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# Ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals regarding the Risk Retention Regulations

Further to the ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeal for the D.C. Circuit on 9 February 2018 which determined that open market U.S. CLO managers are not subject to the risk retention rules per the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, EJF Investments Limited ("EJFI" or the "Company") believes that this ruling does not impact the Company's investment objective or strategy. There is a period of 45-days during which the U.S. government agencies may appeal the ruling.

One of the core investment objectives of the Company is to own debt issued by small U.S. banks and insurance companies. These institutions enjoy four tailwinds: (1) concrete deregulatory steps taken by the Federal Reserve, the Trump Administration and Congress; (2) rising interest rates; (3) corporate tax cuts; and (4) deregulatory and market forces promoting industry consolidation. Through its interest in an affiliate of EJF Capital LLC ("EJF"), EJFI has the first right to purchase 5% of the residual interest (or equity tranche) of securitizations sponsored by EJF, with the option to purchase additional residual interests. The diversified debt securities collateralizing these securitizations are issued by small US banks and insurance companies.

The Company's Investment Manager, EJF Investments Manager LLC, has written a commentary on the ruling which can be found on the Company's website at <a href="www.ejfi.com">www.ejfi.com</a> under 'Manager Communications'.

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# **About EJF Investments Limited**

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