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Form 40-17F2  
December 03, 2002

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-17f-2

Certificate of Accounting of Securities and Similar Investments in the Custody  
of Management Investment Companies

Pursuant to Rule 17f-2 [17 CFR 270.17f-2]

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1. Investment Company Act File Number: 814-00237 Date examination completed: September 26, 2002  
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2. State Identification Number:

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| AL | AK | AZ | AR          | CA | CO |
| CT | DE | DC | FL          | GA | HI |
| ID | IL | IN | IA          | KS | KY |
| LA | ME | MD | MA          | MI | MN |
| MS | MO | MT | NE          | NV | NH |
| NJ | NM | NY | NC          | ND | OH |
| OK | OR | PA | RI          | SC | SD |
| TN | TX | UT | VT          | VA | WA |
| WV | WI | WY | PUERTO RICO |    |    |

Other (specify):

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3. Exact name of investment company as specified in registration statement:  
Gladstone Capital Corporation  
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4. Address of principal executive office:(number, street, city, state, zip code)  
1616 Anderson Road, Suite 208, McLean, Virginia 22102  
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INSTRUCTIONS

This Form must be completed by the investment companies that have custody of securities or similar investments.

Investment Company

1. All items must be completed by the investment company.
2. Give this Form to the independent public accountant who, in compliance with Rule 17f-2 under the Act and applicable state law, examines securities and similar investments in the custody of the investment company.

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Accountant

3. Submit this Form to the Securities and Exchange Commission and appropriate state securities administrators when filing the certificate of accounting required by Rule 17f-2 under the Act and applicable state law. File the original and one copy with the Securities and Exchange Commission's principal office in Washington, D.C., one copy with the regional office for the region in which the investment company's principal business operations are conducted, and one copy with the appropriate state administrator(s), if applicable.

THIS FORM MUST BE GIVEN TO YOUR INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Directors  
Gladstone Capital Corporation

We have examined management's assertion, included in the accompanying "Report of Management on Compliance with Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940," that Gladstone Capital Corporation (the "Company") complied with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") as of September 26, 2002 with respect to securities and similar investments reflected in the investment account of the Company. Management is responsible for the Company's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the Company's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Company's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Included among our procedures were the following tests performed as of September 26, 2002, and with respect to agreement of security and similar investments purchases and sales, for the period from August 15, 2002 (the date of our last examination), through September 26, 2002:

- o Count and inspection of all securities located in the vault of Wachovia Bank, N.A. (the "Custodian") at 740 15th Street, Washington, D.C. without prior notice to management.
- o Reconciliation of all such securities to the books and records of the Company and the Custodian.
- o Agreement of a sample of security purchases and a sample of security sales or maturities during the period from August 15, 2002 through September 26, 2002 from the books and records of the Company to broker confirmations.

We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Company's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, management's assertion that Gladstone Capital Corporation complied with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as of September 26, 2002, with respect to securities reflected in the investment account of the Company is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Directors of Gladstone Capital Corporation and the Securities and

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Exchange Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP  
September 26, 2002

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 17f-2 OF THE  
INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

September 26, 2002

Ernst & Young, LLP  
8484 Westpark Drive  
McLean, VA 22102

To Whom it May Concern:

We, as members of management of Gladstone Capital Corporation (the Company), are responsible for complying with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2, "Custody of Investments by Registered Management Investment Companies," of the Investment Company Act of 1940. We also are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with those requirements. We have performed an evaluation of the Company's compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 as of September 26, 2002, and from August 15, 2002 through September 26, 2002.

Based on this evaluation, we assert that the Company was in compliance with the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of Rule 17f-2 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as of September 26, 2002, and from August 15, 2002 through September 26, 2002, with respect to securities and similar investments reflected in the investment account of the Company.

Gladstone Capital Corporation

By:

/s/ DAVID GLADSTONE

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David Gladstone  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ TERRY BRUBAKER

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Terry Brubaker  
President and Director

/s/ HARRY BRILL

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Harry Brill  
Chief Financial Officer