

StoneCastle Financial Corp. Reports Third Quarter 2020 Results

November 12, 2020

DENVER, Nov. 12, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- StoneCastle Financial Corp. (Nasdaq: BANX) ("StoneCastle Financial" or the "Company"), an investment company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), today announced results for the third fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2020.

Third Quarter 2020 Investment Highlights:

- Invested approximately \$23.7 million in three investments
- · Realized proceeds of \$45.9 million from the sale of two investments
- Realized proceeds from partial paydowns of \$3.9 million from five investments

A complete listing of investments as of the end of the quarter can be found on the Company's website at www.stonecastle-financial.com.

Subsequent to the end of the quarter, the Company invested \$13.7 million in two investments.

The estimated annualized yield generated by the invested portfolio as of September 30, 2020 (excluding cash and cash equivalents) was approximately 9.18%.

Third Quarter 2020 Financial Results

Net investment income was \$2,753,775 or \$0.42 per share, comprised of \$4,281,927 gross income and \$1,528,152 of expenses. Net Assets at quarter end were \$137,102,601. The Company's Net Asset Value was \$20.89 per share, up \$0.62 from the prior quarter.

In the third quarter, the Company paid a cash distribution of \$0.38 per share. The distribution was paid on September 30, 2020 to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 25, 2020.

The Company had \$10 million outstanding on its \$62.0 million credit facility at the quarter end, which represents approximately 7% of total assets. According to regulated investment company rules, the Company may borrow only up to 33.3% of its total assets.

Portfolio and Investment Summary

As of the close of business on September 30, 2020, the Company had total assets of \$149,864,407 consisting of total investments of \$146,967,849, cash and other assets of \$2,896,558.

During the quarter, the Company invested a total of \$23,691,493 in three bank-related investments. The Company invested a total of \$18,668,160 in two alternative capital securities, and \$5,023,333 in one community bank subordinated note. The Company received proceeds of \$45,920,472 from the sale of two investments, including Community Funding CLO, Ltd, Preferred Shares and received partial paydowns of \$3,930,454 from five investments.

Quarterly Conference Call

StoneCastle Financial will host a webcast and conference call on November 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm Eastern time.

The conference call can be accessed by dialing 1-877-407-9039 for domestic callers or 1-201-689-8470 for international callers. Participants may also access the call via live webcast by visiting StoneCastle Financial's investor relations website at <u>www.stonecastle-financial.com</u>. To listen to a live broadcast, go to the website at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time in order to register, download and install any necessary audio software. A replay will be available shortly after the call and be available through midnight (Eastern Time) on November 26, 2020. The replay can be accessed by dialing 1-844-512-2921 for domestic callers or 1-412-317-6671 for international callers. The passcode for the replay is 13712218. The archive of the webcast will be available on the Company's website for a limited time.

About StoneCastle Financial Corp.

StoneCastle Financial is an SEC registered non-diversified, closed-end management investment company listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "BANX." Its investment objective is to provide stockholders with current income and, to a lesser extent, capital appreciation. StoneCastle Financial is managed by StoneCastle-ArrowMark Asset Management, LLC. To learn more, visit <u>www.stonecastle-financial.com</u>.

Disclaimer and Risk Factors:

There is no assurance that StoneCastle Financial will achieve its investment objective. StoneCastle Financial is subject to numerous risks, including investment and market risks, management risk, income and interest rate risks, banking industry risks, preferred stock risk, convertible securities risk, debt securities risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, leverage risk, non-diversification risk, credit and counterparty risks, market at a discount from net asset value risk and market disruption risk. Shares of closed-end investment companies may trade above (a premium) or below (a discount) their net asset value. Shares of StoneCastle Financial may not be appropriate for all investors. Investors should review and consider carefully StoneCastle Financial's

investment objective, risks, charges and expenses. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

The Annual Report, Semi-Annual Report and other regulatory filings of the Company with the SEC are accessible on the SEC's website at <u>www.sec.gov</u> and on the Company's website at <u>www.stonecastle-financial.com</u>.

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STONECASTLE FINANCIAL CORP.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (unaudited)

	S	September 30, 2020	J	une 30, 2020
Assets				
Investments in securities, at fair value (cost: \$150,661,873 and \$176,329,751				
respectively)	\$	146,967,849	\$	165,755,271
Cash		545,156		271,693
Foreign cash (cost: \$209,344 and \$5,036,821 respectively)		209,228		5,036,962
Unrealized appreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		-		347
Interest and dividends receivable		1,498,511		2,333,443
Prepaid assets		643,663		586,535
Total assets	_	149,864,407		173,984,251
Liabilities				
Loan payable		10,000,000		33,000,000
Dividends payable		27,705		-
Payable for securities purchased		-		5,181,389
Options written, at value (premiums received \$1,801,080)		1,181,250		1,513,750
Investment advisory fee payable		654,515		750,435
Unrealized depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts		156,491		-
Loan interest payable		858		33,856
Directors fee payable		1,851		-
Accrued expenses payable		739,136		445,587
Total liabilities		12,761,806		40,925,017
Net Assets	\$	137,102,601	\$	133,059,234
Net Assets consist of:				
Common stock at par (\$0.001 per share)	\$	6,564	\$	6,564
Paid-in-Capital		144,961,221		144,961,221
Total distributable earnings / (loss)		(7,865,184)		(11,908,551)
Net Assets	\$	137,102,601	\$	133,059,234
Net Asset Value Per Share:				
Common Stock Shares Outstanding		6,563,892		6,563,892
Net asset value per common share	\$	20.89	\$	20.27
Market price per share	\$	19.41	\$	15.90
Market price discount to net asset value per share	_	-7.08%		-21.56%

	For The Three Months Ended September 30, 2020		For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2020	
Investment Income				
Interest	\$	3,346,806	\$	2,873,378
Dividends		830,671		1,008,211
Origination fee income		18,552		36,853
Other Income (service fees and due diligence fees)		85,898		99,530
Total Investment Income		4,281,927		4,017,972
Expenses				
Investment advisory fees		654,514		750,435
Interest expense		200,308		183,810
Directors' fees		117,621		101,156
Transfer agent, custodian fees and administrator fees		93,159		72,364
Bank administration fees		40,457		40,018
Professional fees		182,760		39,774
ABA marketing and licensing fees		37,845		37,431
Investor relations fees		41,204		30,866
Delaware franchise tax		22,943		22,693
Insurance expense		20,148		17,950
Valuation fees		40,152		14,987
Printing		17,670		14,511
Miscellaneous fees (proxy, rating agency, etc.)		59,371		29,512
Total expenses		1,528,152		1,355,507
Net Investment Income		2,753,775		2,662,465
Realized and Unrealized Gain / (Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency Transactions				
Net realized loss on investments		(2,745,166)		(327,535)
Net realized loss from forward foreign currency transactions		(674,739)		(208,064)
Net realized gain / (loss) from foreign currency transactions		144,713		(228,928)
Net change in net unrealized appreciation on investments		6,880,456		8,643,982
Net change in unrealized appreciation on written options		332,500		287,330
Net change in unrealized appreciation / (depreciation) on forward currency transactions		(156,838)		347
Net change in unrealized appreciation on foreign currency transactions		2,945		7,252
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, written options, forward foreign currency contracts and foreign currency transactions		3,783,871		8,174,384
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	\$	6,537,646	\$	10,836,849

STONECASTLE FINANCIAL CORP. Financial Highlights (unaudited)

> For The Three Months Ended September 30,

		2020
Per Share Operating Performance		
Net Asset Value, beginning of period	\$	20.27
Net investment income ⁽¹⁾		0.42
Net realized and unrealized gain / (loss) on investments		0.58
Total from investment operations		1.00
Less distributions to shareholders		
From net investment income		(0.38)
Total distributions		(0.38)
Net asset value, end of period	\$	20.89
Per share market value, end of period	<u>\$</u>	19.41
Total Investment Return ⁽²⁾		
Based on market value		24.62%
Based on net asset value		5.21%
Ratios and Supplemental Data		
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$	137.1
Ratios (as a percentage to average net assets):		
Expenses before waivers ^{(3)(4)*}		4.50%
Expenses after waivers ^{(5)*}		4.50%
Net investment income ^{(6)*}		8.11%
Portfolio turnover rate **		13.0%
Revolving Credit Agreement		
Total revolving credit agreement outstanding (000's)	\$	10,000
Asset coverage per \$1,000 for revolving credit agreement ⁽⁷⁾		14,710
(1) Based on the average shares outstanding during quarter.		
(2) Reflects reinvestment of distributions at the price obtained under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Total return does not include sales load and offering expenses and are not annualized.		
(3) Excluding interest expense, the ratio would have been 3.91%.		
(4) Ratio of expenses before waivers to average managed assets equals 3.75%.		
(5) Ratio of expenses after waivers to average managed assets equals 3.75%.		

(6) Ratio of net investment income to average managed assets equals 6.77%.

(7) Calculated by subtracting the Company's total liabilities (excluding the loan) from the Company's total assets and dividing the amount by the loan outstanding in 000's.

* Annualized

** Not-annualized



Source: StoneCastle Financial Corp.