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Advantages of the Standby Equity Purchase Agreement ("SEPA")

Provides flexible, innovative debt and equity growth capital to companies

Structure

· Issuer has the right but not the obligation to sell shares to the Fund in periodic drawdowns at its discretion

Management Control and Flexibility

- · Issuer retains control of the amount and timing of each capital advance
- · No price or volume restrictions to access capital, subject to certain conditions
- · Quick access to capital without distractions and complications of traditional offerings (e.g., pre-deal road shows)

Dilution Management

 Issuer can raise more capital with fewer shares by taking advantage of higher valuations resulting in effective capital raising and less dilution

Cost of Capital

· Lower legal and compliance fees for one equity commitment transaction compared to multiple capital raises

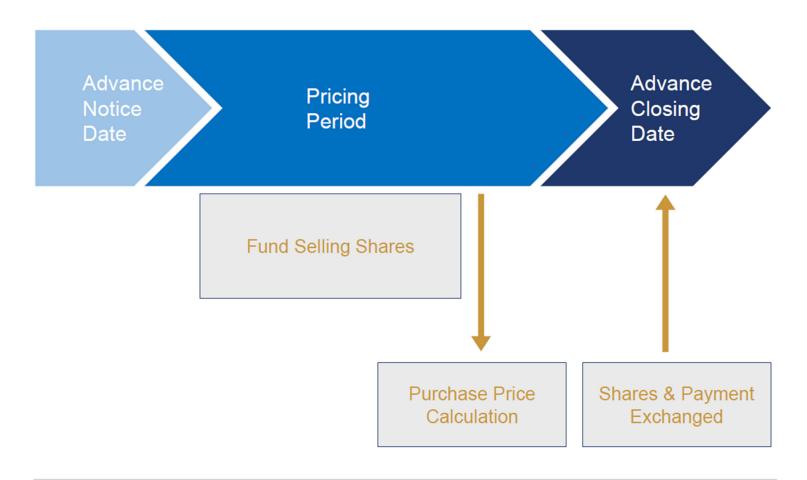
Demonstrates Strength to the Market

- · Used to further enhance credit and borrowing capacity
- Signals to the market that the issuer has long-term support of an institutional investor



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Appendix: The SEPA Process





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Appendix: Recent SEPA Investments

⊕ LORDSTOWN	Lordstown Motors Corp (NASDAQ: RIDE)
	July 2021, Commitment to purchase up to \$400M of the company's stock
DEANOMICS DIGITIZING TOMORROW	Ideanomics Inc (NASDAQ: IDEX) June 2021, Commitment to purchase up to 80.3M shares (approximately \$250M)* of company's stock
	September 2020, Commitment to purchase \$150M of the company's stock
	April 2020, Commitment to purchase \$50M of the company's stock
ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST	Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (NYSE: AHT) June 2021, Commitment to purchase up to 37.9M shares (approximately \$165M)* of the company's stock
	January 2021, Commitment to purchase up to 13.7M shares (approximately \$40M)* of the company's stock
BRAEMAR HOTELS & RESORTS	Braemar Hotels & Resorts (NYSE: BHR) February 2021, Commitment to purchase up to 7.8M shares (approximately \$42M)* of the company's stock
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*Dollar amount of share denominated commitments are based on the stock price the date the transaction closed.



The Nine Limited

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August, 2021, Commitment to purchase \$100M of the company's stock