additional shares of our common stock, unless they specifically opt out of the dividend reinvestment plan so as to receive cash dividends.

Related Parties

We have entered into a number of business relationships with affiliated or related parties, including the following:

We have entered into an Investment Advisory and Management Agreement with Solar Capital Partners. Mr. Gross, our chairman and chief executive officer, is the managing member and a senior investment professional of, and has financial and controlling interests in, Solar Capital Partners. In addition, Mr. Spohler, our chief operating officer is a partner and a senior investment professional of, and has financial interests in, Solar Capital Partners.

Solar Capital Management provides us with the office facilities and administrative services necessary to conduct day-to-day operations pursuant to our Administration Agreement. We reimburse Solar Capital Management for the allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by it in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent, the

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fees and expenses associated with performing compliance functions, and the compensation of our chief compliance officer, our chief financial officer and any administrative support staff. Solar Capital Partners, our investment adviser, is the sole member of and controls Solar Capital Management.

We have entered into a license agreement with Solar Capital Partners, pursuant to which Solar Capital Partners has granted us a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name Solar Capital.

From July 2006 through approximately the first quarter of 2009, Mr. Gross, the Company's chairman and chief executive officer, was a partner in Magnetar Capital Partners LP. Mr. Spohler, our chief operating officer together with Solar Capital Partners LLC's other investment professionals, advised Magnetar Financial LLC (Magnetar) on certain investments which coincide with those of Solar Capital. Certain entities affiliated with Magnetar owned as of March 31, 2011, either directly or indirectly, approximately 12.5% of our outstanding equity.

Solar Capital Partners and its affiliates may also manage other funds in the future that may have investment mandates that are similar, in whole and in part, with ours. Solar Capital Partners and its affiliates may determine that an investment is appropriate for us and for one or more of those other funds. For example, Solar Capital Partners presently serves as investment adviser to Solar Senior Capital Ltd., a closed-end management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company, which focuses on investing primarily in senior secured loans, including first lien, unitranche and second lien debt instruments. In addition, Michael S. Gross, our chairman and chief executive officer, Bruce Spohler, our chief operating officer, and Nicholas Radesca, our chief financial officer, serve in similar capacities for Solar Senior Capital Ltd. Solar Capital Partners and its affiliates may determine that an investment is appropriate for us and for one or more of those other funds. In such event, depending on the availability of such investment and other appropriate factors, Solar Capital Partners or its affiliates may determine that we should invest side-by-side with one or more other funds. Any such investments will be made only to the extent permitted by applicable law and interpretive positions of the SEC and its staff, and consistent with Solar Capital Partners' allocation procedures.

In addition, we have adopted a formal code of ethics that governs the conduct of our officers and directors. Our officers and directors also remain subject to the duties imposed by both the 1940 Act and the Maryland General Corporation Law.

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We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in interest rates. During the three months ended March 31, 2011, certain of the loans in our portfolio had floating interest rates and our senior secured revolving credit facilities and Term Loan also bear floating rate interest. Interest rates on these loans are typically based on floating LIBOR and reset to current market rates every one to six months. A change in interest rates would not have a material effect on our net investment income. However, we may hedge against interest rate fluctuations from time-to-time by using standard hedging instruments such as futures, options, swaps, caps and forward contracts subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act. While hedging activities may insulate us against adverse changes in interest rates, they may also limit our ability to participate in the benefits of higher interest rates with respect to our portfolio of investments. During the three months ended March 31, 2011, we purchased a 1.00% LIBOR cap on \$100 million of notional for 3 years. If during the three year contract period LIBOR exceeds 1.00%, we will receive payments from the counterparty equal to the difference between LIBOR and 1.00% on \$100 million. The cost of the cap was approximately \$2.0 million.

The following table quantifies the potential changes in interest income net of interest expense should interest rates increase by 100 or 200 basis points or decrease by 25 basis points. Investment income is calculated as revenue from loans and other lending investments held at March 31, 2011. Interest expense is calculated separately for each of our borrowings. For our floating rate \$35 million Term Loan we use the balance and interest rate as of March 31, 2011 and adjust the interest rate based on the hypothetical changes below. For our floating rate credit facilities we use the average balance for the three months ended March 31, 2011 as it fluctuates with our periodic cash requirements and we calculate interest expense using the interest rate as of March 31, 2011 adjusted for the hypothetical changes in rates below. The base interest rate case assumes the rates on our portfolio investments remain as they were on March 31, 2011. All of the hypothetical calculations are based on a model of our portfolio for the twelve months subsequent to March 31, 2011 and assume no change to any input other than the underlying base interest rates.

Actual results could differ significantly from those estimated in the table.

Change in Interest Rates	Estimated Percentage Change in Interest Income Net of Interest Expense (unaudited)
-25 Basis Points	(0.07%)
Base Interest Rate	0.00%
+100 Basis Points	0.47%
+200 Basis Points	1.59%

We have exposure to foreign currencies (Euro, British Pounds, Canadian dollars, and Australian dollars) through various investments. These investments are converted into U.S. dollars at the balance sheet date, exposing us to movements in exchange rates. To limit our exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates, we enter into foreign exchange forward contracts or borrow in those currencies under our multi-currency revolving credit facility. Our foreign currency exchange contracts are short term contracts that are continuously rolled forward to hedge the longer term portfolio investments. The table below presents our exchange rate sensitive assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2011 (unaudited):

	Australian Dollar	Euro	Pounds Sterling	Canadian
Portfolio Investments (Long)				
Par Amount, Fair Value for Equity (in Currency)	\$ 33.2	19.9	£ 37.9	\$ 30.5
Par Amount, Fair Value for Equity (\$ in millions)	\$ 34.3	\$ 28.1	\$ 60.8	\$ 31.5
Fair Value (\$ in millions)	\$ 34.3	\$ 25.4	\$ 51.9	\$ 30.7
Forward Contracts (Short)				
Notional Amount (in Currency)	\$ 32.6	20.1	£ 38.8	
Weighted Average Exchange Rate	1.034	1.417	1.604	
Contract Amount (\$ in millions)	\$ 33.7	\$ 28.5	\$ 62.2	
Fair Value (\$ in millions)	\$ (1.0)	\$ (0.6)	\$ 0.3	

Item 4. Controls and Procedures*(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

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As of March 31, 2011 (the end of the period covered by this report), we, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended). Based on that evaluation, our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective and provided reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our periodic Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. However, in evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, and management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of such possible controls and procedures.

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(b) Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

Management has not identified any change in the Company's internal control over financing reporting that occurred during the first quarter of 2011 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

We, Solar Capital Management, LLC and Solar Capital Partners, LLC are not currently subject to any material pending legal proceedings threatened against us. From time to time, we may be a party to certain legal proceedings incidental to the normal course of our business including the enforcement of our rights under contracts with our portfolio companies. While the outcome of these legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not expect that these proceedings will have a material effect upon our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, which could materially affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results. There have been no material changes during the three months ended March 31, 2011 to the risk factors discussed in Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

We did not engage in unregistered sales of equity securities during the three months ended March 31, 2011.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Reserved

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Item 5. Other Information

None.

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(a) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report or hereby incorporated by reference to exhibits previously filed with the SEC:

Exhibit	
Number	Description
3.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement**
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws**
4.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate****
10.1	Dividend Reinvestment Plan**
10.2	Form of Amended and Restated Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement by and between the Registrant, the Lenders and Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent****
10.3	Form of Senior Secured Term Loan Agreement by and between the Registrant and ING Capital LLC, as lender and administrative agent, dated as of September 2, 2010*****
10.4	Form of Loan and Servicing Agreement by and among the Registrant, Solar Capital Funding II LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as administrative agent, Wells Fargo Delaware Trust Company, as collateral agent and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as account bank and collateral custodian*****
10.5	Investment Advisory and Management Agreement by and between Registrant and Solar Capital Partners, LLC*
10.6	Form of Custodian Agreement****
10.7	Administration Agreement by and between Registrant and Solar Capital Management, LLC*
10.8	Form of Indemnification Agreement by and between Registrant and each of its directors**
10.9	Registration Rights Agreement by and between Registrant, Solar Cayman Limited, Solar Offshore Limited, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and purchasers in the initial private placement*
10.10	First Amendment to the Registration Rights Agreement by and between Registrant, Solar Cayman Limited, Solar Offshore Limited, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and purchasers in the initial private placement**
10.11	Registration Rights Agreement by and between Registrant, Magnetar Capital Fund, LP and Solar Offshore Limited*
10.12	Trademark License Agreement by and between Registrant and Solar Capital Partners, LLC**
10.13	Form of Share Purchase Agreement by and between Registrant and Solar Capital Investors II, LLC****
10.14	Form of Agreement and Plan of Merger by and between Registrant and Solar Capital LLC****
10.15	Form of Registration Rights Agreement*****
10.16	Form of Subscription Agreement*****
10.17	Form of Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between the Registrant and Solar Capital Funding II LLC*****
11	Computation of Per Share Earnings (included in the notes to the audited financial statements contained in this report).
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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- * Previously filed in connection with Solar Capital Ltd. s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-148734) filed on January 18, 2008.
- ** Previously filed in connection with Solar Capital Ltd. s registration statement on Form N-2 Pre-Effective Amendment No. 7 (File No. 333-148734) filed on January 7, 2010.
- *** Previously filed in connection with Solar Capital Ltd. s registration statement on Form N-2 Pre-Effective Amendment No. 8 (File No. 333-148734) filed on January 27, 2010.
- **** Previously filed in connection with Solar Capital Ltd. s registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-148734) filed on February 9, 2010.
- ***** Previously filed in connection with Solar Capital Ltd. s report on Form 8-K filed on September 7, 2010.
- ***** Previously filed in connection with Solar Capital Ltd. s report on Form 8-K filed on November 29, 2010.
- ***** Previously filed in connection with Solar Capital Ltd. s report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2010.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on May 2, 2011.

SOLAR CAPITAL LTD.

By: /s/ MICHAEL S. GROSS
 Michael S. Gross
 Chief Executive Officer
 (Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ NICHOLAS RADESCA
 Nicholas Radesca
 Chief Financial Officer
 (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)