

## Oaktree Specialty Lending Corporation Announces Third Fiscal Quarter 2018 Financial Results and Declares Distribution of \$0.095 Per Share

LOS ANGELES, CA, August 8, 2018 - Oaktree Specialty Lending Corporation (NASDAQ: OCSL) ("Oaktree Specialty Lending" or the "Company"), a specialty finance company, today announced its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2018.

### Third Fiscal Quarter 2018 Highlights

- Total investment income of \$31.8 million, or \$0.23 per share;
- Net investment income of \$14.4 million, or \$0.10 per share;
- Net asset value ("NAV") per share as of June 30, 2018 of \$5.95; and
- Originated \$379.8 million of new investment commitments and received \$280.7 million of proceeds from prepayments, exits, other paydowns and sales.
- The Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.095 per share, payable on September 28, 2018 to stockholders of record on September 15, 2018.

### Management Commentary

Edgar Lee, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of Oaktree Specialty Lending said, "Since we began managing OCSL nine months ago, we have made significant progress in repositioning the portfolio, optimizing our capital structure and stabilizing NAV. We have reduced our exposure to non-core assets by \$536 million, doubled the amount of core investments in the portfolio and delivered our second consecutive quarter of increased NAV per share. Given our progress to date, we believe we are well positioned to continue to deliver improved shareholder returns going forward."

### Portfolio and Investment Activity

As of June 30, 2018, the fair value of the Company's investment portfolio was \$1.5 billion and was comprised of investments in 116 companies. These included loans to 75 companies, 14 public bond issuances, the investments in Senior Loan Fund JV I, LLC ("SLF JV I") and equity investments in 44 companies, including in SLF JV I and 4 private equity funds. 18 of the equity investments were in companies in which Oaktree Specialty Lending also had a debt investment.

At fair value, 95.4% of the Company's portfolio as of June 30, 2018 consisted of debt investments, including 53.1% of first lien loans, 22.9% of second lien loans and 19.4% of unsecured debt investments, including the debt investments in SLF JV I.

As of June 30, 2018, SLF JV I had \$357.2 million in assets, including senior secured loans to 44 portfolio companies. The joint venture generated income of \$2.8 million for Oaktree Specialty Lending during the quarter ended June 30, 2018.

The weighted average yield on the Company's debt investments as of June 30, 2018, including the return on our mezzanine note investments in SLF JV I, was 8.8%.

As of June 30, 2018, \$1.2 billion of the Company's debt investments, or 82.9% of the total debt portfolio, at fair value, had floating interest rates.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2018, the Company originated \$379.8 million of investment commitments, including investments in 24 new and 4 existing portfolio companies, and funded \$389.0 million of investments across new and existing portfolio companies.

During the quarter, the Company received \$280.7 million of proceeds from various prepayments, exits, other paydowns and sales and exited 28 investments.

### Results of Operations

Total investment income for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 was \$31.8 million, including \$26.6 million of cash interest income from portfolio investments, \$1.5 million of payment-in-kind ("PIK") interest income, \$2.4 million of fee income and \$1.3 million of dividend income. PIK interest income, net of PIK collected in cash, represented 4.3% of total investment income for the quarter ended June 30, 2018.

Net expenses for the quarter were \$17.4 million, a decrease of \$2.1 million from the quarter ended March 31, 2018. The decrease in net expenses was due primarily to a decrease in Part I incentive fees and a decrease in interest expense, offset by an increase in management fees.

Net realized and unrealized gain on our investment portfolio for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 was \$9.8 million.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As of June 30, 2018, the Company had \$57.1 million of cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash), total principal value of debt outstanding of \$613.7 million and \$389.0 million of undrawn capacity on its credit facility, subject to borrowing base and other limitations. The weighted average interest rate on debt outstanding was 5.5% as of June 30, 2018.

As of June 30, 2018, the Company's total leverage ratio was 0.73x debt-to-equity.

### **Distribution Declaration**

The Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly distribution of \$0.095 per share, payable on September 28, 2018 to stockholders of record on September 15, 2018.

Distributions are paid primarily from distributable (taxable) income. To the extent taxable earnings for a fiscal taxable year fall below the total amount of dividend distributions for that fiscal year, a portion of those distributions may be deemed a return of capital to the Company's stockholders.

### **Portfolio Asset Quality**

As of June 30, 2018, there were eight investments on which the Company had stopped accruing cash and/or PIK interest or original issue discount ("OID") income that, in the aggregate, represented 12.3% of the Company's debt portfolio at cost and 4.6% at fair value.

(\$ in thousands)

#### **Non-Accrual - Debt Investments**

|  | <b><u>As of June 30, 2018</u></b> | <b><u>As of September 30, 2017</u></b> |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Non-Accrual Investments at Fair Value                        | \$ 67,131                         | \$ 67,015                              |
| Non-Accrual Investments/Total Debt Investments at Fair Value | 4.6%                              | 4.7%                                   |

**Oaktree Specialty Lending Corporation**  
**Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities**  
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

|   | June 30, 2018<br>(unaudited) | March 31, 2018<br>(unaudited) | September 30,<br>2017 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                              |                               |                       |
| <b>Investments at fair value:</b>   |                              |                               |                       |
| Control investments (cost June 30, 2018: \$266,097; cost March 31, 2018: \$431,809; cost September 30, 2017: \$444,826)   | \$ 223,421                   | \$ 285,079                    | \$ 305,271            |
| Affiliate investments (cost June 30, 2018: \$1,080; cost March 31, 2018: \$10,881; cost September 30, 2017: \$33,743)   | 2,161                        | 11,890                        | 36,983                |
| Non-control/Non-affiliate investments (cost June 30, 2018: \$1,416,632; cost March 31, 2018: \$1,219,816; cost September 30, 2017: \$1,279,096)                       | 1,294,936                    | 1,103,715                     | 1,199,501             |
| <b>Total investments at fair value (cost June 30, 2018: \$1,683,809; cost March 31, 2018: \$1,662,506; cost September 30, 2017: \$1,757,665)</b>                      | <b>1,520,518</b>             | <b>1,400,684</b>              | <b>1,541,755</b>      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 56,615                       | 7,951                         | 53,018                |
| Restricted cash   | 499                          | 204                           | 6,895                 |
| Interest, dividends and fees receivable   | 8,102                        | 7,771                         | 6,892                 |
| Due from portfolio companies  | 15,757                       | 5,676                         | 5,670                 |
| Receivables from unsettled transactions   | 22,538                       | 12,852                        | —                     |
| Deferred financing costs  | 5,620                        | 6,031                         | 1,304                 |
| Other assets  | 3,108                        | 3,346                         | 514                   |
| <b>Total assets</b>   | <b>\$ 1,632,757</b>          | <b>\$ 1,444,515</b>           | <b>\$ 1,616,048</b>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>   |                              |                               |                       |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>   |                              |                               |                       |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities  | \$ 2,714                     | \$ 2,986                      | \$ 2,417              |
| Base management fee and Part I incentive fee payable  | 7,094                        | 8,594                         | 6,750                 |
| Due to affiliate  | 4,230                        | 1,709                         | 1,815                 |
| Interest payable  | 6,338                        | 3,278                         | 3,167                 |
| Amounts payable to syndication partners   | 301                          | 1                             | 1                     |
| Director fees payable   | —                            | 176                           | 184                   |
| Payables from unsettled transactions  | 166,903                      | 21,107                        | 58,691                |
| Credit facilities payable   | 211,000                      | 183,000                       | 255,995               |
| Unsecured notes payable (net of \$3,851, \$4,058 and \$4,737 of unamortized financing costs as of June 30, 2018, March 31, 2018 and September 30, 2017, respectively) | 386,132                      | 385,778                       | 406,115               |
| Secured borrowings at fair value (proceeds June 30, 2018: \$12,623; proceeds March 31, 2018: \$12,948; proceeds September 30, 2017: \$13,489)                         | 9,950                        | 10,652                        | 13,256                |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>  | <b>794,662</b>               | <b>617,281</b>                | <b>748,391</b>        |
| <b>Commitments and contingencies</b>  |                              |                               |                       |
| <b>Net assets:</b>  |                              |                               |                       |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 250,000 shares authorized; 140,961 shares issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2018, March 31, 2018 and September 30, 2017           | 1,409                        | 1,409                         | 1,409                 |
| Additional paid-in-capital  | 1,579,278                    | 1,579,278                     | 1,579,278             |
| Net unrealized depreciation on investments, secured borrowings and foreign currency   | (160,267)                    | (259,526)                     | (215,677)             |
| Net realized loss on investments, secured borrowings and unsecured notes payable  | (563,004)                    | (473,567)                     | (478,010)             |
| Accumulated overdistributed net investment income   | (19,321)                     | (20,360)                      | (19,343)              |
| <b>Total net assets (equivalent to \$5.95, \$5.87 and \$6.16 per common share as of June 30, 2018, March 31, 2018 and September 30, 2017, respectively)</b>           | <b>838,095</b>               | <b>827,234</b>                | <b>867,657</b>        |
| <b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>   | <b>\$ 1,632,757</b>          | <b>\$ 1,444,515</b>           | <b>\$ 1,616,048</b>   |

**Oaktree Specialty Lending Corporation**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(in thousands, except per share amounts)  
(unaudited)

|   | Three months<br>ended<br>June 30, 2018 | Three months<br>ended<br>March 31, 2018 | Three months<br>ended<br>June 30, 2017 | Nine months<br>ended<br>June 30, 2018 | Nine months<br>ended<br>June 30, 2017 |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Interest income:</b>   |  |   |  |                                       |                                       |
| Control investments   | \$ 2,737                               | \$ 3,071                                | \$ 3,710                               | \$ 9,011                              | \$ 11,104                             |
| Affiliate investments   | 161                                    | 917                                     | 977                                    | 2,027                                 | 2,961                                 |
| Non-control/Non-affiliate investments   | 23,629                                 | 22,533                                  | 33,892                                 | 71,727                                | 106,409                               |
| Interest on cash and cash equivalents   | 107                                    | 112                                     | 214                                    | 440                                   | 497                                   |
| <b>Total interest income</b>  | <b>26,634</b>                          | <b>26,633</b>                           | <b>38,793</b>                          | <b>83,205</b>                         | <b>120,971</b>                        |
| <b>PIK interest income:</b>   |  |   |  |                                       |                                       |
| Control investments   | 1,045                                  | 1,210                                   | 1,523                                  | 3,446                                 | 5,445                                 |
| Affiliate investments   | 52                                     | 188                                     | 195                                    | 416                                   | 592                                   |
| Non-control/Non-affiliate investments   | 360                                    | 548                                     | 855                                    | 1,408                                 | 2,928                                 |
| <b>Total PIK interest income</b>  | <b>1,457</b>                           | <b>1,946</b>                            | <b>2,573</b>                           | <b>5,270</b>                          | <b>8,965</b>                          |
| <b>Fee income:</b>  |  |   |  |                                       |                                       |
| Control investments   | 697                                    | 128                                     | 307                                    | 945                                   | 929                                   |
| Affiliate investments   | —                                      | 44                                      | 12                                     | 48                                    | 741                                   |
| Non-control/Non-affiliate investments   | 1,728                                  | 3,770                                   | 2,085                                  | 6,405                                 | 7,155                                 |
| <b>Total fee income</b>   | <b>2,425</b>                           | <b>3,942</b>                            | <b>2,404</b>                           | <b>7,398</b>                          | <b>8,825</b>                          |
| <b>Dividend and other income:</b>   |  |   |  |                                       |                                       |
| Control investments   | 1,331                                  | 2,258                                   | 1,080                                  | 4,629                                 | 3,384                                 |
| Non-control/Non-affiliate investments   | —                                      | —                                       | 67                                     | —                                     | 87                                    |
| <b>Total dividend and other income</b>  | <b>1,331</b>                           | <b>2,258</b>                            | <b>1,147</b>                           | <b>4,629</b>                          | <b>3,471</b>                          |
| <b>Total investment income</b>  | <b>31,847</b>                          | <b>34,779</b>                           | <b>44,917</b>                          | <b>100,502</b>                        | <b>142,232</b>                        |
| <b>Expenses:</b>  |  |   |  |                                       |                                       |
| Base management fee   | 5,909                                  | 5,386                                   | 7,912                                  | 16,885                                | 24,561                                |
| Part I incentive fee  | 2,733                                  | 3,247                                   | 3,482                                  | 6,810                                 | 10,713                                |
| Professional fees   | 924                                    | 1,015                                   | 952                                    | 4,837                                 | 3,739                                 |
| Board of Directors fees   | 154                                    | 177                                     | 205                                    | 507                                   | 595                                   |
| Interest expense  | 8,291                                  | 8,530                                   | 11,262                                 | 26,405                                | 37,163                                |
| Administrator expense   | 466                                    | 391                                     | 407                                    | 1,351                                 | 1,557                                 |
| General and administrative expenses   | 488                                    | 722                                     | 1,367                                  | 2,326                                 | 4,154                                 |
| Loss on legal settlements   | —                                      | —                                       | —                                      | —                                     | 3                                     |
| <b>Total expenses</b>   | <b>18,965</b>                          | <b>19,468</b>                           | <b>25,587</b>                          | <b>59,121</b>                         | <b>82,485</b>                         |
| Fees waived   | (1,548)                                | 48                                      | (60)                                   | (1,634)                               | (182)                                 |
| Insurance recoveries  | —                                      | —                                       | —                                      | —                                     | (1,259)                               |
| <b>Net expenses</b>   | <b>17,417</b>                          | <b>19,516</b>                           | <b>25,527</b>                          | <b>57,487</b>                         | <b>81,044</b>                         |
| <b>Net investment income</b>  | <b>14,430</b>                          | <b>15,263</b>                           | <b>19,390</b>                          | <b>43,015</b>                         | <b>61,188</b>                         |
| <b>Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and foreign currency:</b>    |  |   |  |                                       |                                       |
| Control investments   | 97,000                                 | (5,849)                                 | (2,479)                                | 89,825                                | 12,030                                |
| Affiliate investments   | 72                                     | (2,063)                                 | (839)                                  | (2,159)                               | (1,501)                               |
| Non-control/Non-affiliate investments   | 1,810                                  | 7,127                                   | (9,953)                                | (34,696)                              | 8,368                                 |
| <b>Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and foreign currency</b> | <b>98,882</b>                          | <b>(785)</b>                            | <b>(13,271)</b>                        | <b>52,970</b>                         | <b>18,897</b>                         |
| <b>Net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on secured borrowings</b>               | <b>377</b>                             | <b>408</b>                              | <b>124</b>                             | <b>2,440</b>                          | <b>(294)</b>                          |
| <b>Realized gain (loss) on investments and secured borrowings:</b>                    |  |   |  |                                       |                                       |
| Control investments   | (91,470)                               | —                                       | (13,058)                               | (91,470)                              | (58,994)                              |
| Affiliate investments   | —                                      | 2,048                                   | —                                      | 2,048                                 | —                                     |
| Non-control/Non-affiliate investments   | 2,033                                  | 2,806                                   | 758                                    | 4,548                                 | (92,295)                              |
| <b>Net realized gain (loss) on investments and secured borrowings</b>                 | <b>(89,437)</b>                        | <b>4,854</b>                            | <b>(12,300)</b>                        | <b>(84,874)</b>                       | <b>(151,289)</b>                      |
| <b>Redemption premium on unsecured notes payable</b>                                  | <b>—</b>                               | <b>(120)</b>                            | <b>—</b>                               | <b>(120)</b>                          | <b>—</b>                              |
| <b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</b>                | <b>\$ 24,252</b>                       | <b>\$ 19,620</b>                        | <b>\$ (6,057)</b>                      | <b>\$ 13,431</b>                      | <b>\$ (71,498)</b>                    |
| <b>Net investment income per common share — basic and diluted</b>                     | <b>\$ 0.10</b>                         | <b>\$ 0.11</b>                          | <b>\$ 0.14</b>                         | <b>\$ 0.31</b>                        | <b>\$ 0.43</b>                        |
| <b>Earnings (loss) per common share — basic and diluted</b>                           | <b>\$ 0.17</b>                         | <b>\$ 0.14</b>                          | <b>\$ (0.04)</b>                       | <b>\$ 0.10</b>                        | <b>\$ (0.50)</b>                      |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding — basic and diluted                        | 140,961                                | 140,961                                 | 140,961                                | 140,961                               | 141,599                               |
| <b>Distributions per common share</b>   | <b>\$ 0.095</b>                        | <b>\$ 0.085</b>                         | <b>\$ 0.02</b>                         | <b>\$ 0.31</b>                        | <b>\$ 0.34</b>                        |

## Conference Call Information

Oaktree Specialty Lending will host a conference call to discuss its third fiscal quarter 2018 results at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time / 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time on August 8, 2018. The conference call may be accessed by dialing (877) 507-3275 (U.S. callers) or +1 (412) 317-5238 (non-U.S. callers), participant password "Oaktree Specialty Lending." During the earnings conference call, Oaktree Specialty Lending intends to refer to an investor presentation that will be available on the Investors section of the Oaktree Specialty Lending website, [www.oaktreespecialtylending.com](http://www.oaktreespecialtylending.com). Alternatively, a live webcast of the conference call can be accessed on Oaktree Specialty Lending's website.

For those individuals unable to listen to the live broadcast of the conference call, a replay will be available for 30 days on Oaktree Specialty Lending's website, or by dialing (877) 344-7529 (U.S. callers) or +1 (412) 317-0088 (non-U.S. callers), access code 10121985, beginning approximately one hour after the broadcast.

## About Oaktree Specialty Lending Corporation

Oaktree Specialty Lending Corporation (NASDAQ:OCSL) is a specialty finance company dedicated to providing customized one-stop credit solutions to companies with limited access to public or syndicated capital markets. The firm seeks to generate current income and capital appreciation by providing companies with flexible and innovative financing solutions including first and second lien loans, unsecured and mezzanine loans, and preferred equity. The company is regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Oaktree Specialty Lending is managed by Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. For additional information, please visit Oaktree Specialty Lending's website at [www.oaktreespecialtylending.com](http://www.oaktreespecialtylending.com).

## Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the statements in this press release constitute forward-looking statements because they relate to future events or our future performance or financial condition. The forward-looking statements may include statements as to: our future operating results and distribution projections; our business prospects and the prospects of our portfolio companies; and the impact of the investments that we expect to make. In addition, words such as "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "seek," "plan," "should," "estimate," "project" and "intend" indicate forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements include these words. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those implied or expressed in the forward-looking statements for any reason, including the factors set forth in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in our annual report on Form 10-K and our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include: changes in the economy, financial markets and political environment; risks associated with possible disruption in our operations or the economy generally due to terrorism or natural disasters; future changes in laws or regulations (including the interpretation of these laws and regulations by regulatory authorities) and conditions in our operating areas, particularly with respect to business development companies or regulated investment companies; and other considerations that may be disclosed from time to time in our publicly disseminated documents and filings.

We have based the forward-looking statements included in this presentation on information available to us on the date of this presentation, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we may make directly to you or through reports that we in the future may file with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

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