

FEBRUARY 2018					
Net Assets (Cum Income)	\$217,354,549				
Net Assets (Ex Income)	\$215,787,060				
Monthly NAV Return Before Loss Reserve	0.60%				
Monthly Loss Reserve	-0.29%				
Monthly NAV Net Return	0.31%				
Loan Loss Reserve Balance as % of NAV	-6.32%				
YTD NAV Return <sup>2</sup>	0.74%				
Shares in Issue	16,122,931				
Current Price Per Share <sup>3</sup>	\$10.06 / £7.30				
Issue Price	\$15.42 / £10.02				
NAV Per Share (Cum Income)	\$13.48 / £9.78				
NAV Per Share (Ex Income)	\$13.38 / £9.71				
Premium/(Discount) to NAV (Cum Income)	-25.35%				

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	Link Asset Services					
Company Secretary	Link Company Matters 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 86% secured and diversified across multiple platforms<sup>4</sup>.
- 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.
- 7%-10% targeted dividend on issue price, payable guarterly.
- Al software used in the selection of applicable investments.
- VC equity opportunities available for investment by the Company.

 <sup>1</sup>Please refer to important disclosures on Page 5.
<sup>2</sup>As the fund in denominated in US dollars, all references to performance and balances are also in US dollars unless specifically noted otherwise.
<sup>3</sup>Share price as at 28 February 2018.
<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. However, investors are cautioned that the term "secured" does not imply that a debt instrument is not potentially subject to default or loss of principal; and the value of applicable collateral may either fluctuate, depreciate, or otherwise full to accurate the precision anticipated at the time of investment. fail to provide the protection anticipated at the time of investment.





FUND PERFORMANCE <sup>1</sup>														
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
%NAV	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%	0.58%	0.54%	0.41%	0.42%	0.22%	-8.32%	0.20%	0.48%	-2.95%
	2018	0.43%	0.31%											0.74%
Share Price (Ordinary Share) 2017	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%	-5.46%	-4.61%	-0.58%	-5.84%	4.96%	-4.23%	-5.91%	-0.76%	-31.85%
	2018	5.70%	-3.95%											1.53%
	2015											8.36p		8.36p
Share (Ordinary Share)	2016		14.62p			20.45p			26.87p			27.67p		89.61p
	2017		28.51p				26.93p		24.62p			21.70p		101.76p
	2018			24.14p										24.14p

# PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION (EX CASH) AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2018

Investments by Lending Category Secured Versus Unsecured Loans<sup>2</sup> Geographic Breakdown Australia Multi-Family Real Estate Consumer 5% Unsecured 14% Canada 6% 10% Unsecured 14% Business LOC Mixed-Use Real Estate 3% Residential Business Loans 17% Real Estate 2% MCA/BCA 1% Equipment Loans 1% Consumer imercial Rea Estate Secured Secured US 82% Platform Debt 23% 1% 86% Factoring <1% Equity <1%

<sup>1</sup>Performance is presented cum income.

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# MONTHLY COMMENTARY

Ranger Direct Lending Fund plc (the "Company") announces that in February 2018, the NAV for the Company's ordinary shares appreciated by 0.31%<sup>1</sup>. The decline as compared to the previous month appreciation in NAV was due to increase legal costs associated with the Princeton arbitration proceeding which took place over four business days in January and was billed in February. Without these Princeton legal expenses (-23 bps) and Princeton Income not accrued/reserved (-15 bps), the Company's February NAV increase would have been 0.69%. These returns remain in line with the Company's strategy. As at 28 February 2018, the cash and net platform receivables were \$15.64M or approximately 7.2% of NAV. A breakdown of February's NAV calculation is as follows:

RDL NAV Return Before Legal / Reserve / Princeton		0.98%
Monthly Loss Reserve	-0.29%	
NAV Appreciation Before Princeton		0.69%
Princeton Legal Expenses	-0.23%	
Princeton Net Income Not Accrued / Reserved – February 2018	-0.15%	
Monthly NAV Net Return		0.31%

The Company is invested in debt instruments from multiple direct lending platforms within a diverse group of asset classes, including but not limited to real estate loans, SME loans, invoice receivables, and equipment finance<sup>2</sup>. The Company continued its geographic diversification by allocating capital to non-US lending platforms, which include investments in the UK, Australia and Canada, in total equal to approximately 18% of the outstanding principal of the portfolio as at 28 February 2018.

On 1 March 2018, the Directors of the Company declared an interim dividend of 24.14 pence per ordinary share (USD equivalent 33.61 cents per ordinary share) for the three-month period to 31 December 2017. The dividend will be paid on 20 April 2018 to shareholders on the register as of 9 March 2018. The ex-dividend date was 8 March 2018.

The Board is actively engaged in the matters set out in the Company's announcement of 29 January 2018, namely the ongoing external management arrangements process and, in conjunction with the investment manager, the independent valuation process<sup>3</sup>. Further announcements on these matters will be made as soon as practicable.

#### **Princeton Update**

As announced on 12 March, the Company has been informed that Princeton and the General Partner filed voluntary petitions of bankruptcy on 9 March 2018.

The bankruptcy petitions have the effect of staying this first phase of the arbitration as against Princeton and the General Partner and also stopping the ruling on the segregation order being delivered.

The Company is actively engaging in the Princeton bankruptcy process and has filed several motions with the bankruptcy court. These motions include a motion to dismiss Princeton's bankruptcy petition in its entirety or in the alternative to appoint a bankruptcy Trustee. Also, the Company filed motions seeking certain relief from the bankruptcy stay to proceed with the Arbitration, as well as a motion seeking the court to compel Princeton to appear for an examination and to produce documentation to aid in the audit of the annual financial statements of the Company. These motions are presently scheduled to be heard by the bankruptcy court in April 2018.

As previously reported, the arbitration process includes a second phase consisting of claims against various individuals and entities (including MicroBilt) who, as specified in the claims, are alleged to have controlled the Princeton funds, and to have acted improperly in connection with its activities, or improperly benefitted from misconduct. Although the bankruptcy filing may stay some of the claims in the second phase, the Company intends to proceed with the second phase claims against the individuals and entities that are not subject to the bankruptcy stay. These claims continue to be conducted by the Company's attorneys on a contingency basis.

Further announcements will be made as and when additional information relating to the Company's investment in Princeton becomes available.





### MONTHLY COMMENTARY CONTINUTED

### ZDP Update (as at 28 February 2018)

Ticker	RDLZ
Shares in Issue	53,000,000
Accrued Capital Entitlement	£1.07
Share Price	£1.07
Prior Ranking Debt	Nil
Yield to Redemption (Based off initial issue price)	5%

	Including Princeton (\$m)	Excluding Princeton (\$m)
February 2018 Cum-Income NAV	\$217.4	\$188.0
Estimated ZDP Liability 28 February 2018	\$78.3	\$78.3
Gross Assets	\$302.6	\$273.3
ZDP Final Capital entitlement <sup>4</sup>	\$95.9	\$95.9
Estimated ZDP Cover	3.2x	2.8x

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>As at 28 February 2018, debt instruments secured by real estate represented approximately 34% of the Company's investment portfolio.

<sup>3</sup>The valuation consulting services will consist of certain limited procedures that the Company has identified and requested the independent valuation firm to perform. For clarity, the Company is ultimately and solely responsibility for determining fair value of the investments in good faith. The identification of limited procedures on the appointment of an independent valuer is customary for such an appointment.

<sup>4</sup>The ZDP share final capital entitlement is not a guaranteed repayment amount.





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