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**Transaction Overview – BlackRock to Acquire Tennenbaum Capital Partners Management of TCP Capital Corp. to Continue with Same Team, Greater Resources** On April 17, 2018, Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC (“TCP”), adviser to TCP Capital Corp. (“TCPC”), and BlackRock, Inc. (“BlackRock”) announced that they entered into a definitive agreement under which BlackRock will acquire Tennenbaum. The same TCP team that has been responsible for the investment operations of TCPC since inception will continue to focus on executing the same investment strategies and process. In addition to TCP’s significant experience in private credit origination and underwriting, TCPC shareholders will benefit from BlackRock’s global scale, industry expertise and portfolio and risk management capabilities.

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**Transaction Overview – Proven Tennenbaum Platform Enhanced by BlackRock’s Scale, Resources and Geographic Reach** BlackRock Unparalleled scale spanning a wide spectrum of capabilities, including in private creditBroad geographic footprint - offices in more than 30 countriesResources that come with scale, including a leading global technology infrastructure, investment insight and analysis, and a proprietary risk management system Broad deal sourcing capabilities - extensive relationships with corporate management teams and financial institutions Market Leading Global Credit Platform Tennenbaum Two decades of experience delivering consistent returns across multiple market cycles driven by industry-leading team(1)~\$9 billion committed capital under management and ~\$22 billion invested across 560+ companies, as of 12/31/17Long-term relationships with deal sources and portfolio companiesFocus on credit quality and downside protection Low cost of capital and diverse funding sources Past performance does not ensure future results.

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**Key Highlights – TCP Capital Corp. To achieve high total returns through current income and capital appreciation, with an emphasis on principal protection Investment Objective Strong Alignment with Public Investors Best-in-class advisory fee structure Regular share purchases by Officers and the Board Past performance does not ensure future results. Weighted average effective yield on the total portfolio (including equity) was 10.5% as of 12/31/2017. Weighted average annual effective yield includes amortization of deferred debt origination and exit fees and original issue discount, but excludes market discount, any repayment and make-whole fee income, and any debt investments on non-accrual status. No assurance can be given that borrowing costs will not rise. Diversified Low Cost Of Financing \$1.0 billion leverage program capacity 4.13% average interest rate as of 12/31/2017 (3) Nearly 70% of outstanding leverage is fixed rate Well Positioned Portfolio Well Covered and Stable Dividend Dividend covered in all 23 quarters since inception (1) \$1.5 billion portfolio fair value, as of 12/31/2017 11.0% weighted average effective yield on debt portfolio (1), (2) Portfolio composed of 95% debt, 89% of which is floating rate As of December 31, 2017**

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**TCPC: A Strong Track Record Book Value per Share and Dividends Paid Out-performed the Wells Fargo BDC Index by 47% since our IPO**

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**Global Presence with Local Reach** World's largest asset manager with \$6.3 trillion of AUM as of Q1 2018 Operates in more than 30 countries and 70 cities globally Clients in over 100 countries **Global Credit Expertise** \$80+ billion of credit assets under management globally, as of 12/31/2017A global and diversified **Private Credit platform** with assets across opportunistic debt, middle market investing and specialty finance **Experienced team** with 20+ years of senior leaders investment experience Over 165 professionals globally across 10 offices **Strong Risk Management** Risk and Quantitative Analysis (RQA), composed of 240+ risk professionals, provides dedicated risk oversight **Leverages Aladdin**, BlackRock's proprietary investment and risk management system **Private Market Sourcing** Global access to primary market opportunities across the capital structure One of the largest counterparties globally **Extensive relationships** with corporate management teams and financial sponsors **Markets and Investing Insights** Extensive investing insights and analysis given BlackRock's global scale across asset classes and investment strategies **The BlackRock Platform**

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**Benefits for TCPC Shareholders – Enhancing Value in a Competitive Environment** TCP pioneered alternative investment strategies that have moved into mainstream focus for global investors. Coupling TCP’s longstanding experience in private credit origination and underwriting with BlackRock’s credit expertise, brand and global scope creates a powerful combination. In this new environment, this transaction with BlackRock enables us to continue to strengthen our competitive position by: Providing access to greater scale and resources needed to provide a more complete solution to a broader cross-section of middle-market companies Enhancing our ability to source transaction flow for existing investment vehicles across a variety of deal source channels, while ensuring the continuity of management and operations Committing to leverage scale and reduce administration expense ratio as assets grow Leveraging significant technology capabilities and innovative investment infrastructure Continuing to attract the most talented individuals moving forward

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**Continuity for TCPC Investors** **3 Team** The team that manages TCPC will remain in place TCP's successful senior management team is expected to assume senior roles in the combined credit team at BlackRock **Strategy** Strategy will remain the same – will continue to execute the investment strategy that has proven successful for nearly two decades Continue to maintain a highly diversified investment portfolio Emphasis on senior secured and floating rate debt investments, with primarily fixed rate capital sources **Fee Structure** Maintaining best-in-class advisory fee structure: Low base management fees of 1.5% on gross assets minus cash High water mark and cumulative 8% hurdle rate before 20% incentive fee on combined ordinary income and capital gains **Dividend Policy** Dedicated to maintain consistent dividend policy Dividend covered in all 23 quarters since our IPO **Expenses** Efficient cost structure based on well-contained overhead and low cost of leverage Commitment to leverage scale and reduce administration expense ratio as assets grow

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**Conclusion: Tennenbaum-BLK Combination Enhances Ability to Create Value for TCPC Shareholders**

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