# UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K<br>\section*{CURRENT REPORT}

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 1, 2012

# Gladstone Investment Corporation <br> (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 

Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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| (Commission | (IRS Employer |
| File Number) | Identification No.) |

1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 200
McLean, Virginia 22102
(Address of principal executive offices)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (703) 287-5800
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.
On February 1, 2012, Gladstone Investment Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2011. The text of the press release is included as an exhibit to this Form 8-K. Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such exhibit and the information set forth therein and herein are deemed to be furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed.

## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit
No. 99.1

Description
Press Release issued by Gladstone Investment Corporation on February 1, 2012.

## 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.

Gladstone Investment Corporation (Registrant)

## GLADSTONE INVESTMENT

Gladstone Investment Corporation Reports Financial Results for the<br>Quarter Ended December 31, 2011

- Net Investment Income for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2011, was $\$ 3.4$ million and $\$ 10.3$ million, or $\$ 0.16$ and $\$ 0.46$ per share, respectively.
- Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2011, was $\mathbf{\$ 5 . 5}$ million and $\$ 22.4$ million, or $\$ 0.25$ and $\$ 1.01$ per share, respectively.

McLean, VA, February 1, 2012: Gladstone Investment Corporation (NASDAQ: GAIN) (the "Company") today announced earnings for the third quarter ended December 31, 2011. All per share references are per basic and diluted weighted average common share outstanding, unless noted otherwise.

Net Investment Income for Three Months: Net Investment Income for the quarters ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was $\$ 3.4$ million, or $\$ 0.16$ per share, and $\$ 7.6$ million, or $\$ 0.34$ per share, respectively, a decrease in Net Investment Income of $54.7 \%$. The decrease in Net Investment Income was primarily due to a significant amount of dividend and success fee income recorded in connection with the sale of Chase II Holding Corp. ("Chase") during the quarter ended December 31, 2010, partially offset by a decrease in the incentive fee paid to Gladstone Management Corporation (the "Adviser") when compared to the prior year period.

Net Investment Income for Nine Months: Net Investment Income for the nine months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was $\$ 10.3$ million, or $\$ 0.46$ per share, and $\$ 14.2$ million, or $\$ 0.65$ per share, respectively, a decrease in Net Investment Income of $28.0 \%$. The decrease in Net Investment Income was primarily due to a significant amount of dividend and success fee income recorded in the prior year period as part of the exits of A. Stucki Corp. ("A. Stucki") and Chase, partially offset by a decrease in the incentive fee paid to the Adviser when compared to the prior year period.

Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations for Three Months:Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations for the quarters ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was $\$ 5.5$ million, or $\$ 0.25$ per share, and $\$ 15.1$ million, or $\$ 0.69$ per share, respectively. The Company recorded a net gain on investments of $\$ 1.7$ million for the quarter ended December 31, 2011, primarily due to unrealized appreciation experienced on certain control investments. For the quarter ended December 31, 2010, the Company recorded a net gain on investments of $\$ 7.5$ million, primarily due to the gain realized on the Chase exit, as well as unrealized appreciation experienced on certain control and affiliate investments.

Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations for Nine Months: Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations for the nine months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was $\$ 22.4$ million, or $\$ 1.01$ per share, and $\$ 13.6$ million, or $\$ 0.62$ per share, respectively. The Company recorded a net gain on investments of $\$ 12.1$ million for the nine months ended December 31, 2011, primarily due to the gain realized on the partial exit of the Company's investment in Cavert II Holding Corp., as well as unrealized appreciation experienced on certain control and affiliate investments. For the nine months ended December 31, 2010, the Company recorded a net loss on investments of $\$ 0.6$ million, primarily due to the unrealized depreciation recorded related to Galaxy Tool Holding Corp., which experienced decreased performance and went through a restructure, partially offset by unrealized appreciation on certain control and affiliate investments.

Investment Portfolio at Fair Value: The Company's aggregate investment portfolio appreciated during the quarter ended December 31, 2011, primarily due to the net unrealized appreciation
experienced in certain control investments. As of December 31, 2011, the entire portfolio was fair valued at $86.0 \%$ of cost, as compared to $77.7 \%$ as of March 31,2011 . The increase was primarily due to net unrealized appreciation experienced on certain control and affiliate investments.

Net Asset Value: Net asset value was $\$ 9.58$ per share outstanding at December 31, 2011, as compared to $\$ 9.00$ per share outstanding at March $31,2011$.
Asset Characteristics: Total assets were $\$ 318.6$ million at December 31, 2011, as compared to $\$ 241.1$ million at March 31, 2011. At December 31, 2011, the Company had investments in 17 portfolio companies with an aggregate cost basis of $\$ 263.6$ million and an aggregate fair value of $\$ 226.8$ million. As of December 31 , 2011, the Company's investment portfolio at fair value was comprised of $74.1 \%$ in debt securities and $25.9 \%$ in equity securities. Additionally, the Company held $\$ 86.5$ million in cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2011, including $\$ 76.0$ million from a short-term loan that was repaid subsequent to quarter end.

Investment Yield: The weighted average yield on the Company's interest-bearing portfolio, excluding cash and cash equivalents, was $12.5 \%$ for the quarter ended December 31, 2011, as compared to $11.5 \%$ for the prior year quarter. The increase in the weighted average yield for the quarter ended December 31 , 2011, resulted primarily from the exits of lower interest-bearing debt investments and the addition of higher-yielding debt investments.

Highlights for the Quarter: During the quarter ended December 31, 2011, the following significant events occurred:

- New Investment: In December 2011, the Company invested $\$ 19.6$ million in a new Affiliate investment, Channel Technologies Group, LLC, consisting of senior debt and preferred and common equity.
- Line of Credit Increase and Extension: In October 2011, the Company entered into an agreement to increase its line of credit (the "Credit Facility") from $\$ 50.0$ million to $\$ 60.0$ million. The Credit Facility was arranged by Branch Banking and Trust Company as administrative agent and Key Equipment Finance, Inc., and may be expanded up to a total of $\$ 175.0$ million through the addition of other lenders. The Credit Facility matures on October 25, 2014, and, if not renewed or extended by that date, all principal and interest will be due and payable on or before October 25, 2015. Advances under the Credit Facility will generally bear interest at 30 -day LIBOR plus $3.75 \%$ per annum.


## - Investment Payoffs:

- In October 2011, the Company received full repayment of its senior subordinated loan to Quench Holdings Corp. ("Quench"), resulting in gross proceeds of $\$ 8.0$ million. At June 30, 2011, this loan was valued at $74.0 \%$ of cost. The Company still holds preferred and common equity in Quench.
- In December 2011, the Company received full repayment of senior notes it held of American Greetings Corporation, as well as a prepayment penalty resulting in gross proceeds of $\$ 3.1$ million. The Company no longer holds any non-proprietary investments.
- Investment Sale: In November 2011, the Company sold its investment in Neville Limited ("Neville") for gross proceeds of approximately $\$ 0.3$ million, resulting in a realized loss of $\$ 0.3$ million on the sale. Neville owned property the Company received in connection with the A. Stucki sale in June 2010.
- Investment Restructure: In December 2011, the Company restructured its investment in Country Club Enterprises ("CCE"), converting $\$ 4.0$ million of senior subordinated debt into preferred shares of CCE in a non-cash transaction. The Company also received additional preferred shares as consideration for past-due interest and other receivables owed from CCE. No income was recognized with this transaction and CCE remains on non-accrual.


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- Distributions: The Company paid monthly cash distributions to stockholders of $\$ 0.05$ per common share for each of October, November and December 2011.

Comments from the Company's President, Dave Dullum: "We continue to be pleased with our overall liquidity and availability for new investments. Our investment activity is steady, and we are excited about the new investment this past quarter in Channel Technologies Group. Through the activity and effort this past year, we have been able to increase the monthly dividend by $25 \%$. We look to continue healthy investment activity and to carry this momentum throughout the last quarter of our fiscal year."

Subsequent Events: After December 31, 2011, the following occurred:

- Distributions Declared: The Company's board of directors declared the following monthly, per-share distributions to stockholders:

| Declaration Date | Record Date | Payment Date | Cash <br> Distribution |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January 10, 2012 | January 23, 2012 | January 31, 2012 | \$ | 0.05 |
| January 10, 2012 | February 21, 2012 | February 29, 2012 |  | 0.05 |
| January 10, 2012 | March 22, 2012 | March 30, 2012 |  | 0.05 |
|  |  | Total for the Quarter: | \$ | 0.15 |

Summary Information: The following chart is a summary of some of the information reported above(dollars in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited):

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2011 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { December31, } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| For the Three Months Ended: |  |  |  |  |
| Net investment income | \$ | 3,442 | \$ | 7,591 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations |  | 5,495 |  | 15,135 |
| Average yield on interest-bearing investments |  | 12.53\% |  | 11.50\% |
| Total dollars invested | \$ | 18,949 | \$ | 36,622 |
| Total dollars repaid |  | 11,393 |  | 21,128 |
| For the Nine Months Ended: |  |  |  |  |
| Net investment income |  | 10,252 |  | 14,238 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations |  | 22,377 |  | 13,643 |
| Average yield on interest-bearing investments |  | 12.27\% |  | 11.21\% |
| Total dollars invested | \$ | 86,327 | \$ | 41,616 |
| Total dollars repaid |  | 16,953 |  | 61,774 |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2011 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | March 31, <br> 2011 |
| As of: |  |  |  |  |
| Fair value as a percent of cost |  | 86.0\% |  | 77.7\% |
| Net asset value per share |  | \$ 9.58 |  | \$ 9.00 |
| Number of portfolio companies |  | 17 |  | 17 |
| Total assets at fair value |  | \$ 318,621 |  | \$241,109 |

Conference Call for Stockholders: The Company will hold a conference call Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. EST. Please call (800) 860-2442 to enter the conference. An operator will monitor the call and set a queue for the questions. A replay of the conference call will be available through March 1, 2012. To hear the replay, please dial (877) 344-7529 and use conference number 10008753. The replay will be available beginning approximately one hour after the call concludes.

The live audio broadcast of the Company's quarterly conference call will also be available online at www.GladstoneInvestment.com. The event will be archived and available for replay on the Company's website through April 2, 2012.

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Warning: The financial statements below are without footnotes, so readers should obtain and carefully review the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31 , 2011, including the footnotes to the financial statements contained therein. The Company has filed the Form 10-Q today with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which you can find on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or from the Company's website at www.GladstoneInvestment.com. To obtain a paper copy from us, please contact us at 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 200, McLean, VA 22102.

About us: Gladstone Investment Corporation is a publicly traded business development company that seeks to make debt and equity investments in small and mid-sized businesses in the United States in connection with acquisitions, changes in control and recapitalizations. Including payments made through January 2012, the Company has paid 79 consecutive monthly cash distributions on its common stock. Information on the business activities of all the Gladstone funds can be found at www.gladstonecompanies.com.

For Investor Relations inquiries related to any of the monthly dividend paying Gladstone funds, please visit www.gladstone.com.
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The statements in this press release regarding the Company's overall liquidity, ability to make additional investments, ability to make future dividend payments and other such statements are "forward-looking statements." These forward-looking statements inherently involve certain risks and uncertainties, although they are based on the Company's current plans that it believes to be reasonable as of the date of this press release. Factors that may cause the Company's actual results to differ from these forward-looking statements include, among others, the duration and effects of current economic instability, the Company's ability to access debt and equity capital and those other factors listed under the caption "Risk Factors" of post-effective amendment no. 4 to the registration statement on Form N-2(file No. 333-160720), filed with the SEC on August 17, 2011 (the "Form N-2"), and the Company's Quarterly Report on Form10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, filed with the SEC on November 2, 2011 (the "Form 10-Q"). The risk factors set forth in the Form N-2 and Form 10-Q under the caption "Risk Factors" are specifically incorporated by reference into this press release. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

 (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)(UNAUDITED)


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GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA) (UNAUDITED)

|  | Three Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2011 |  | 2010 |  | 2011 |  | 2010 |  |
| INVESTMENT INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Control investments | \$ | 3,515 | \$ | 2,557 | \$ | 9,075 | \$ | \$ 7,701 |
| Affiliate investments |  | 1,226 |  | 970 |  | 3,958 |  | 3,031 |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments |  | 343 |  | 391 |  | 1,148 |  | 1,175 |
| Cash and cash equivalents |  | 1 |  | 7 |  | 7 |  | 21 |
| Total interest income |  | 5,085 |  | 3,925 |  | 14,188 |  | 11,928 |
| Other income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Control investments |  | 25 |  | 6,812 |  | 1,201 |  | 10,358 |
| Non-Control/Non-Affiliate investments |  | 59 |  | - |  | 77 |  | - |
| Total other income |  | 84 |  | 6,812 |  | 1,278 |  | 10,358 |
| Total investment income |  | 5,169 |  | 10,737 |  | 15,466 |  | 22,286 |
| EXPENSES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loan servicing fee |  | 811 |  | 634 |  | 2,204 |  | 2,124 |
| Base management fee |  | 329 |  | 343 |  | 1,008 |  | 846 |
| Incentive fee |  | - |  | 1,898 |  | 19 |  | 2,949 |
| Administration fee |  | 182 |  | 142 |  | 468 |  | 582 |
| Interest expense |  | 185 |  | 135 |  | 550 |  | 558 |
| Amortization of deferred financing fees |  | 106 |  | 116 |  | 321 |  | 383 |
| Professional fees |  | 139 |  | 84 |  | 453 |  | 306 |
| Stockholder related costs |  | 31 |  | 26 |  | 403 |  | 245 |
| Other expenses |  | 289 |  | 218 |  | 859 |  | 685 |
| Expenses before credits from Adviser |  | 2,072 |  | 3,596 |  | 6,285 |  | 8,678 |
| Credits to fees from Adviser |  | (345) |  | (450) |  | (1,071) |  | (630) |
| Total expenses net of credits to fees |  | 1,727 |  | 3,146 |  | 5,214 |  | 8,048 |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME |  | 3,442 |  | 7,591 |  | 10,252 |  | 14,238 |
| REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net realized (loss) gain on investments |  | (105) |  | 6,514 |  | 5,091 |  | 23,489 |
| Net realized loss on other |  | - |  | - |  | (40) |  | - |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments |  | 1,769 |  | 1,026 |  | 7,053 |  | $(24,063)$ |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on other |  | 389 |  | 4 |  | 21 |  | (21) |
| Net gain (loss) on investments and other |  | 2,053 |  | 7,544 |  | 12,125 |  | (595) |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS | \$ | 5,495 | \$ | 15,135 | \$ | 22,377 | \$ | $\underline{\text { 13,643 }}$ |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS PER SHARE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic and diluted | \$ | 0.25 | \$ | 0.69 | \$ | 1.01 | \$ | \$ 0.62 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic and diluted |  | 080,133 |  | 22,080,133 |  | 080,133 |  | 22,080,133 |

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## GLADSTONE INVESTMENT CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA) (UNAUDITED)

|  | Three Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2011 |  | 2010 |  | 2011 |  | 2010 |  |
| Per Share Data ${ }^{(4)}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net asset value at beginning of period | \$ | 9.48 | \$ | 8.43 | \$ | 9.00 | \$ | 8.74 |
| Income from investment operations ${ }^{(B)}$ : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net investment income |  | 0.16 |  | 0.34 |  | 0.46 |  | 0.65 |
| Realized (loss) gain on investments and other |  | (0.01) |  | 0.30 |  | 0.23 |  | 1.06 |
| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and other |  | 0.10 |  | 0.05 |  | 0.32 |  | (1.09) |
| Total from investment operations |  | 0.25 |  | 0.69 |  | 1.01 |  | 0.62 |
| Distributions from: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net investment income |  | (0.15) |  | (0.12) |  | (0.44) |  | (0.36) |
| Total distributions(C) |  | (0.15) |  | (0.12) |  | (0.44) |  | (0.36) |
| Net asset value at end of period | \$ | 9.58 | \$ | 9.00 | \$ | 9.58 | \$ | 9.00 |
| Per share market value at beginning of period | \$ | 6.76 | \$ | 6.75 | \$ | 7.79 | \$ | 6.01 |
| Per share market value at end of period |  | 7.27 |  | 7.65 |  | 7.27 |  | 7.65 |
| Total return( ${ }^{\text {( })}$ |  | 9.73\% |  | 15.14\% |  | -0.91\% |  | 34.48\% |
| Shares outstanding at end of period |  | ,080,133 |  | ,080,133 |  | ,080,133 |  | ,080,133 |
| Statement of Assets and Liabilities Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net assets at end of period | \$ | 211,601 | \$ | 198,682 | \$ | 211,601 | \$ | 198,682 |
| Average net assets ${ }^{(\mathrm{E})}$ |  | 208,883 |  | 189,420 |  | 203,103 |  | 191,299 |
| Senior Securities Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total borrowings | \$ | 105,301 | \$ | 75,400 | \$ | 105,301 | \$ | 75,400 |
| Asset coverage ratio ${ }^{(\mathrm{F})}$ |  | 288\% |  | 343\% |  | 288\% |  | 343\% |
| Average coverage per unit(G) | \$ | 2,879 | \$ | 3,429 | \$ | 2,879 | \$ | 3,429 |
| Ratios/Supplemental Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets ${ }^{\text {H)(I) }}$ |  | 3.97\% |  | 7.59\% |  | 4.13\% |  | 6.05\% |
| Ratio of net expenses to average net assets ${ }^{(1)(J)}$ |  | 3.31 |  | 6.64 |  | 3.42 |  | 5.61 |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assetsH) |  | 6.59 |  | 16.03 |  | 6.73 |  | 9.92 |

(A) Based on actual shares outstanding at the end of the corresponding period.
${ }^{(B)}$ Based on weighted average basic per share data.
(C) Distributions are determined based on taxable income calculated in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from amounts determined under GAAP.
(D) Total return equals the change in the market value of the Company's common stock from the beginning of the period, taking into account dividends reinvested in accordance with the terms of the Company's dividend reinvestment plan.
(E) Calculated using the average of the balance of net assets at the end of each month of the reporting period.
(F) As a BDC, the Company is generally required to maintain an asset coverage ratio of at least $200 \%$ of total consolidated assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, to total borrowings and guaranty commitments. Asset coverage ratio is the ratio of the carrying value of the Company's total consolidated assets, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities, to the aggregate amount of senior securities representing indebtedness.
(G) Asset coverage per unit is the asset coverage ratio expressed in terms of dollar amounts per one thousand dollars of indebtedness.
(H) Amounts are annualized.
(I) Ratio of expenses to average net assets is computed using expenses before credits from the Adviser.
${ }^{(J)}$ Ratio of net expenses to average net assets is computed using total expenses net of credits to the management fee.

