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Ares Capital Corporation ( ARCC ) has asked BofA Merrill Lynch to arrange a series of non-deal related fixed income investor calls commencing on Thursday, September 20th, 2018. BofA Merrill Lynch is coordinating logistics.

Schedule:

- Thursday, September 20th, 2018: 9:00AM ET 12:45PM ET
  
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- 9:45AM ET - 10:30AM ET
- 10:30AM ET - 11:15AM ET
- 11:15AM ET - 12:00PM ET
- 12:00PM ET - 12:45PM ET

Attendees:

- Michael Smith: Co-President
- Penni Roll: CFO
- Scott Lem: Treasurer
- Matya Rothenberg: Investor Relations

**Investors are advised to carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of ARCC before investing. When available, a preliminary prospectus supplement, together with an accompanying prospectus, will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which will contain this and other information about ARCC and should be read carefully before investing.**

The information in any preliminary prospectus supplement and an accompanying prospectus, when available, and in this announcement is not complete and may be changed. Any preliminary prospectus supplement and an accompanying prospectus, when available, and this announcement are not offers to sell any securities of ARCC and are not soliciting an offer to buy such securities in any state or jurisdiction where such offer and sale is not permitted.

**ARCC's shelf registration statement is on file with and has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any offering of ARCC's securities may be made only by means of a preliminary prospectus supplement and an accompanying prospectus. When available, copies may be obtained from Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, tel. no.: 1-800-294-1322.**

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