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590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor

New York, New York 10022

December 22, 2008

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of PennantPark Investment Corporation (the Company) to be held on February 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Time, at the Omni Berkshire Place, located at 21 East 52nd Street at Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

The Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the proxy statement of the Board of Directors of the Company, which is accessible on the Internet or by request, provide an outline of the business to be conducted at our Annual Meeting of stockholders. At the Meeting, you will be asked to elect two directors of the Company and to ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. I will also report on the progress of the Company during the past year and respond to stockholders' questions.

It is important that your shares be represented at the annual meeting. If you are unable to attend the Meeting in person, I urge you to follow the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials to vote your proxy on the Internet. We encourage you to vote via the Internet, as it saves us significant time and processing costs. However, on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials you also will find instructions on how to request a hard copy of the proxy statement and proxy card free of charge, and you may vote your proxy by returning a proxy card to us after you request the hard copy materials. Your vote and participation in the governance of the Company is very important to us.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur H. Penn

Chief Executive Officer

PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT CORPORATION

590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor

New York, New York 10022

(212) 905-1000

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2009

Notice is hereby given to the owners of shares of common stock (the **Stockholders**) of PennantPark Investment Corporation (the **Company**) that:

The 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company will be held at the Omni Berkshire Place, located at 21 East 52nd Street at Madison Avenue, New York, New York, on February 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect two Class II directors of the company who will each serve for a term of three years or until his successor is duly elected and qualified;
2. To ratify the selection of KPMG LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending September 30, 2009; and

3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof. You have the right to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting if you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on December 15, 2008. Under rules adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (**SEC**), we are now furnishing proxy materials to our shareholders on the Internet, rather than mailing printed copies of those materials to each shareholder. If you received a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials unless you request them. Instead, the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials will instruct you as to how you may access and review the proxy materials, and vote your proxy, on the Internet.

Your vote is extremely important to us. If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting of stockholders, we encourage you to vote your proxy on the Internet by following the instructions provided on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. You may also request from us free of charge hard copies of the proxy statement and a proxy card by following the instructions on the Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials. In the event there are not sufficient votes for a quorum or to approve the proposals at the time of the Annual Meeting, the Annual Meeting may be adjourned in order to permit further solicitation of proxies by the Company.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, INCLUDING THE INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS, UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR EACH OF THE PROPOSALS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Thomas Friedmann

Secretary

New York, New York

December 22, 2008

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PROXY STATEMENT

For

2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

To Be Held on February 3, 2009

This document will give you the information you need to vote on the matters listed on the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders (Notice of Annual Meeting). Much of the information in this Proxy Statement is required under rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); some of it is technical in nature. If there is anything you do not understand, please contact us at 212-905-1000.

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the Board) of PennantPark Investment Corporation (the Company, we, us or our) for use at our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Meeting) to be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Time, at the Omni Berkshire Place, located at 21 East 52nd Street at Madison Avenue, New York, New York and at any postponements or adjournments thereof. This Proxy Statement and the Company's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, are being provided to stockholders via the Internet on or about December 15, 2008. In addition, a Notice of Annual Meeting and a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials are being sent to stockholders of record as of December 15, 2008.

We encourage you to vote your shares, either by voting in person at the Meeting or by voting by proxy (i.e., authorizing someone to vote your shares). Shares represented by duly executed proxies will be voted in accordance with your instructions. If you execute a proxy without specifying your voting instructions, your shares will be voted in accordance with the Board's recommendation. If any other business is brought before the Meeting, your shares will be voted at the Board's discretion unless you specifically state otherwise on your proxy.

You may revoke a proxy at any time before it is exercised by notifying the Company's Secretary in writing, by submitting a properly executed, later-dated proxy, or by voting in person at the Meeting. Any stockholder entitled to vote at the Meeting may attend the Meeting and vote in person whether or not he or she has previously voted his or her shares via proxy or wishes to change a previous vote.

You will be eligible to vote your shares electronically via the Internet, telephone or by mail.

Purpose of Meeting

At the Meeting, you will be asked to vote on the following proposals:

1. To elect two Class II directors of the Company, who will each serve for a term of three years or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.
2. To ratify the selection of KPMG LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending September 30, 2009; and
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

Voting Securities

You may vote your shares at the Meeting only if you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on December 15, 2008 (the Record Date). There were 21,068,772 shares of the Company's common stock outstanding on the Record Date. Each share of the common stock is entitled to one vote.

Quorum Required

A quorum must be present at the Meeting for any business to be conducted. The presence at the Meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the shares of stock outstanding on the Record Date will constitute a quorum. Shares held by a broker or other nominee for which the nominee has not received voting instructions from the record holder and does not have discretionary authority to vote the shares on non-routine proposals (which are considered broker non-votes with respect to such proposals), will be treated as shares present for quorum purposes. If there are not enough votes for a quorum, the chairman of the Meeting will adjourn the Meeting to permit the further solicitation of proxies.

Vote Required

Election of Directors. The election of a director requires the vote of a majority of the shares of stock outstanding. Stockholders may not cumulate their votes. If you vote *Withhold Authority* with respect to a nominee, your shares will not be voted with respect to the person indicated. Because directors are elected by a majority of the votes of the outstanding common shares of the company, votes to withhold authority will have the effect of a vote against the nominee.

Broker Non-votes. If you beneficially own your shares and you do not provide your broker or nominee with proxy instructions, either by voting in accordance with the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, by requesting hard copy proxy materials from us and returning a proxy card or by other arrangement with your broker or nominee, your broker or nominee will not be able to vote your shares for you on certain non-routine matters that come before the Annual Meeting. Such broker non-votes will, however, count toward a quorum.

Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting in person or by proxy is required to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be included in determining the number of votes cast and, as a result, will have no effect on this proposal.

Additional Solicitation. If there appears not to be enough votes to approve the proposals at the Meeting, the stockholders who are represented in person or by proxy may vote to adjourn the Meeting to permit the further solicitation of proxies. Mr. Marshall Brozost and Mr. Samuel L. Katz are the persons named as proxies and will vote proxies held by them for such adjournment, unless marked to be voted against any proposal for which an adjournment is sought, to permit the further solicitation of proxies.

A stockholder vote may be taken on one of the proposals in this Proxy Statement prior to any such adjournment if there are sufficient votes for approval of such proposal.

Information Regarding This Solicitation

The Company will bear the expense of the solicitation of proxies for the Meeting, including the cost of preparing and posting this Proxy Statement and the Annual Report to the Internet and the cost of mailing the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and any requested proxy materials to stockholders. The Company intends to use the services of Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., a leading provider of investor communications solutions, to aid in the distribution and collection of proxy votes. The Company expects to pay market rates for such services. If brokers, trustees, or fiduciaries and other institutions holding shares in their own names or in the names of their nominees, which shares are beneficially owned by others, forward the proxy materials to, and obtain proxies from, such beneficial owners, we will reimburse such persons for their reasonable expenses in so doing.

In addition to the solicitation of proxies by the use of the Internet, proxies may be solicited in person and/or by telephone, mail or facsimile transmission by directors or officers of the Company, officers or employees of PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, the Company's investment adviser and/or by a retained solicitor. No additional compensation will be paid to directors, officers or regular employees for such services.

Stockholders may provide their voting instructions by telephone, through the Internet or by mail by following the instructions on the Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials. These options require stockholders to input the Control Number, which is provided with the Notice of Availability of Proxy Materials, after visiting www.proxyvote.com. Upon inputting this number, stockholders will be prompted to provide their voting instructions. Stockholders will have an opportunity to review their voting instructions and make any necessary changes before submitting their voting instructions and terminating their Internet link. Stockholders who vote via the Internet, in addition to confirming their voting instructions prior to submission, will also receive an e-mail confirming their instructions upon request.

If a stockholder wishes to participate in the Meeting, but does not wish to give a proxy by Internet, the stockholder may attend the Meeting in person or request and submit a proxy card by following the instructions on the Notice of Availability of Internet Proxy Materials.

Any proxy authorized pursuant to this solicitation may be revoked by notice from the person giving the proxy at any time before it is exercised. A revocation may be effected by resubmitting voting instructions via the Internet voting site, by attending the Meeting or by a notice, provided in writing and signed by the stockholder, delivered to the Company's Secretary on any business day before the date of the Meeting.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

As of the Record Date, to our knowledge, no person would be deemed to control us, as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

Our directors consist of an interested director and independent directors. An interested director is an interested person of the Company, as defined in the 1940 Act.

The following table sets forth, as of October 31, 2008, certain ownership information with respect to our common stock for those persons who directly or indirectly own, control or hold with the power to vote, 5 percent or more of our outstanding common stock and all officers and directors, as a group.

Name and address ⁽¹⁾	Type of ownership ⁽⁴⁾	Shares owned	Percentage of Common Stock Outstanding
Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund 2500 Westchester Avenue, Suite 215 Purchase, NY 10577	Beneficial	1,400,000	6.64%
Bank of America Corporation 100 North Tryon Street, Floor 25 Bank of America Corporate Center Charlotte, NC 28255	Beneficial	1,826,800	8.67%
Clough Capital Partners L.P. One Post Office Square, 40th Floor Boston, MA 02109	Beneficial	1,248,618	5.93%
Credit Suisse Uetlibergstrasse 231 P.O. Box 900 CH 8070 Zurich, Switzerland	Beneficial	1,493,287	7.09%
UBS AG c/o UBS Global Asset Management (Americas), Inc. One North Wacker Chicago, Illinois 60606	Beneficial	2,298,452	10.91%
Wellington Management Company LLP 75 State Street Boston, MA 02109	Beneficial	1,748,008	8.30%
Independent directors			
Adam K. Bernstein ⁽²⁾	Record/Beneficial	80,836	*
Marshall Brozost	Record	7,602	*
Jeffrey Flug	Record	76,013	*
Samuel L. Katz	Record	31,402	*
Interested director			
Arthur H. Penn ⁽³⁾	Record/Beneficial	297,666	1.41%
Executive officers			
Aviv Efrat	Record	13,752	*
Guy Talarico			
All Directors and Officers as a group (7 persons)	Record/Beneficial	507,153	2.41%

(1) The address for each officer and director is c/o PennantPark Investment Corporation, 590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10022

(2) Mr. Bernstein is the President of JAM Investments, LLC and may therefore be deemed to own beneficially the 68,236 shares held by JAM Investments, LLC

(3) Mr. Penn is the Managing Member of PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC, and may therefore be deemed to own beneficially the 236,409 shares held by PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC.

(4) Sole Voting Power.

* Less than 1 percent.

Dollar Range of Securities Beneficially Owned by Directors

The following table sets forth the dollar range of our equity securities beneficially owned by each of our directors as of October 31, 2008. Information as to the beneficial ownerships based on information furnished to the company by such persons. We are not part of a family of investment companies, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act.

Directors of PennantPark	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in PennantPark⁽¹⁾	
Independent Directors		
Adam K. Bernstein	\$100,001	\$500,000
Marshall Brozost	\$10,001	\$ 50,000
Jeffrey Flug	\$100,001	\$500,000
Samuel L. Katz	\$100,001	\$500,000
Interested Directors		
Arthur H. Penn	Over \$1,000,000 ⁽³⁾	

- (1) Dollar ranges are as follows: None; \$1-\$10,000; \$10,001-\$50,000; \$50,001-\$100,000; \$100,001-\$500,000; \$500,001-\$1,000,000 or over \$1,000,000.
- (2) Also reflects holdings of JAM Investments, LLC.
- (3) Also reflects holdings of PennantPark Investments Advisers, LLC

PROPOSAL I: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with the bylaws, the Company currently has five members of the Board of Directors. Directors are divided into three classes and are elected for staggered terms of three years each, with a term of office of one of the three classes of directors expiring each year. The terms of Class I, II and III expired or will expire in 2011, 2009 and 2010, respectively. Each director will hold office for the term to which he or she is elected or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies.

A stockholder can vote for, or withhold his or her vote from, any nominee. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, it is the intention of the persons named as proxies to vote such proxy FOR the election of the nominees named below. If a nominee should decline or be unable to serve as a director, it is intended that the proxy will be voted for the election of such person as is nominated by the Board as a replacement. The Board has no reason to believe that any of the persons named below will be unable or unwilling to serve.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEES NAMED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.

Information about the Nominees and Directors

Certain information with respect to the Class II nominees for election at the Meeting, as well as each of the other directors, is set forth below, including their names, ages, a brief description of their recent business experience, including present occupations and employment, certain directorships that each person holds, and the year in which each person became a director of the Company. Both of the nominees for Class II directors currently serve as directors of the Company.

Mr. Adam K. Bernstein and Mr. Jeffrey Flug have each been nominated for election as independent directors for a three year term expiring in 2012. Neither Mr. Bernstein nor Mr. Flug is being proposed for election pursuant to any agreement or understanding between either Mr. Bernstein nor Mr. Flug and the Company.

Nominees for Class II Directors

Name, Address and Age ⁽¹⁾ Independent Directors	Position(s) held with Company	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director ⁽²⁾
Adam K. Bernstein (45)	Director	Class II Director since February 2007; Term Expires 2012	President of The Bernstein Companies, a Washington, D.C.-based real estate firm that he founded in 1985. Mr. Bernstein also serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Consortium Atlantic Realty Trust, Inc., a private real estate investment trust operating in the mid-Atlantic region since its formation in 2000.	President of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Advisory Board of the University of Pennsylvania.
Jeffrey Flug (46)	Director	Class II Director since February 2007; Term Expires 2012	Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director from 2006 to 2008 of Millennium Promise Alliance, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to eradicate extreme global poverty. From 2000 to 2006 Mr. Flug was a Managing Director and Head of North American Institutional Sales at JP Morgan's Investment Bank.	

CONTINUING DIRECTORS (not up for election at the Meeting)*Class I Directors*

Name, Address and Age ⁽¹⁾ Independent Directors	Position(s) held with Company	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director ⁽²⁾
Marshall Brozost (41)	Director	Class I Director since February 2007; Term Expires 2011	A Partner at the international law firm of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, since 2007 where he practices in the real estate and private equity groups. Prior to his tenure at Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, which began in 2005, Mr. Brozost practiced law at O Melveny & Myers LLP and at Solomon & Weinberg LLP since 2001.	
Samuel L. Katz (43)	Director	Class I Director since February 2007; Term Expires 2011	A Managing Partner since 2007 of TZP Group LLC, a private equity fund. Before joining TZP Group, Mr. Katz was Chief Executive Officer of MacAndrews & Forbes Acquisition Holdings, Inc. from 2006 to 2007. Prior to that position, Mr. Katz was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Cendant Travel Distribution Services Division from 2001 to 2005.	

Class III Director

Name, Address and Age ⁽¹⁾ Interested Director	Position(s) held with Company	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years	Other Directorships Held by Director or Nominee for Director ⁽²⁾
Arthur H. Penn (45) ⁽³⁾	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors	Class III Director since February 2007; Term Expires 2010	Chief Executive Officer of PennantPark Investment Corporation since inception in 2007. Mr. Penn also is the founder and Managing Member of PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC. Before founding the Company, Mr. Penn was the co-founder of Apollo Investment Management, where he was a Managing Partner from 2004 to 2007. He also served as Chief Operating Officer of Apollo Investment Corporation from inception in 2004 to 2006 and served as President and Chief Operating Officer in 2006. He was formerly a Managing Partner of Apollo Value Fund L.P. (formerly Apollo Distressed Investment Fund, L.P.) from 2003 to 2006.	

- (1) The business address of the director nominees and other directors is c/o PennantPark Investment Corporation, 590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10022.
- (2) No director otherwise serves as a director of an investment company subject to the 1940 Act.
- (3) Mr. Penn is an interested director due to his position as an officer of the Company and of PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC.

Corporate Governance

We believe that maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance is a crucial part of our business, and the Company is committed to ensuring that it has in place the necessary controls and procedures to ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations, as well as our own ethical standards of conduct.

Director Independence

NASDAQ rules require listed companies to have a board of directors with at least a majority of independent directors. Under NASDAQ rules, in order for a director to be deemed independent, our Board must determine that the individual does not have a relationship that would interfere with the director's exercise of independent judgment in carrying out his or her responsibilities. On an annual basis, each member of our Board is required to complete an independence questionnaire designed to provide information to assist the Board in determining whether the director is independent under NASDAQ rules and our corporate governance guidelines. Our Board has determined that each of our directors, other than Mr. Penn, is independent under the listing standards of the NASDAQ Global Select Market. The Board limits membership on the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to independent directors.

Committees of the Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors has established an Audit Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company held six board meetings, four Audit Committee meetings and one Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meeting. All directors attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and of the respective Committees on which they served. The Company requires each director to make a diligent effort to attend all Board and Committee meetings, and encourages directors to attend the Annual Meeting of stockholders.

Audit Committee

The members of the Audit Committee are Messrs. Bernstein, Brozost, Flug and Katz, each of whom is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act and The Nasdaq Global Market corporate governance regulations. Mr. Flug serves as chairman of the audit committee. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to an Audit Committee Charter approved by the Board of Directors. The charter sets forth the responsibilities of the Audit Committee, which include selecting or retaining each year an independent registered public accounting firm (the "auditors") to audit the accounts and records of the Company; reviewing and discussing with management and the auditors the annual audited financial statements of the Company, including disclosures made in management's discussion and analysis, and recommending to the Board of Directors whether the audited financial statements should be included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K; reviewing and discussing with management and the auditors the Company's quarterly financial statements prior to the filings of its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q; pre-approving the auditors' engagement to render audit and/or permissible non-audit services; and evaluating the qualifications, performance and independence of the auditors. The Audit Committee is also responsible for aiding our Board of Directors in fair value pricing of debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or for which current market values are not readily available. The Board of Directors and Audit Committee use the services of nationally recognized independent valuation firms to help them determine the fair value of these securities. The Company's Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Flug is our "Audit Committee financial expert" as that term is defined under Item 401 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). The Audit Committee Charter is available on the Company's website (<http://www.pennantpark.com>).

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Messrs. Bernstein, Brozost, Flug and Katz, each of whom is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act and the corporate governance regulations of The Nasdaq Global Market. Messrs. Bernstein and Brozost serve as co-chairmen of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for selecting, researching and nominating directors for election by our stockholders, selecting nominees to fill vacancies on the Board or a committee of the Board, developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles and overseeing the evaluation of the Board and our management. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has adopted a written Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter that is available on the Company's website (<http://www.pennantpark.com>).

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider stockholder recommendations for possible nominees for election as directors when such recommendations are submitted in accordance with the Company's bylaws, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter and any applicable law, rule or regulation regarding director nominations. Nominations should be sent to Thomas Friedmann, Secretary, c/o PennantPark Investment Corporation, 590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10022. When submitting a nomination to the Company for consideration, a stockholder must provide all information that would be required under applicable SEC rules to be disclosed in connection with election of a director, including the following minimum information for each director nominee: full name, age and address; principal occupation during the past five years; current directorships on publicly held companies and investment companies; number of shares of the Company's common stock owned, if any; and, a written consent of the individual to stand for election if nominated by the Board of Directors and to serve if elected by the stockholders.

Criteria considered by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in evaluating the qualifications of individuals for election as members of the Board of Directors include compliance with the independence and other applicable requirements of the NASDAQ Listing Standards and the 1940 Act, and all other applicable laws, rules, regulations and listing standards, the criteria, policies and principles set forth in the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter, and the ability to contribute to the effective management of the Company, taking into account the needs of the Company and such factors as the individual's experience, perspective, skills and knowledge of the industry in which the Company operates. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also may consider such other factors as it may deem are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Board of Directors also believes it is appropriate for a key member of the Company's management to participate as a member of the Board of Directors.

Compensation Committee

We do not have a compensation committee because our executive officers do not receive compensation from us.

Communication with the Board of Directors

Stockholders with questions about the Company are encouraged to contact PennantPark Investment Corporation's Investor Relations Department. However, if stockholders believe that their questions have not been addressed, they may communicate with the Company's Board of Directors by sending their communications to Thomas Friedmann, Secretary, c/o PennantPark Investment Corporation, 590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10022. All stockholder communications received in this manner will be delivered to one or more members of the Board of Directors.

Information about Executive Officers Who Are Not Directors

The following information, as of the Record Date, pertains to our executive officers who are not directors of the Company.

Name Address and Age⁽¹⁾	Position(s) held with Company	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years
Aviv Efrat (44)	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of PennantPark Investment Corporation since inception in 2007. Managing Director of PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC since inception in 2007. A Director at BlackRock, Inc. from 1997 to 2007 where he was responsible for a variety of administrative, operational, and financial aspects of closed-end and open-end registered investment companies.
Guy Talarico (51)	Chief Compliance Officer	Chief Compliance Officer of PennantPark Investment Corporation since May 2008. Mr. Talarico has served as Chief Compliance Officer for investment advisers, private funds and investment companies since 2004. From 2001 to 2004 Mr. Talarico was senior director at Investors Bank & Trust Company where he was servicing investment advisers, mutual funds and institutions. From 1986 to 2001 Mr. Talarico was a division executive with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A..

- (1) The business address of each executive officer is c/o PennantPark Investment Corporation, 590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics

We expect each of our officers and directors, as well as any person affiliated with our operations, to act in accordance with the highest standards of personal and professional integrity at all times, and to comply with the Company's policies and procedures and all laws, rules and regulations of any applicable international, federal, provincial, state or local government. To this effect, the Company has adopted a Code of Conduct, which is posted on the Company's website at <http://www.pennantpark.com>. The Code of Conduct applies to the Company's executive officers, directors and staff.

As required by the 1940 Act, we maintain a Joint Code of Ethics with PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC that establishes procedures that apply to our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer and the employees of PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC with respect to their personal investments and investment transactions. Our Joint Code of Ethics generally does not permit investments by our directors, officers or any other covered person in securities that may be purchased or held by us. We filed our Joint Code of Ethics as Exhibit 14.1 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on November 20, 2008, and you may access it via the Internet site of the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov> or our website at <http://www.pennantpark.com>. We intend to disclose any amendments to or waivers of required provisions of our Code of Conduct or the Joint Code of Ethics on Form 8-K.

Compensation of Directors and Executive Officers

The following table shows information regarding the compensation paid by us to our directors for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008. No compensation is paid by us to any interested director or executive officer.

Name	Aggregate compensation from the Company	Pension or retirement benefits accrued as part of our expense ⁽¹⁾	Total paid to director / officer
Independent Directors			
Adam K. Bernstein	131,250	None	131,250
Marshall Brozost	131,250	None	131,250
Jeffrey Flug	138,750	None	138,750
Samuel L. Katz	127,500	None	127,500
Interested Director			
Arthur H. Penn	None	None	None
Executive Officers			
Aviv Efrat ⁽²⁾	None	None	None
Guy Talarico	None	None	None

(1) We do not have a profit sharing or retirement plan, and directors do not receive any pension or retirement benefits from us.

(2) Mr. Efrat is an employee of PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC.

Compensation of Directors

Independent directors each receives an annual fee of \$75,000. The independent directors also receive \$2,500 plus reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending each board meeting and receive \$1,000 plus reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending each committee meeting (unless combined with a board meeting). In addition, the Chairman of the Audit Committee receives an annual fee of \$7,500 and each chairman/co-chairman of any other committee receives an annual fee of \$2,500 for their additional services in these capacities. Also, we have purchased directors' and officers' liability insurance on behalf of our directors and officers. Independent directors have the option to receive their directors' fees paid in shares of our common stock issued at a price per share equal to the greater of net asset value or the market price at the time of payment. No compensation is expected to be paid to directors who are interested persons.

Audit Committee Report⁽¹⁾

The following is the report of the Audit Committee with respect to the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the Company's audited financial statements with management and KPMG LLP (KPMG), the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, with and without management present. The Audit Committee included in its review results of KPMG's examinations, the Company's internal controls, and the quality of the Company's financial reporting. The Audit Committee also reviewed the Company's procedures and internal control processes designed to ensure full, fair and adequate financial reporting and disclosures, including procedures for certifications by the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer that are required in periodic reports filed by the Company with the SEC. The Audit Committee is satisfied that the Company's internal control system is adequate and that the Company employs appropriate accounting and auditing procedures.

The Audit Committee also has discussed with KPMG matters relating to KPMG's judgments about the quality, as well as the acceptability, of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting as required by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 114 (Auditor's Communication With Those Charged With Governance). In addition, the Audit Committee has discussed with KPMG their independence from management and the Company, as well as the matters in the written disclosures received from KPMG and required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independence Discussions with Audit Committees). The Audit Committee received a letter from KPMG confirming their independence and discussed it with them. The Audit Committee discussed and reviewed with KPMG the Company's critical accounting policies and practices, internal controls, other material written communications to management, and the scope of KPMG's audits and all fees paid to KPMG during the fiscal year. The Audit Committee adopted guidelines requiring review and pre-approval by the Audit Committee of audit and non-audit services performed by KPMG for the Company. The Audit Committee has reviewed and considered the compatibility of KPMG's performance of non-audit services with the maintenance of KPMG's independence as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

Based on the Audit Committee's review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors (and the Board has approved) that the Company's audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 for filing with the SEC. In addition, the Audit Committee has engaged KPMG to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and has directed that the selection of KPMG should be submitted to the Company's stockholders for ratification.

November 20, 2008

The Audit Committee

Jeffrey Flug, *Chair*

Adam K. Bernstein

Marshall Brozost

Samuel L. Katz

- (1) The material in this report is not soliciting material, is not deemed filed with the SEC, and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions

Transactions with Affiliated Persons

Our investment activities are managed by PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC (the Investment Adviser or PennantPark Investment Advisers) and supervised by our Board, a majority of whose directors are independent of our Investment Adviser and us. We have entered into an investment advisory and management agreement (the Investment Management Agreement) with PennantPark Investment Advisers. Under our Investment Management Agreement, we have agreed to pay our Investment Adviser an annual management fee based on our adjusted gross assets as well as an incentive fee based on our investment performance. Arthur H. Penn, our Chief Executive Officer, is the Managing Member of PennantPark Investment Advisers.

We have also entered into an administration agreement (the Administration Agreement) with PennantPark Investment Administration, LLC (the Administrator or PennantPark Investment Administration). Under the Administration Agreement, we have agreed to reimburse the Administrator for our allocable portion of overhead and other expenses incurred by the Administrator in performing its obligations under the Administration Agreement, including rent and our allocable portion of the costs of compensation and related expenses of our chief compliance officer, chief financial officer and their respective staffs. Aviv Efrat, our Chief Financial Officer, is the Managing Director of PennantPark Investment Administration.

PennantPark Investment Advisers has agreed to grant us a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the name PennantPark.

In addition, pursuant to the terms of the Administration Agreement, PennantPark Investment Administration provides us with the office facilities and administrative services necessary to conduct our day-to-day operations. PennantPark Investment Advisers is the sole member of and controls PennantPark Investment Administration.

The Audit Committee, in consultation with the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and legal counsel, has established a written policy to govern the review of potential related party transactions. The Audit committee conducts quarterly reviews of any potential related party transactions and during these reviews, it also considers any conflicts of interest brought to its attention pursuant to the Company's Code of Conduct or Joint Code of Ethics.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, the Company's directors and executive officers, and any persons holding more than 10% of its common stock, are required to report their beneficial ownership and any changes therein to the SEC and the Company. Specific due dates for those reports have been established, and the Company is required to report herein any failure to file such reports by those due dates. Based on the Company's review of Forms 3, 4 and 5 filed by such persons and information provided by the Company's directors and officers, the Company believes that during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to such persons were met in a timely manner with one exception. UBS Global Asset Management (Americas), Inc. has not timely filed Form 3 or Form 5 with respect to its acquisition of more than 10% of our stock on September 30, 2007.

PROPOSAL II: RATIFICATION OF

SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

KPMG LLP (KPMG) has been selected as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit the financial statements of the Company at and during the Company's fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. KPMG was selected by the Audit Committee of the Company and that selection was ratified by a majority of the Company's Board, including all of the independent directors, by a vote cast in person. The Company does not know of any direct or indirect financial interest of KPMG in the Company. Representative(s) of KPMG will attend the Annual Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will be available to answer questions.

Audit Fees: Audit fees consist of fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of our year-end financial statements and services that are normally provided by KPMG in connection with statutory and regulatory filings. Fees billed during the fiscal years ending September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 to the Company were \$357,269 and \$175,000, respectively.

Audit-Related Fees: Audit-related services consist of fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements and are not reported under Audit Fees. These services include attest services that are not required by statute or regulation and consultations concerning financial accounting and reporting standards. Fees billed during the fiscal years ending September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 to the Company were zero and \$50,000, respectively.

Tax Fees: Tax fees consist of fees billed for professional services for tax compliance. These services include assistance regarding federal, state, and local tax compliance. Tax fees billed to the Company during the fiscal years ending September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 were \$111,000 and \$89,000, respectively, which represented work related to our regulated investment company qualification and excise tax distribution requirements.

All Other Fees: Other fees would include fees billed for products and services other than the services reported above. Fees billed during fiscal years ending September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, were \$41,338 and zero, respectively.

The Audit Committee has established a pre-approval policy that describes the permitted audit, audit-related, tax and other services to be provided by KPMG, the Company's independent auditor. The policy requires that the Audit Committee pre-approve the audit and non-audit services performed by the independent auditor in order to assure that the provision of such service does not impair the auditor's independence.

Any requests for audit, audit-related, tax and other services that have not received general pre-approval must be submitted to the Audit Committee for specific pre-approval, and cannot commence until such approval has been granted. Normally, pre-approval is provided at regularly scheduled meetings of the Audit Committee. However, the Audit Committee may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members. The member or members to whom such authority is delegated shall report any pre-approval decisions to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. The Audit Committee does not delegate its responsibilities to pre-approve services performed by the independent auditor to management.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF KPMG LLP AS INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM TO THE COMPANY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Directors knows of no other business to be presented for action at the Meeting. If any matters do come before the Meeting on which action can properly be taken, it is intended that the proxies shall vote in accordance with their judgment.

SUBMISSION OF STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

The submission of a proposal does not guarantee its inclusion in the Company's proxy statement or presentation at the Meeting unless certain securities law requirements are met. The Company expects that the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held in February 2010, but the exact date, time, and location of such Meeting have yet to be determined. A stockholder who intends to present a proposal at our 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, including nomination of a director, must submit a notice of intention to bring a proposal at the Annual Meeting to the Company at its address in New York, New York in order for the proposal to be considered for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement for that Meeting. Such notices should be in writing and addressed to Thomas Friedmann, Secretary, c/o PennantPark Investment Corporation, 590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, New York 10022 and must be received by the Company on or after July 17, 2009 and on or before August 17, 2009 and in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Company's by-laws. The Company reserves the right to reject, rule out of order, or take other appropriate action with respect to any proposal that does not comply with these and other applicable requirements.

The Company's Audit Committee has established guidelines and procedures regarding the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters (collectively, "Accounting Matters"). Persons with complaints or concerns regarding Accounting Matters may submit their complaints to the Company's Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO"). Persons who are uncomfortable submitting complaints to the CCO, including complaints involving the CCO, may submit complaints directly to the Company's Audit Committee Chair. Complaints may be submitted on an anonymous basis.

The CCO may be contacted at:

Mr. Guy Talarico

PennantPark Investment Corporation

Chief Compliance Officer

590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor

New York, New York 10022

The Audit Committee Chair may be contacted at:

Mr. Jeffrey Flug

PennantPark Investment Corporation

Audit Committee Chair

590 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor

New York, New York 10022

You are cordially invited to attend our Annual Meeting of Stockholders in person. Whether or not you plan to attend the Meeting, you are requested to complete, date, sign and promptly return the accompanying proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or to vote by telephone or through the Internet.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Thomas Friedmann
Secretary

New York, New York

December 22, 2008

EVERY STOCKHOLDER S VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

VOTE THIS PROXY CARD TODAY!

PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT CORPORATION

590 MADISON AVENUE

15th FLOOR

NEW YORK, NY 10022

VOTE BY INTERNET - www.proxyvote.com

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.

DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT CORPORATION

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR proposals 1 & 2.
Vote on Directors**

For All	Withhold All	For All Except	To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark For All Except and write the number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below.
..	..	..	_____

1. To elect the following two persons (except as marked to the contrary) as Class II directors of PennantPark Investment Corporation, who will each serve for a term of three years or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Nominees:

- 01) Adam K. Bernstein
- 02) Jeffrey Flug

For Against Abstain

Vote on Proposal

2. To ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as PennantPark Investment Corporation s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. " " "

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3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

THIS PROXY IS REVOCABLE AND WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED, BUT IF NO INSTRUCTIONS ARE SPECIFIED, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH PROPOSAL LISTED.

If any other business is presented at the meeting, this proxy will be voted by the proxies in their discretion, including a motion to adjourn or postpone the meeting to another time and/or place for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies. At the present time, the Board of Directors knows of no other business to be presented at the meeting. THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT FROM THE COMPANY PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF THIS PROXY OF THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT, A NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND A PROXY STATEMENT.

For address changes and/or comments, please check this box and write " " them on the back where indicated.

Please indicate if you plan to attend this meeting. " "

Yes No

(NOTE: Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. All holders must sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. If a corporation, please sign in full corporate name by authorized officer. If a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.)

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]

Date

Signature (Joint Owners)

Date

**ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF
PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT
CORPORATION**

February 3, 2009

**Please date, sign and mail
your proxy card in the
envelope provided as soon
as possible.**

Important Notice Regarding Internet Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:

The Notice and Proxy Statement, Annual Report and Form 10-K are available at www.proxyvote.com.

À Please detach along perforated line and mail in the envelope provided. À

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**PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT
CORPORATION
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS to be held at**

The Omni Berkshire Place

21 East 52nd Street

New York, NY 10022

February 3, 2009

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The undersigned hereby appoints Marshall Brozost and Samuel L. Katz, or either one of them, and each with full power of substitution, to act as attorneys and proxies for the undersigned to vote all the shares of Common Stock of PennantPark Investment Corporation (the Company) which the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held at the Omni Berkshire Place, 21 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10022, on February 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Time, and at all adjournments thereof, as indicated on this proxy.

Address Changes/Comments: _____

(If you noted any Address Changes/Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.)

PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS PROXY PROMPTLY USING THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

(Continued and to be signed on the reverse side)