



# EXPANDING TOOLS FOR VALUE CREATION AND FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY

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In connection with the Company's special meeting of stockholders, the Company has filed a proxy statement with the SEC and mailed the proxy statement and/or Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to its stockholders on or about April 13, 2021. Stockholders are encouraged to read the proxy statement because it contains important information about the proposal to be voted on at the special meeting. The proxy statement is available at no charge on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>, on the Company's website at <http://www.sixthstreetspecialtylending.com>, and at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). In addition, stockholders may also request copies of the proxy statement from us free of charge by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.

# SPECIAL MEETING OF TSLX STOCKHOLDERS

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To Our Stockholders:

We will be holding a Special Meeting of Stockholders of Sixth Street Specialty Lending, Inc. on May 26, 2021, at 1:30 PM, Eastern Time, on the internet via live webcast at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TSLX2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/TSLX2021). The proxy statement for the Special Meeting was filed and notice sent to stockholders on or about April 13, 2021.

At the meeting, you will be asked to consider and vote upon a proposal to authorize the Company, with approval of its board of directors, to sell or otherwise issue shares of its common stock at a price below its then-current net asset value (“NAV”) per share in one or more offerings, subject to certain conditions as set forth in the proxy statement for the Special Meeting, including that the number of shares issued does not exceed 25% of its then-outstanding common stock immediately prior to each such offering.

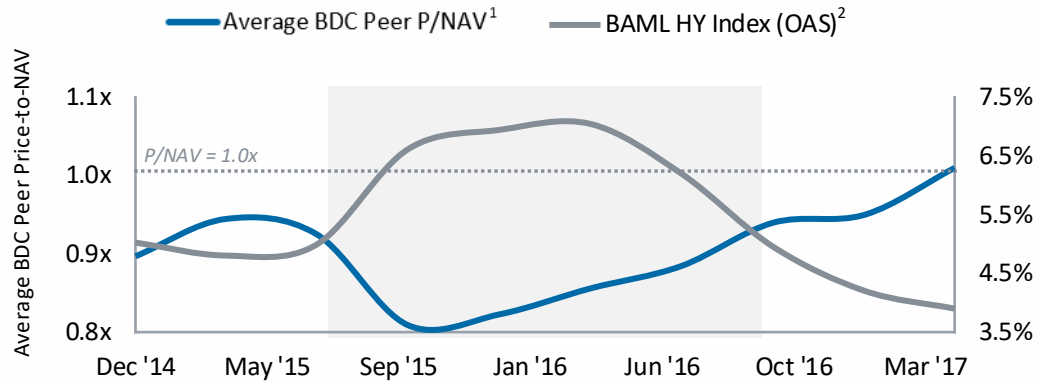
To date, the Company has not issued shares below NAV under prior authorization granted from stockholders. The board believes that having the **flexibility** for the Company to sell common stock below NAV in certain instances is in the Company’s best interest and the best interests of its stockholders.

We urge stockholders to vote “FOR” this proposal:

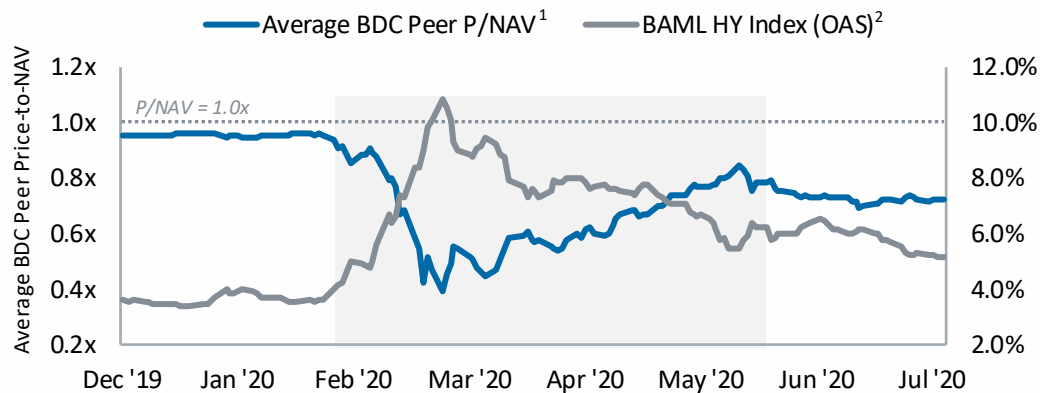
- Provide access to capital markets to pursue attractive investment opportunities during periods of volatility
- Improve capital resources to enable the Company to compete effectively for high quality investment opportunities
- Add financial flexibility

# MARKET CONDITIONS MAY CREATE ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## CREDIT MARKET DISLOCATION (LATE 2015 – EARLY 2016)



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- From time to time, there may be volatility in the broader capital markets, disruption in liquidity in the debt capital markets, significant write-offs in the financial services sector, and / or repricing of credit risk in the broadly syndicated markets
- During these periods, there could be a reduction in capital available to certain specialty finance companies and / or other capital providers, causing a reduction in competition for investment opportunities. For example:
  - In late 2015 through early 2016, these conditions coincided with lower stock prices for BDCs, with the BDC sector generally trading below NAV
  - Market conditions in early through mid 2020 driven by the impacts of COVID-19 also coincided with lower stock prices for BDCs, with the BDC sector trading significantly below NAV
- We believe that favorable investment opportunities at attractive risk-adjusted returns may be created during these periods of disruption and volatility

1. BDC Peers consist of 19 externally managed BDCs in the S&P BDC Index with total assets greater than \$750 million as of 6/30/20 financial statements, with the addition of BKCC, MRCC, GAIN and SUNS  
 2. BofA Merrill Lynch Option-Adjusted Spreads are the calculated spreads between the BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Master II Index value (which tracks the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade rated corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market) and a spot Treasury curve  
 Source: SNL Financial, FRED.

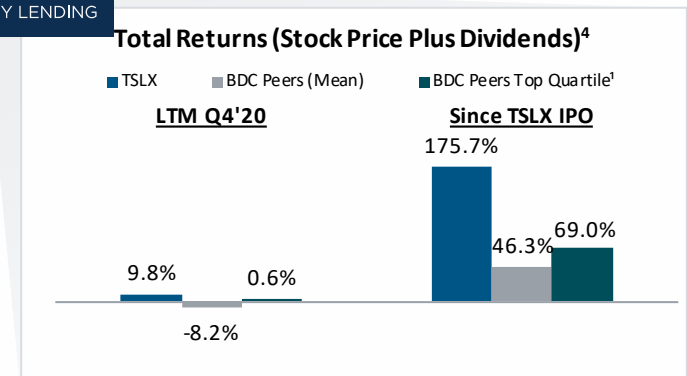
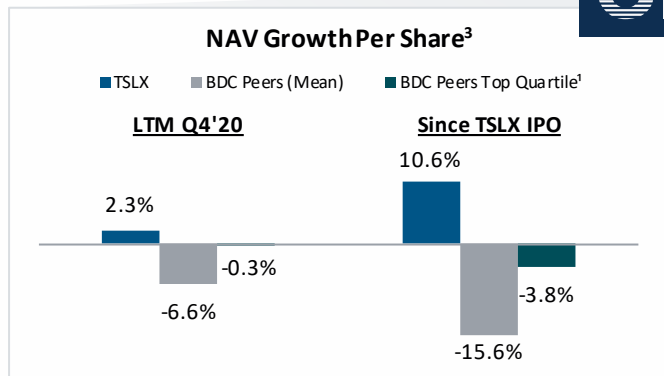
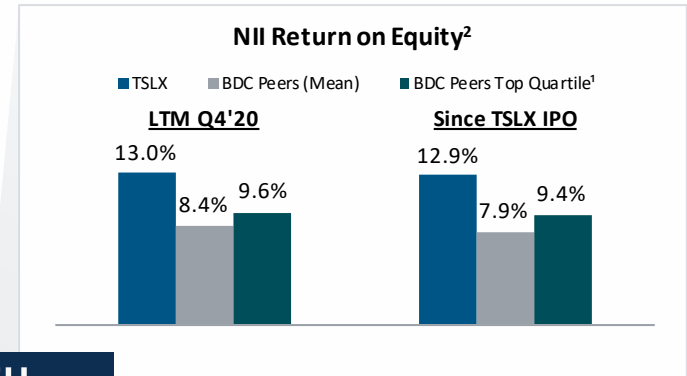
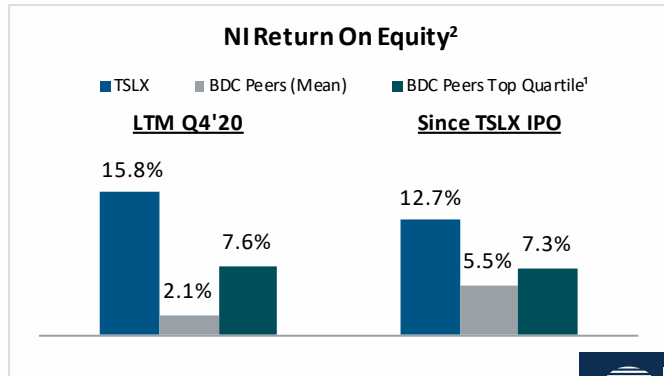
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## PERFORMANCE SINCE TSLX IPO



1. Top quartile constituents for each metric and time period varies based on BDC peer set's performance rankings  
 2. Calculated as net investment income and net income per share over each time period, divided by beginning NAV per share; "Since TSLX IPO" figure is adjusted for annual basis  
 3. Calculated as the cumulative change in net asset value per share over each time period  
 4. For "LTM" and "Since TSLX IPO", reflects change in market value per share plus dividends from 12/31/2019 through 12/31/2020 and 3/21/2014 and 3/31/2021, respectively; assumes dividend reinvestment  
 Note: BDC Peers consist of 19 externally managed BDCs in the S&P BDC Index with total assets greater than \$750 million as of 6/30/20 financial statements, with the addition of BKCC, MRCC, GAIN and SUNS  
 Source: SNL Financial

*Track record of outperformance across various performance metrics*

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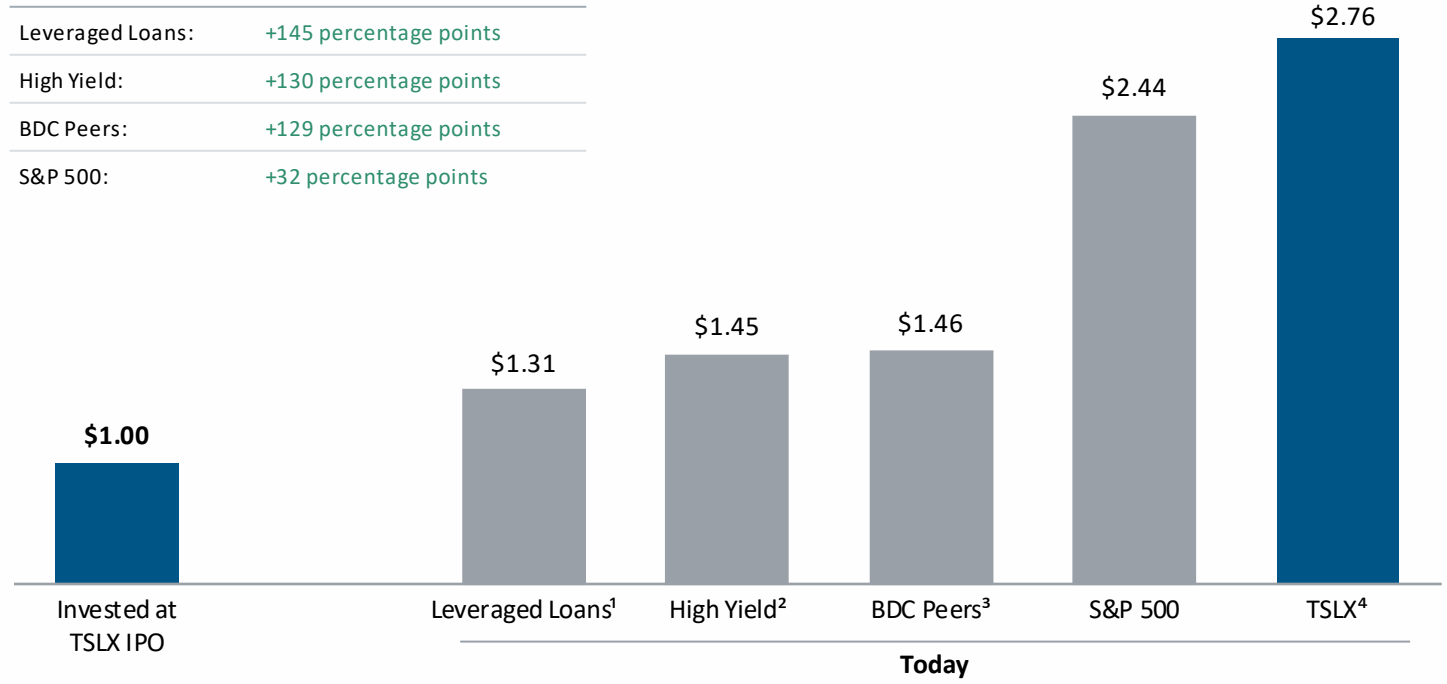
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## TOTAL RETURNS (SINCE TSLX IPO)

**TSLX Total Returns Performance (Since IPO) Versus:**

Leveraged Loans:	+145 percentage points
High Yield:	+130 percentage points
BDC Peers:	+129 percentage points
S&P 500:	+32 percentage points



Note: Returns from 3/20/2014 through 3/31/2021  
 1. Source: S&P LSTA Leveraged Loan Index  
 2. Source: Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index (Index Code: LF98TRUU)  
 3. BDC Peers consist of 19 externally managed BDCs in the S&P BDC Index with total assets greater than \$750 million as of 6/30/20 financial statements, with the addition of BKCC, MRCC, GAIN and SUNS  
 4. TSLX total return is measured by change in market value per share plus dividends earned during the period; assumes reinvestment of dividends

***Strong stockholder total returns versus peer and industry benchmarks***

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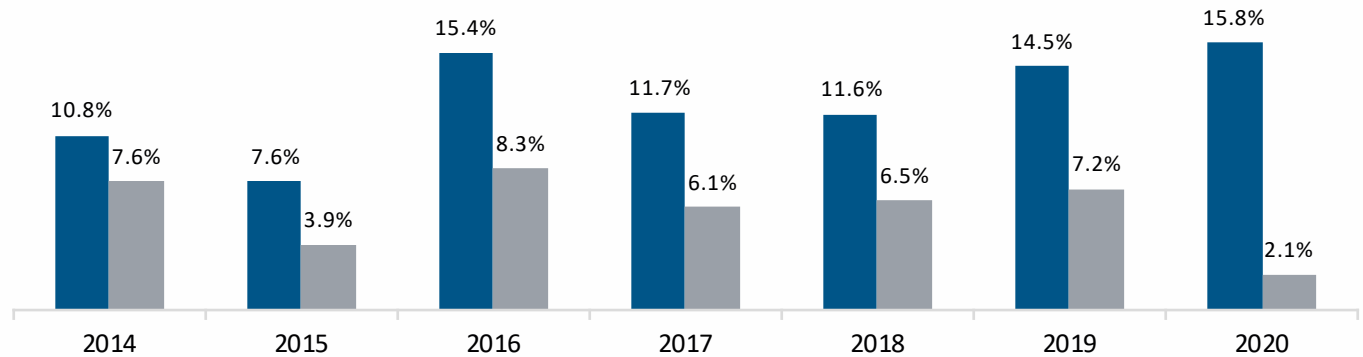
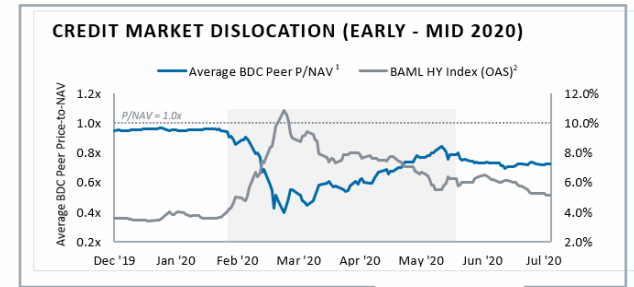
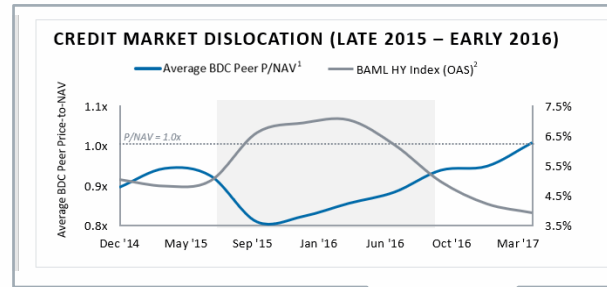
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## ANNUAL NI RETURN ON EQUITY (CALENDAR YEAR BASIS)<sup>1</sup>

■ TSLX      ■ BDC Peers (Mean)<sup>2</sup>



1. Calculated as cumulative net income per share divided by beginning NAV per share over that period (Source: Public filings)

2. BDC Peers consist of 19 externally managed BDCs in the S&P BDC Index with total assets greater than \$750 million as of 6/30/20 financial statements, with the addition of BKCC, MRCC, GAIN and SUNS

***Demonstrated ability to generate outsized ROEs especially during periods of market volatility***

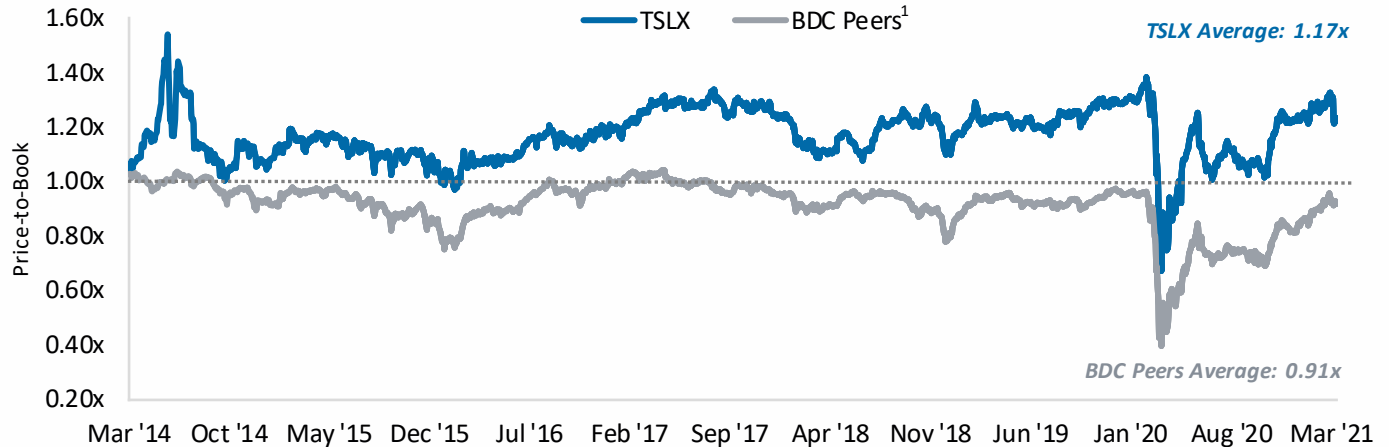
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## EQUITY RAISE DISCIPLINE



Canceled pre-IPO capital commitments	\$900m / \$1.6bn of potential fee-paying assets
Potential to raise equity <u>above</u> book value <sup>2</sup>	97.5% of trading days
Stockholder authorization to issue equity <u>below</u> book value <sup>3</sup>	Since May 2017 ( <i>never exercised</i> )
Primary Equity raises since IPO	Three

1. BDC Peers consist of 19 externally managed BDCs in the S&P BDC Index with total assets greater than \$750 million as of 6/30/20 financial statements, with the addition of BKCC, MRCC, GAIN and SUNS

2. Reflects trading days that TSLX closed above 100% of last reported book value

3. Authorization granted through shareholder approval to sell or otherwise issue shares of its common stock at a price below its then-current net asset value per share, subject to certain conditions

Source: SNL Financial, as of 3/31/2021

***Discipline in accessing the equity capital markets reflective of stockholder alignment. Authorization to issue equity below NAV has never been exercised.***



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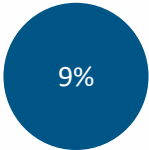
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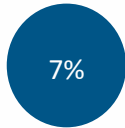
## TSLX EQUITY RAISES POST IPO

### FOLLOW-ON OFFERING SIZE AS % OF MARKET CAP

TSLX March 2016



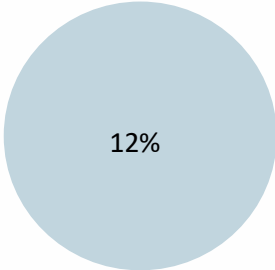
TSLX March 2018



TSLX February 2021



BDC Peers (mean)<sup>1</sup>



Source: Raymond James "BDC Weekly Insight," 4/12/2021.  
1) Reflects all BDC offerings from 3/3/2016 through 4/12/2021. Sizing calculated based on market capitalization at the time of each follow-on offering.

**Size of TSLX follow-on offerings relatively small compared to the sector**

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**Flexibility for the Company to sell its common stock below NAV is in the Company's best interests and the best interests of its stockholders as it would provide:**

- ✓ Access to the capital markets to pursue attractive investment opportunities during periods of elevated volatility and / or dislocation
- ✓ Improved capital resources to enable the Company to compete more effectively for high quality investment opportunities
- ✓ Added financial flexibility to comply with regulatory requirements and debt facility covenants

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Illustrative NAV Dilution (%) <sup>(2)</sup>		Issuance Amount					
		5.0%	7.5%	10.0%	12.5%	15.0%	17.5%
All in Discount to NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	2.5%	(0.1%)	(0.2%)	(0.2%)	(0.3%)	(0.3%)	(0.4%)
	5.0%	(0.2%)	(0.3%)	(0.5%)	(0.6%)	(0.7%)	(0.7%)
	7.5%	(0.4%)	(0.5%)	(0.7%)	(0.8%)	(1.0%)	(1.1%)
	10.0%	(0.5%)	(0.7%)	(0.9%)	(1.1%)	(1.3%)	(1.5%)
	12.5%	(0.6%)	(0.9%)	(1.1%)	(1.4%)	(1.6%)	(1.9%)

Illustrative NAV Dilution Per Share <sup>(2)</sup>		Issuance Amount					
		5.0%	7.5%	10.0%	12.5%	15.0%	17.5%
All in Discount to NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	2.5%	(\$0.02)	(\$0.03)	(\$0.04)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.06)
	5.0%	(\$0.04)	(\$0.06)	(\$0.07)	(\$0.09)	(\$0.11)	(\$0.12)
	7.5%	(\$0.06)	(\$0.09)	(\$0.11)	(\$0.14)	(\$0.16)	(\$0.18)
	10.0%	(\$0.08)	(\$0.11)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.18)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.25)
	12.5%	(\$0.10)	(\$0.14)	(\$0.19)	(\$0.23)	(\$0.27)	(\$0.31)

1. Inclusive of underwriting discount and other offering expenses.

2. Based on 12/31/20 pro forma NAV per share of \$15.86 (pro forma for the supplemental dividend of \$0.05/share and special dividend of \$1.25/share, which were both declared in Q1 2021) and shares outstanding of 71,945,802 (last reported shares outstanding of 67,896,113 pro forma for the equity issuance of 4,049,689 shares in February and March 2021).

Source: Company 10-K, filed 2/17/21 and Company 8-K, filed 3/24/21.

***TSLX's proposal has a per offering issuance  
limit of 25% of then-outstanding shares***

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### Illustrative Annual ROE Accretion (%)<sup>(2)</sup>

#### All-in-Yield on New Investments

		12.0%	14.0%	16.0%	18.0%	20.0%
All in Discount to NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	2.50%	2.8%	5.2%	7.5%	9.9%	12.2%
	5.00%	2.8%	5.1%	7.3%	9.6%	11.9%
	7.50%	2.7%	4.9%	7.2%	9.4%	11.6%
	10.00%	2.6%	4.8%	7.0%	9.1%	11.3%
	12.50%	2.6%	4.7%	6.8%	8.9%	11.0%

#### Impact per share on entire shareholder base

### Illustrative Annual ROE Accretion (Per Share)<sup>(2)</sup>

#### All-in-Yield on New Investments

		12.0%	14.0%	16.0%	18.0%	20.0%
All in Discount to NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	2.5%	\$0.04	\$0.08	\$0.11	\$0.15	\$0.19
	5.0%	\$0.04	\$0.07	\$0.11	\$0.14	\$0.18
	7.5%	\$0.03	\$0.07	\$0.10	\$0.14	\$0.17
	10.00%	\$0.03	\$0.06	\$0.10	\$0.13	\$0.16
	12.50%	\$0.03	\$0.06	\$0.09	\$0.12	\$0.16

1. Inclusive of underwriting discount and other offering expenses. Assumes an issuance of 7.5% of shares outstanding prior to issuance (column 2 of slide 11).

2. Reflects the ROE pro forma for new investments compared to the ROE prior to new investment. ROE calculations based on leverage ratio of 1.0x. Cost of funds reflects the average estimated interest cost under the terms of our debt for the quarter ending 12/31/20 adjusted to reflect the issuance of the \$300 million of 2026 unsecured notes that closed in February 2021, the net proceeds of which were used to pay down a portion of the outstanding revolver borrowings and the February 2021 amendment to the revolving credit facility, which upsized the facility by \$150 million to \$1.485 billion and extended the maturity date to February 2026 for \$1.390 billion of commitments. Note that interest costs also include fees (such as fees on undrawn amounts and amortization of upfront fees) and reflect the swap-adjusted interest rate on our convertible notes and unsecured notes. Operating expenses based on 3-year historical average ending 12/31/20. Reflects base management fee waiver of 50 bps on assets financed with leverage over 1.0x debt-to-equity.

**TSLX expects to sell shares below NAV only if the combination of discount to NAV and yield on new assets allows for an accretive investment opportunity**

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### Illustrative Payback Period on Equity Raise (years)<sup>(2)</sup>

#### All-in-Yield on New Investments

		12.0%	14.0%	16.0%	18.0%	20.0%
All in Discount to NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	2.50%	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
	5.00%	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3
	7.50%	2.5	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.5
	10.00%	3.7	1.8	1.1	0.9	0.7
	12.50%	5.3	2.4	1.5	1.1	0.9

1. Inclusive of underwriting discount and other offering expenses. Assumes an issuance of 7.5% of shares outstanding prior to issuance (shown in column 2 of slide 11).  
 2. Reflects the number of years it will take to offset the dilution to NAV from stock issuance through incremental ROEs generated from new investments. This is calculated as the ROE accretion as a result of new investments expressed on a per share basis (shown on slide 12) divided by NAV dilution per share from the equity offering (shown in column 2 of slide 11).

*And a reasonable payback period*

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