

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM N-2
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1
Post-Effective Amendment No.**

FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

1603 Orrington Avenue, Suite 1005
Evanston, Illinois 60201
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(847) 859-3940
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Edward H. Ross
Chief Executive Officer
1603 Orrington Avenue, Suite 1005
Evanston, Illinois 60201
(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

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Approximate date of proposed public offering: From time to time after the effective date of the Registration Statement.

If any securities being registered on this form will be offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box.

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box):

when declared effective pursuant to section 8(c).

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Title of Securities Being Registered	Amount Being Registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price ⁽¹⁾	Amount of Registration Fee ⁽²⁾
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ⁽³⁾			
Preferred Stock ⁽³⁾			
Subscription Rights ⁽³⁾			
Debt Securities ⁽⁴⁾			
Warrants ⁽⁵⁾			
Total		\$300,000,000 ⁽⁶⁾	\$22,750

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. Pursuant to Rule 457(o) of the rules and regulations under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), which permits the registration fee to be calculated on the basis of the maximum offering price of all the securities listed, the table does not specify by each class information as to the amount to be registered, proposed maximum offering price per unit or proposed maximum aggregate offering price.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, the Registrant is carrying forward to this Registration Statement \$117,265,845 in aggregate offering price of unsold securities that the Registrant previously registered on its registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-202531) (the "Prior Registration Statement"), which was initially filed by the Registrant on March 5, 2015. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, the filing fee previously paid with respect to such unsold securities will continue to be applied to such unsold securities. The amount of the registration fee in the "Calculation of Registration Fee Under the Securities Act of 1933" table relates to the additional \$182,734,155 in aggregate offering price of securities being registered hereunder. As a result, a filing fee of \$22,750 is being paid herewith. If the Registrant sells any of such unsold securities pursuant to the Prior Registration Statement after the date of the initial filing and prior to the date of effectiveness of this Registration Statement, the Registrant will file a pre-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which will reduce the number of such unsold securities included on this Registration Statement. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, the offering of unsold securities under the Prior Registration Statement will be deemed terminated as of the date of effectiveness of this Registration Statement.
- (3) Subject to Note 6 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate principal amount of common stock, preferred stock, or subscription rights, from time to time.
- (4) Subject to Note 6 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate principal amount of debt securities as may be sold, from time to time. If any debt securities are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering price shall be in such greater principal amount as shall result in an aggregate price to investors not to exceed \$300,000,000.
- (5) Subject to Note 6 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate principal amount of warrants as may be sold, from time to time, representing rights to purchase common stock, preferred stock or debt securities.
- (6) In no event will the aggregate offering price of all securities issued from time to time pursuant to this Registration Statement exceed \$300,000,000.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 is solely to file certain exhibits to the Registration Statement as set forth in item 25(2) of Part C.

FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION
PART C
Other Information

Item 25. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(1) Financial Statements

The following financial statements of the Company are provided in Part A of this registration statement:

Audited Financial Statements

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, 2017 and 2016
Consolidated Statements of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets for the Years Ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015
Consolidated Schedules of Investments as of December 31, 2017 and 2016
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(2) Exhibits

- (a)(1) Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Registrant (Filed as Exhibit (a)(1) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172550) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (b)(1) Bylaws of the Registrant (Filed as Exhibit (b)(1) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172550) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (c) Not applicable
- (d)(1) Form of Stock Certificate of the Registrant (Filed as Exhibit (d) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172550) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (d)(2) Form of Subscription Certificate(1)
- (d)(3) Form of Subscription Agent Agreement(1)
- (d)(4) Form of Warrant Agreement(1)
- (d)(5) Form of Indenture (Filed as Exhibit (d)(5) to Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-202531) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2016 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (d)(6) Form of Note(1)
- (d)(7) Form of Preferred Stock Certificate(1)
- (d)(8) Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 (Filed as Exhibit (d)(8) to the Registrant's post-effective Amendment No. 4 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-202531) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 18, 2017 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (d)(9) First Supplemental Indenture dated as of February 2, 2018, between Fidus Investment Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, including the form of global note attached thereto (Filed as Exhibit (d)(9) to the Registrant's post-effective Amendment No. 9 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-202531) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 2, 2018 and incorporated herein by reference).

- (d)(10) Form of 5.875% Notes due 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(9) hereto and Exhibit A therein).
- (e) Dividend Reinvestment Plan (Filed as Exhibit (e) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-182785) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 27, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (f)(1) Debentures Guaranteed by the SBA (Filed as Exhibit (f)(1) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172550) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 26, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (f)(2) Agreement to Furnish Certain Instruments (Filed as Exhibit (f)(2) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172550) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 26, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (g)(1) Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Registrant and Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC (Filed as Exhibit (g) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172550) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (g)(2) First Amendment to Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Registrant and Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC (Filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's annual report on Form 10-K (File No. 333-172550), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 6, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (h)(1) Form of Underwriting Agreement for Equity (Filed as Exhibit (h) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172550) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (h)(2) Form of Underwriting Agreement for Debt(1)
- (h)(3) Underwriting Agreement dated January 30, 2018 by and among Fidus Investment Corporation, Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC and the Underwriters named therein (Filed as Exhibit (h)(6) to Post-Effective Amendment No. 9 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-202531) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 2, 2018 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (i) Not applicable
- (j) Custody Agreement (Filed as Exhibit (j) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172550) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 26, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (k)(1) Administration Agreement between Registrant and Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC (Filed as Exhibit (k)(1) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172550) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (k)(2) Trademark License Agreement between Registrant and Fidus Partners, LLC (Filed as Exhibit (k)(2) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172550) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 26, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (k)(3) Form of Indemnification Agreement by and between Registrant and each of its directors (Filed as Exhibit (k)(3) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 4 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-172550) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 10, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (k)(4) Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement, dated June 16, 2014, by and among the Registrant, the lenders party thereto and ING Capital LLC as Administrative Agent filed as exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 20, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.

- (k)(5) Amendment No. 1, dated December 19, 2014, to the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement dated June 16, 2014, by and among the Registrant, the lenders party thereto and ING Capital LLC as Administrative Agent filed as exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 22, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (k)(6) Amendment No. 2, dated December 29, 2017, to the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Agreement dated June 16, 2014, by and among the Registrant, the lenders party thereto and ING Capital LLC as Administrative Agent filed as exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's current report on Form 8-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on January 2, 2018 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (l)(1) Opinion and Consent of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP(2)
- (m) Not applicable
- (n)(1) Consent of RSM US LLP(2)
- (n)(2) Report of RSM US LLP regarding the senior security table contained herein (Filed as Exhibit (I) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-202531) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (o) Not applicable
- (p) Not applicable
- (q) Not applicable
- (r)(1) Joint Code of Ethics of Registrant, Fidus Mezzanine Capital, L.P. and Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC (filed as Exhibit (r)(1) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-182785) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 20, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
- (r)(2) Code of Ethics of Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC (Filed as Exhibit (r)(2) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-182785) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 20, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 99.1 Form of Preliminary Prospectus Supplement for Notes offering (Filed as Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Pre-effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-182785) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 20, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 99.2 Statement of Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges (Filed as Exhibit (I) to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-202531) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).

(1) To be filed by subsequent amendment.

(2) Filed herewith.

Item 26. Marketing Arrangements

The information contained under the heading "Plan of Distribution" on this registration statement is incorporated herein by reference and any information concerning any underwriters will be contained in the accompanying prospectus supplement, if any.

Item 27. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee	\$ 22,750
FINRA filing fee	27,910
Nasdaq Global Select Market listing fees	175,000 ⁽¹⁾
Printing expenses	60,000 ⁽¹⁾
Legal fees and expenses	75,000 ⁽¹⁾
Accounting fees and expenses	75,000 ⁽¹⁾
Miscellaneous	50,000 ⁽¹⁾
Total	<u>\$485,660</u> ⁽¹⁾

(1) These amounts are estimates.

All of the expenses set forth above shall be borne by the Company.

Item 28. Persons Controlled by or Under Common Control

The following is a list of our wholly-owned subsidiaries and the jurisdiction in which each subsidiary was organized:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>
BBRSS Blocker Corp	Delaware
FCCG Equity Corp.	Delaware
FCIHA, Inc.	Delaware
FCMGI, Inc.	Delaware
FCMH Equity Corp.	Delaware
Fidus Investment GP, LLC	Delaware
Fidus Mezzanine Capital, L.P.	Delaware
Fidus Mezzanine Capital II, L.P.	Delaware
Fidus Mezzanine Capital III, L.P.	Delaware
Fidus Investment Holdings, Inc.	Delaware

Item 29. Number of Holders of Securities

The following table sets forth the approximate number of record holders of our common stock as of April 27, 2018.

<u>Title of Class</u>	<u>Number of Record Holders</u>
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	18

Item 30. Indemnification

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action. Our charter contains such a provision that eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act.

Our charter authorizes us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while a director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee, from and against any claim or liability to which such person may become subject or which such person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity.

Our bylaws obligate us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while a director or officer and at our request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in any such capacity from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity. Our bylaws also provide that, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, with the approval of our board of directors and provided that certain conditions described in our bylaws are met, we may pay certain expenses incurred by any such indemnified person in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such indemnified person to repay amounts we have so paid if it is ultimately determined that indemnification of such expenses is not authorized under our bylaws.

Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provide otherwise, which our charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification, and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of (a) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (b) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

We have obtained primary and excess insurance policies insuring our directors and officers against some liabilities they may incur in their capacity as directors and officers. Under such policies, the insurer, on our behalf, may also pay amounts for which we have granted indemnification to our directors or officers.

The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC and its and its affiliates' officers, directors, members, managers, stockholders and employees are entitled to indemnification from us for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC's services under the Investment Advisory Agreement.

The Administration Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC and its and its affiliates' officers, directors, members, managers, stockholders and employees are entitled to indemnification from us for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC's services under the Administration Agreement or otherwise as our administrator.

Insofar as indemnification for liability arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by us of

expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of ours in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of our counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by us is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

Item 31. Business and Other Connections of Investment Advisor.

A description of any other business, profession, vocation or employment of a substantial nature in which Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC, and each managing director, director or executive officer of Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC, is or has been during the past two fiscal years, engaged in for his or her own account or in the capacity of director, officer, employee, partner or trustee, is set forth in Part A of this registration statement in the section entitled "Management." Additional information regarding the Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC and its officers and directors is set forth in its Form ADV, as filed with the SEC (File No. 801-72285), and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 32. Location of Accounts and Records.

All accounts, books and other documents required to be maintained by Section 31(a) of the 1940 Act, and the rules thereunder are maintained at the offices of:

- (1) Fidus Investment Corporation, 1603 Orrington Avenue, Suite 1005, Evanston, Illinois 60201;
- (2) the Transfer Agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, 59 Maiden Lane, Plaza Level, New York, New York 10038;
- (3) the Custodian, U.S. Bank National Association, Corporate Trust Services, One Federal Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110; and
- (4) Fidus Investment Advisors, LLC, 1603 Orrington Avenue, Suite 1005, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

Item 33. Management Services

Not Applicable.

Item 34. Undertakings

- (1) We undertake to suspend the offering of shares until the prospectus is amended if (a) subsequent to the effective date of its registration statement, the net asset value declines more than 10.0% from its net asset value as of the effective date of the registration statement; or (b) the net asset value increases to an amount greater than the net proceeds as stated in the prospectus.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) In the event that the securities being registered are to be offered to existing shareholders pursuant to warrants or rights, and any securities not taken by shareholders are to be reoffered to the public, we undertake to supplement the prospectus, after the expiration of the subscription period, to set forth the results of the subscription offer, the transactions by underwriters during the subscription period, the amount of unsubscribed securities to be purchased by underwriters, and the terms of any subsequent reoffering thereof; and further, if any public offering by the underwriters of the securities being registered is to be made on terms differing materially from those set forth on the cover page of the prospectus, we undertake to file a post-effective amendment to set forth the terms of such offering.

- (4) We hereby undertake:
- (a) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - a. to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
 - b. to reflect in the prospectus or prospectus supplement any facts or events after the effective date of this registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this registration statement; and
 - c. to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this registration statement or any material change to such information in this registration statement.
 - (b) for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, that each such post-effective amendment to this registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of those securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 - (c) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
 - (d) for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser, that if we are subject to Rule 430C under the Securities Act, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 497(b), (c), (d) or (e) under the Securities Act as part of this registration statement relating to an offering, other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A under the Securities Act, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus or prospectus supplement that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.
 - (e) for the purpose of determining liability of the Company under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of securities, in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell such securities to the purchaser, that if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, we will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to the purchaser:
 - a. any preliminary prospectus or prospectus or prospectus supplement of us relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act;
 - b. the portion of any advertisement pursuant to Rule 482 under the Securities Act relating to the offering containing material information about us or our securities provided by or on behalf of us; and
 - c. any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by us to the purchaser.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) Not applicable.

- (7) We undertake to file a post-effective amendment to the registration statement pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with any rights offering off of the registration statement.
- (8) We hereby undertake to file a post-effective amendment containing a prospectus pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Securities Act prior to any offering of shares of our common stock below net asset value (“NAV”) if the cumulative dilution to our NAV per share, together with the cumulative dilution to our NAV per share of any prior offerings made pursuant to this registration statement (the “current registration statement”), exceeds fifteen percent (15%). If we file a new post-effective amendment to the current registration statement pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Securities Act, the threshold would reset.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, and/or the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form N-2 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Evanston, Illinois, on the 1st day of May, 2018.

FIDUS INVESTMENT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Edward H. Ross

Name: Edward H. Ross

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ EDWARD H. ROSS</u> Edward H. Ross	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	May 1, 2018
<u>*</u> Thomas C. Lauer	President and Director	May 1, 2018
<u>/s/ SHELBY E. SHERARD</u> Shelby E. Sherard	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	May 1, 2018
<u>*</u> Raymond L. Anstiss	Director	May 1, 2018
<u>*</u> Charles D. Hyman	Director	May 1, 2018
<u>*</u> John A. Mazzarino	Director	May 1, 2018

* Signed by Edward H. Ross pursuant to a power of attorney signed by each individual and filed with the Registration Statement on March 3, 2016.

May 1, 2018

Fidus Investment Corporation
1603 Orrington Avenue, Suite 1005
Evanston, Illinois 60201Re: Registration Statement on Form N-2

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Fidus Investment Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the “**Company**”), in connection with the preparation and filing by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”) of a Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement on Form N-2 on March 1, 2018 (File No. 333-223350) (as amended from time to time, the “**Registration Statement**”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), with respect to the offer, issuance and sale from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of up to \$300,000,000 in aggregate of the following securities:

- (i) shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “**Common Stock**”);
- (ii) shares of the Company’s preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“**Preferred Shares**” and, together with the Common Stock, the “**Shares**”);
- (iii) debt securities of the Company (“**Debt Securities**”);
- (iv) warrants representing rights to purchase Common Stock, Preferred Stock or Debt Securities (“**Warrants**”); and
- (v) subscription rights to purchase Common Stock (the “**Rights**,” and together with the Common Stock, the Preferred Stock, the Debt Securities and the Warrants, the “**Securities**”).

The Registration Statement provides that the Securities may be issued from time to time in amounts, at prices, and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements to the final prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time it becomes effective.

The Debt Securities are to be issued under an indenture (the “**Indenture**”) entered into by and between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association as trustee (the “**Trustee**”). The Warrants will be issued under one or more warrant agreements to be entered into by and between the Company and the purchasers thereof or a warrant agent to be identified in the applicable agreement (each a “**Warrant Agreement**”). The Rights are to be issued from time to time pursuant to one or more subscription rights agreements to be entered into by and between the Company and the purchasers thereof or a rights agent to be identified in the applicable agreement (each a “**Rights Agreement**”).

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As counsel to the Company, we have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement and have examined the originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction as being true copies of such records, documents or other instruments as we in our judgment have deemed to be necessary or appropriate to enable us to render the opinions hereinafter expressed, including, without limitation, the following:

- (i) The Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company, certified as of a recent date by an officer of the Company (the “**Charter**”);
- (ii) The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company (the “**Bylaws**”);
- (iii) The Indenture filed as Exhibit (d)(5) to the Registration Statement, initially filed with the SEC on April 29, 2016 and incorporated by reference therein;
- (iv) A certificate of Good Standing with respect to the Company issued by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland (the “**SDAT**”) as of a recent date (the “**Certificate of Good Standing**”); and
- (v) The resolutions of the board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) relating to, among other things, (a) the authorization and approval of the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement and (b) the authorization of the issuance, offer and sale of the Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company (collectively, the “**Resolutions**”)

With respect to such examination and our opinions expressed herein, we have assumed, without any independent investigation or verification, (i) the genuineness of all signatures on all documents submitted to us for examination, (ii) the legal capacity of all natural persons, (iii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, (iv) the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as conformed or reproduced copies and the authenticity of the originals of such copied documents, and (v) that all certificates issued by public officials have been properly issued. We also have assumed (i) without independent investigation or verification the accuracy and completeness of all corporate records made available to us by the Company, (ii) that the Warrant Agreements and the Rights Agreements will be governed by the laws of the state of New York, and (iii) that the Indenture, the Warrant Agreements and the Rights Agreement will be valid and legally binding obligations of the parties thereto (other than the Company).

1. Assuming that (i) the issuance, offer and sale of the Shares from time to time and the final terms and conditions of such issuance, offer and sale, including those relating to the price and amount of the Shares to be issued, offered and sold, have been duly authorized and determined or otherwise established by proper action of the Board in accordance with the MGCL, the Charter, the Bylaws and the Resolutions, (ii) the Shares have been delivered to, and the agreed consideration has been fully paid at the time of such delivery by, the purchasers thereof, (iii) upon issuance of the Shares, the total number of shares of Common Stock, in the case that the Shares so issued are Common Stock, or Preferred Stock, in the case that the Shares so issued are Preferred Stock, issued and outstanding does not exceed the total number of shares of Common Stock, in the case that the Shares so issued are Common Stock, or Preferred Stock, in the case that the Shares so issued are Preferred Stock, that the Company is then authorized to issue under the Charter, (iv) the Certificate of Good Standing remains accurate, (v) in the case of shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock issuable upon the exercise of the Warrants or shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of the Rights, the assumptions stated in paragraphs numbered (3) and (4) below are true and correct and (vi) prior to the issuance of a series of Preferred Stock, an appropriate certificate of designation or board resolution relating to such series of Preferred Stock will have been duly authorized by the Company and filed with and accepted for record by the SDAT of the State of Maryland, the Shares will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
2. Assuming that (i) the Indenture relating to the Debt Securities has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each of the Company and the Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, (ii) the issuance, offer and sale of the Debt Securities from time

to time and the final terms and conditions of the Debt Securities to be so issued, offered and sold, including those relating to price and amount of Debt Securities to be issued, offered and sold, (a) have been duly authorized and determined or otherwise established by proper action of the Board in accordance with the Charter and Bylaws, (b) are consistent with the terms thereof in the Indenture, (c) do not violate any applicable law, (d) do not violate or result in a default under or breach of any agreement, instrument or other document binding upon the Company, and (e) comply with all requirements or restrictions imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company, and (iii) the Debt Securities have been (a) duly executed and delivered by the Company and duly authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the Indenture and (b) delivered to, and the agreed consideration therefor has been fully paid at the time of such delivery by, the purchasers thereof, (iv) the Debt Securities do not include any provision that is unenforceable against the Company; (v) at the time of issuance of the Debt Securities, after giving effect to such issuance of the Debt Securities, the Company will be in compliance with Section 18(a)(1)(A) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, giving effect to Section 61(a)(1) thereof, the Debt Securities will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company.

3. Assuming that (i) the Warrant Agreements relating to the Warrants have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the parties thereto, and that no terms included therein would affect the validity of the opinion expressed in this paragraph numbered (3), (ii) the issuance, offer and sale of Warrants from time to time and the final terms and conditions of the Warrants to be so issued, offered and sold, including those relating to price and amount of Warrants to be issued, offered and sold, (a) have been duly authorized and determined or otherwise established by proper action of the Board in accordance with the Charter and Bylaws, (b) are consistent with the terms thereof in the applicable Warrant Agreement, (c) do not violate any applicable law, (d) do not violate or result in a default under or breach of any agreement, instrument or other document binding upon the Company, and (e) comply with all requirements or restrictions imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company and (iii) the Warrants have been (a) duly executed and delivered by the Company and duly countersigned in accordance with the applicable Warrant Agreement, and (b) delivered to, and the agreed consideration therefor has been fully paid at the time of such delivery by, the purchasers thereof as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Warrants will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company.
4. Assuming that (i) the Rights Agreements relating to the Rights have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the parties thereof, and that no terms included therein would affect the validity of the opinion expressed in this paragraph numbered (4), (ii) the issuance, offer and sale of Rights from time to time and the final terms and conditions of the Rights to be so issued, offered and sold, including those relating to price and amount of Rights to be issued, offered and sold, (a) have been duly authorized and determined or otherwise established by proper action of the Board in accordance with the Charter and Bylaws, (b) are consistent with the terms thereof in the applicable Rights Agreement, (c) do not violate any applicable law, (d) do not violate or result in a default under or breach of any agreement, instrument or other document binding upon the Company, and (e) comply with all requirements or restrictions imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company and (iii) the Rights have been (a) duly executed and delivered by the Company and duly countersigned in accordance with the applicable Rights Agreement, and (b) delivered to, and the agreed consideration therefor has been fully paid at the time of such delivery by, the purchasers thereof as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Rights will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company.

The opinions expressed in this opinion letter (i) are strictly limited to the matters stated in this opinion letter, and without limiting the foregoing, no other opinions are to be implied and (ii) are only as of the date of this opinion letter, and we are under no obligation, and do not undertake,

to advise the addressee of this opinion letter or any other person or entity either of any change of law or fact that occurs, or of any fact that comes to our attention, after the date of this opinion letter, even though such change or such fact may affect the legal analysis or a legal conclusion in this opinion letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm in the "Legal Matters" section in the Registration Statement. We do not admit by giving this consent that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ EVERSHEDES SUTHERLAND (US) LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the use in this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on (No. 333-223350) Form N-2 of Fidus Investment Corporation and Subsidiaries (collectively, the Company) of our reports dated March 1, 2018, relating to our audits of the consolidated financial statements, the senior securities table and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of the Company appearing in the Registration Statement.

We also consent to the reference to our firm under the headings “Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm”, “Senior Securities”, and “Selected Consolidated Financial Data” in such Registration Statement.

/s/ RSM US LLP

Chicago, Illinois

May 1, 2018