



APRIL 2017							
Net Assets (Cum Income)	\$244,370,345						
Net Assets (Ex Income)	\$237,792,630						
Monthly NAV Return Before Loss Reserve	0.96%						
Monthly Loss Reserve	-0.36%						
Monthly NAV Net Return	0.60%						
Loan Loss Reserve Balance as % of NAV	-0.52%						
YTD NAV Return <sup>2</sup>	2.90%						
Shares in Issue	16,122,931						
Current Price Per Share <sup>3</sup>	\$11.75 / £9.07						
Issue Price	\$15.42 / £10.02						
NAV Per Share (Cum Income)	\$15.16 / £11.70						
NAV Per Share (Ex Income)	\$14.75 / £11.39						
Premium/(Discount) to NAV (Cum Income)	-22.48%						

FUND FACTS					
Type of Fund	Closed End Fund				
Listing	London Stock Exchange (Main Market – Premium Segment)				
Dividend	Quarterly				
NAV Calculation	As of last day of each month				
Management Fee	1%				
Performance Fee	10%				
ISIN	GB00BW4NPD65				

SERVICE PROVIDERS					
Investment Advisor	Ranger Alternative Management II, LP				
Administrator	Sanne Fiduciary Services Limited				
Corporate Broker	Liberum Capital Limited				
Auditor	Deloitte LLP				
Custodian	Merrill Lynch				
Registrar	Capita Asset Services				
Company Secretary	Capita Company Secreterial Services Limited				

### **BACKGROUND AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The investment objective of the Ranger Direct Lending Fund plc (the "Company") is to generate attractive returns, principally in the form of quarterly income distributions, by acquiring a portfolio of debt obligations, including without limitation, loans, invoice receivables and asset financing arrangements (the "Debt Instruments"). Debt Instruments are generally originated or issued by direct lending platforms. A majority of the Debt Instruments in the portfolio are secured against assets and/or personal guarantees and have relatively short maturities (average 2 years).

Direct lending platforms are an increasing source of liquidity, in particular for small and medium sized enterprises and consumers. Opportunities are presenting themselves as banks continue to retreat from SME lending as a result of new regulatory requirements. Direct lending platforms will typically focus on a particular category of borrower and/or underlying industry asset class. By investing in Debt Instruments originated or issued by a number of different direct lending platforms, the Company seeks to reduce concentration and interest rate risk by constructing a diversified portfolio comprised of loans with differing industries, geographic areas and loan maturities.

#### **INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Loan portfolio approximately 76% secured<sup>4</sup> and diversified across multiple platforms.
- 12%-13% targeted unlevered annual returns (after accrual for loan loss reserves or write-offs and gross of fees and expenses to the fund) with respect to portfolio investments within the fund.
- 10% targeted dividend on issue price when fully invested and leverage applied, payable quarterly.
- Sophisticated AI software has track record of enhancing returns with applicable investments.
- VC equity opportunities available for investment by the Company.

Please refer to important disclosures on Page 4.
As the fund in denominated in US dollars, all references to performance and balances are also in US dollars unless specifically noted otherwise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A secured Debt Instrument is defined by the Company as a payment obligation in which property, revenue (including receivables), or a payment guaranty has been pledged, mortgaged or sold to the Company as partial or full security with respect to such obligation.

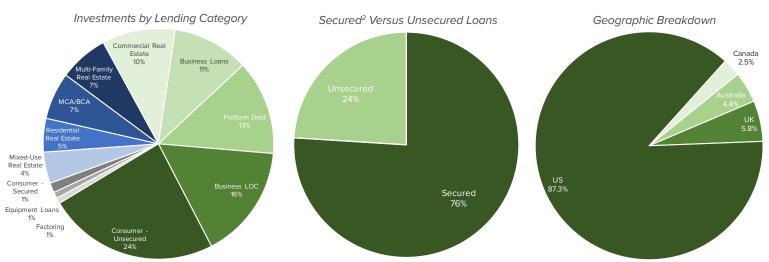




# **FUND PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>**

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD
%NAV (Ordinary Share)	2015					-0.17%	0.26%	0.18%	0.25%	0.40%	0.52%	0.45%	0.53%	2.45%
	2016	0.48%	0.75%	0.77%	0.78%	0.82%	0.74%	0.79%	0.72%	0.75%	0.82%	0.83%	-2.80%	5.54%
	2017	0.87%	0.66%	0.74%	0.60%									2.90%
Share Price (Ordinary Share)	2015					4.30%	1.63%	-0.71%	0.05%	0.66%	-0.66%	-1.23%	-1.44%	2.50%
	2016	-6.15%	-0.31%	-2.50%	2.14%	2.62%	-1.02%	6.19%	3.69%	3.56%	5.97%	-3.50%	-6.72%	2.93%
	2017	-0.19%	1.61%	3.27%	-17.90%									-14.00%
Dividend Per Share (Ordinary Share)	2015											8.36p		8.36p
	2016		14.62p			20.45p			26.87p			27.67p		89.61p
	2017		28.51p											28.51p

# PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION (EX CASH) AS AT 30 APRIL 2017



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Performance is presented cum income.

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## **MONTHLY COMMENTARY**

The Ranger Direct Lending Fund plc (the "Company") announces that in April 2017, the NAV for the Company's ordinary shares appreciated by 0.96%, and after applying a loss reserve of 0.36% netted a 0.60% appreciation. Year to date performance increased to 2.90%. On 24 February 2017, the Company declared an interim dividend of 28.51 pence per ordinary share for the 3-month period to 31 December 2016 that was paid on 7 April 2017. In 2016, a total of 89.61p was paid in dividends to Ordinary shareholders.

The decrease in the April performance compared to the prior month was due to a combination of factors including a slight decrease in platform income (23 bps) mainly attributable to cash drag from pre-paid real estate investments. Other decreases came from an increase in the loss provisions (1.5 bps) and an accrual for legal expenses (2.3 bps). These NAV decreases were reduced by an overall increase in a gain in currency hedging (7 bps) and a reduction in overall fund expenses and fees (7 bps).

As noted in an announcement on 12 May 2017, the Company currently expects to declare an interim dividend of USD 34.33 cents (approximately GBP 26.51 pence based on then prevailing exchange rates) per Ordinary Share following the Company's annual general meeting on 15 June 2017. This dividend is in respect of income and interest received from the portfolio in the first quarter of 2017.

The Company is invested in debt instruments from multiple direct lending platforms within a diverse group of asset classes, including real estate loans, SME loans, invoice receivables, and equipment finance. The Company continues its geographic diversification by allocating capital to non-US lending platforms, which include investments in the UK, Australia and Canada, in amounts equal to approximately 13% of the portfolio as at 30 April 2017.

The Company raised £23.8 million through a ZDP Shares Offering on 4 November 2016. The proceeds of the ZDP Shares were fully deployed by 31 December 2016. This recent ZDP Offering along with the ZDP Offering completed on 1 August 2016 and the decrease in AUM due to the Princeton impairment, has increased the Company's gearing to approximately 29% as at 30 April 2017. Additional information regarding the terms of the ZDP Shares can be found in the associated Prospectus on the Company's website

Upon the commencement of each investment, the Company may assign a loss reserve that will be accrued over the term of such investment, or pool of investments, for the purpose of offsetting potential future write-offs that may be realised with respect to such investment. On the first page of this report, the Monthly and Cumulative Loss Reserve reflects the total of such accruals. With the portfolio maturing and anticipated write-offs being realised, the Investment Manager continues to actively manage the reserves.





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