UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 13, 2022

SARATOGA INVESTMENT CORP. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland	814-00)732	20-8700615	
(State or Other Jurisdiction	(Commission H	ile Number)	(IRS Employer	
of Incorporation)			Identification No.)	
535 Madison Avenue				
New York, New York			10022	
(Address of Principal Executive Office	es)		(Zip Code)	

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 906-7800

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	SAR	New York Stock Exchange
7.25% Notes due 2025	SAK	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 13, 2022, Saratoga Investment Corp. (the "Company") entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") by and among the Company, Saratoga Investment Advisors, LLC and Raymond James & Associates, Inc., as representative of the several underwriters named in Exhibit A thereto, in connection with the issuance and sale of \$75 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's 4.35% Notes due 2027 (the "Notes") and the issuance and sale of the Notes, the "Offering").

On January 19, 2022, the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), entered into a Ninth Supplemental Indenture (the "Ninth Supplemental Indenture") to the Base Indenture, dated May 10, 2013, between the Company and the Trustee (the "Base Indenture"; and together with the Ninth Supplemental Indenture, the "Indenture"). The Ninth Supplemental Indenture relates of the Notes.

The Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.35% per year payable semi-annually in arrears on February 28 and August 28 of each year, beginning on August 28, 2022. The Notes will mature on February 28, 2027 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at the Company's option at any time prior to November 28, 2026, at par plus a "make-whole" premium, and thereafter at par.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering to make investments in middle-market companies (including investments made through Saratoga Investment Corp. SBIC LP and Saratoga Investment Corp. SBIC II LP, each a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company that is licensed as a small business investment company) in accordance with the Company's investment objective and strategies and for general corporate purposes.

The Notes are the direct unsecured obligations of the Company and rank *pari passu* with all existing and future unsubordinated unsecured indebtedness issued by the Company, senior to any of the Company's future indebtedness that expressly provides it is subordinated to the Notes, effectively subordinated to all of the existing and future secured indebtedness issued by the Company (including indebtedness that is initially unsecured in respect of which the Company subsequently grants security), to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, including, without limitation, borrowings under the Company's senior secured revolving credit facility, as amended, and structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of any of the Company's subsidiaries.

The Indenture contains certain covenants, including certain covenants requiring the Company to comply with Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(2) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**1940** Act"), or any successor provisions, whether or not the Company continues to be subject to such provisions of the 1940 Act, but giving effect, in either case, to any exemptive relief granted to the Company by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**SEC**"); to agree that for the period of time during which the Notes are outstanding, the Company will not declare any dividend (except a dividend payable in our stock), or declare any other distribution, upon a class of our capital stock, or purchase any such capital stock, unless, in every such case, at the time of the declaration of any such dividend or distribution, or at the time of any such provisions of Section 61(a)(2) of the 1940 Act as may be applicable to the Company from time to time or any successor provisions thereto of the 1940 Act, as such obligation may be amended or superseded, after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution or purchase price, as the case may be, and in each case giving effect to (i) any exemptive relief granted to the Company by the SEC, and (ii) any SEC no-action relief granted by the SEC to another business development company ("**BDC**") (or to the Company if it determines to seek such similar no-action or other relief) permitting the BDC to declare any cash dividend or distribution notwithstanding the prohibition contained in Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by such provisions of 18(a)(2) of the 1940 Act as may be applicable to the Company by the SEC, and (ii) any SEC no-action relief granted by the SEC to another business development company ("**BDC**") (or to the Company if it determines to seek such similar no-action or other relief) permitting the BDC to declare any cash dividend or distribution notwithstanding the prohibition contained in Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by such provisions of

In addition, holders of the Notes can require the Company to repurchase some or all of the Notes at a purchase price equal to 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the repurchase date upon the occurrence of a "Change of Control Repurchase Event," as defined in the Ninth Supplemental Indenture.

The Notes were offered and sold in an offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-256366), the prospectus supplement dated January 13, 2022 and the pricing term sheet filed with the SEC on January 13, 2022. The transaction closed on January 19, 2022. The net proceeds to the Company were approximately \$72.7 million, based on a public offering price of 99.317% of par, after deducting the underwriting discount of \$1.5 million and the estimated offering expenses of approximately \$250,000 payable by the Company.

The foregoing descriptions of the Underwriting Agreement, the Ninth Supplemental Indenture, and the Notes do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the the Underwriting Agreement, the Ninth Supplemental Indenture, and the form of global note representing the Notes, respectively, each filed as exhibits hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

The information required by Item 2.03 contained in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated as of January 13, 2022, by and among Saratoga Investment Corp., Saratoga Investment Advisors, LLC and
	Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
4.1	Form of Indenture by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)
	(4) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-186323) filed on April 30, 2013).
4.2	Ninth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 19, 2022, between Saratoga Investment Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as
	<u>trustee.</u>
4.3	Form of Global Note with respect to the 4.35% Notes due 2027 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 hereto).
5.1	<u>Opinion of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP.</u>
23.1	Consent of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 19, 2022

SARATOGA INVESTMENT CORP.

By: /s/ Henri J. Steenkamp Name: Henri J. Steenkamp Title: Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

Exhibit 1.1

SARATOGA INVESTMENT CORP.

\$75,000,000

4.35% Notes due 2027

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

January 13, 2022

Raymond James & Associates, Inc. As representative of the several underwriters named in <u>Exhibit A</u>

c/o Raymond James & Associates, Inc. 880 Carillon Parkway St. Petersburg, Florida 33716

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Saratoga Investment Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and Saratoga Investment Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Adviser</u>") registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (collectively with the rules and regulations of the Commission (as defined below) promulgated thereunder, the "<u>Advisers Act</u>"), each confirms with Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and each of the other underwriters named in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto (collectively, the "<u>Underwriters</u>," which term shall also include any underwriter substituted as provided in <u>Section 8</u> hereof), for whom Raymond James & Associates, Inc. is acting as the representative (in such capacity, the "<u>Representative</u>") with respect to the issuance and sale by the Company of \$75,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 4.35% notes due 2027 (the "<u>Securities</u>"), and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the aggregate principal amount of Securities set forth opposite their respective names in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto. In the event that only one Underwriter is listed in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto, any references to the "Underwriters" shall be deemed to refer to the sole Underwriter in the singular form listed in such <u>Exhibit A</u> to this Agreement.

The Company has entered into (i) an Investment Advisory and Management Agreement, dated as of July 30, 2010 (the "Investment Advisory Agreement"), with the Adviser and (ii) an Administration Agreement, dated as of July 30, 2010 (the "Administration Agreement"), with the Adviser.

The Company owns (i) 100% of the equity interests in Saratoga Investment Funding LLC ("<u>SIF</u>"), (ii) 100% of the equity interests in Saratoga Investment Funding II, LLC ("<u>SIF II</u>"), (iii) 100% of the limited partnership interests in Saratoga Investment Corp. SBIC LP ("<u>SBIC LP</u>") and Saratoga Investment Corp. SBIC LP II ("<u>SBIC LP II</u>" and, together with SBIC LP, the "<u>SBIC Funds</u>"), (iv) 100% of the equity interests in Saratoga Investment Corp. CLO 2013-1, Ltd. ("<u>Saratoga CLO</u>") and (v) 87.5% of the equity interests of Saratoga Senior Loan Fund I JV LLC ("<u>Saratoga JV</u>" and together with SIF, SIF II the SBIC Funds and Saratoga CLO, the "<u>Subsidiaries</u>").

The Company, the Adviser and the Subsidiaries are collectively referred to in this Agreement as the "Saratoga Entities").

The Company has filed, pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (collectively with the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder, the "<u>1933 Act</u>"), with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>") a universal shelf registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-256366), which registers the offer and sale of certain securities to be issued from time to time by the Company, including the Securities. The registration statement as amended as of its most recent effective date, including the exhibits and schedules thereto, all documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated in the registration statement by reference, any information contained in a prospectus supplement relating to the Securities subsequently filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 under the 1933 Act ("<u>Rule 424</u>") and deemed to be a part of the registration statement at the time of effectiveness pursuant to Rule 430B under the 1933 Act ("<u>Rule 430B</u>"), any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the 1933 Act ("<u>Rule 462(b)</u>"), and any post-effective amendment thereto, is hereinafter referred to as the "<u>Registration Statement</u>."

The base prospectus included in the Registration Statement as of its most recent effective date, including documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference, is hereinafter referred to as the "Base Prospectus." The preliminary prospectus supplement, dated January 13, 2022, relating to the Securities that was used prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and filed pursuant to Rule 424, including documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference, is herein called the "Preliminary Prospectus Supplement." The Base Prospectus and the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement are referred to collectively as the "Preliminary Prospectus." The Company will file with the Commission, in accordance with Rule 424, a final prospectus supplement, including documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference (the "Final Prospectus Supplement"), supplementing the Base Prospectus in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities. The Base Prospectus and Final Prospectus Supplement are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Prospectus." Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Final Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any supplements or amendments thereto, filed with the Commission after the date of filing of the Prospectus under Rule 424 and prior to the termination of the offering of the Securities by the Underwriters. All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is "included" or "stated" in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus (and all other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information which is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in or otherwise deemed to be a part of or included in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, or the Prospectus, as the case may be, as of any specified date; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, or the Prospectus, including those made pursuant to Rule 424 or such other rule under the 1933 Act as may be applicable to the Company, shall be deemed to mean and include, without limitation, the filing of any document under the Exchange Act (as defined below) which is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in otherwise to be a part of or included in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be, as of any specified date.

The Securities will be issued under an indenture, dated as of December 21, 2016 (the "**Base Indenture**"), as supplemented by the ninth supplemental indenture (the "**Ninth Supplemental Indenture**" and, together with the Base Indenture, the "**Indenture**"), to be dated on or about January 19, 2022, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "**Trustee**"). The Securities will be issued to Cede & Co. (or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company ("**DTC**")) as nominee of DTC pursuant to a blanket letter of representations (the "**DTC Agreement**") between the Company and DTC. The Company understands that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of the Securities as soon as the Underwriters deem advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered.

All references in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendments or supplements to any of the foregoing shall include any copy thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System ("**EDGAR**").

In consideration of the mutual agreements contained herein and of the interests of the parties in the transactions contemplated hereby, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Representations and Warranties by the Saratoga Entities</u>. The Company and the Adviser, jointly and severally, represent and warrant to and agree with the Underwriters as of the date of this Agreement, as of the Applicable Time and as of the Closing Date (as such terms are defined in <u>Sections 1(a)</u> and <u>3(b)</u>, respectively, hereof), as follows:

(a) A registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-256366) with respect to the Securities has been prepared by the Company in conformity with the requirements of the 1933 Act, has been filed with the Commission and was declared effective on July 7, 2021 and remains effective. The Company meets the requirements of, and complies with, the conditions for the use of Form N-2 under the 1933 Act.

Copies of the Registration Statement, including any amendments thereto, the preliminary prospectuses (meeting the requirements of the 1933 Act) contained therein and the exhibits, financial statements and schedules, as finally amended and revised, have heretofore been delivered by the Company to the Representative. As of the Applicable Time, the Base Prospectus and the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement and the information included in Exhibit B hereto, all considered together (collectively, the "General Disclosure Package"), did not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Company makes no representations or warranties as to information contained in or omitted from the General Disclosure Package or the Registration Statement in reliance upon, and in conformity with, written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of the Underwriters through the Representative, specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information is that described in Section 7(a) herein. At the time of any filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) (solely in the case of the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto) and the Closing Date, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Company makes no representations or warranties as to information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus in reliance upon, and in conformity with, written information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriters through the Representative, specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information is that described in Section 7(a) herein. As used in this subsection and elsewhere in this Agreement, the term "Applicable Time" means 2:25 p.m. (New York time) on the date of this Agreement or such other time as agreed to by the Company and the Representative.

The Commission has not issued an order preventing or suspending the use of the Base Prospectus, the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement or the Prospectus relating to the proposed offering of the Securities, and no proceeding for that purpose or pursuant to Section 8A of the 1933 Act has been instituted or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened by the Commission. The Registration Statement and Preliminary Prospectus each contains, and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto contain and will contain, all statements which are required to be stated therein by, and conform and will conform to the requirements of, the 1933 Act. At the respective times the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto became effective and as of the Applicable Time and the Closing Date, the Registration Statement did not, and will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; *provided, however*, that the Company makes no representations or warranties as to information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, or any such amendment or supplement, in reliance upon, and in conformity with, written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of any Underwriters through the Representative, specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information is that described in <u>Section 7(a)</u> herein.

(b) The Company (including its agents and representatives, other than the Underwriters in their capacity as such) has not made, used, prepared, authorized, approved or referred to and will not prepare, make, use, authorize, approve or refer to any "written communication" (as defined in Rule 405 under the 1933 Act ("**Rule 405**")) that constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the Securities, without the prior consent of the Representative, and which the parties agree, for the purposes of this Agreement, includes (i) any "advertisement" as defined in Rule 482 under the 1933 Act; (ii) any document not constituting a prospectus pursuant to Section 2(a)(10)(a) of the 1933 Act or Rule 134 under the 1933 Act; (iii) any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication (as defined below); and (iv) any Sales Material (as defined below). Any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication and Sales Material authorized in writing by or prepared by the Company to be used in connection with the public offering of the Securities and approved for use by the Representative is listed on <u>Schedule A</u> hereto. "Testing-the-Waters Communication" means any oral or written communication with potential investors undertaken in reliance on Rule 163B under the Act. "Written Testing-the-Waters Communication" means any Testing-the-Waters Communication that is a written communication within the meaning of Rule 405.

(c) The documents (other than exhibits) incorporated by reference in each of the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, and the Prospectus, when they were filed with the Commission conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (collectively with the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder, the "Exchange Act"), and none of such documents contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and any further documents (other than exhibits) so filed and incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, and the Prospectus, when such documents are filed with the Commission, as the case may be, will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(d) The Company has been duly organized and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with corporate power and authority to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as currently carried on and described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture, the Securities, the DTC Agreement and the Material Agreements (as defined below), except where the failure of the Company to be so qualified or in good standing or have such power or authority would not result in a Company Material Adverse Effect (defined below). The Company's only subsidiaries that are consolidated with the Company for financial reporting purposes under generally accepted principles of accounting in the United States ("GAAP"), other than tax blocker corporations that hold equity interests in one or more Portfolio Companies (as defined below), are those listed on Schedule B hereto (each, a "Subsidiary" and collectively, the "Subsidiaries"). Each of the Subsidiaries has been duly organized and is validly existing as a limited liability company, limited partnership or corporation, as applicable, in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, with all requisite power and authority to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as currently carried on and described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except where the Subsidiaries' failure to be so qualified would not (i) have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse change in the earnings, business, properties, assets, rights, operations, condition (financial or otherwise), net asset value or prospects whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business of a Saratoga Entity, or (ii) prevent the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and under the Indenture and/or the Securities (the occurrence of any such change or any such prevention described in the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii) being referred to as a "Company Material Adverse Effect"). Each of the Company and each of the Subsidiaries is duly qualified to transact business in all jurisdictions in which the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except for such jurisdictions where failure to so qualify or to be in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Company Material Adverse Effect. All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock or limited liability company interests of each of the Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are wholly owned by the Company, directly or indirectly, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and equities and claims; and no options, warrants or other rights to purchase, agreements or other obligations to issue or other rights to convert any obligations into shares of capital stock or ownership interests in the Subsidiaries are outstanding. The Company does not own, directly or indirectly, any shares of stock or any other equity or long-term debt securities of any corporation or other entity other than (x) 100% of the limited partnership interests and equity interests in SIF, SIF II, the SBIC Funds and the Saratoga CLO, as the case may be, (y) 87.5% of the equity interests of Saratoga JV and (z) those corporations or other entities accounted for as portfolio investments in accordance with the Commission's rules and regulations (each a "Portfolio Company" and collectively, the "Portfolio Companies"), and (z) 100% of the equity interests in tax blocker corporations that hold equity interests in one or more Portfolio Companies. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, as of the respective dates set forth therein, none of the Saratoga Entities controls (as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(9) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (collectively with the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder, the "1940 Act")) any of the Portfolio Companies.

(e) The authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company is as set forth in the Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package as of the date thereof under the caption "Capitalization." The outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company (the "<u>Common Stock</u>") have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable. None of the outstanding shares of Common Stock was issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any security holder of the Company, nor does any person or entity have any preemptive right of first refusal or other right to acquire any of the Securities covered by this Agreement. Neither the filing of the Registration Statement nor the offering or sale of the Securities as contemplated by this Agreement gives rise to any rights, other than those which have been waived or satisfied, for or relating to the registration of any class of securities of the Company. No shares of preferred stock of the Company have been designated, offered, sold or issued and no shares of preferred stock are currently outstanding.

(f) The information set forth under the captions "Description of Our Debt Securities" and "Description of the Notes" in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, insofar as such statements purport to summarize certain provisions of the 1940 Act, Maryland law, the Indenture and the Securities, fairly and accurately summarize such provisions in all material respects. The Indenture and the Securities materially conform to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. The form of certificate for the Securities conform to the requirements of the Indenture and any requirements of the Company's charter or bylaws. Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except as otherwise specifically stated therein or in this Agreement or as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect, none of the Saratoga Entities have: (i) issued any securities or incurred any liability or obligation, direct or contingent, for borrowed money not in the ordinary course of business or entered into any material transaction or agreement not in the ordinary course of business; or (ii) with respect to the Company, declared or paid any dividend or made any other distribution on or in respect to its capital stock.

(g) The Company, the SBIC Funds, the Saratoga CLO and Saratoga JV have duly authorized, executed and delivered and currently are a party to or payee with respect to the promissory notes and other agreements evidencing their respective investments in the Portfolio Companies (each, a "**Portfolio Company Agreement**"). Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, to the Company's knowledge, each Portfolio Company is current with all its obligations under the applicable Portfolio Company Agreements and no event of default (or a default which with the giving of notice or the passage of time would become an event of default) has occurred under such agreements, except to the extent that any such failure to be current in its obligations and any such default would not reasonably be expected to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(h) Each of this Agreement, the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement is a valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefore may be brought.

(i) The Base Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefore may be brought.

(j) The Ninth Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized, and at the Closing Date, will be duly executed and delivered by the Company and, when duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Trustee, will constitute a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefore may be brought.

(k) The Securities have been duly authorized by the Company for sale to the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement and, when executed and delivered by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture relating thereto, against payment of the consideration set forth in this Agreement, will constitute legal, valid and binding agreements of the Company enforceable in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefore may be brought.

(1) The DTC Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefore may be brought.

(m) The Indenture has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

(n) The Company has not, directly or indirectly, distributed and will not distribute, without the prior written consent of the Representative, any offering material in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities other than (i) the Registration Statement, (ii) the General Disclosure Package, (iii) the Prospectus, and (iv) the Written Testing-the-Waters Communication and Sales Material listed on <u>Schedule A</u> hereto.

(o) The consolidated financial statements of the Company and the Subsidiaries, together with related notes and schedules as set forth or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position and the results of operations and cash flows of the Company and the Subsidiaries, as of the indicated dates and for the indicated periods. Such financial statements and related schedules have been prepared in accordance with GAAP, consistently applied throughout the periods involved, except as disclosed therein, and all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of results for such periods have been made. The summary and selected consolidated financial and statistical data included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein, and such data have been compiled on a basis consistent with the financial statements presented therein and the books and records of the Company. All disclosures contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the 1933 Act) comply with Regulation G under the Exchange Act, and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the 1933 Act, to the extent applicable. The Company and the Subsidiaries do not have any material liabilities or obligations, direct or contingent (including any offbalance sheet obligations or any "variable interest entities" within the meaning of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification Topic 810), which are not disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. There are no financial statements (historical or pro forma) that are required to be included in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus that are not included as required.

(p) Any audited consolidated financial statements of a Portfolio Company, together with related notes and schedules, included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, present fairly in all material respects the financial position and the results of operations and cash flows of such Portfolio Company, as of the indicated dates and for the indicated periods. Such audited consolidated financial statements and related schedules have been prepared in accordance with GAAP, consistently applied throughout the periods involved, except as disclosed therein.

(q) Ernst & Young, who has audited and certified certain of the financial statements incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and whose reports with respect to the financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and the Subsidiaries within the meaning of the 1933 Act, the Exchange Act and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).

(r) The Company maintains a system of internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act). The Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective and, except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries is aware of (i) any material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

(s) Solely to the extent that the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission and the New York Stock Exchange ("<u>NYSE</u>") thereunder (collectively, the "<u>Sarbanes-Oxley Act</u>") have been applicable to the Company, there is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or to the knowledge of the Company, its respective officers and directors (in such capacity), to comply with any applicable provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act that would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(t) There is no action, suit, claim or proceeding pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened against the Company or any of the Subsidiaries before any court or administrative agency or otherwise, which if determined adversely to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(u) The Company and the Subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all of the properties and assets reflected in the consolidated financial statements hereinabove described or described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, subject to no lien, mortgage, pledge, charge or encumbrance of any kind, except those reflected in such financial statements or described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or which are not material in amount. The Saratoga Entities own or lease or have access to all properties and assets as are necessary to the conduct of their respective operations as presently conducted. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and the Subsidiaries are not party to any leases, except for such leases entered into after the effective date of the Prospectus and such leases that would not be reasonably likely to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(v) Each of the Saratoga Entities has filed all necessary federal, state and foreign income and franchise tax returns and has paid all taxes required to be paid by any of them and, if due and payable, any related or similar assessment, fine or penalty levied against any of them, except for any such tax, assessment, fine or penalty that is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate actions and except for such taxes, assessments, fines or penalties the nonpayment of which would not, individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Company has made adequate charges, accruals and reserves in the applicable financial statements referred to in the Registration Statement, Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package in respect of all federal, state and foreign income and franchise taxes for all periods as to which the tax liability of the Saratoga Entities has not been finally determined. The Company is not aware of any tax deficiency that has been or might be asserted or threatened against any of the Saratoga Entities that could reasonably be expected to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(w) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there has not been (i) any material adverse change or any development that is reasonably likely, either individually or in the aggregate, to involve a prospective material adverse change in the earnings, business, management, properties, assets, rights, operations, condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, whether or not occurring in the ordinary course of business; or (ii) any material transaction entered into, or any material transaction that is probable of being entered into, by the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, other than transactions in the ordinary course of business and changes and transactions described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented.

(x) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries is or, with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, will be as of the Applicable Time and/or the Closing Date: (i) in violation of its charter or certificate or articles of incorporation (as amended, restated and supplemented), bylaws, certificate of formation, limited liability company agreement, certificate of limited partnership, partnership agreement or other organizational documents, (ii) in violation of or in default under any agreement, lease, contract, indenture or other instrument or obligation to which it is a party or by which it, or any of its properties, is bound or (iii) in violation of any law, order, rule or regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary of any court or of any government, regulatory body or administrative agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company or such Subsidiary or any of its properties, as applicable, and, solely with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii), which violation or default would have a Company Material Adverse Effect. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture, the Securities, the DTC Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the issuance and sale of the Securities and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds") and the fulfillment of the terms hereof and thereof will not conflict with or result in a breach of (x) any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a breach of or default or Repayment Event (as defined below) under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party or by which the Company or any Subsidiary or any of their respective properties is bound, including with respect to the Credit and Security Agreement, dated as of October 4, 2021, by and among SIF II, the Company, as collateral manager and equityholder, the lender party thereto, Encina Lender Finance, LLC, as administrative agent for the secured parties and the collateral agent, and U.S. National Bank Association, as collateral custodian for the secured parties thereto and as a collateral administrator (the "Credit Facility"), or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to the terms of any such indenture, mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement or instrument, (y) the Company's or any of its Subsidiaries' respective charters or certificates or articles of incorporation (as amended, restated and supplemented), bylaws, certificates of formation, limited liability company agreements, certificates of limited partnership agreements or other organizational documents or (z) any law, order, rule or regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary of any court or of any government, regulatory body or administrative agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company or such Subsidiary or any of its properties, as applicable, except with respect to clauses (x) and (z) for such conflicts, breaches, defaults or violations as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect. As used herein, a "Repayment Event" means any event or condition which gives the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person or entity acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable.

(y) The execution and delivery of, and the performance by the Company and the Adviser of their obligations under, this Agreement have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action or limited liability company action, as applicable, on the part of the Company and the Adviser, and this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and the Adviser.

(z) No Saratoga Entity has sent or received notice of, or otherwise communicated or received communication with respect to, termination of any agreement filed as an exhibit to, or incorporated by reference in, the Registration Statement (each such agreement a "<u>Material Agreement</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Material Agreements</u>"), nor has any such termination been threatened by any person or entity.

(aa) Neither the Company, any of the SBIC Funds, Saratoga CLO nor Saratoga JV is, or after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities, will be a "registered management investment company," as such terms are used under the 1940 Act.

(bb) Each approval, consent, order, authorization, designation, declaration or filing by or with any regulatory, administrative or other governmental body necessary in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement, the Indenture, the Securities and the DTC Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby and by the Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package (including the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds") has been obtained or made and is in full force and effect, except (i) the Current Report on Form 8-K adding certain documents related to the offering of the Securities as exhibits to the Registration Statement and (ii) such additional steps as may be necessary to qualify the Securities for public offering by the Underwriters under state securities or Blue Sky laws.

(cc) The Company and the Adviser and each of the Subsidiaries hold all licenses, certificates and permits from governmental authorities which are necessary to the conduct of their businesses as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except where the failure to hold such licenses, certificates or permits would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, and none of the Saratoga Entities has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of, or non-compliance with, any such certificate, license or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, could reasonably be expected to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect; the Company, the Adviser and the Subsidiaries each own or possess rights to use all patents, patent rights, trademarks, trade names, service marks, service names, copyrights, license rights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures) and other intellectual property rights ("Intellectual Property") necessary to carry on their businesses as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus in all material respects; none of the Company, the Adviser or any of the Subsidiaries has infringed, and none of the Company, the Adviser or the Subsidiaries has received notice of conflict with, any Intellectual Property of any other person or entity. None of the technology employed by the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or the Adviser has been obtained or is being used by the Company, its Subsidiaries or the Adviser in violation of any contractual obligation binding on the Company, its Subsidiaries, the Adviser or any of their respective officers, directors or employees or otherwise in violation of the rights of any persons; none of the Company or the Adviser has received any written or oral communications alleging that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has violated, infringed or conflicted with, or, by conducting its business as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, would violate, infringe or conflict with, any of the Intellectual Property of any other person or entity, except for such violations, infringements or conflicts that would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect, none of the Company or the Adviser knows of any infringement by others of Intellectual Property owned by or licensed to the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or the Adviser.



(dd) Neither the Company, nor to the Company's knowledge, any of its affiliates, has taken or will take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or which has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Securities to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

(ee) The terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement, including compensation terms, comply in all material respects with all applicable provisions of the 1940 Act and the Advisers Act, and the approvals by the Company's board of directors and the Company's stockholders, as applicable, of the Investment Advisory Agreement have been obtained in accordance with the requirements of Section 15 of the 1940 Act applicable to companies that have elected to be regulated as business development companies under the 1940 Act.

(ff) Each of the Company and each of its Subsidiaries maintains a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

(gg) The Company has established and maintains "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act); the Company's "disclosure controls and procedures" are reasonably designed to ensure that all material information (both financial and non-financial) required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Exchange Act, and that all such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to make the certifications of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company required under the Exchange Act.

(hh) The statistical, industry-related and market-related data, if any, included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources which the Company reasonably and in good faith believes are reliable and accurate, and such data agree with the sources from which they are derived.

(ii) The operations of the Saratoga Entities are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial record-keeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, those of the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act), and the applicable money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions in which the Saratoga Entities conduct business, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder, and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental or regulatory agency having jurisdiction over the Saratoga Entities (collectively, the "**Money Laundering Laws**"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving any of the Saratoga Entities with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the Company's or the Adviser's knowledge, threatened.

(jj) None of the Saratoga Entities, nor, any director or officer of any of the Saratoga Entities, nor to the knowledge of the Company or the Adviser, any agent, employee or representative of any of the Saratoga Entities, or other person or entity acting on behalf of the Saratoga Entities is currently the subject or target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. government (including, without limitation, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department or the U.S. Department of State and including the designation as a "specially designated national" or "blocked person"), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "<u>Sanctions</u>"), nor is any Saratoga Entity located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the target of Sanctions, including without limitation Cuba, Iran, North Korea, the Crimean region, Sudan and Syria (each such country or territory that is a target of Sanctions, a "<u>Sanctioned Country</u>"); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering of the Securities hereunder, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity (i) to fund or facilitate any unlawful activities of or business in any Sanctioned Country or (iii) in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person or entity (including any person or entity participating in the transaction, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions. For the past five years, none of the Saratoga Entities have knowingly engaged in, or are now knowingly engaged in, and the Saratoga Entities will not engage in, any dealings or transactions with any person or entity that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the target of Sanctions or with any Sanctioned Country.



(kk) The Saratoga Entities' directors' and officers' errors and omissions insurance policy and the fidelity bond required by Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act for the Company are subject to legal and valid binders and are and, at the Closing Date will be, in full force and effect; each Saratoga Entity is in compliance with the terms of such policy and fidelity bond in all material respects; and there are no claims by any Saratoga Entity under any such policy or fidelity bond as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause; and no Saratoga Entity has any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and Prospectus.

The Saratoga Entities directly or indirectly maintain insurance covering their respective properties, operations, personnel and business as the Saratoga Entities deem adequate; such insurance insures against such losses and risks to an extent which is adequate in accordance with customary industry practice to protect the Saratoga Entities and their respective businesses; all such insurance is fully in force on the date hereof and will be fully in force at the time of purchase of the Securities.

(ll) Each of the Company, the Adviser and each Subsidiary is in compliance in all material respects with all presently applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, including the regulations and published interpretations thereunder ("**ERISA**"); no "reportable event" (as defined in ERISA) has occurred with respect to any "pension plan" (as defined in ERISA) for which the Company and each Subsidiary would have any liability; the Company and each Subsidiary has not incurred and does not expect to incur liability under (i) Title IV of ERISA with respect to termination of, or withdrawal from, any "pension plan" or (ii) Sections 412 or 4971 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (collectively, with the regulations and published interpretations thereunder, the "**Code**"); and each "pension plan" for which the Company or any Subsidiary would have any liability that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code is so qualified in all material respects and nothing has occurred, whether by action or by failure to act, which would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to cause the loss of such qualification.

(mm) To the Company's and the Adviser's knowledge, there are no affiliations or associations between any member of FINRA and any of the Company's officers, directors or 5% or greater securityholders, except as set forth on <u>Schedule C</u>, and none of the Saratoga Entities has any material lending or other relationship with a bank or lending institution affiliated with any of the Underwriters, except as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(nn) There are no relationships or related-party transactions involving the Company or any of the Subsidiaries or any other person or entity required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus which have not been described as required.

(oo) None of the Saratoga Entities or, to the Company's or the Adviser's knowledge, any employee or agent of any of the Saratoga Entities, has made any contribution or other payment to any official of, or candidate for, any federal, state or foreign office in violation of any law, which violation is required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus.

(pp) As of the date hereof, there are no outstanding loans, advances (except normal advances for business expenses in the ordinary course of business) or guarantees of indebtedness by the Company to or for the benefit of any of the officers or directors of the Company.

(qq) Any (i) advertising, sales literature, press releases, other promotional material (including "prospectus wrappers," "broker kits," "road show slides," "road show scripts" and "electronic road show presentations"), (ii) "free writing prospectus" as defined in Rule 405 (other than for the information set forth on <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto) (the materials set forth in clause (i) and clause (ii) authorized for use by the Company in connection with the public offering of the Securities, collectively, "<u>Sales Material</u>") and (iii) Written Testing-the-Waters Communication authorized for use by the Company in connection with the public offering of the Securities does not and will not conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the General Disclosure Package and does not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein in light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading. Moreover, any Sales Material and any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication and warranty does not apply to statements in or omissions from the Sales Material made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to the Underwriters furnished to the Company by the Underwriters expressly for use therein).



(rr) Subject to the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "**SBA Regulations**"), and except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and for such prohibitions that would not reasonably be expected to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect, no consolidated subsidiary of the Company is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such subsidiary's equity interests, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such subsidiary's property or assets to the Company or any other subsidiary.

(ss) None of the Adviser, the Company, nor any of its consolidated subsidiaries, nor any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company nor any director, officer, agent or affiliate of any consolidated subsidiary of the Company nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any employee of any consolidated subsidiary of the Company is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "FCPA"), or any applicable law or regulation implementing the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions, or committed an offense under any other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption laws, including making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any "foreign official" (as such term is defined in the FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of any applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption laws, and their respective affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with any applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption laws and have instituted, maintained and enforced and will continue to maintain and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

(tt) Each of the Saratoga Entities (i) is in compliance with any and all applicable foreign, federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and safety, access for disabled persons, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants (collectively, "Environmental Laws"), (ii) has received and is in compliance with all permits, licenses or other approvals required of it under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct its business and (iii) has not received notice of any actual or potential liability under any Environmental Laws, except where such non-compliance with Environmental Laws, failure to receive required permits, licenses or other approvals, or liability would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. Except as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, none of the Saratoga Entities has been named as a "potentially responsible party" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended.

(uu) The Company has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the 1940 Act and has filed with the Commission, pursuant to Section 54(a) of the 1940 Act, a duly completed and executed Form N-54A (the "<u>Company BDC Election</u>"); the Company has not filed with the Commission any notice of withdrawal of the Company BDC Election pursuant to Section 54(c) of the 1940 Act; the Company BDC Election remains in full force and effect and, to the Company's actual knowledge, no order of suspension or revocation of such election under the 1940 Act has been issued or proceedings therefor initiated or threatened by the Commission. The operations of the Company are in compliance with the provisions of the 1940 Act applicable to business development companies, except where such non-compliance would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect. The operations of the Company are in compliance in all material respects with the applicable provisions of the 1940 Act, including the provisions applicable to business development companies.

(vv) The Company is currently organized and operates in compliance in all material respects with the requirements to be taxed as, and has duly elected to be taxed as (which election has not been revoked), a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. The Company intends to direct the investment of the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Securities in the manner specified in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus Supplement under the caption "Use of Proceeds" and in such a manner as to continue to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Code.

(ww) There are no contracts or documents that are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement that have not been so described, filed or incorporated by reference as required. All descriptions of contracts or documents described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are accurate and complete in all material respects. Notwithstanding the foregoing, as of the date hereof, the Company has not filed this Agreement, the Ninth Supplemental Indenture or the opinion of Company Counsel (as defined below) with respect to the legality of the Securities as exhibits to the Registration Statement, although all such exhibits will be filed in a Current Report on Form 8-K under the Exchange Act on or before the Closing Date.

(xx) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus: (i) no person or entity is serving or acting as an officer, director or investment adviser of the Company, except in accordance with the applicable provisions of the 1940 Act and the Advisers Act; and (ii) to the knowledge of the Company, no director of the Company is an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company or an "affiliated person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Underwriters.

(yy) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no persons or entities with registration rights or other similar rights to have any securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement or otherwise registered by the Company under the 1933 Act.

(zz) The Common Stock conforms in all material respects to all of the respective statements relating thereto contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and such statements conform to the rights set forth in the respective instruments and agreements defining the same.

(aaa) The Securities conform to the provisions of the Indenture and the relative rights, preferences, interests and powers of such Securities are set forth in the Indenture.

(bbb) As of the date of this Agreement and on a pro forma basis, after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the Securities and the use of proceeds therefrom, the Company will be in compliance with the applicable asset coverage requirements set forth in Sections 18 and 61 of the 1940 Act.

(ccc) This Agreement, the Indenture and the Securities comply in all material respects with all applicable provisions of the 1940 Act.

(ddd) At the time of filing the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the earliest time thereafter that the Company or another offering participant made a bona fide offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) under the 1933 Act) of the Securities and at the date hereof, the Company was not and is not an "ineligible issuer," as defined in Rule 405, without taking account of any determination by the Commission pursuant to Rule 405 that it is not necessary that the Company be considered an ineligible issuer.

(eee) Except for applicable restrictions, limitations or regulations set forth in the 1940 Act, the Code and the SBA Regulations, there are no material restrictions, limitations or regulations with respect to the ability of the Saratoga Entities to invest their assets as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus.

(fff) Each of SBIC LP and SBIC LP II is licensed to operate as a Small Business Investment Company ("*SBIC*") by the U.S. Small Business Administration ("*SBA*"); as of March 28, 2012 and August 12, 2019, respectively, and in each case, as of the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date. Each of SBIC LP's and SBIC LP II's SBIC license is in good standing with, and has not been revoked or suspended by, the SBA and no adverse regulatory findings contained in any examinations reports prepared by the SBA regarding either SBIC LP and SBIC LP II are outstanding or unresolved. Each of SBIC LP and SBIC LP II is conducting its business in compliance in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the SBA. Each of SBIC LP and SBIC LP II is eligible to sell securities guaranteed by the SBA in the amounts and on the terms described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. Neither SBIC LP nor SBIC LP II is in default under the terms of any debenture which SBIC LP and SBIC LP II, respectively, have issued to the SBA for guaranty by the SBA or any other material monetary obligation, and no event, which with the passage of time, notice or both has occurred, which would be a default or event of default thereunder.

(ggg) The Company (i) has adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation of the Federal Securities Laws (as that term is defined in Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act) by the Company; (ii) is conducting its business in compliance with all laws, rules, regulations, decisions, directives and orders except for such failure to comply which would not reasonably be expected to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect; and (iii) is conducting its business in compliance in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the 1940 Act.

(hhh) The Saratoga Entities' information technology assets and equipment, computers, systems, networks, hardware, software, websites, applications, and databases (collectively, "**IT Systems**") are adequate for, and operate and perform in all material respects as required in connection with the operation of the business of the Saratoga Entities as currently conducted. The Adviser implemented and maintained commercially reasonable controls, policies, procedures, and safeguards to maintain and protect the Saratoga Entities' material confidential information and the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of all material IT Systems and data (including all personal, personally identifiable, sensitive, confidential or regulated data ("**Personal Data**")) used in connection with its business, and there have been no breaches, violations, outages or unauthorized uses of or accesses to same, except, in each case, as would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Saratoga Entities are presently in compliance in all material respects with all applicable laws or statutes and all judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Personal Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification, except, in each case, as would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Any certificate signed by any officer of any of the Saratoga Entities and delivered to the Underwriters or to counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed a representation and warranty by such Saratoga Entity (as applicable) to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.

2. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Adviser</u>. The Adviser represents and warrants to the Underwriters as of the date of this Agreement, as of the Applicable Time and as of the Closing Date, and agrees with the Underwriters as follows:

(a) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein, there has been no material adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise), earnings, assets, business affairs, operations or regulatory status of the Adviser or any of its subsidiaries, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, that would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect, or would otherwise reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to prevent the Adviser from carrying out its obligations under the Investment Advisory Agreement or under the Administration Agreement (an "Adviser Material Adverse Effect").

(b) The Adviser has been duly organized and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has the power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement; the Adviser has the corporate power and authority to execute and deliver and perform its obligations under the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement; and the Adviser and each of its subsidiaries is duly qualified to transact business as a foreign entity and is in good standing in each other jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of ownership or leasing of its property or the conduct of business, except, in each case, where the failure to qualify or be in good standing would not otherwise reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in an Adviser Material Adverse Effect.

(c) The Adviser is duly registered with the Commission as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act and is not prohibited by the Advisers Act or the 1940 Act from acting under the Investment Advisory Agreement for other Saratoga Entities as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. There does not exist any proceeding or, to the Adviser's knowledge, any facts or circumstances the existence of which could reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to lead to any proceeding, which might adversely affect the registration of the Adviser with the Commission.

(d) There is no action, suit, claim or proceeding or, to the knowledge of the Adviser or any of its subsidiaries, inquiry or investigation before or brought by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, now pending, or, to the knowledge of the Adviser, threatened, against or affecting the Adviser which is required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (other than as disclosed therein), or which would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in an Adviser Material Adverse Effect, or which would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to materially and adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement, the Investment Advisory Agreement or the Administration Agreement; the aggregate of all pending legal or governmental proceedings to which the Adviser is a party or of which any of its property or assets is the subject which are not described in the Registration Statement and/or the Prospectus, including ordinary routine litigation incidental to its business, would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in an Adviser Material Adverse Effect.

(e) None of the Adviser or any of its subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its organizational or governing documents, (ii) in default in the performance or observance of any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Adviser is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Adviser is subject (collectively, the "Agreements and Instruments"), or (iii) in violation of any law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree except, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) only, for such violations or defaults that would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in an Adviser Material Adverse Effect; and the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and therein and in the Registration Statement (including the issuance and sale of the Securities and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds") and compliance by the Adviser with its obligations hereunder and under the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Adviser pursuant to the Agreements and Instruments except for such violations or defaults that would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in an Adviser Material Adverse Effect, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the limited liability company operating agreement (as amended to date) of the Adviser; nor will such action result in any violation of any applicable law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Adviser or any of its assets, properties or operations.

(f) Each of this Agreement, the Investment Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement is a valid and binding obligation of the Adviser, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefore may be brought.

(g) No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency is necessary or required for the performance by the Adviser of its obligations hereunder, in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Securities hereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds"), except such as have been already obtained under the 1933 Act and the 1940 Act or will be obtained by the Closing Date.

(h) The descriptions of the Adviser and its business contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package, the Prospectus, and any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication and Sales Material do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.

(i) The Adviser possesses such licenses issued by the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies necessary to conduct the business now operated by it ("**Governmental Licenses**"), except where the failure so to possess would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, result in an Adviser Material Adverse Effect; the Adviser is in compliance with the terms and conditions of all such Governmental Licenses, except where the failure so to comply would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in an Adviser Material Adverse Effect; all of the Governmental Licenses are valid and in full force and effect, except where the invalidity of such Governmental Licenses or the failure of such Governmental Licenses to be in full force and effect would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in an Adviser Material Adverse Effect; and the Adviser has not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such Governmental Licenses which, individually or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in an Adviser Material Adverse Effect.



(j) Neither the Adviser, nor to the Adviser's knowledge, any of its affiliates, has taken or will take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or which has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Securities to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

(k) The Adviser maintains data processing, communications and other technology systems sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations, (ii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, and (iii) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. The Adviser has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent data breaches and other breaches of applicable privacy laws.

(1) The Adviser (i) has adopted and implemented written policies and procedures pursuant to Rule 206(4)-7 under the Advisers Act reasonably designed to prevent violations of the Advisers Act by the Adviser; (ii) is conducting its business in compliance with all laws, rules, regulations, decisions, directives and orders except for such failure to comply which would not reasonably be expected to result in an Adviser Material Adverse Effect; and (iii) is conducting its business in compliance in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Advisers Act.

(m) The Adviser is not aware that (i) any executive, key employee or significant group of employees of any of the Saratoga Entities, as applicable, plans to terminate employment with the respective Saratoga Entity, or (ii) any such executive or key employee is subject to any non-compete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Saratoga Entities except where such termination or violation would not reasonably be expected to have an Adviser Material Adverse Effect.

3. Purchase, Sale and Delivery of the Securities.

(a) On the basis of the representations, warranties and covenants herein contained, and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company hereby agrees to sell to the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, the respective aggregate principal amount of Securities set forth opposite the name of the Underwriter in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase the aggregate principal amount of Securities set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter on <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto, plus any additional aggregate principal amount of Securities which such Underwriter may become obligated to purchase pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 8</u> hereof, subject to such adjustments among the Underwriters as the Representative in its sole discretion shall make to eliminate any sales or purchases of fractional Securities, in each case at a purchase price of 98% of the aggregate principal amount (the "<u>Purchase Price</u>").

(b) Payment of the Purchase Price for, and delivery of any certificates for, the Securities shall be made at the offices of Blank Rome LLP, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020 or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representative and the Company, at 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on January 19, 2022 (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 8</u>), or such other time not later than ten business days after such date as shall be agreed upon by the Representative and delivery being herein called the "<u>Closing Date</u>").

Payment shall be made to the Company by wire transfer of immediately available funds to a single bank account designated by the Company against delivery to the Representative through the facilities of DTC for the respective accounts of the Underwriters of the Securities to be purchased by them. It is understood that each Underwriter has authorized the Representative, for its accounts, to accept delivery of, receipt for, and make payment of the Purchase Price for, the Securities, which it has agreed to purchase. The Representative, individually and not as representative of the Underwriters, may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment of the Purchase Price for the Securities to be purchased by any Underwriter whose funds have not been received by the Closing Date, but such payment shall not relieve such Underwriter from its obligations hereunder.

(c) The Securities shall be electronically transferred at the Closing Date, in such denominations and registered in such names as the Underwriters may request in writing at least two (2) full business days before the Closing Date. The Securities purchased hereunder shall be delivered at the Closing Date through the facilities of the DTC or another mutually agreeable facility, against payment of the Purchase Price therefore in immediately available funds to the order of the Company.

4. Expenses.

(a) The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including relating to the following matters: (i) the preparation, printing or reproduction and filing with the Commission of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits thereto) and the Prospectus, and each amendment or supplement to either of them; (ii) the printing (or reproduction) and delivery (including postage, air freight charges and charges for counting and packaging) of such copies of the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package, and the Prospectus, and all amendments or supplements to any of them, as may, in each case, be reasonably requested for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities; (iii) the costs and expenses incurred by the Company arising out of the marketing of the sale of the Securities to investors, including but not limited to the transportation, lodging, graphics and other expenses of the Company and its officers related to the preparation for and participation by the Company and its officers in any road show; (iv) the preparation, printing, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Securities and any certificates for the Securities; (v) the printing (or reproduction) and delivery of this Agreement, any Blue Sky memorandum and all closing documents printed (or reproduced) and delivered in connection with the offering of the Securities; (vi) any registration or qualification of the Securities for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of the several states (including filing fees and the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel to the Underwriters (in an amount not to exceed \$7,500) in connection with, the review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Securities; (vii) the fees and expenses of the Saratoga Entities' accountants, counsel and other advisors; (ix) the fees and expenses of any transfer agent or registrar for the Securities and of the Trustee; and (x) all other reasonable costs and expenses i

(b) If this Agreement is terminated by the Representative in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 or Section 9(a)(i) and 9(a)(v) hereof, the Company shall reimburse the Underwriters for all of their out-of-pocket expenses incurred, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters.

5. Agreements of the Company. The Company agrees with the Underwriters that:

(a) During any period that a prospectus relating to the Securities is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act (but in any event through the Closing Date), the Company, subject to <u>Section 5(b)</u> of this Agreement, will comply with the requirements of Rule 415, Rule 430B and Rule 424(b) under the 1933 Act and will notify the Representative immediately, and confirm the notice in writing, (i) when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement shall become effective, or any supplement to the Prospectus or any amended Prospectus shall have been filed, (ii) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission relating to the Registration Statement, (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or for additional information, and (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes. The Company will promptly effect the filings necessary pursuant to Rule 424(b) within the time period required by Rule 424(b) and will take such steps as it deems necessary to ascertain promptly whether the form of prospectus. During any period that a prospectus relating to the Securities is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act (but in any event through the Closing Date), the Company will use its reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order and, if any stop order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment.



(b) During any period that a prospectus relating to the Securities is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act (but in any event through the Closing Date), the Company will give the Representative notice of its intention to file or prepare any amendment to the Registration Statement (including any filing under Rule 462(b)) or any amendment, supplement or revision to any preliminary prospectus (including any prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time it became effective) or to the Prospectus, will furnish the Representative with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters shall reasonably object. The Company has given the Underwriters notice of any filings made pursuant to the Exchange Act within 48 hours prior to the Applicable Time; the Company will give the Underwriters notice of its intention to make any such filing from the Applicable Time to the Closing Date and will furnish the Underwriters with copies of any such proposed filing.

(c) Upon the Representative's written request, the Company will deliver to the Representative, without charge, conformed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed, and of each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein) and conformed copies of all consents and certificates of experts, and, upon the Representative's request, will also deliver to the Representative, without charge, a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and of each amendment thereto (without exhibits) for each of the Underwriters. The copies of the Registration Statement and each amendment thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(d) The Company has delivered to each Underwriter, without charge, as many copies of the Preliminary Prospectus as such Underwriter reasonably requested, and the Company hereby consents to the use of such copies for purposes permitted by the 1933 Act. The Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter may reasonably request. The Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(e) The Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to comply with the 1933 Act so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Securities as contemplated in this Agreement and in the Prospectus. If at any time when a prospectus is required by the 1933 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Securities, any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters or for the Company, to amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the Prospectus in order that the Prospectus will not include any untrue statements of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser, or if it shall be necessary, in the opinion of such counsel, at any such time to amend the Registration Statement or comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act, the Company will promptly prepare and file with the Commission, subject to <u>Section 5(b)</u> of this Agreement, such amendment or supplement as may be necessary to correct such statement or omission or to make the Registration Statement or the Prospectus comply with such requirements, and the Company will furnish to the Underwriters such number of copies of such amendment or supplement as the Underwriters may reasonably request.

(f) If there occurs an event or development as a result of which the General Disclosure Package would include an untrue statement of a material fact or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances then prevailing, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Representative so that any use of the General Disclosure Package may cease until it is amended or supplemented (at the sole cost and expense of the Company) to eliminate or correct such untrue statement or omission.

(g) If at any time following the distribution of any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication there has occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Written Testing-the-Waters Communication included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances the prevailing, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Representative so that any use of the Written Testing-the-Waters Communication may cease until it is amended or supplemented (at the sole cost and expense of the Company) to eliminate or correct such untrue statement or omission.

(h) The Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts, in cooperation with the Underwriters, to qualify the Securities for offering and sale under the applicable securities laws of such states and other jurisdictions (domestic or foreign) as the Underwriters may designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Securities; *provided, however*, that the foregoing shall not apply to the extent that the Securities are "covered securities" that are exempt from state regulation of securities offerings pursuant to Section 18 of the 1933 Act; and *provided, further*, that the Company shall not be obligated to file any general consent to service of process or to qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to subject itself to taxation in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise so subject.

(i) The Company will timely file such reports pursuant to the Exchange Act as are necessary in order to make generally available to its security holders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than 16 months after the date hereof, an earnings statement for the purposes of, and to provide the benefits contemplated by, the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act.

(j) During the period beginning from the date hereof and continuing to and including the date that is 90 days after the date of the Prospectus, the Company will not sell, offer to sell, contract or agree to sell, hypothecate, pledge, grant any option to purchase or otherwise dispose of or agree to dispose of, directly or indirectly, any debt securities issued or guaranteed by the Company that are substantially similar to the Securities or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for debt securities issued or guaranteed by the Company that are substantially similar to the Securities, or file or cause to be declared effective a registration statement under the 1933 Act with respect to any of the foregoing, without the prior written consent of the Representative, which may not be unreasonably withheld. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to (i) the registration of the Securities and the sales to the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement, (ii) borrowings under the Credit Facility, (iii) the issuance of SBA-guaranteed debentures by the SBIC Funds or (iv) the filing by the Company of a universal shelf registration statement covering various securities, including debt and equity securities and certain purchase rights relating thereto.

(k) The Company will use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Securities in the manner specified in the General Disclosure Package and in the Prospectus under "Use of Proceeds."

(1) The Company will cooperate with the Representative and use its commercially reasonable efforts to permit the offered Securities to be eligible for clearance and settlement through the facilities of DTC.

(m) The Company will maintain a trustee, paying agent and registrar for the Securities.

(n) The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or that has constituted or might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any securities of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities, except as may be allowed by law.

(o) During the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, the Company will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1933 Act, the Exchange Act and the 1940 Act within the time periods required by such act, rule or regulation. To the extent the distribution of Securities has been completed, the Company will not be required to provide the Underwriters with reports it is required to file with the Commission under the Exchange Act.

(p) The Company, during a period of at least 12 months from the Closing Date, will use its commercially reasonable efforts to maintain its status as a business development company.

(q) The Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code for each full fiscal year during which it is a business development company under the 1940 Act.

(r) The Company shall use its best efforts to cause each of the SBIC Funds to continue to comply with the requirements applicable to SBICs and to meet its obligations as an SBIC licensed by the SBA.

(s) The Company and its Subsidiaries shall comply in all material respects with all effective applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Commission's published rules promulgated thereunder that are applicable to the Company and its Subsidiaries, as applicable.

(t) The Saratoga Entities shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, all material environmental permits, licenses and other authorizations required by federal, state and local law in order to conduct their businesses as described in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and General Disclosure Package, and each of the Saratoga Entities shall conduct their businesses, or cause their businesses to be conducted, in substantial compliance with such permits, licenses and authorizations and with applicable Environmental Laws, except where the failure to maintain or be in compliance with such permits, licenses and authorizations could not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(u) The Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (A) material information relating to the Company and the assets managed by the Adviser is promptly made known to the officers responsible for establishing and maintaining the system of internal accounting controls; and (B) any significant deficiencies or weaknesses in the design or operation of internal accounting controls which could adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data, and any fraud whether or not material that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in internal controls, are adequately and promptly disclosed to the Company's independent auditors and the audit committee of the Company's board of directors.

6. <u>Conditions to the Underwriters' Obligations</u>. The obligations of the Underwriters to purchase the Securities on the Closing Date are subject to the accuracy, as of the Applicable Time or the Closing Date, as the case may be, of the representations and warranties of the Company and the Adviser contained herein, and to the performance by the Company of its covenants and obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:

(a) The Registration Statement and all post-effective amendments thereto, including any filing under Rule 462(b), shall have become effective, the final prospectus containing the information that was omitted from such registration statement at the time it became effective but that is deemed to be part of such registration statement pursuant to Rule 430B shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 424(b), and any request of the Commission for additional information (to be included in the Registration Statement or otherwise) shall have been disclosed to the Representative and complied with to its reasonable satisfaction. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, as amended from time to time, shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose or pursuant to Section 8A under the 1933 Act shall have been taken or, to the knowledge of the Company, shall be contemplated or threatened by the Commission and no injunction, restraining order or order of any nature by a Federal or state court of competent jurisdiction shall have been issued as of the Closing Date which would prevent the issuance of the Securities.

(b) The Representative shall have received from Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, counsel for the Company and/or the Adviser ("<u>Company Counsel</u>"), opinions and a negative assurance letter, each dated the Closing Date, addressed to the Representative in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative.

(c) [Reserved].

(d) The Representative shall have received from Blank Rome LLP, counsel to Underwriters ("**Underwriters' Counsel**"), an opinion and negative assurance letter dated the Closing Date, addressed to the Underwriters, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative.

(e) The Representative shall have received, on each of the date hereof and the Closing Date, the letter from Ernst & Young LLP dated the date hereof or the Closing Date, as the case may be, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters, delivered in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 72 (or any successor bulletin), with respect to the financial statements and certain financial and statistical information contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(f) The Representative shall have received, on each of the date hereof and the Closing Date, a certificate of the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative and as agreed upon prior to the date hereof, covering certain financial matters of the Company.

(g) Each of the Company and the Adviser shall have furnished to the Representative, on the Closing Date, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit <u>6(g)</u>.

(h) The Company and the Trustee shall have executed and delivered each of the Ninth Supplemental Indenture and the Securities and, at or prior to the Closing Date, the Indenture shall be in full force and effect.



(i) Each of the Company and the Adviser shall have furnished to the Representative such further certificates and documents as the Representative may reasonably require for the purpose of enabling the Underwriters to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated.

(j) At the Closing Date, the Company shall have caused the Securities to be rated at least "BBB+" by Egan-Jones Ratings Company and since the execution of this Agreement, there shall not have been any decrease in the rating of any debt or preferred stock of the Company or any Subsidiary by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined in Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act), or any notice given of any intended or potential decrease in any such rating or of a possible change in any such rating that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, and no such organization shall have publicly announced it has under surveillance or review any such rating.

The opinions and certificates mentioned in this Agreement shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions hereof only if they are in all material respects satisfactory to the Representative and to Underwriters' Counsel.

If any of the conditions hereinabove provided for in this <u>Section 6</u> shall not have been fulfilled when and as required by this Agreement to be fulfilled, the obligations of the Underwriters hereunder may be terminated by the Representative by notifying the Company of such termination in writing at or prior to the Closing Date. In such event, the Company and the Underwriters shall not be under any obligation to each other (except to the extent provided in <u>Sections 4</u>, <u>7</u> and <u>10</u> hereof).

7. Indemnification and Contribution.

(a) The Company and the Adviser, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriters, the partners, directors, officers, employees and agents of the Underwriters and each person or entity that controls the Underwriters within the meaning of either Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act:

(i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, arising out of any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement for the Securities as originally filed or in any amendment thereof (and including any post-effective amendment), the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or in any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication or Sales Material (or any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing), or arising out of or based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading;

(ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company; and

(iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by the Representative), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under <u>Section 7(a)(i)</u> or (a)(ii) above; *provided, however*, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representative expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), or the General Disclosure Package, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriter for inclusion in the Prospectus consists of the following information in the Prospectus: (i) the concession and reallowance figures appearing under the caption "Underwriting— Commissions and Discounts" in the Prospectus, (ii) the statement set forth in the first sentence of the first paragraph under the caption "Underwriting— Stabilization" in the Prospectus.

(b) Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and the Adviser, each of their respective directors, each of their respective officers who sign the Registration Statement, and each person who controls the Company and the Adviser within the meaning of either Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, to the same extent as the indemnity from the Company and the Adviser to the Underwriters set forth in Section 7(a)(i) and the proviso thereto, but only with reference to written information relating to the Underwriters furnished to the Company by or on behalf of the Underwriters specifically for inclusion in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity. The Underwriters agree to reimburse each such indemnified party, as incurred, for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any loss, claim, damage, liability or action to which they are entitled to indemnification pursuant to this Section 7(b). This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Underwriters may otherwise have.



(c) In case any proceeding (including any governmental investigation) shall be instituted involving any person or entity in respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to Section 7, such person or entity (the "indemnified party") shall promptly notify the person or entity against whom such indemnity may be sought (the "indemnifying party") in writing. No indemnification provided for in Section 7 shall be available to any party who shall fail to give notice as provided in this Section 7(c) if the party to whom notice was not given was unaware of the proceeding to which such notice would have related and was materially prejudiced by the failure to give such notice, but the failure to give such notice shall not relieve the indemnifying party or parties from any liability which it or they may have to the indemnified party for contribution or otherwise than on account of the provisions of Section 7. In case any such proceeding shall be brought against any indemnified party and it shall notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it shall wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party and shall pay as incurred the fees and disbursements of such counsel related to such proceeding. In any such proceeding, any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel at its own expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnifying party shall pay as incurred (or within 30 days of presentation) the fees and expenses of the counsel retained by the indemnified party in the event (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel, (ii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them or (iii) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense and employ counsel acceptable to the indemnified party within a reasonable period of time after notice of commencement of the action. Such firm shall be designated in writing by the Representative in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 7(a) and by the Company in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 7(b). The indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. In addition, the indemnifying party will not, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in any pending or threatened claim, action or proceeding of which indemnification may be sought hereunder (whether or not any indemnified party is an actual or potential party to such claim, action or proceeding) unless such settlement, compromise or consent includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such claim, action or proceeding and does not include any statement as to or any admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) To the extent the indemnification provided for in Section 7 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under Section 7(a) or (b) above in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and the Adviser, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, from the offering of the Securities. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company or the Adviser, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company and the Adviser, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company and the total underwriting discount received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate initial public offering price of the Securities as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company, on the one hand, or the Underwriters, on the other, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company, the Adviser and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contributions pursuant to this Section 7(d) were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 7(d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof) referred to above in this Section 7(d) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7(d), (i) no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the underwriting discounts and commissions applicable to the Securities purchased by such Underwriter and (ii) no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) For purposes of this <u>Section 7</u>, each person or entity, if any, who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and each Underwriter's affiliates, partners, directors, officers, and selling agents shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Company, each officer of the Company, and each person or entity, if any, who controls the Company or Adviser within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company or the Adviser, as the case may be. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this <u>Section 7</u> are several in proportion to the aggregate principal amount of Securities set forth opposite their respective names in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto and not joint.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this <u>Section 7</u>, no party shall be entitled to indemnification or contribution under this Agreement in violation of Section 17(i) of the 1940 Act.

8. <u>Default by One or More Underwriters.</u> If one or more of the Underwriters shall fail on the Closing Date to purchase the Securities which it or they are obligated to purchase under this Agreement (the "<u>Defaulted Securities</u>"), the Representative shall use reasonable efforts, within 36 hours thereafter, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Defaulted Securities in such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms herein set forth; if, however, the Representative shall not have completed such arrangements within such 36-hour period, then:

(a) if the aggregate principal amount of Defaulted Securities does not exceed 10% of the aggregate principal amount of Securities to be purchased on such date, each of the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated, severally and not jointly, to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations hereunder bear to the underwriting obligations of all non-defaulting Underwriters; or

(b) if the aggregate principal amount of Defaulted Securities exceeds 10% of the aggregate principal amount of Securities to be purchased on such date, this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter.

No action taken pursuant to this <u>Section 8</u> shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of its default. In the event of any such default which does not result in a termination of this Agreement, the Representative shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required changes in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements. As used herein, the term "<u>Underwriter</u>" includes any person substituted for an Underwriter under this <u>Section 8</u>.

9. Termination.

(a) This Agreement may be terminated by the Representative by notice to the Company (a) at any time prior to the Closing Date if any of the following has occurred: (i) since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, any material adverse change or any development involving a prospective material adverse change in or affecting the earnings, business, properties, assets, rights, operations, condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole or the Adviser, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, which the Representative deems to materially impair the investment quality of the Securities, (ii) any outbreak or escalation of hostilities or declaration of war or national emergency or other national or international calamity or crisis (including, without limitation, an act of terrorism) or change in economic or political conditions, if the effect of such outbreak, escalation, declaration, emergency, calamity, crisis or change on the financial markets of the United States would, in the judgment of the Representative, materially impair the investment quality of the Securities, (iii) suspension of trading in securities generally on the NYSE or the Nasdaq Stock Market or limitation on prices (other than limitations on hours or numbers of days of trading), (iv) the declaration of a banking moratorium by United States or New York State authorities, (v) the suspension of trading of any security of the Company by Nasdaq, the Commission or any other governmental authority or (vi) the taking of any action by any governmental body or agency in respect of its monetary or fiscal affairs which in the opinion of the Representative has a material adverse effect on the securities markets in the United States; or (b) as provided in <u>Section 6</u> of this Agreement.

(b) If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this <u>Section 9</u>, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in <u>Section 4</u> hereof, and provided further that <u>Sections 1</u>, 7 and <u>10</u> shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.

10. <u>Representations and Indemnities to Survive</u>. The respective agreements, representations, warranties, indemnities and other statements of the Company and the Adviser, or their respective officers, and of the Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement (including as may be made in certificates of officers of the Company and the Adviser submitted pursuant hereto) will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of the Underwriters or the Company or any of the officers, directors, employees, agents or controlling persons referred to in <u>Section 7</u> hereof, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Securities. The provisions of <u>Section 4</u>, <u>Section 10</u>, <u>Section 13</u>, <u>Section 15</u> and <u>Section 16</u> shall survive the termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

11. <u>Notices</u>. All communications hereunder will be in writing and effective only on receipt, and will be mailed (postage prepaid, certified or registered mail, return receipt requested), delivered or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication:

(a) if to the Underwriters:

Raymond James & Associates, Inc. 880 Carillon Parkway St. Petersburg, Florida 33716 Attention: Larry M. Herman, Managing Director / Financial Services Investment Banking E-mail: <u>Larry.Herman@RaymondJames.com</u> Telephone: (901) 531-3237 Facsimile: (901) 579-4891

Attention: Thomas Donegan, General Counsel / Global Equities & Investment Banking E-mail: <u>Tom.Donegan@RaymondJames.com</u> Telephone: (727) 567-1009 Facsimile: (727) 567-8750

with an additional copy to:

Blank Rome LLP 1271 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020 Facsimile: (212) 885-5001 E-mail: bshiffman@blankrome.com Attention: Brad L. Shiffman, Esq. (which copy shall not constitute notice)

(b) if to the Company or the Adviser:

Saratoga Investment Corp. 535 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10020 Facsimile: (212) 750-3343 E-mail: coberbeck@saratogapartners.com Attention: Christian Oberbeck

with an additional copy to:

Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP 700 Sixth Street, NW, Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20001 Facsimile: (202) 637-3593 E-mail: payamsiadatpour@eversheds-sutherland.com Attention: Payam Siadatpour, Esq. (which copy shall not constitute notice)



12. <u>Successors</u>. This Agreement has been and is made solely for the benefit of the Underwriters, the Company, the Adviser and their respective successors, executors, administrators, heirs and assigns, and the officers, directors and controlling persons referred to herein, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder. No purchaser of any of the Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed a successor or assign merely because of such purchase.

13. <u>No Fiduciary Duty</u>. The Company and the Adviser hereby acknowledge and agree that (a) the purchase and sale of any Securities pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the public offering price of the Securities and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters of such Securities, and any affiliate through which an Underwriter may be acting, on the other hand, (b) in connection with the public offering of the Securities and the process leading to such transaction the Underwriters will act solely as principals and independent contractors, and not as agents or fiduciaries of the Company or its stockholders, creditors, employees or any other party or in any other capacity, (c) the Underwriters will not assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to the offering of Securities contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether the Underwriters have advised or are currently advising the Company on other matters) and the Underwriters will not have any obligation to the Company with respect to the offering except the obligations expressly set forth herein, (d) the Underwriters and their affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Company, and (e) the Underwriters have not provided and will not provide any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate.

14. Integration. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company and the Underwriters with respect to the subject matter hereof.

15. <u>Applicable Law</u>. THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED THERETO SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION SECTION 5-1401 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW.

16. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. The parties hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

17. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be signed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

18. Headings. The section headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

19. <u>Partial Unenforceability</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, paragraph or provision hereof. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

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If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate hereof, whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall represent a binding agreement among the Company, the Adviser and the Underwriters.

Very truly yours,

Saratoga Investment Corp.

By: /s/ Henri Steenkamp Name: Henri Steenkamp Title: CFO

Saratoga Investment Advisors, LLC

By: /s/ Henri Steenkamp Name: Henri Steenkamp Title: CFO

The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first-written above.

Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

By: /s/ Larry Herman

Name: Larry Herman

Title: Managing Director

[Signature Page to the Underwriting Agreement]

For itself and as Representative of the Underwriters named in Exhibit A hereto

EXHIBIT A

UNDERWRITERS

Underwriter	Aggregate Principal Amount of Securities
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.	\$ 64,687,500
Compass Point Research & Trading, LLC	\$ 2,062,500
Hovde Group, LLC	\$ 2,062,500
Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.	\$ 2,062,500
Maxim Group LLC	\$ 2,062,500
Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.	\$ 2,062,500
Total	\$ 75,000,000

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EXHIBIT B

PRICE-RELATED INFORMATION

Filed Pursuant to Rule 433 Issuer Free Writing Prospectus dated January 13, 2022 Relating to Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated January 13, 2022 and Prospectus dated July 7, 2021 Registration No. 333-256366

SARATOGA INVESTMENT CORP.

\$75,000,000 4.35% Notes due 2027

PRICING TERM SHEET January 13, 2022

The following sets forth the final terms of the 4.35% Notes due 2027 (the "Notes") and should only be read together with the preliminary prospectus supplement dated January 13, 2022, together with the accompanying prospectus dated July 7, 2021, relating to these securities (the "Preliminary Prospectus"), and supersedes the information in the Preliminary Prospectus to the extent inconsistent with the information in the Preliminary Prospectus. In all other respects, this pricing term sheet is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Preliminary Prospectus. Terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings as set forth in the Preliminary Prospectus. All references to dollar amounts are references to U.S. dollars.

Issuer	Saratoga Investment Corp. (the "Company")
Security	4.35% Notes due 2027
Expected Rating*	BBB+ (Egan-Jones)
Aggregate Principal Amount Offered	\$75,000,000
Maturity	February 28, 2027
Trade Date	January 13, 2022
Settlement Date**	January 19, 2022 (T+3)
Use of Proceeds	Make investments in middle-market companies (including investments made through SBIC subsidiaries) in accordance with the Company's investment objective and strategies and for general corporate purposes.
Price to Public (Issue Price)	99.317% of the aggregate principal amount
Coupon (Interest Rate)	4.35%
Yield to Maturity	4.50%
Spread to Benchmark Treasury	301 basis points
Benchmark Treasury	1.25% due December 31, 2026
Benchmark Treasury Price and Yield	98-28/1.49%
Interest Payment Dates	February 28 and August 28, beginning August 28, 2022
Offer to Purchase upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event	If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs prior to maturity, holders will have the right, at their option, to require the Company to repurchase for cash some or all of the Notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the repurchase date.

Optional Redemption	The Company may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time, or from time to time, at a redemption price (as determined by the Company) equal to the greater of the following amounts, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date:
	• 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, or
	• the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (exclusive of accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption) on the Notes to be redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) using the applicable Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points; provided, however, that if the Company redeems any Notes on or after November 28, 2026 (the date falling three months prior to the maturity date of the Notes), the redemption price for the Notes will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption; provided, further, that no such partial redemption shall reduce the portion of the principal amount of a Note not redeemed to less than \$2,000.
Denomination	\$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof
CUSIP	803 49AAF6
ISIN	US80349AAF66
Underwriting Discount	2.000%
Book-Running Manager Co-Managers	Raymond James & Associates, Inc. Compass Point Research & Trading, LLC Hovde Group, LLC Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. Maxim Group LLC Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.

^{*} Note: A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

Investors are advised to carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Company before investing. The Preliminary Prospectus, which has been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), contains this and other information about the Company and should be read carefully before investing.

The information in the Preliminary Prospectus and in this pricing term sheet is not complete and may be changed. The Preliminary Prospectus and this pricing term sheet are not offers to sell any securities of the Company and are not soliciting an offer to buy such securities in any jurisdiction where such offer and sale is not permitted.

A shelf registration statement relating to these securities is on file with and has been declared effective by the SEC. Before you invest, you should read the Preliminary Prospectus, the accompanying prospectus, and other documents the Company has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the Company and this offering. You may obtain these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC web site at <u>www.sec.gov</u>. Alternatively, the Company, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the Preliminary Prospectus and the accompanying prospectus if you request it from Raymond James & Associates, Inc., 800 Carillon Parkway, St. Petersburg, Florida 33716, email: prospectus@raymondjames.com, tel: 800-248-8863.

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^{**} Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the Notes on any date prior to the second business day before delivery thereof will be required, by virtue of the fact that the Notes initially will settle T+3, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of the Notes who wish to trade the Notes prior to their date of delivery hereunder should consult their own advisors.

SCHEDULE A

- Pricing Press Release filed with the Commission on January 13, 2022 pursuant to Rule 497(a) (as a Rule 482ad)
 Final Term Sheet dated January 13, 2022, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>, containing the terms of the Securities, filed with the Commission on January 13, 2022 pursuant to Rule 433 under the 1933 Act

SCHEDULE B

Saratoga Investment Funding LLC Saratoga Investment Funding II LLC Saratoga Investment Corp. SBIC LP Saratoga Investment Corp. SBIC LP II

Schedule B-1

None.

Schedule C-1

NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

between

SARATOGA INVESTMENT CORP.

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Trustee

Dated as of January 19, 2022

THIS NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this "Ninth Supplemental Indenture"), dated as of January 19, 2022, is between Saratoga Investment Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"). All capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Base Indenture (as defined below).

RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

The Company and the Trustee executed and delivered an Indenture, dated as of May 10, 2013 (the "Base Indenture" and, as supplemented by this Ninth Supplemental Indenture, the "Indenture"), to provide for the issuance by the Company from time to time of the Company's unsecured debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (the "Securities"), to be issued in one or more series as provided in the Indenture.

The Company desires to issue and sell \$75,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 4.35% Notes due 2027 (the "Notes").

The Company previously entered into the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 10, 2013 (the "First Supplemental Indenture"), the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 21, 2016 (the "Second Supplemental Indenture"), the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 28, 2018 (the "Third Supplemental Indenture"), the Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 24, 2020 (the "Fourth Supplemental Indenture"), the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 9, 2020 (the "Fifth Supplemental Indenture"), the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 29, 2020 (the "Sixth Supplemental Indenture"), and the Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 28, 2021 (the "Seventh Supplemental Indenture"), the Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 10, 2021 (the "Eighth Supplemental Indenture"), each of which amended and supplemented the Base Indenture. Neither the First Supplemental Indenture, the Second Supplemental Indenture, the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, the Fifth Supplemental Indenture, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, the Fighth Supplemental Indenture, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, the Fighth Supplemental Indenture, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, the Second Supplemental Indenture, the Third Supplemental Indenture, the Fighth Supplemental Indenture, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, the Fighth Supplemental Indenture, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, the Sixth Supplemental Indenture, the Fighth Supplemental Indenture, nor the Eighth Supplemental Indenture is applicable to the Notes.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE I TERMS OF THE NOTES

Section 1.01. <u>Terms of the Notes</u>. The following terms relating to the Notes are hereby established:

(a) The Notes shall constitute a series of Senior Securities having the title "4.35% Notes due 2027." The Notes shall bear a CUSIP number of 80349A AF6 and an ISIN number of US80349AAF66, as may be supplemented or replaced from time to time.

(b) The aggregate principal amount of the Notes that may be initially authenticated and delivered under the Indenture (except for Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of, transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Notes pursuant to Sections 304, 305, 306, 906, 1107 or 1305 of the Base Indenture, and except for any Securities that, pursuant to Section 303 of the Base Indenture, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered under the Indenture) shall be \$75,000,000. Under a Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate pursuant to Board Resolutions or an indenture supplement, the Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of Notes, issue additional Notes (in any such case "Additional Notes") having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Notes; *provided* that, if such Additional Notes are not fungible with the Notes (or any other tranche of Additional Notes) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, then such Additional Notes will have different CUSIP and ISIN numbers from the Notes (and any such other tranche of Additional Notes). Any Additional Notes and the existing Notes will constitute a single series under the Indenture and all references to the relevant Notes herein shall include the Additional Notes unless the context otherwise requires.

(c) The entire outstanding principal of the Notes shall be payable on February 28, 2027 unless earlier redeemed or repurchased in accordance with the provisions of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture.

(d) The rate at which the Notes shall bear interest shall be 4.35% per annum. The date from which interest shall accrue on the Notes shall be January 19, 2022, or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or provided for; the Interest Payment Dates for the Notes shall be February 28 and August 28 of each year, commencing August 28, 2022 (if an Interest Payment Date falls on a day that is not a Business Day, then the applicable interest payment will be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no additional interest will accrue as a result of such delayed payment); the initial interest period will be the period from and including January 19, 2022, to, but excluding, the initial Interest Payment Date, and the subsequent interest periods will be the periods from and including an Interest Payment Date to, but excluding, the next Interest Payment Date or the Stated Maturity, as the case may be; the interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date, will be paid to the Person in whose name the Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be February 15 and August 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Payment of principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any such interest on the Notes will be made at the office of the Trustee located at 60 Livingston Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55107, Attention: Saratoga Investment Corp. (4.35% Notes Due 2027) and at such other address as designated by the Trustee, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, if the holder of the Notes requests the Company to do so, the Company will pay any amount that becomes due on the Notes by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account at a bank in New York, New York (upon not less than 15 Business Days' notice prior to the time of payment); provided, further, however, that so long as the Notes are registered to Cede & Co., such payment will be made by wire transfer in accordance with the procedures established by The Depository Trust Company and the Trustee. Interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

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

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

(g) The Notes shall be defeasible pursuant to Section 1402 or Section 1403 of the Base Indenture. Covenant defeasance contained in Section 1403 of the Base Indenture shall apply to the covenants contained in Sections 1008, 1009 and 1010 of the Indenture. For the avoidance of doubt, Article Four of the Base Indenture also applies to the Notes.

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

(i) The Notes will be redeemable in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, at the option of the Company, at a Redemption Price equal to the greater of the following amounts, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the Redemption Date:

- (a) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, or
- (b) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (exclusive of accrued and unpaid interest to the Redemption Date) on the Notes to be redeemed, discounted to the Redemption Date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) using the applicable Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points;

provided, however, that if the Company redeems any Notes on or after November 28, 2026, the Redemption Price for the Notes will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the Redemption Date.

For purposes of calculating the Redemption Price in connection with the redemption of the Notes, on any Redemption Date, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

"<u>Comparable Treasury Issue</u>" means the United States Treasury security selected by the Reference Treasury Dealer as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the Notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financing practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Notes being redeemed.

"<u>Comparable Treasury Price</u>" means (1) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for the Redemption Date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the Quotation Agent obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

"Quotation Agent" means a Reference Treasury Dealer selected by the Company.

"Reference Treasury Dealer" means each of any four primary U.S. government securities dealers selected by the Company.

"<u>Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations</u>" means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any Redemption Date, the average, as determined by the Quotation Agent, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Quotation Agent by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m. New York time on the third business day preceding such Redemption Date. All determinations made by any Reference Treasury Dealer, including the Quotation Agent, with respect to determining the Redemption Price will be final and binding absent manifest error.

"<u>Treasury Rate</u>" means, with respect to any Redemption Date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield-tomaturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue (computed as of the third business day immediately preceding the redemption), assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such Redemption Date. The Redemption Price and the Treasury Rate will be determined by the Company.

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

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

(iv) If the Company elects to redeem only a portion of the Notes, the Trustee or, with respect to the Global Notes, the Depositary will determine the method for selecting the particular Notes to be redeemed, in accordance with Section 1103 of the Indenture and the Investment Company Act and the rules of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which the Notes are listed, in each case to the extent applicable; *provided*, *however*, that no such partial redemption shall reduce the portion of the principal amount of a Note not redeemed to less than \$2,000.

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

(i) The Notes shall not be subject to any sinking fund pursuant to Section 1201 of the Base Indenture.

(j) The Notes shall be issuable in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

(k) Holders of the Notes will not have the option to have the Notes repaid prior to the Stated Maturity other than in accordance with Article Thirteen of the Indenture.

(l) The Notes are hereby designated as "Senior Securities" under the Indenture.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

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

"<u>Below Investment Grade Rating Event</u> means the Notes are downgraded below Investment Grade by the Rating Agency on any date from the date of the public notice of an arrangement that results in a Change of Control until the end of the 60-day period following public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by the Rating Agency); *provided* that a Below Investment Grade Rating Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Below Investment Grade Rating Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Repurchase Event hereunder) if the Rating Agency does not announce or publicly confirm or inform the Trustee in writing at the Company's request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Below Investment Grade Rating Event)."

"Change of Control' means the occurrence of any of the following:

(i) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation) in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its Controlled Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any "person" or "group" (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than to any Permitted Holders; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, a pledge of assets pursuant to any secured debt instrument of the Company or its Controlled Subsidiaries shall not be deemed to be any such sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or disposition;

(ii) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" or "group" (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) (other than any Permitted Holders) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; or

(iii) the approval by the Company's stockholders of any plan or proposal relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company."

"'<u>Change of Control Repurchase Event</u>' means the occurrence of a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event."

"Controlled Subsidiary' means any Subsidiary of the Company, 50% or more of the outstanding equity interests of which are owned by the Company and its direct or indirect Subsidiaries and of which the Company possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies, whether through the ownership of voting equity interests, by agreement or otherwise."

"'Egan-Jones' means Egan-Jones Ratings Company or any successor thereto."

"<u>Exchange Act</u>" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and any statute successor thereto."

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

"Investment Company Act' means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules, regulations and interpretations promulgated thereunder, to the extent applicable, and any statute successor thereto."

"<u>Investment Grade</u>' means a rating of BBB- or better by Egan-Jones (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Egan-Jones) (or, if such Rating Agency ceases to rate the Notes for reasons outside of the Company's control, the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any Rating Agency selected by the Company as a replacement Rating Agency)."

"'Permitted Holders' means (i) the Company and (ii) one or more of the Company's Controlled Subsidiaries.

"'Rating Agency' means:

(1) Egan-Jones; and

(2) if Egan-Jones ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes publicly available for reasons outside of the Company's control, a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" as defined in Section (3)(a)(62) of the Exchange Act selected by the Company as a replacement agency for Egan-Jones."

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"<u>Significant Subsidiary</u>" means any Subsidiary that would be a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act, as such regulation is in effect on the date of this Indenture (but excluding any Subsidiary which is (a) a non-recourse or limited recourse Subsidiary, (b) a bankruptcy remote special purpose vehicle or (c) is not consolidated with the Company for purposes of GAAP)."

"'<u>Voting Stock</u>' as applied to stock of any person, means shares, interests, participations or other equivalents in the equity interest (however designated) in such person having ordinary voting power for the election of a majority of the directors (or the equivalent) of such person, other than shares, interests, participations or other equivalents having such power only by reason of the occurrence of a contingency."

Section 2.02. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article One of the Base Indenture shall be amended by amending the definition of "Subsidiary" in Section 101 to add the following sentence at the end of such definition:

"In addition, for purposes of this definition, 'Subsidiary' shall exclude any investments held by the Company in the ordinary course of business which are not, under GAAP, consolidated on the financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries."

Section 2.03. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 104 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing clause (d) with the following:

"(d) If the Company shall solicit from the Holders of Registered Securities any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, the Company may, at its option, in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, fix in advance a record date for the determination of Holders entitled to give such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, but the Company shall have no obligation to do so. Notwithstanding TIA Section 316(c), such record date shall be the record date specified in or pursuant to such Board Resolution, which shall be a date not earlier than the date 30 days prior to the first solicitation of Holders generally in connection therewith and not later than the date such solicitation is completed. If such a record date is fixed, such request, demand, authorization, notice, consent, waiver or other Act may be given before or after such record date, but only the Holders of record at the close of business on such record date shall be deemed to be Holders for the purposes of determining whether Holders of the requisite proportion of Outstanding Securities have authorized or agreed or consented to such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, and for that purpose the Outstanding Securities shall be computed as of such record date; provided that no such authorization, agreement or consent by the Holders on such record date shall be deemed effective unless it shall become effective pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture not later than eleven months after the record date."

ARTICLE III REMEDIES

Section 3.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 501 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following clause (9) thereto:

"(9) default by the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries with respect to any mortgage, agreement or other instrument under which there may be outstanding, or by which there may be secured or evidenced, any indebtedness for money borrowed in excess of \$50 million in the aggregate of the Company and/or any such Significant Subsidiary, whether such indebtedness now exists or shall hereafter be created (i) resulting in such indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable or (ii) constituting a failure to pay the principal or interest of any such debt when due and payable at its stated maturity, upon required repurchase, upon declaration of acceleration or otherwise, unless, in either case, such indebtedness is discharged, or such acceleration is rescinded, stayed or annulled, within a period of 30 calendar days after written notice of such failure is given to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then Outstanding."

Section 3.02. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 502 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing the first paragraph thereof with the following:

"If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default under Section 501(5) or Section 501(6)) with respect to the Notes at the time Outstanding occurs and is continuing, then and in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes may (and the Trustee shall at the written request of such Holders) declare the principal of all the Notes to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by the Holders), and upon any such declaration such principal or specified portion thereof shall become immediately due and payable, but does not entitle any Holder to any redemption payout or redemption premium. If an Event of Default under Section 501(5) or Section 501(6) occurs, the entire principal amount of all the Notes will automatically become due and immediately payable."

ARTICLE IV COVENANTS

Section 4.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article Ten of the Base Indenture shall be amended by adding the following new Sections 1008, 1009 and 1010 thereto, each as set forth below:

"Section 1008. Section 18(a)(1)(A) of the Investment Company Act.

The Company hereby agrees that for the period of time during which the Notes are Outstanding, the Company will not violate Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(2) of the Investment Company Act or any successor provisions thereto, whether or not the Company continues to be subject to such provisions of the Investment Company Act, but giving effect, in either case, to any exemptive relief granted to the Company by the Commission."

"Section 1009. Section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Investment Company Act.

The Company hereby agrees that for the period of time during which Notes are Outstanding, the Company will not declare any dividend (except a dividend payable in the Company's stock), or declare any other distribution, upon a class of the Company's capital stock, or purchase any such capital stock, unless, in every such case, at the time of the declaration of any such dividend or distribution, or at the time of any such purchase, the Company has an asset coverage (as defined in the Investment Company Act) of at least the threshold specified in Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by such provisions of Section 61(a) of the Investment Company Act as may be applicable to the Company from time to time or any successor provisions thereto, as such obligation may be amended or superseded, after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution or purchase price, as the case may be, and in each case giving effect to (i) any exemptive relief granted to the Company by the Commission, and (ii) any no-action relief granted by the Commission to another business development company (or to the Company if it determines to seek such similar no-action or other relief) permitting the business development company to declare any cash dividend or distribution notwithstanding the prohibition contained in Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by such provisions of Section 61(a) of the Investment Company Act as may be applicable to the Company from time to time, as such obligation may be amended or superseded, in order to maintain such business development company's status as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code."

"Section 1010. Commission Reports and Reports to Holders.

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

ARTICLE V REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

Section 5.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Section 1103 of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing the first paragraph thereof with the following:

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

ARTICLE VI REPAYMENT AT THE OPTION OF HOLDERS

Section 6.01. Except as may be provided in a Future Supplemental Indenture, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes but no other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding, Article Thirteen of the Base Indenture shall be amended by replacing Sections 1301 to 1305 with the following:

"Section 1301. Change of Control Repurchase Event.

If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs, unless the Company shall have exercised its right to redeem the Notes in full, the Company shall make an offer to each Holder of Notes to repurchase all or any part (in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 principal amount) of that Holder's Notes at a repurchase price in cash equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes repurchased to, but excluding, the date of repurchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Repurchase Event or, at the Company's option, prior to any Change of Control, but after the public announcement of the Change of Control Repurchase Event and offering to repurchase Notes on the payment date specified in the notice, which date shall be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Repurchase Event or prior to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control Repurchase Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with this Section 1301, the Company shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Section 1301 by virtue of such conflict.



On the Change of Control Repurchase Event payment date, subject to extension if necessary to comply with the provisions of the Investment Company Act, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

(a) accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered pursuant to its offer;

(b) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered; and

(c) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted, together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes being purchased by the Company.

The Paying Agent will promptly remit to each holder of Notes properly tendered the purchase price for the Notes, and upon receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Notes surrendered; *provided* that each new Note will be in a minimum principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

If any Repayment Date upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event falls on a day that is not a Business Day, then the required payment will be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no additional interest will accrue as a result of such delayed payment.

The Company will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event if a third party makes an offer in respect of the Notes in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by the Company and such third party purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer."

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

Section 7.01. This Ninth Supplemental Indenture and the Notes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. This Ninth Supplemental Indenture is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of the Indenture and shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by such provisions.

Section 7.02. In case any provision in this Ninth Supplemental Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 7.03. This Ninth Supplemental Indenture may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be an original, but such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Ninth Supplemental Indenture. The exchange of copies of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile, .pdf transmission, email or other electronic means shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile, .pdf transmission, email or other electronic means shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes. For the avoidance of doubt, all notices, approvals, consents, requests and any communications hereunder or with respect to this Ninth Supplemental Indenture must be in writing (provided that any communication sent to Trustee hereunder must be in the form of a document that is signed manually or by way of a digital signature provided by DocuSign or Adobe (or such other digital signature provider as specified in writing to Trustee by the authorized representative), in English. The Company agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of using digital signatures and electronic methods to submit communications to Trustee, including without limitation the risk of Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

Section 7.04. The Base Indenture, as supplemented and amended by this Ninth Supplemental Indenture, is in all respects ratified and confirmed, and the Base Indenture and this Ninth Supplemental Indenture shall be read, taken and construed as one and the same instrument with respect to the Notes. All provisions included in this Ninth Supplemental Indenture supersede any conflicting provisions included in the Base Indenture with respect to the Notes, unless not permitted by law. The Trustee accepts the trusts created by the Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Ninth Supplemental Indenture, and agrees to perform the same upon the terms and conditions of the Base Indenture, as supplemented by this Ninth Supplemental Indenture.

Section 7.05. The provisions of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture shall become effective as of the date hereof.

Section 7.06. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary herein, the terms and provisions of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture shall apply only to the Notes and shall not apply to any other series of Securities under the Indenture and this Ninth Supplemental Indenture shall not and does not otherwise affect, modify, alter, supplement or change the terms and provisions of any other series of Securities under the Indenture, whether now or hereafter issued and Outstanding.

Section 7.07. The recitals contained herein and in the Notes shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture, the Notes or any Additional Notes, except that the Trustee represents that it is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Ninth Supplemental Indenture, authenticate the Notes and any Additional Notes and perform its obligations hereunder. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of the Notes or any Additional Notes or the proceeds thereof. All of the provisions contained in the Indenture in respect of the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, and duties of the Trustee shall be applicable in respect of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture as fully and with like force and effect as though fully set forth in full herein.

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

SARATOGA INVESTMENT CORP.

 By:
 /s/ Henri J. Steenkamp

 Name:
 Henri J. Steenkamp

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By: /s/ Karen R. Beard

Name:Karen R. BeardTitle:Vice President

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Exhibit A – Form of Global Note

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

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

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Saratoga Investment Corp., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Maryland (herein called the "Company," which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co., or registered assigns, (U.S. \$) on February 28, 2027, and to pay interest thereon from January 19, 2022 or from the most the principal sum of recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, semi-annually on February 28 and August 28 in each year, commencing August 28, 2022, at the rate of 4.35% per annum, until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be February 15 and August 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, which shall be not more than 15 days and not less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment, and notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Securities of this series not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Securities of this series may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture. This Security may be issued as part of a series.

Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any such interest on this Security will be made at the office of the Trustee located at 60 Livingston Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55107, Attention: Saratoga Investment Corp. (4.35% Notes Due 2027) and at such other address as designated by the Trustee, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided, however*, if the holder of the Notes requests the Company to do so, the Company will pay any amount that becomes due on the Notes by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account at a bank in New York, New York (upon not less than 15 Business Days' notice prior to the time of payment); *provided, further, however*, that so long as this Security is registered to Cede & Co., such payment will be made by wire transfer in accordance with the procedures established by The Depository Trust Company and the Trustee.

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

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

Exhibit A – 1

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

Dated:

SARATOGA INVESTMENT CORP.

By: Name: Title:

Attest

By: Name: Title:

Exhibit A-2

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

Dated:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By:

Authorized Signatory

Saratoga Investment Corp. 4.35% Notes due 2027

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of Senior Securities of the Company (herein called the "Securities"), issued and to be issued in one or more series under an Indenture, dated as of May 10, 2013 (herein called the "Base Indenture", which term shall have the meaning assigned to it in such instrument), between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (herein called the "Trustee", which term includes any successor trustee under the Base Indenture), and reference is hereby made to the Base Indenture for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee, and the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered, as supplemented by the Ninth Supplemental Indenture relating to the Securities, dated January 19, 2022, by and between the Company and the Trustee (herein called the "Ninth Supplemental Indenture"; the Ninth Supplemental Indenture and together with the Base Indenture, collectively are herein called the "Indenture"). In the event of any conflict between the Base Indenture and the Ninth Supplemental Indenture, the Ninth Supplemental Indenture shall govern and control.

This Security is one of the series designated on the face hereof, which series is initially limited in aggregate principal amount to \$. Under a Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate pursuant to Board Resolutions or an indenture supplement, the Company may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of Securities, issue additional Securities of this series (in any such case "Additional Securities") having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Securities; *provided* that, if such Additional Securities are not fungible with the Securities (or any other tranche of Additional Securities for U.S. federal income tax purposes), then such Additional Securities will have different CUSIP and ISIN numbers from the Securities (and any such other tranche of Additional Securities). Any Additional Securities and the existing Securities will constitute a single series under the Indenture and all references to the relevant Securities herein shall include the Additional Securities unless the context otherwise requires. The aggregate amount of outstanding Securities represented hereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions.

The Securities of this series are subject to redemption in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, at the option of the Company, at a Redemption Price per Security equal to the greater of the following amounts, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the Redemption Date:

- (a) 100% of the principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed, or
- (b) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (exclusive of accrued and unpaid interest to the Redemption Date) on the Securities to be redeemed, discounted to the Redemption Date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) using the applicable Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points;

provided, however, that if the Company redeems any Securities on or after November 28, 2026, the Redemption Price for the Securities will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Securities to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the Redemption Date.

For purposes of calculating the Redemption Price in connection with the redemption of the Securities, on any Redemption Date, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

"<u>Comparable Treasury Issue</u>" means the United States Treasury security selected by the Reference Treasury Dealer as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the Securities to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financing practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Securities being redeemed.

"<u>Comparable Treasury Price</u>" means (1) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for the Redemption Date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the Quotation Agent obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

"Quotation Agent" means a Reference Treasury Dealer selected by the Company.

"Reference Treasury Dealer" means each of any four primary U.S. government securities dealers selected by the Company.

"<u>Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations</u>" means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any Redemption Date, the average, as determined by the Quotation Agent, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Quotation Agent by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m. New York time on the third business day preceding such Redemption Date. All determinations made by any Reference Treasury Dealer, including the Quotation Agent, with respect to determining the Redemption Price will be final and binding absent manifest error.

"<u>Treasury Rate</u>" means, with respect to any Redemption Date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield-to-maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue (computed as of the third business day immediately preceding the redemption), assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such Redemption Date. The Redemption Price and the Treasury Rate will be determined by the Company.

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

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

If the Company elects to redeem only a portion of the Securities, the Trustee or, with respect to global Securities, the Depositary will determine the method for selecting the particular Securities to be redeemed, in accordance with Section 1.01 of the Ninth Supplemental Indenture and Section 1103 of the Indenture. In the event of redemption of this Security in part only, a new Security or Securities of this series and of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof will be issued in the name of the Holder hereof upon the cancellation hereof.

Unless the Company defaults in payment of the Redemption Price, on and after the Redemption Date, interest will cease to accrue on the Securities called for redemption. Holders will have the right to require the Company to repurchase their Securities upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event as set forth in the Indenture.

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

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of this series shall occur and be continuing (other than Events of Default under Section 501(5) or Section 501(6) of the Indenture), the principal of the Securities of this series may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture. If an Event of Default under Section 501(5) or Section 501(6) of the Indenture occurs the entire principal amount of the Securities of this series will automatically become due and immediately payable.

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

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

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

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

The Securities of this series are issuable only in registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

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

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

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

To the extent any provision of this Security conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

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

E V E R S H E D S SUTHERLAND

January 19, 2022

Saratoga Investment Corp. 535 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Saratoga Investment Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-256366) (as amended as of the date hereof, the "Registration Statement") filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), which Registration Statement was initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on May 21, 2021 (as amended as of its most recent effective date, including the exhibits and schedules thereto, all documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, any information contained in a prospectus supplement relating to the Notes (as defined below) subsequently filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424 under the 1933 Act and deemed to be a part of the Registration Statement at the time of effectiveness pursuant to Rule 430B under the Securities Act, and any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, is hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement").

The Registration Statement relates to the public offering of securities of the Company that may be offered by the Company from time to time as set forth in the base prospectus, dated as of July 7, 2021, together with the information incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference (the **"Base Prospectus"**), and as may be set forth from time to time in one or more supplements to the Base Prospectus. This opinion letter is rendered in connection with the issuance and sale under the Securities Act of \$75,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Company's 4.35% Notes due 2027 (the **"Notes"**), as described in (i) the Base Prospectus and (ii) the prospectus supplement, dated January 13, 2022, relating to the Notes (together with the Base Prospectus and together with the information and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein, the **"Prospectus Supplement"**). All of the Notes are to be sold by the Company as described in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement.

The Notes will be issued pursuant to the indenture, dated as of May 10, 2013 (the "*Base Indenture*"), entered into between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "*Trustee*"), as supplemented by a ninth supplemental indenture, dated as of January 19, 2022 (the "*Ninth Supplemental Indenture*," and together with the Base Indenture, the "*Indenture*").

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As counsel to the Company, we have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus Supplement and have examined the originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction as being true copies of the following:

- (i) the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
- (ii) the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
- (iii) a Certificate of Good Standing with respect to the Company issued by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland as of January 13, 2022;
- (iv) the resolutions of the Company's board of directors, or a duly authorized committee thereof, of the Company relating to, among other things, (a) the authorization and approval of the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, (b) the authorization, execution and delivery of the Indenture, and (c) the authorization, issuance and sale of the Notes;
- (v) the Underwriting Agreement, dated January 13, 2022, by and among the Company and Saratoga Investment Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, on the one hand, and Raymond James & Associates, Inc., as representative of the several Underwriters named in Exhibit A to the Underwriting Agreement, on the other hand;
- (vi) the Indenture; and
- (vii) a specimen copy of the form of the Notes to be issued pursuant to the Indenture in the form attached to the Indenture.

With respect to such examination and our opinions expressed herein, we have assumed, without any independent investigation or verification, (i) the genuineness of all signatures on all documents submitted to us for examination, (ii) the legal capacity of all natural persons, (iii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, (iv) the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as conformed or reproduced copies and the authenticity of the originals of such copied documents, (v) that all certificates issued by public officials have been properly issued, (vi) the accuracy and completeness of all corporate records made available to us by the Company, (vii) that the Indenture will be a valid and legally binding obligation of the parties thereto (other than the Company) and (viii) that at the time of issuance of the Notes, after giving effect to such issuance, the Company will be in compliance with Section 18(a)(1)(A) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the **"1940 Act"**), giving effect to Section 61(a) of the 1940 Act.

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This opinion letter has been prepared, and should be interpreted, in accordance with customary practice followed in the preparation of opinion letters by lawyers who regularly give, and such customary practice followed by lawyers who on behalf of their clients regularly advise opinion recipients regarding, opinion letters of this kind.

As to certain matters of fact relevant to the opinions in this opinion letter, we have relied upon certificates and/or representations of officers of the Company. We have also relied on certificates and confirmations of public officials. We have not independently established the facts, or in the case of certificates or confirmations of public officials, the other statements, so relied upon.

The opinions set forth below are limited to the contract laws of the State of New York, as in effect on the date hereof, and we express no opinion with respect to any other laws of the State of New York or the laws of any other jurisdiction. Without limiting the preceding sentence, we express no opinion as to any state securities or broker-dealer laws or regulations thereunder relating to the offer, issuance or sale of the Notes.

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

The opinions expressed in this opinion letter: (a) are strictly limited to the matters stated in this opinion letter, and without limiting the foregoing, no other opinions are to be inferred and (b) are only as of the date of this opinion letter, and we are under no obligation, and do not undertake, to advise the Company or any other person or entity either of any change of law or fact that occurs, or of any fact that comes to our attention, after the date of this opinion letter, even though such change or such fact may affect the legal analysis or a legal conclusion in this opinion letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, to be filed with the Commission on the date hereof for incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement, and to the reference to our firm in the "Legal Matters" section in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement. We do not admit by giving this consent that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP