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Issuer:	Hercules Capital, Inc. ["HTGC"]
Expected Ratings (Moody's/Kroll):	Baa3 / BBB+ (Stable / Stable) *
Format:	SEC Registered
Ranking:	Senior Unsecured Notes
Total Size:	\$350mm
Coupon Type:	Fixed, Semi-Annual
Tenor:	5yr FXD
Maturity:	January 20, 2027
Launch Spread:	T+200
Optional Redemption:	Make Whole Call
Par Call:	1mo Prior to Maturity
Change of Control:	100%
Use of Proceeds:	(I) to repay the 2022 Convertible Notes, (II) to fund investments in debt and equity securities in accordance with the Company's investment objective, and (III) for other general corporate purposes.
ISIN:	US427096AJ17
CUSIP:	427096 AJ1
Active Bookrunners:	GS (B&D) / RBC / SMBC
Co-Managers:	HSBC/Zions Capital Markets
Denominations:	\$2,000 x \$1,000
Sales into Canada:	No
Settlement:	T+3 (January 20, 2022)
Timing:	Books subject, allocations and pricing shortly

Investors are advised to carefully consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of Hercules Capital, Inc. before investing. A preliminary prospectus supplement dated January 14, 2022, together with an accompanying prospectus dated December 17, 2021, have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which contain this and other information about Hercules Capital, Inc. and should be read carefully before investing. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling toll-free 1-866-471-2526.

The information in the preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and in this announcement, is not complete and may be changed. The preliminary prospectus

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