

**CALAMOS® CONVERTIBLE OPPORTUNITIES AND INCOME FUND  
(THE “FUND”)**

**Supplement dated August 15, 2019 to the  
Statement of Additional Information dated March 1, 2019**

Effective August 15, 2019, Thomas E. Herman is a Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Dave Vanisko is a Treasurer of the Fund. Accordingly, the Statement of Additional Information is hereby amended to include the following information about the new officers and to delete information pertaining to Curtis Holloway:

*The “Officers” section on beginning page S-27 of the Statement of Additional Information is hereby amended as follows:*

Name and Year of Birth	Position(s) with Trust	Principal Occupation(s)
Thomas E. Herman (1961)	Vice President (since 2016) and Chief Financial Officer (2016-2017 and since August 2019)	Chief Financial Officer, CAM, CILLC, Calamos, and CWM (since 2016); prior thereto Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Harris Associates (2010-2016)
Dave Vanisko (1968)	Treasurer (since August 2019)	Head of Fund Administration (since August 2019), Calamos; prior thereto Assistant Controller (2003-August 2019)

*The sixth paragraph in the “Investment Adviser and Investment Management Agreement” section on page S-35 of the Statement of Additional Information is deleted and replaced with the following paragraph:*

Calamos is a wholly owned subsidiary of Calamos Investments LLC (“CILLC”). Calamos Asset Management, Inc. (“CAM”) is the sole manager of CILLC and a wholly owned subsidiary of Calamos Partners LLC (“CPL”). As of January 31, 2019, approximately 22% of the outstanding interests of CILLC was owned by CAM and the remaining approximately 78% of CILLC was owned by CPL. CPL was owned by Calamos Family Partners, Inc. (“CFP”), John P. Calamos, Sr., and John S. Koudounis. CFP was owned by members of the Calamos family, including John P. Calamos, Sr. In addition, Mr. Koudounis has the option to purchase a controlling interest in CPL upon the death or permanent disability of John P. Calamos, Sr., provided Mr. Koudounis is then serving as Chief Executive Officer of CAM and CILLC. John P. Calamos, Sr. is an affiliated person of the Fund and Calamos by virtue of his position as Chairman, Trustee and President of the Fund and Chairman and Global Chief Investment Officer (“Global CIO”) of Calamos. John S. Koudounis, Robert F. Behan, Thomas E. Herman, J. Christopher Jackson and Dave Vanisko are affiliated persons of the Fund and Calamos by virtue of their positions as Vice President; Vice President; Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Vice President and Secretary; and Treasurer; of the Fund; respectively, and as Chief Executive Officer; President and Head of Global Distribution; Chief Financial Officer; Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary; and Head of Fund Administration of Calamos, respectively.

Effective July 10, 2019, the section titled “Trustees Who Are Not Interested Persons of the Fund” beginning on page S-25 of the Statement of Additional Information is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

NAME AND YEAR OF BIRTH	POSITION(S) WITH FUND	PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX <sup>^</sup> OVERSEEN	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS AND OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS
John E. Neal (1950)	Trustee (since 2001); Lead Independent Trustee (since July 2019) Term Expires 2021	26	Retired; private investor; Director, Equity Residential Trust (publicly-owned REIT); Director, Creation Investments (private international microfinance company); Director, Centrust Bank (Northbrook, Illinois community bank); Director, Neuro-ID (private company providing prescriptive analytics for the risk industry); Partner, Linden LLC (health care private equity) (until 2018)
William R. Rybak (1951)	Trustee (since 2002) Term Expires 2020	26	Private investor; Chairman (since 2016) and Director (since 2010), Christian Brothers Investment Services Inc.; Trustee, JNL Series Trust, JNL Investors Series Trust, and JNL Variable Fund LLC (since 2007) and Jackson Variable Series Trust (since 2018), JNL Strategic Income Fund LLC (2007-2018), (open-end mutual funds)**; Trustee, Lewis University (since 2012); formerly Director, Private Bancorp (2003-2017); Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Van Kampen Investments, Inc. and subsidiaries (investment manager)
Stephen B. Timbers (1944)	Trustee (since 2004); Lead Independent Trustee (2005-July 2019) Term Expires 2022	26	Private investor
David D. Tripple (1944)	Trustee (since 2006) Term Expires 2021	26	Private investor; Trustee, Century Capital Management Trust (open-end mutual funds) (2004-2018)***
Virginia G. Breen (1964)	Trustee (since 2015) Term Expires 2022	26	Private Investor; Director, Paylocity Holding Corporation (since 2018); Trustee, Neuberger Berman Private Equity Registered Funds (registered private equity funds) (since 2015)****; Trustee, Jones Lang LaSalle Income Property Trust, Inc. (REIT) (since 2004); Director, UBS A&Q Fund Complex (closed-end funds) (since 2008)*****; Director, Bank of America/US Trust Company (until 2015); Director of Modus Link Global Solutions, Inc. (until 2013)

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Lloyd A. Wennlund (1957)	Trustee (since 2018) Term Expires 2022	26	Expert Affiliate, Bates Group, LLC (financial services consulting and expert testimony firm) (since 2018); Executive Vice President, The Northern Trust Company (1989-2017); President and Business Unit Head of Northern Funds and Northern Institutional Funds (1994-2017); Director, Northern Trust Investments (1998-2017); Governor (2004-2017) and Executive Committee member (2011-2017), Investment Company Institute Board of Governors; Member, Securities Industry Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Advisory Council, Private Client Services Committee and Private Client Steering Group (2006-2017); Board Member, Chicago Advisory Board of the Salvation Army (since 2011)

\* Mr. Calamos is an “interested person” of the Trust as defined in the 1940 Act because he is an officer of the Trust and an affiliate of Calamos and CFS.

\*\* Overseeing 161 portfolios in fund complex.

\*\*\* Overseeing two portfolios in fund complex.

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<sup>^</sup> The Fund Complex consists of Calamos Investment Trust, Calamos Advisors Trust, Calamos Convertible Opportunities and Income Fund, Calamos Convertible and High Income Fund, Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund, Calamos Global Total Return Fund, Calamos Global Dynamic Income Fund and Calamos Dynamic Convertible and Income Fund.

*Effective July 9, 2019, the last paragraph in the section titled “Officers” on page S-28 of the Statement of Additional Information is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:*

The Fund’s Board of Trustees consists of seven members. In accordance with the Fund’s Agreement and Declaration of Trust, the Board of Trustees is divided into three classes of approximately equal size. The terms of the trustees of the different classes are staggered. The terms of John P. Calamos, Sr. and William R. Rybak will expire at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2020. The terms of John E. Neal and David D. Tripple will expire at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2021. The terms of Virginia G. Breen, Stephen B. Timbers and Lloyd A. Wennlund will expire at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2022. Such classification of the Trustees may prevent the replacement of a majority of the Trustees for up to a two year period. Each of the Fund’s officers serves until his or her successor is chosen and qualified or until his or her resignation or removal by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Rybak and Ms. Breen are the Trustees who represent the holders of preferred shares of the Fund.

*Effective July 10, 2019, the section titled “Committees of the Board of Trustees” beginning on page S-28 of the Statement of Additional Information is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:*

*Committees of the Board of Trustees.* The Fund’s Board of Trustees currently has five standing committees:

**Executive Committee.** Messrs. John Calamos and John E. Neal are members of the Executive Committee, which has authority during intervals between meetings of the Board of Trustees to exercise the powers of the Board, with certain exceptions.

Audit Committee. Messrs. Stephen B. Timbers, John E. Neal, William R. Rybak (Chair), David D. Tripple and Lloyd A. Wennlund and Ms. Virginia G. Breen, each a non-interested Trustee, serve on the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee approves the selection of the independent auditors to the Trustees, approves services to be rendered by the auditors, monitors the auditors' performance, reviews the results of the Fund's audit, determines whether to recommend to the Board that the Fund's audited financial statements be included in the Fund's annual report and responds to other matters deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees.

Governance Committee. Stephen B. Timbers, John E. Neal, William R. Rybak, Virginia G. Breen (Chair), David D. Tripple and Lloyd A. Wennlund, each a non-interested Trustee, serve on the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee oversees the independence and effective functioning of the Board of Trustees and endeavors to be informed about good practices for fund boards. The members of the Governance Committee make recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding candidates for election as non-interested Trustees. The Governance Committee will consider shareholder recommendations regarding potential candidates for nomination as Trustees properly submitted to the Governance Committee for its consideration. A Fund shareholder who wishes to nominate a candidate to the Fund's Board of Trustees must submit any such recommendation in writing via regular mail to the attention of the Fund's Secretary, at the address of the Fund's principal executive offices. The shareholder recommendation must include:

- the number and class of all Fund shares owned beneficially and of record by the nominating shareholder at the time the recommendation is submitted and the dates on which such shares were acquired, specifying the number of shares owned beneficially;
- a full listing of the proposed candidate's education, experience (including knowledge of the investment company industry, experience as a director or senior officer of public or private companies, and directorships on other boards of other registered investment companies), current employment, date of birth, business and residence address, and the names and addresses of at least three professional references;
- information as to whether the candidate is, has been or may be an "interested person" (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund, Calamos or any of its affiliates, and, if believed not to be or have been an "interested person," information regarding the candidate that will be sufficient for the Committee to make such determination;
- the written and signed consent of the candidate to be named as a nominee and to serve as a Trustee of the Fund, if elected;
- a description of all arrangements or understandings between the nominating shareholder, the candidate and/or any other person or persons (including their names) pursuant to which the shareholder recommendation is being made, and if none, so specify;
- the class or series and number of all shares of the Fund owned of record or beneficially by the candidate, as reported by the candidate; and
- such other information that would be helpful to the Governance Committee in evaluating the candidate.

The Governance Committee may require the nominating shareholder to furnish other information it may reasonably require or deem necessary to verify any information furnished pursuant to the procedures delineated above or to determine the qualifications and eligibility of the candidate proposed by the nominating shareholder to serve as a Trustee. If the nominating shareholder fails to provide such additional information in writing within seven days of receipt of a written request from the Governance Committee, the recommendation of such candidate as a nominee will be deemed not properly submitted for consideration, and the Governance Committee is not required to consider such candidate. During periods when the Governance Committee is not actively recruiting new Trustees, shareholder recommendations will be kept on file until active recruitment is under way. After consideration of a shareholder recommendation, the Governance Committee may dispose of the shareholder recommendation.

Dividend Committee. John P. Calamos, Sr. serves as the sole member of the dividend committee. The dividend committee is authorized to declare distributions on the Fund's shares including, but not limited to, regular dividends, special dividends and short- and long-term capital gains distributions.

Valuation Committee. David D. Tripple, Virginia G. Breen, John E. Neal, William R. Rybak, Stephen B. Timbers and Lloyd A. Wennlund (Chair), each a non-interested Trustee, serve on the Valuation Committee. The Valuation Committee oversees the implementation of the valuation procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees. The members of the Valuation Committee make recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding valuation matters relating to the Fund.

In addition to the above committees, there is a Board of Trustees directed pricing committee comprised of officers of the Fund and employees of Calamos.

The following table identifies the number of meetings the Board of Trustees and each standing committee held during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018.

	<b>NUMBER OF MEETINGS DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDED October 31, 2018</b>
Board of Trustees	5
Executive Committee	0
Audit Committee	4
Governance Committee	2
Dividend Committee(1)	0
Valuation Committee	4

(1) Although the Dividend Committee held no meetings, it acted by written consent on twelve occasions.

The Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust provides that the Fund will indemnify the Trustees and officers against liabilities and expenses incurred in connection with any claim in which they may be involved because of their offices with the Fund, unless it is determined in the manner specified in the Agreement and Declaration of Trust that they have not acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that their actions were in the best interests of the Fund or that such indemnification would relieve any officer or Trustee of any liability to the Fund or its shareholders by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of his or her duties.

**Please retain this supplement for future reference.**

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## CALAMOS CONVERTIBLE OPPORTUNITIES AND INCOME FUND

### STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Calamos Convertible Opportunities and Income Fund (the “Fund”) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. This Statement of Additional Information relates to the offering, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, of up to \$100,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of common shares, preferred shares or debt securities in one or more offerings. This Statement of Additional Information does not constitute a prospectus, but should be read in conjunction with the prospectus relating thereto dated the date hereof and any related prospectus supplement. This Statement of Additional Information does not include all information that a prospective investor should consider before purchasing any of the Fund’s securities, and investors should obtain and read the prospectus and any related prospectus supplement prior to purchasing such securities. A copy of the prospectus and any related prospectus supplement may be obtained without charge by calling 1-800-582-6959. You may also obtain a copy of the prospectus and any related prospectus supplement on the Securities and Exchange Commission’s web site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Statement of Additional Information have the same meanings ascribed to them in the prospectus and any related prospectus supplement.

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This Statement of Additional Information is dated March 1, 2019.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we currently intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our securities primarily to invest in accordance with our investment objective and policies within approximately three months of receipt of such proceeds. We may also use proceeds from the sale of our securities to retire all or a portion of any short-term debt we incur in pursuit of our investment objective and policies and for working capital purposes, including the payment of interest and operating expenses, although there is currently no intent to issue securities primarily for this purpose. Pending such investments, the net proceeds may be invested in U.S. government securities and high grade, short-term money market instruments. If necessary, the Fund may also purchase, as temporary investments, securities of other open- or closed-end investment companies that invest primarily in the types of securities in which the Fund may invest directly.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

The prospectus presents the investment objective and the principal investment strategies and risks of the Fund. This section supplements the disclosure in the Fund's prospectus and provides additional information on the Fund's investment policies or restrictions. Restrictions or policies stated as a maximum percentage of the Fund's assets are only applied immediately after a portfolio investment to which the policy or restriction is applicable (other than the limitations on borrowing). Accordingly, any later increase or decrease resulting from a change in values, managed assets or other circumstances will not be considered in determining whether the investment complies with the Fund's restrictions and policies.

### Primary Investments

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its managed assets in a diversified portfolio of convertible securities and non-convertible income securities. The Fund will provide written notice to shareholders at least 60 days prior to any change to the requirement that it invest at least 80% of its managed assets as described in the sentence above. The portion of the Fund's assets invested in convertible securities and non-convertible income securities will vary from time to time in light of the Fund's investment objective, changes in equity prices and changes in interest rates and other economic and market factors, although, under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 35% of its managed assets in convertible securities. "Managed assets" means the total assets of the Fund (including any assets attributable to any leverage that may be outstanding) minus the sum of liabilities (other than debt representing financial leverage). For this purpose, the liquidation preference on the preferred shares will not constitute a liability.

### Convertible Securities

Convertible securities include any corporate debt security or preferred stock that may be converted into underlying shares of common stock. The common stock underlying convertible securities may be issued by a different entity than the issuer of the convertible securities. Convertible securities entitle the holder to receive interest payments paid on corporate debt securities or the dividend preference on a preferred stock until such time as the convertible security matures or is redeemed or until the holder elects to exercise the conversion privilege. As a result of the conversion feature, however, the interest rate or dividend preference on a convertible security is generally less than would be the case if the securities were issued in non-convertible form. The value of convertible securities is influenced by both the yield of non-convertible securities of comparable issuers and by the value of the underlying common stock. The value of a convertible security viewed without regard to its conversion feature (i.e., strictly on the basis of its yield) is sometimes referred to as its "investment value." The investment value of the convertible security typically will fluctuate inversely with changes in prevailing interest rates. However, at the same time, the convertible security will be influenced by its "conversion value," which is the market value of the underlying common stock that would be obtained if the convertible security were converted. Conversion value fluctuates directly with the price of the underlying common stock.

If, because of a low price of the common stock, the conversion value is substantially below the investment value of the convertible security, the price of the convertible security is governed principally by its investment value. If the conversion value of a convertible security increases to a point that approximates or exceeds its investment value, the value of the security will be principally influenced by its conversion value. A convertible security will sell at a premium over its conversion value to the extent investors place value on the right to acquire the underlying common stock while holding a fixed income security. Holders of convertible securities have a claim on the assets of the issuer prior to the common stockholders, but may be subordinated to holders of similar non-convertible securities of the same issuer.

### **Synthetic Convertible Instruments**

Calamos Advisors LLC (“Calamos”) may create a “synthetic” convertible instrument by combining fixed income securities with the right to acquire equity securities. More flexibility is possible in the assembly of a synthetic convertible instrument than in the purchase of a convertible security. Although synthetic convertible securities may be selected where the two components are issued by a single issuer, thus making the synthetic convertible instrument similar to the true convertible security, the character of a synthetic convertible instrument allows the combination of components representing distinct issuers, when Calamos believes that such a combination would better promote the Fund’s investment objective. A synthetic convertible instrument also is a more flexible investment in that its two components may be purchased separately. For example, the Fund may purchase a warrant for inclusion in a synthetic convertible instrument but temporarily hold short-term investments while postponing the purchase of a corresponding bond pending development of more favorable market conditions.

A holder of a synthetic convertible instrument faces the risk of a decline in the price of the security or the level of the index involved in the convertible component, causing a decline in the value of the call option or warrant purchased to create the synthetic convertible instrument. Should the price of the stock fall below the exercise price and remain there throughout the exercise period, the entire amount paid for the call option or warrant would be lost. Because a synthetic convertible instrument includes the fixed-income component as well, the holder of a synthetic convertible instrument also faces the risk that interest rates will rise, causing a decline in the value of the fixed-income instrument.

The Fund may also purchase synthetic convertible instruments manufactured by other parties, including convertible structured notes. Convertible structured notes are fixed income debentures linked to equity, and are typically issued by investment banks. Convertible structured notes have the attributes of a convertible instrument; however, the investment bank that issued the convertible note assumes the credit risk associated with the investment, rather than the issuer of the underlying common stock into which the note is convertible.

The Fund’s holdings of synthetic convertible instruments are considered convertible securities for purposes of the Fund’s policy to invest at least 35% of its managed assets in convertible securities and 80% of its managed assets in a diversified portfolio of convertible and non-convertible income securities.

### **Zero Coupon and Payment-in-Kind Securities**

The securities in which the Fund invests may include zero coupon securities, which are debt obligations that are issued or purchased at a significant discount from face value, and payment-in-kind securities, which are debt obligations that pay “interest” in the form of other debt obligations instead of cash. Investments in zero coupon and payment-in-kind securities are subject to certain risks, including that market prices of zero coupon and payment-in-kind securities generally are more volatile than the prices of securities that pay interest periodically and in cash, and are likely to respond to changes in interest rates to a greater degree than other types of debt securities with similar maturities and credit quality. Because zero coupon securities bear no interest, their prices are especially volatile. And because zero coupon bondholders do not receive interest payments, the prices of zero coupon securities generally fall more dramatically than those of bonds that pay interest on a current basis when



interest rates rise. However, when interest rates fall, the prices of zero coupon securities generally rise more rapidly in value than those of similar interest paying bonds. Under many market and other conditions, the market for the zero coupon and payment-in-kind securities may suffer decreased liquidity making it difficult for the Fund to dispose of them or to determine their current value. In addition, as these securities may not pay cash interest, the Fund's investment exposure to these securities and their risks, including credit risk, will increase during the time these securities are held in the Fund's portfolio. Further, to maintain its qualification for treatment as a regulated investment company and to avoid Fund-level U.S. federal income and/or excise taxes, the Fund is required to distribute to its shareholders any income it is deemed to have received in respect of such investments, notwithstanding that cash has not been received currently, and the value of paid-in-kind interest. Consequently, the Fund may have to dispose of portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate the cash, or may have to leverage itself by borrowing the cash to satisfy this distribution requirement. The required distributions, if any, would result in an increase in the Fund's exposure to these securities.

### **High Yield Securities**

A substantial portion of the Fund's assets may be invested in below investment grade (high yield, high risk) securities. The high yield securities in which the Fund invests are rated "Ba" or lower by Moody's or "BB" or lower by Standard & Poor's Corporation, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies ("S&P" or "Standard & Poor's") or are unrated but determined by Calamos to be of comparable quality. Non-convertible debt securities rated below investment grade are commonly referred to as "junk bonds" and are considered speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal.

Below investment grade non-convertible debt securities or comparable unrated securities are susceptible to greater risk of default or decline in market value due to adverse economic and business developments than higher-rated debt securities. The market values for high yield securities tend to be very volatile, and these securities are less liquid than investment grade debt securities. For these reasons, your investment in the Fund is subject to the following specific risks:

- increased price sensitivity to changing interest rates and to a deteriorating economic environment;
- greater risk of loss due to default or declining credit quality;
- adverse company specific events are more likely to render the issuer unable to make interest and/or principal payments; and
- if a negative perception of the high yield market develops, the price and liquidity of high yield securities may be depressed. This negative perception could last for a significant period of time.

Securities rated below investment grade are speculative with respect to the capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of such securities. A rating of "Ba1" from Moody's means that the issue so rated can have speculative elements and is subject to substantial credit risk. Standard & Poor's assigns a rating of "BB+" to issues that are less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues, but nonetheless subject to major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. A rating of "C" from Moody's means that the issue so rated can be regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing. Standard & Poor's assigns a rating of "C" to issues that are currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, and the "C" rating may be used to cover a situation where a bankruptcy petition has been filed or similar action taken, but payments on the obligation are being continued (a "C" rating is also assigned to a preferred stock issue in arrears on dividends or sinking fund payments, but that is currently paying). See Appendix B to this Statement of Additional Information for a description of Moody's and Standard & Poor's ratings.

Adverse changes in economic conditions are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of a high yield issuer to make principal payments and interest payments than an investment grade issuer. The principal amount

of high yield securities outstanding has proliferated in the past decade as an increasing number of issuers have used high yield securities for corporate financing. An economic downturn could severely affect the ability of highly leveraged issuers to service their debt obligations or to repay their obligations upon maturity. Similarly, down-turns in profitability in specific industries could adversely affect the ability of high yield issuers in that industry to meet their obligations. The market values of lower quality debt securities tend to reflect individual developments of the issuer to a greater extent than do higher quality securities, which react primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates. Factors having an adverse impact on the market value of lower quality securities may have an adverse effect on the Fund's net asset value and the market value of its common shares. In addition, the Fund may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek recovery upon a default in payment of principal or interest on its portfolio holdings. In certain circumstances, the Fund may be required to foreclose on an issuer's assets and take possession of its property or operations. In such circumstances, the Fund would incur additional costs in disposing of such assets and potential liabilities from operating any business acquired.

The secondary market for high yield securities may not be as liquid as the secondary market for more highly rated securities, a factor which may have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to dispose of a particular security when necessary to meet its liquidity needs. There are fewer dealers in the market for high yield securities than investment grade obligations. The prices quoted by different dealers may vary significantly and the spread between the bid and asked price is generally much larger than higher quality instruments. Under adverse market or economic conditions, the secondary market for high yield securities could contract further, independent of any specific adverse changes in the condition of a particular issuer, and these instruments may become illiquid. As a result, the Fund could find it more difficult to sell these securities or may be able to sell the securities only at prices lower than if such securities were widely traded. Prices realized upon the sale of such lower rated or unrated securities, under these circumstances, may be less than the prices used in calculating the Fund's net asset value.

Because investors generally perceive that there are greater risks associated with lower quality debt securities of the type in which the Fund may invest a portion of its assets, the yields and prices of such securities may tend to fluctuate more than those for higher rated securities. In the lower quality segments of the debt securities market, changes in perceptions of issuers' creditworthiness tend to occur more frequently and in a more pronounced manner than do changes in higher quality segments of the debt securities market, resulting in greater yield and price volatility.

If the Fund invests in high yield securities that are rated C or below, the Fund will incur significant risk in addition to the risks associated with investments in high yield securities and corporate loans. Distressed securities frequently do not produce income while they are outstanding. The Fund may purchase distressed securities that are in default or the issuers of which are in bankruptcy. The Fund may be required to bear certain extraordinary expenses in order to protect and recover its investment.

### **Distressed Securities**

The Fund may, but currently does not intend to, invest up to 5% of its managed assets in distressed securities, including corporate loans, which are the subject of bankruptcy proceedings or otherwise in default as to the repayment of principal and/or payment of interest at the time of acquisition by the Fund or are rated in the lower rating categories ("Ca" or lower by Moody's or "CC" or lower by Standard & Poor's) or which are unrated investments considered by Calamos to be of comparable quality. Investment in distressed securities is speculative and involves significant risk of loss. Distressed securities frequently do not produce income while they are outstanding and may require the Fund to bear certain extraordinary expenses in order to protect and recover its investment. Therefore, to the extent the Fund seeks capital appreciation through investment in distressed securities, the Fund's ability to achieve current income for its shareholders may be diminished. The Fund also will be subject to significant uncertainty as to when and in what manner and for what value the obligations evidenced by the distressed securities will eventually be satisfied (e.g., through a liquidation of the obligor's

assets, an exchange offer or plan of reorganization involving the distressed securities or a payment of some amount in satisfaction of the obligation). In addition, even if an exchange offer is made or a plan of reorganization is adopted with respect to distressed securities held by the Fund, there can be no assurance that the securities or other assets received by the Fund in connection with such exchange offer or plan of reorganization will not have a lower value or income potential than may have been anticipated when the investment was made. Moreover, any securities received by the Fund upon completion of an exchange offer or plan of reorganization may be restricted as to resale. As a result of the Fund's participation in negotiations with respect to any exchange offer or plan of reorganization with respect to an issuer of distressed securities, the Fund may be restricted from disposing of such securities.

## **Loans**

The Fund may invest up to 5% of its total assets in loan participations and other direct claims against a borrower. The corporate loans in which the Fund may invest primarily consist of direct obligations of a borrower and may include debtor in possession financings pursuant to Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, obligations of a borrower issued in connection with a restructuring pursuant to Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, leveraged buy-out loans, leveraged recapitalization loans, receivables purchase facilities, and privately placed notes. The Fund may invest in a corporate loan at origination as a co-lender or by acquiring in the secondary market participations in, assignments of or novations of a corporate loan. By purchasing a participation, the Fund acquires some or all of the interest of a bank or other lending institution in a loan to a corporate or government borrower. The participations typically will result in the Fund having a contractual relationship only with the lender not the borrower. The Fund will have the right to receive payments of principal, interest and any fees to which it is entitled only from the lender selling the participation and only upon receipt by the lender of the payments from the borrower. Many such loans are secured, although some may be unsecured. Such loans may be in default at the time of purchase. Loans that are fully secured offer the Fund more protection than an unsecured loan in the event of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal. However, there is no assurance that the liquidation of collateral from a secured loan would satisfy the corporate borrower's obligation, or that the collateral can be liquidated. Direct debt instruments may involve a risk of loss in case of default or insolvency of the borrower and may offer less legal protection to the Fund in the event of fraud or misrepresentation. In addition, loan participations involve a risk of insolvency of the lending bank or other financial intermediary. The markets in such loans are not regulated by federal securities laws or the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or the "Commission").

As in the case of other high yield investments, such corporate loans may be rated in the lower rating categories of the established rating services ("Ba" or lower by Moody's or "BB" or lower by Standard & Poor's), or may be unrated investments considered by Calamos to be of comparable quality. As in the case of other high yield investments, such corporate loans can be expected to provide higher yields than lower yielding, higher rated fixed income securities, but may be subject to greater risk of loss of principal and income. There are, however, some significant differences between corporate loans and high yield bonds. Corporate loan obligations are frequently secured by pledges of liens and security interests in the assets of the borrower, and the holders of corporate loans are frequently the beneficiaries of debt service subordination provisions imposed on the borrower's bondholders. These arrangements are designed to give corporate loan investors preferential treatment over high yield investors in the event of a deterioration in the credit quality of the issuer. Even when these arrangements exist, however, there can be no assurance that the borrowers of the corporate loans will repay principal and/or pay interest in full. Corporate loans generally bear interest at rates set at a margin above a generally recognized base lending rate that may fluctuate on a day-to-day basis, in the case of the prime rate of a U.S. bank, or which may be adjusted on set dates, typically 30 days but generally not more than one year, in the case of the London Interbank Offered Rate. Consequently, the value of corporate loans held by the Fund may be expected to fluctuate significantly less than the value of other fixed rate high yield instruments as a result of changes in the interest rate environment. On the other hand, the secondary dealer market for certain corporate loans may not be as well developed as the secondary dealer market for high yield bonds, and therefore presents increased market risk relating to liquidity and pricing concerns.

## Foreign Securities

The Fund may invest up to 25% of its net assets, in securities of foreign issuers. A foreign issuer is a foreign government or corporation organized under the laws of a foreign country. For these purposes, foreign securities do not include American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) or securities guaranteed by a United States person, but may include foreign securities in the form of European Depositary Receipts (“EDRs”), Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”) or other securities representing underlying shares of foreign issuers. Positions in those securities are not necessarily denominated in the same currency as the common stocks into which they may be converted. ADRs are receipts typically issued by an American bank or trust company evidencing ownership of the underlying securities. EDRs are European receipts listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange evidencing a similar arrangement. GDRs are U.S. dollar-denominated receipts evidencing ownership of foreign securities. Generally, ADRs, in registered form, are designed for the U.S. securities markets and EDRs and GDRs, in bearer form, are designed for use in foreign securities markets. The Fund may invest in sponsored or unsponsored ADRs. In the case of an unsponsored ADR, the Fund is likely to bear its proportionate share of the expenses of the depository and it may have greater difficulty in receiving shareholder communications than it would have with a sponsored ADR.

To the extent positions in portfolio securities are denominated in foreign currencies, the Fund’s investment performance is affected by the strength or weakness of the U.S. dollar against those currencies. For example, if the dollar falls in value relative to the Japanese yen, the dollar value of a Japanese stock held in the portfolio will rise even though the price of the stock remains unchanged. Conversely, if the dollar rises in value relative to the yen, the dollar value of the Japanese stock will fall. (See discussion of transaction hedging and portfolio hedging below under “Currency Exchange Transactions.”)

Investors should understand and consider carefully the risks involved in foreign investing. Investing in foreign securities, which are generally denominated in foreign currencies, and utilization of forward foreign currency exchange contracts involve certain considerations comprising both risks and opportunities not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities. These considerations include: fluctuations in exchange rates of foreign currencies; possible imposition of exchange control regulation or currency restrictions that would prevent cash from being brought back to the United States less public information with respect to issuers of securities; less governmental supervision of stock exchanges, securities brokers, and issuers of securities; lack of uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards; lack of uniform settlement periods and trading practices; less liquidity and frequently greater price volatility in foreign markets than in the United States; possible imposition of non-U.S. withholding or other taxes; and sometimes less advantageous legal, operational and financial protections applicable to foreign sub-custodial arrangements.

Although the Fund intends primarily to invest in companies and government securities of countries having stable political environments, there is the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, seizure or nationalization of foreign bank deposits or other assets, establishment of exchange controls, the adoption of foreign government restrictions, or other adverse political, social or diplomatic developments that could affect investment in these nations.

The Fund may invest in the securities of issuers located in emerging market countries. The securities markets of emerging countries are substantially smaller, less developed, less liquid and more volatile than the securities markets of the U.S. and other more developed countries. Disclosure and regulatory standards in many respects are less stringent than in the U.S. and other major markets. There also may be a lower level of monitoring and regulation of emerging markets and the activities of investors in such markets, and enforcement of existing regulations has been extremely limited. Economies in individual emerging markets may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross domestic product, rates of inflation, currency depreciation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments positions. Many emerging market countries have experienced high rates of inflation for many years, which has had and may continue to have very negative effects on the economies and securities markets of those countries.

## Currency Exchange Transactions

Currency exchange transactions may be conducted either on a spot (i.e., cash) basis at the spot rate for purchasing or selling currency prevailing in the foreign exchange market or through forward currency exchange contracts (“forward contracts”). Forward contracts are contractual agreements to purchase or sell a specified currency at a specified future date (or within a specified time period) and price set at the time of the contract. Forward contracts are usually entered into with banks, foreign exchange dealers and broker-dealers, are not exchange traded, and are usually for less than one year, but may be renewed.

Forward currency exchange transactions may involve currencies of the different countries in which the Fund may invest and serve as hedges against possible variations in the exchange rate between these currencies and the U.S. dollar. Currency exchange transactions are limited to transaction hedging and portfolio hedging involving either specific transactions or portfolio positions, except to the extent described below under “Synthetic Foreign Money Market Positions.” Transaction hedging is the purchase or sale of forward contracts with respect to specific receivables or payables of the Fund accruing in connection with the purchase and sale of its portfolio securities or the receipt of dividends or interest thereon. Portfolio hedging is the use of forward contracts with respect to portfolio security positions denominated or quoted in a particular foreign currency. Portfolio hedging allows the Fund to limit or reduce its exposure in a foreign currency by entering into a forward contract to sell such foreign currency (or another foreign currency that acts as a proxy for that currency) at a future date for a price payable in U.S. dollars so that the value of the foreign denominated portfolio securities can be approximately matched by a foreign denominated liability. The Fund may not engage in portfolio hedging with respect to the currency of a particular country to an extent greater than the aggregate market value (at the time of making such sale) of the securities held in its portfolio denominated or quoted in that particular currency, except that the Fund may hedge all or part of its foreign currency exposure through the use of a basket of currencies or a proxy currency where such currencies or currency act as an effective proxy for other currencies. In such a case, the Fund may enter into a forward contract where the amount of the foreign currency to be sold exceeds the value of the securities denominated in such currency. The use of this basket hedging technique may be more efficient and economical than entering into separate forward contracts for each currency held in the Fund. The Fund may not engage in “speculative” currency exchange transactions.

If the Fund enters into a forward contract, the Fund’s custodian will segregate liquid assets of the Fund having a value equal to the Fund’s commitment under such forward contract. At the maturity of the forward contract to deliver a particular currency, the Fund may either sell the portfolio security related to the contract and make delivery of the currency, or it may retain the security and either acquire the currency on the spot market or terminate its contractual obligation to deliver the currency by purchasing an offsetting contract with the same currency trader obligating it to purchase on the same maturity date the same amount of the currency. It is impossible to forecast with absolute precision the market value of portfolio securities at the expiration of a forward contract. Accordingly, it may be necessary for the Fund to purchase additional currency on the spot market (and bear the expense of such purchase) if the market value of the security is less than the amount of currency the Fund is obligated to deliver and if a decision is made to sell the security and make delivery of the currency. Conversely, it may be necessary to sell on the spot market some of the currency received upon the sale of the portfolio security if its market value exceeds the amount of currency the Fund is obligated to deliver.

If the Fund retains the portfolio security and engages in an offsetting transaction, the Fund will incur a gain or a loss to the extent that there has been movement in forward contract prices. If the Fund engages in an offsetting transaction, it may subsequently enter into a new forward contract to sell the currency. Should forward prices decline during the period between the Fund’s entering into a forward contract for the sale of a currency and the date it enters into an offsetting contract for the purchase of the currency, the Fund will realize a gain to the extent the price of the currency it has agreed to sell exceeds the price of the currency it has agreed to purchase. Should forward prices increase, the Fund will suffer a loss to the extent the price of the currency it has agreed to purchase exceeds the price of the currency it has agreed to sell. A default on the contract would deprive the Fund of unrealized profits or force the Fund to cover its commitments for purchase or sale of currency, if any, at the current market price.

Hedging against a decline in the value of a currency does not eliminate fluctuations in the value of a portfolio security traded in that currency or prevent a loss if the value of the security declines. Hedging transactions also preclude the opportunity for gain if the value of the hedged currency should rise. Moreover, it may not be possible for the Fund to hedge against a devaluation that is so generally anticipated that the Fund is not able to contract to sell the currency at a price above the devaluation level it anticipates. The cost to the Fund of engaging in currency exchange transactions varies with such factors as the currency involved, the length of the contract period, and prevailing market conditions.

### **Synthetic Foreign Money Market Positions**

The Fund may invest in money market instruments denominated in foreign currencies. In addition to, or in lieu of, such direct investment, the Fund may construct a synthetic foreign money market position by (a) purchasing a money market instrument denominated in one currency, generally U.S. dollars, and (b) concurrently entering into a forward contract to deliver a corresponding amount of that currency in exchange for a different currency on a future date and at a specified rate of exchange. For example, a synthetic money market position in Japanese yen could be constructed by purchasing a U.S. dollar money market instrument, and entering concurrently into a forward contract to deliver a corresponding amount of U.S. dollars in exchange for Japanese yen on a specified date and at a specified rate of exchange. Because of the availability of a variety of highly liquid short-term U.S. dollar money market instruments, a synthetic money market position utilizing such U.S. dollar instruments may offer greater liquidity than direct investment in foreign currency and a concurrent construction of a synthetic position in such foreign currency, in terms of both income yield and gain or loss from changes in currency exchange rates, in general should be similar, but would not be identical because the components of the alternative investments would not be identical. The Fund currently does not intend to invest a significant amount of its assets in synthetic foreign money market positions.

### **Debt Obligations of Non-U.S. Governments**

An investment in debt obligations of non-U.S. governments and their political subdivisions (sovereign debt) involves special risks that are not present in corporate debt obligations. The non-U.S. issuer of the sovereign debt or the non-U.S. governmental authorities that control the repayment of the debt may be unable or unwilling to repay principal or interest when due, and the Fund may have limited recourse in the event of a default. During periods of economic uncertainty, the market prices of sovereign debt may be more volatile than prices of debt obligations of U.S. issuers. In the past, certain non-U.S. countries have encountered difficulties in servicing their debt obligations, withheld payments of principal and interest and declared moratoria on the payment of principal and interest on their sovereign debt.

A sovereign debtor's willingness or ability to repay principal and pay interest in a timely manner may be affected by, among other factors, its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign currency reserves, the availability of sufficient non-U.S. currency, the relative size of the debt service burden, the sovereign debtor's policy toward its principal international lenders and local political constraints. Sovereign debtors may also be dependent on expected disbursements from non-U.S. governments, multilateral agencies and other entities to reduce principal and interest arrearages on their debt. The failure of a sovereign debtor to implement economic reforms, achieve specified levels of economic performance or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of third-party commitments to lend funds to the sovereign debtor, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to service its debts.

### **Eurodollar Instruments and Samurai and Yankee Bonds**

The Fund may invest in Eurodollar instruments and Samurai and Yankee bonds. Eurodollar instruments are bonds of corporate and government issuers that pay interest and principal in U.S. dollars but are issued in markets outside the United States, primarily in Europe. Samurai bonds are yen-denominated bonds sold in Japan by non-Japanese issuers. Yankee bonds are U.S. dollar-denominated bonds typically issued in the U.S. by

non-U.S. governments and their agencies and non-U.S. banks and corporations. The Fund may also invest in Eurodollar Certificates of Deposit (“ECDs”), Eurodollar Time Deposits (“ETDs”) and Yankee Certificates of Deposit (“Yankee CDs”). ECDs are U.S. dollar-denominated certificates of deposit issued by non-U.S. branches of domestic banks; ETDs are U.S. dollar-denominated deposits in a non-U.S. branch of a U.S. bank or in a non-U.S. bank; and Yankee CDs are U.S. dollar-denominated certificates of deposit issued by a U.S. branch of a non-U.S. bank and held in the U.S. These investments involve risks that are different from investments in securities issued by U.S. issuers, including potential unfavorable political and economic developments, non-U.S. withholding or other taxes, seizure of non-U.S. deposits, currency controls, interest limitations or other governmental restrictions which might affect payment of principal or interest.

### **Lending of Portfolio Securities**

The Fund has authorized State Street Bank and Trust Company (“SSB”) as securities lending agent to lend portfolio securities to broker-dealers and banks. Any such loan must be continuously secured by collateral received in cash under the terms of the Amended and Restated Liquidity Agreement (“SSB Agreement”) between the Fund and SSB. Cash collateral held by SSB on behalf of the Fund may be credited against the amounts borrowed under the SSB Agreement, such that the Fund will effectively bear lower interest expense with respect to those borrowed amounts. Any amounts credited against the borrowings under SSB Agreement would count against the Fund’s leverage limitations under the 1940 Act, unless otherwise covered in accordance with SEC Release IC-10666.

Under the terms of the SSB Agreement, SSB will return the value of the collateral to the borrower upon the return of the lent securities, which will eliminate the credit against the borrowings under SSB Agreement and will increase the balance on which the Fund will pay interest. The Fund is obligated to make payment to the entity in the event SSB is unable to return the value of the collateral. The Fund would continue to be entitled to receive the equivalent of the interest or dividends paid by the issuer on the securities loaned. The Fund may pay reasonable fees to persons unaffiliated with the Fund for services in arranging these loans. The Fund would have the right to call the loan and obtain the securities loaned at any time on notice of not more than five business days. The Fund would not have the right to vote the securities during the existence of the loan but would call the loan to permit voting of the securities, if, in Calamos’ judgment, a material event requiring a shareholder vote would otherwise occur before the loan was repaid. In the event of bankruptcy or other default of the borrower, the Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the loaned collateral (or recovering the loaned securities) or losses, including (a) possible decline in the value of the collateral or in the value of the securities loaned during the period while the Fund seeks to enforce its rights thereto, (b) possible subnormal levels of income and lack of access to income during this period and (c) expenses of enforcing its rights. The Fund may also experience losses as a result of the diminution in value of its cash collateral investments.

### **Options on Securities, Indexes and Currencies**

The Fund may purchase and sell put options and call options on securities, indexes or foreign currencies. The Fund may purchase agreements, sometimes called cash puts, that may accompany the purchase of a new issue of bonds from a dealer.

A put option gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to sell, and the writer the obligation to buy, the underlying security, commodity, index, currency or other instrument at the exercise price. For instance, the Fund’s purchase of a put option on a security might be designed to protect its holdings in the underlying instrument (or, in some cases, a similar instrument) against a substantial decline in the market value by giving the Fund the right to sell such instrument at the option exercise price. A call option, upon payment of a premium, gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the seller the obligation to sell, the underlying instrument at the exercise price. The Fund’s purchase of a call option on a security, financial future, index, currency or other instrument might be intended to protect the Fund against an increase in the price of the underlying instrument that it intends to purchase in the future by fixing the price at which it may purchase such instrument.

Certain options, known as “American style” options, may be exercised at any time during the term of the option. Other options, known as “European style” options, may be exercised only on the expiration date of the option. The Fund expects that substantially all of the options written by the Fund will be American style options.

The Fund is authorized to purchase and sell exchange listed options and over-the-counter options (“OTC options”). Exchange listed options are issued by a regulated intermediary such as the Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”), which guarantees the performance of the obligations of the parties to such options. The discussion below uses the OCC as an example, but is also applicable to other financial intermediaries.

With certain exceptions, OCC issued and exchange listed options generally settle by physical delivery of the underlying security or currency, although in the future cash settlement may become available. Index options and Eurodollar instruments are cash settled for the net amount, if any, by which the option is “in-the-money” (i.e., where the value of the underlying instrument exceeds, in the case of a call option, or is less than, in the case of a put option, the exercise price of the option) at the time the option is exercised. Frequently, rather than taking or making delivery of the underlying instrument through the process of exercising the option, listed options are closed by entering into offsetting purchase or sale transactions that do not result in ownership of the new option.

OTC options are purchased from or sold to securities dealers, financial institutions or other parties (“Counterparties”) through direct bilateral agreement with the Counterparty. In contrast to exchange listed options, which generally have standardized terms and performance mechanics, all the terms of an OTC option, including such terms as method of settlement, term, exercise price, premium, guarantees and security, are set by negotiation of the parties. The Fund may sell OTC options (other than OTC currency options) that are subject to a buy-back provision permitting the Fund to require the Counterparty to sell the option back to the Fund at a formula price within seven days. The Fund expects generally to enter into OTC options that have cash settlement provisions, although it is not required to do so. The staff of the SEC currently takes the position that OTC options purchased by a fund, and portfolio securities “covering” the amount of a fund’s obligation pursuant to an OTC option sold by it (or the amount of assets equal to the formula price for the repurchase of the option, if any, less the amount by which the option is in the money) are illiquid.

The Fund may also purchase and sell options on securities indices and other financial indices, which may include purchasing and selling options on stocks, indices, rates, credit spreads or currencies. Options on securities indices and other financial indices are similar to options on a security or other instrument except that, rather than settling by physical delivery of the underlying instrument, they settle by cash settlement, i.e., an option or an index gives the holder the right to receive, upon exercise of the option, an amount of cash if the closing level of the index upon which the option is based exceeds, in the case of a call, or is less than, in the case of a put, the exercise price of the option (except if, in the case of an OTC option, physical delivery is specified). This amount of cash is equal to the excess of the closing price of the index over the exercise price of the option, which also may be multiplied by a formula value. The seller of the option is obligated, in return for the premium received, to make delivery of this amount. The gain or loss on an option on an index depends on price movements in the instruments making up the market, market segment, industry or other composite on which the underlying index is based, rather than price movements in individual securities, as is the case with respect to options on securities.

The Fund will write call options and put options only if they are “covered.” For example, a call option written by the Fund will require the Fund to hold the securities subject to the call (or securities convertible into the needed securities without additional consideration) or to segregate cash or liquid assets sufficient to purchase and deliver the securities if the call is exercised. A call option sold by the Fund on an index will require the Fund to own portfolio securities which correlate with the index or to segregate cash or liquid assets equal to the excess of the index value over the exercise price on a current basis. A put option written by the Fund requires the Fund to segregate cash or liquid assets equal to the exercise price.

OTC options entered into by the Fund and OCC issued and exchange listed index options will generally provide for cash settlement. As a result, when the Fund sells these instruments it will only segregate an amount



of cash or liquid assets equal to its accrued net obligations, as there is no requirement for payment or delivery of amounts in excess of the net amount. These amounts will equal 100% of the exercise price in the case of a non cash-settled put, the same as an OCC guaranteed listed option sold by the Fund, or the in-the-money amount plus any sell-back formula amount in the case of a cash-settled put or call. In addition, when the Fund sells a call option on an index at a time when the in-the-money amount exceeds the exercise price, the Fund will segregate, until the option expires or is closed out, cash or cash equivalents equal in value to such excess. OCC issued and exchange listed options sold by the Fund other than those above generally settle with physical delivery, or with an election of either physical delivery or cash settlement and the Fund will segregate an amount of cash or liquid assets equal to the full value of the option. OTC options settling with physical delivery, or with an election of either physical delivery or cash settlement, will be treated the same as other options settling with physical delivery.

If an option written by the Fund expires, the Fund will generally realize a short-term capital gain equal to the premium received at the time the option was written. If an option purchased by the Fund expires, the Fund realizes a capital loss equal to the premium paid, which will be a short-term or long-term capital loss depending on the Fund's holding period for the option.

Prior to the earlier of exercise or expiration, an option may be closed out by an offsetting purchase or sale of an option of the same series (type, exchange, underlying security or index, exercise price and expiration). There can be no assurance, however, that a closing purchase or sale transaction can be effected when the Fund desires.

The Fund will realize a short-term capital gain from a closing purchase transaction if the cost of the closing option is less than the premium received from writing the option, or, if it is more, the Fund will generally realize a short-term capital loss. If the premium received from a closing sale transaction is more than the premium paid to purchase the option, the Fund will realize a capital gain or, if it is less, the Fund will realize a capital loss, which in each case will be long-term or short-term depending on the Fund's holding period for the option. The principal factors affecting the market value of a put or a call option include supply and demand, interest rates, the current market price of the underlying security or index in relation to the exercise price of the option, the volatility of the underlying security or index, and the time remaining until the expiration date.

A put or call option purchased by the Fund is an asset of the Fund, valued initially at the premium paid for the option. The premium received for an option written by the Fund is recorded as a deferred credit. The value of an option purchased or written is marked-to-market daily and is valued at the closing price on the exchange on which it is traded or, if not traded on an exchange or no closing price is available, at the mean between the last bid and asked prices.

### **Risks Associated with Options**

There are several risks associated with transactions in options. For example, there are significant differences between the securities markets, the currency markets and the options markets that could result in an imperfect correlation among these markets, causing a given transaction not to achieve its objectives. A decision as to whether, when and how to use options involves the exercise of skill and judgment, and even a well-conceived transaction may be unsuccessful to some degree because of market behavior or unexpected events. The ability of the Fund to utilize options successfully will depend on Calamos' ability to predict pertinent market investments, which cannot be assured.

The Fund's ability to close out its position as a purchaser or seller of an OCC or exchange listed put or call option is dependent, in part, upon the liquidity of the option market. Among the possible reasons for the absence of a liquid option market on an exchange are: (i) insufficient trading interest in certain options; (ii) restrictions on transactions imposed by an exchange; (iii) trading halts, suspensions or other restrictions imposed with respect to particular classes or series of options or underlying securities including reaching daily price limits; (iv) interruption of the normal operations of the OCC or an exchange; (v) inadequacy of the facilities of an

exchange or OCC to handle current trading volume; or (vi) a decision by one or more exchanges to discontinue the trading of options (or a particular class or series of options), in which event the relevant market for that option on that exchange would cease to exist, although outstanding options on that exchange would generally continue to be exercisable in accordance with their terms. If the Fund were unable to close out an option that it has purchased on a security, it would have to exercise the option in order to realize any profit or the option would expire and become worthless. If the Fund were unable to close out a covered call option that it had written on a security, it would not be able to sell the underlying security until the option expired. As the writer of a covered call option on a security, the Fund foregoes, during the option's life, the opportunity to profit from increases in the market value of the security covering the call option above the sum of the premium and the exercise price of the call. As the writer of a covered call option on a foreign currency, the Fund foregoes, during the option's life, the opportunity to profit from currency appreciation.

The hours of trading for listed options may not coincide with the hours during which the underlying financial instruments are traded. To the extent that the option markets close before the markets for the underlying financial instruments, significant price and rate movements can take place in the underlying markets that cannot be reflected in the option markets.

Unless the parties provide for it, there is no central clearing or guaranty function in an OTC option. As a result, if the Counterparty (as described above under "Options on Securities, Indexes and Currencies") fails to make or take delivery of the security, currency or other instrument underlying an OTC option it has entered into with the Fund or fails to make a cash settlement payment due in accordance with the terms of that option, the Fund will lose any premium it paid for the option as well as any anticipated benefit of the transaction. Accordingly, Calamos must assess the creditworthiness of each such Counterparty or any guarantor or credit enhancement of the Counterparty's credit to determine the likelihood that the terms of the OTC option will be satisfied. The Fund will engage in OTC option transactions only with U.S. government securities dealers recognized by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as "primary dealers" or broker/dealers, domestic or foreign banks or other financial institutions which have received (or the guarantors of the obligation of which have received) a short-term credit rating of "A-1" from S&P's or "P-1" from Moody's or an equivalent rating from any nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO") or, in the case of OTC currency transactions, are determined to be of equivalent credit quality by Calamos.

The Fund may purchase and sell call options on securities indices and currencies. All call options sold by the Fund must be "covered." Even though the Fund will receive the option premium to help protect it against loss, a call option sold by the Fund exposes the Fund during the term of the option to possible loss of opportunity to realize appreciation in the market price of the underlying security or instrument and may require the Fund to hold a security or instrument which it might otherwise have sold. As described more fully in the accompanying prospectus, this results in the potential for net asset value erosion. In addition, a loss on a call option sold may be greater than the premium received. The Fund may purchase and sell put options on securities indices and currencies. In selling put options, there is a risk that the Fund may be required to buy the underlying security at a price above the market price.

### **Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts**

The Fund may use interest rate futures contracts, index futures contracts and foreign currency futures contracts. A futures contract on an index is an agreement pursuant to which two parties agree to take or make delivery of an amount of cash equal to the difference between the value of the index at the close of the last trading day of the contract and the price at which the index contract was originally written. Although the value of a securities index is a function of the value of certain specified securities, no physical delivery of those securities is made. An interest rate, index or foreign currency futures contract provides for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified quantity of a financial instrument or the cash value of an index at a specified price and time. A public market exists in futures contracts covering a number of indexes (including, but not limited to: the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, the Russell 2000 Index, the Value Line Composite Index, and

the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) Composite Index) as well as financial instruments (including, but not limited to: U.S. Treasury bonds, U.S. Treasury notes, Eurodollar certificates of deposit and foreign currencies). Other index and financial instrument futures contracts are available and it is expected that additional futures contracts will be developed and traded.

The Fund may purchase and write call and put futures options. Futures options possess many of the same characteristics as options on securities, indexes and foreign currencies (discussed above). A futures option gives the holder the right, in return for the premium paid, to assume a long position (call) or short position (put) in a futures contract at a specified exercise price at any time during the period of the option. Upon exercise of a call option, the holder acquires a long position in the futures contract and the writer is assigned the opposite short position. In the case of a put option, the opposite is true. The Fund might, for example, use futures contracts to hedge against or gain exposure to fluctuations in the general level of stock prices, anticipated changes in interest rates or currency fluctuations that might adversely affect either the value of the Fund’s securities or the price of the securities that the Fund intends to purchase. Although other techniques could be used to reduce or increase the Fund’s exposure to stock price, interest rate and currency fluctuations, the Fund may be able to achieve its desired exposure more effectively and perhaps at a lower cost by using futures contracts and futures options.

The Fund will only enter into futures contracts and futures options that are standardized and traded on an exchange, board of trade or similar entity, or quoted on an automated quotation system.

The success of any futures transaction depends on Calamos correctly predicting changes in the level and direction of stock prices, interest rates, currency exchange rates and other factors. Should those predictions be incorrect, the Fund’s return might have been better had the transaction not been attempted; however, in the absence of the ability to use futures contracts, Calamos might have taken portfolio actions in anticipation of the same market movements with similar investment results, but, presumably, at greater transaction costs. When a purchase or sale of a futures contract is made by the Fund, the Fund is required to deposit with its custodian (or broker, if legally permitted) a specified amount of cash or U.S. government securities or other securities acceptable to the broker (“initial margin”). The margin required for a futures contract is set by the exchange on which the contract is traded and may be modified during the term of the contract, although the Fund’s broker may require margin deposits in excess of the minimum required by the exchange. The initial margin is in the nature of a performance bond or good faith deposit on the futures contract, which is returned to the Fund upon termination of the contract, assuming all contractual obligations have been satisfied. The Fund expects to earn interest income on its initial margin deposits. A futures contract held by the Fund is valued daily at the official settlement price of the exchange on which it is traded. Each day the Fund pays or receives cash, called “variation margin,” equal to the daily change in value of the futures contract. This process is known as “marking-to-market.” Variation margin paid or received by the Fund does not represent a borrowing or loan by the Fund but is instead settlement between the Fund and the broker of the amount one would owe the other if the futures contract had expired at the close of the previous day. In computing net asset value, the Fund will mark-to-market its open futures positions.

The Fund is also required to deposit and maintain margin with respect to put and call options on futures contracts written by it. Such margin deposits will vary depending on the nature of the underlying futures contract (and the related initial margin requirements), the current market value of the option and other futures positions held by the Fund.

Although some futures contracts call for making or taking delivery of the underlying securities, usually these obligations are closed out prior to delivery by offsetting purchases or sales of matching futures contracts (same exchange, underlying security or index, and delivery month). If an offsetting purchase price is less than the original sale price, the Fund engaging in the transaction realizes a capital gain, or if it is more, the Fund realizes a capital loss. Conversely, if an offsetting sale price is more than the original purchase price, the Fund engaging in the transaction realizes a capital gain, or if it is less, the Fund realizes a capital loss. The transaction costs must also be included in these calculations.

## **Risks Associated with Futures**

There are several risks associated with the use of futures contracts and futures options. A purchase or sale of a futures contract may result in losses in excess of the amount invested in the futures contract. In trying to increase or reduce market exposure, there can be no guarantee that there will be a correlation between price movements in the futures contract and in the portfolio exposure sought. In addition, there are significant differences between the securities and futures markets that could result in an imperfect correlation between the markets, causing a given transaction not to achieve its objectives. The degree of imperfection of correlation depends on circumstances such as: variations in speculative market demand for futures, futures options and the related securities, including technical influences in futures and futures options trading and differences between the securities markets and the securities underlying the standard contracts available for trading. For example, in the case of index futures contracts, the composition of the index, including the issuers and the weighing of each issue, may differ from the composition of the Fund's portfolio, and, in the case of interest rate futures contracts, the interest rate levels, maturities and creditworthiness of the issues underlying the futures contract may differ from the financial instruments held in the Fund's portfolio. A decision as to whether, when and how to use futures contracts involves the exercise of skill and judgment, and even a well-conceived transaction may be unsuccessful to some degree because of market behavior or unexpected stock price or interest rate trends.

Futures exchanges may limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in certain futures contract prices during a single trading day. The daily limit establishes the maximum amount that the price of a futures contract may vary either up or down from the previous day's settlement price at the end of the current trading session. Once the daily limit has been reached in a futures contract subject to the limit, no more trades may be made on that day at a price beyond that limit. The daily limit governs only price movements during a particular trading day and therefore does not limit potential losses because the limit may work to prevent the liquidation of unfavorable positions. For example, futures prices have occasionally moved to the daily limit for several consecutive trading days with little or no trading, thereby preventing prompt liquidation of positions and subjecting some holders of futures contracts to substantial losses. Stock index futures contracts are not normally subject to such daily price change limitations.

There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a futures or futures option position. The Fund would be exposed to possible loss on the position during the interval of inability to close, and would continue to be required to meet margin requirements until the position is closed. In addition, many of the contracts discussed above are relatively new instruments without a significant trading history. As a result, there can be no assurance that an active secondary market will develop or continue to exist.

## **Limitations on Options and Futures**

If other options, futures contracts or futures options of types other than those described herein are traded in the future, the Fund may also use those investment vehicles, provided the Board of Trustees determines that their use is consistent with the Fund's investment objective.

When purchasing a futures contract or writing a put option on a futures contract, the Fund must maintain with its custodian (or futures commission merchant, if legally permitted) cash or cash equivalents (including any margin) equal to the market value of such contract. When writing a call option on a futures contract, the Fund similarly will maintain with its custodian (or futures commission merchant) cash or cash equivalents (including any margin) equal to the amount by which such option is in-the-money until the option expires or is closed by the Fund.

The Fund may not maintain open short positions in futures contracts, call options written on futures contracts or call options written on indexes if, in the aggregate, the market value of all such open positions exceeds the current value of the securities in its portfolio, plus or minus unrealized gains and losses on the open positions, adjusted for the historical relative volatility of the relationship between the portfolio and the positions. For this purpose, to the extent the Fund has written call options on specific securities in its portfolio, the value of those securities will be deducted from the current market value of the securities portfolio.

The use of futures contracts is subject to applicable regulations of the SEC, the several exchanges upon which they are traded and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “CFTC”). In addition, the Fund’s ability to use futures contracts will be limited by tax considerations. See “Certain Federal Income Tax Matters.” Pursuant to a claim for exemption filed with the National Futures Association, the Fund was not deemed to be a commodity pool operator or a commodity pool under the Commodity Exchange Act (the “CEA”) and was not subject to registration or regulation as such under the CEA. However, the registration exclusion was amended in February 2012, and such amendments took effect on April 24, 2012. Under these amendments, if the Fund uses commodity interests (such as futures contracts, options on futures contracts and swaps) other than for bona fide hedging purposes (as defined by the CFTC) the aggregate initial margin and premiums required to establish these positions (after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions and excluding the amount by which options that are “in-the-money”<sup>1</sup> at the time of purchase) may not exceed 5% of a fund’s NAV, or alternatively, the aggregate net notional value of those positions, as determined at the time the most recent position was established, may not exceed 100% of the fund’s NAV (after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions). The Fund is subject to the risk that a change in U.S. law and related regulations will impact the way in which the Fund operates, increase the particular costs of the Fund’s operations and/or change the competitive landscape. In this regard, any further amendment to the CEA or its related regulations subjecting the Fund to any additional regulation may have adverse impacts on the Fund’s operations and expenses.

The Fund has claimed an exclusion from registration as a commodity pool under the CEA and, therefore, the Fund and its officers and trustees are not subject to the registration requirements of the CEA. The Fund reserves the right to engage in transactions involving futures and options thereon to the extent allowed by CFTC regulations in effect from time to time and in accordance with the Fund’s policies.

## **Warrants**

The Fund may invest in warrants. A warrant is a right to purchase common stock at a specific price (usually at a premium above the market value of the underlying common stock at time of issuance) during a specified period of time. A warrant may have a life ranging from less than a year to twenty years or longer, but a warrant becomes worthless unless it is exercised or sold before expiration. In addition, if the market price of the common stock does not exceed the warrant’s exercise price during the life of the warrant, the warrant will expire worthless. Warrants have no voting rights, pay no dividends and have no rights with respect to the assets of the corporation issuing them. The percentage increase or decrease in the value of a warrant may be greater than the percentage increase or decrease in the value of the underlying common stock.

## **Portfolio Turnover**

Although the Fund does not purchase securities with a view to rapid turnover, there are no limitations on the length of time that portfolio securities must be held. Portfolio turnover can occur for a number of reasons, including calls for redemption, general conditions in the securities markets, more favorable investment opportunities in other securities, or other factors relating to the desirability of holding or changing a portfolio investment. The portfolio turnover rates may vary greatly from year to year. A high rate of portfolio turnover in the Fund would result in increased transaction expense. High portfolio turnover may also result in the realization of capital gains or losses and, to the extent net short-term capital gains are realized, any distributions resulting from such gains will be taxed at ordinary income tax rates for federal income tax purposes.

## **Short Sales**

The Fund may from time to time sell securities short to enhance income and protect against market risk by hedging a portion of the equity risk inherent in the Fund’s portfolio. A short sale is effected when Calamos

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<sup>1</sup> A call option is “in-the-money” to the extent, if any, that the value of the futures contract that is the subject of the option exceeds the exercise price. A put option is “in-the-money” if the exercise price exceeds the value of the futures contract that is the subject of the option.

believes that the price of a security will decline, and involves the sale of securities that the Fund does not own, in the hope of purchasing the same securities at a later date at a lower price. There can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to close out a short position (i.e., purchase the same securities) at any particular time or at an acceptable or advantageous price. To make delivery to the buyer, the Fund must borrow the securities from a broker-dealer through which the short sale is executed, and the broker-dealer delivers the securities, on behalf of the Fund, to the buyer. The broker-dealer is entitled to retain the proceeds from the short sale until the Fund delivers to it the securities sold short. In addition, the Fund is required to pay to the broker-dealer the amount of any dividends or interest paid on the securities sold short.

To secure its obligation to deliver to the broker-dealer the securities sold short, the Fund must segregate an amount of cash or liquid securities with its custodian equal to any excess of the current market value of the securities sold short over any cash or liquid securities deposited as collateral with the broker in connection with the short sale (not including the proceeds of the short sale). As a result of that requirement, the Fund will not gain any leverage merely by selling short, except to the extent that it earns interest or other income or gains on the segregated cash or liquid securities while also being subject to the possibility of gain or loss from the securities sold short.

The Fund is said to have a short position in the securities sold until it delivers to the broker-dealer the securities sold, at which time the Fund receives the proceeds of the short sale. The Fund will normally close out a short position by purchasing on the open market and delivering to the broker-dealer an equal amount of the securities sold short.

The Fund will realize a gain if the price of the securities declines between the date of the short sale and the date on which the Fund purchases securities to replace the borrowed securities. On the other hand, a Fund will incur a loss if the price of the securities increases between those dates. The amount of any gain will be decreased and the amount of any loss increased by any premium or interest that the Fund may be required to pay in connection with the short sale. It should be noted that possible losses from short sales differ from those that could arise from a cash investment in a security in that losses from a short sale may be limitless, while the losses from a cash investment in a security cannot exceed the total amount of the investment in the security.

There is also a risk that securities borrowed by the Fund and delivered to the buyer of the securities sold short will need to be returned to the broker-dealer on short notice. If the request for the return of securities occurs at a time when other short sellers of the security are receiving similar requests, a “short squeeze” can occur, meaning that the Fund might be compelled, at the most disadvantageous time, to replace the borrowed securities with securities purchased on the open market, possibly at prices significantly in excess of the proceeds received earlier.

Rule 10a-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Exchange Act”) provides that exchange-traded securities can be sold short only at a price that is higher than the last trade or the same as the last trade price if that price is higher than the price of the previous reported trade. The requirements of Rule 10a-1 can delay, or in some cases prevent, execution of short sales, resulting in opportunity costs and increased exposure to market action.

The Fund may also make short sales “against the box,” meaning that at all times when a short position is open the Fund owns an equal amount of such securities or securities convertible into or exchangeable, without payment of further consideration, for securities of the same issue as, and in an amount equal to, the securities sold short. Short sales “against the box” result in a “constructive sale” and require the Fund to recognize any taxable gain unless an exception to the constructive sale rule applies.

The Fund will not make a short sale of securities (other than a short sale “against the box”), if more than 20% of its net assets would be deposited with brokers as collateral or allocated to segregated accounts in connection with all outstanding short sales (other than short sales “against the box”).

In addition to enabling the Fund to hedge against market risk, short sales may afford the Fund an opportunity to earn additional current income to the extent it is able to enter into arrangements with broker-dealers through which the short sales are executed to receive income with respect to the proceeds of the short sales during the period the Fund's short positions remain open. The Fund believes that some broker-dealers may be willing to enter into such arrangements, but there is no assurance that they will be able to enter into such arrangements to the desired degree.

### **Swaps, Caps, Floors and Collars**

The Fund may enter into interest rate, currency, index, credit default and other swaps and the purchase or sale of related caps, floors and collars. The Fund expects to enter into these transactions primarily as a hedge to preserve a return or spread on a particular investment or portion of its portfolio, to protect against currency fluctuations, as a duration management technique or to protect against any increase in the price of securities the Fund anticipates purchasing at a later date. The Fund will not sell interest rate caps or floors where it does not own securities or other instruments providing the income stream the Fund may be obligated to pay. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest, e.g., an exchange of floating rate payments for fixed rate payments with respect to a notional amount of principal. A currency swap is an agreement to exchange cash flows on a notional amount of two or more currencies based on the relative value differential among them and an index swap is an agreement to swap cash flows on a notional amount based on changes in the values of the reference indices. The purchase of a cap entitles the purchaser to receive payments on a notional principal amount from the party selling such cap to the extent that a specified index exceeds a predetermined interest rate or amount. The purchase of a floor entitles the purchaser to receive payments on a notional principal amount from the party selling such floor to the extent that a specified index falls below a predetermined interest rate or amount. A collar is a combination of a cap and a floor that preserves a certain return within a predetermined range of interest rates or values.

The Fund will usually enter into swaps or caps on a net basis; that is, the two payment streams will be netted out in a cash settlement on the payment date or dates specified in the instrument, with the Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. The Fund intends to maintain in a segregated account with its custodian cash or liquid securities having a value at least equal to the Fund's net payment obligations under any swap transaction, marked-to-market daily.

The use of swaps and caps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. The Fund's use of swaps or caps could enhance or harm the overall performance on the common shares. To the extent there is a decline in interest rates, the value of the interest rate swap or cap could decline, and could result in a decline in the net asset value of the common shares. In addition, if short-term interest rates are lower than the Fund's fixed rate of payment on the interest rate swap, the swap will reduce common share net earnings. If, on the other hand, short-term interest rates are higher than the fixed rate of payment on the interest rate swap, the swap will enhance common share net earnings. Buying caps could enhance the performance of the common shares by limiting certain leverage expenses. Buying caps could also decrease the net earnings of the common shares in the event that the premium paid by the Fund to the counterparty exceeds the additional amount the Fund would have been required to pay had it not entered into the cap agreement. The Fund has no current intention of selling swaps or caps.

Swaps and caps do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to swaps is limited to the net amount of payments that the Fund is contractually obligated to make. If the counterparty defaults, the Fund would not be able to use the anticipated net receipts under the swap or cap to offset the payments on the Fund's leverage or offset certain losses in the portfolio. Depending on whether the Fund would be entitled to receive net payments from the counterparty on the swap or cap, such a default could negatively impact the performance of the common shares.

Although this will not guarantee the counterparty does not default, the Fund will not enter into any swap, cap, floor or collar transaction unless, at the time of entering into such transaction, the Fund believes that the

counterparty has the financial resources to honor its obligation under the transaction. Further, Calamos will continually monitor the financial stability of a counterparty to a swap or cap transaction in an effort to proactively protect the Fund's investments.

In addition, at the time the swap or cap transaction reaches its scheduled termination date, there is a risk that the Fund would not be able to obtain a replacement transaction or that the terms of the replacement would not be as favorable as on the expiring transaction. If this occurs, it could have a negative impact on the performance of the Fund's common shares.

If the Fund were to issue preferred shares, the Fund may choose or be required to redeem some or all of the preferred shares or prepay any borrowings. Such redemption or prepayment would likely result in the Fund seeking to terminate early all or a portion of any swap or cap transaction. Such early termination of a swap could result in termination payment by or to the Fund.

The swap market has grown substantially in recent years with a large number of banks and investment banking firms acting both as principals and as agents utilizing standardized swap documentation. As a result, the swap market has become relatively liquid, however, some swaps may be considered illiquid. The markets for some types of caps, floors and collars are less liquid.

#### **“When Issued” and Delayed Delivery Securities and Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund may purchase securities on a when issued or delayed delivery basis. Although the payment and interest terms of these securities are established at the time the Fund enters into the commitment, the securities may be delivered and paid for a month or more after the date of purchase, when their value may have changed. The Fund makes such commitments only with the intention of actually acquiring the securities, but may sell the securities before settlement date if Calamos deems it advisable for investment reasons. The Fund may utilize spot and forward foreign currency exchange transactions to reduce the risk inherent in fluctuations in the exchange rate between one currency and another when securities are purchased or sold on a when issued or delayed delivery basis.

The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements with banks and securities dealers. A reverse repurchase agreement is a repurchase agreement in which the Fund is the seller of, rather than the investor in, securities and agrees to repurchase them at an agreed upon time and price. Use of a reverse repurchase agreement may be preferable to a regular sale and later repurchase of securities because it avoids certain market risks and transaction costs.

At the time when the Fund enters into a binding obligation to purchase securities on a when-issued basis or enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, liquid securities (cash, U.S. government securities or other “high grade” debt obligations) of the Fund having a value at least as great as the purchase price of the securities to be purchased will be segregated on the books of the Fund and held by the custodian throughout the period of the obligation. The coverage of these positions with segregated assets places an effective maximum limit on the use of these types of securities. The use of these investment strategies may increase net asset value fluctuation.

#### **Illiquid Securities**

The Fund may invest without limit in securities that, at the time of investment, are illiquid (i.e., any investment that the Fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment). Illiquid securities may be difficult to dispose of at a fair price at the times when the Fund believes it is desirable to do so. The market price of illiquid securities generally is more volatile than that of more liquid securities, which may adversely affect the price that the Fund pays for or recovers upon the sale of illiquid securities. Illiquid securities are also more difficult to value and Calamos' judgment may play a greater role in the valuation



process. Investment of the Fund's assets in illiquid securities may restrict the Fund's ability to take advantage of market opportunities. The risks associated with illiquid securities may be particularly acute in situations in which the Fund's operations require cash and could result in the Fund borrowing to meet its short-term needs or incurring losses on the sale of illiquid securities.

The Fund may invest in bonds, corporate loans, convertible securities, preferred stocks and other securities that lack a secondary trading market or are otherwise considered illiquid. Liquidity of a security relates to the ability to easily dispose of the security and the price to be obtained upon disposition of the security, which may be less than would be obtained for a comparable more liquid security. Such investments may affect the Fund's ability to realize the net asset value in the event of a voluntary or involuntary liquidation of its assets.

### **Temporary Defensive Investments**

The Fund may make temporary investments without limitation when Calamos determines that a defensive position is warranted. Such investments may be in money market instruments, consisting of obligations of, or guaranteed as to principal and interest by, the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities; certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and other obligations of domestic banks having total assets of at least \$500 million and that are regulated by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities; commercial paper rated in the highest category by a recognized rating agency; cash; and repurchase agreements. If the Fund temporarily uses a different investment strategy for defensive purposes, different factors could affect the Fund's performance, and the Fund may not achieve its investment objective.

### **Repurchase Agreements**

As part of its strategy for the temporary investment of cash, the Fund may enter into "repurchase agreements" with member banks of the Federal Reserve System or primary dealers (as designated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York) in such securities. A repurchase agreement arises when the Fund purchases a security and simultaneously agrees to resell it to the vendor at an agreed upon future date. The resale price is greater than the purchase price, reflecting an agreed upon market rate of return that is effective for the period of time the Fund holds the security and that is not related to the coupon rate on the purchased security. Such agreements generally have maturities of no more than seven days and could be used to permit the Fund to earn interest on assets awaiting long-term investment. The Fund requires continuous maintenance by the custodian for the Fund's account in the Federal Reserve/Treasury Book Entry System of collateral in an amount equal to, or in excess of, the market value of the securities that are the subject of a repurchase agreement. Repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days are considered illiquid securities. In the event of a bankruptcy or other default of a seller of a repurchase agreement, the Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the underlying security and losses, including: (a) possible decline in the value of the underlying security during the period while the Fund seeks to enforce its rights thereto; (b) possible subnormal levels of income and lack of access to income during this period; and (c) expenses of enforcing its rights.

### **Preferred Shares**

The Fund may invest in preferred shares. The preferred shares that the Fund will invest in will typically be convertible securities. Preferred shares are equity securities, but they have many characteristics of fixed income securities, such as a fixed dividend payment rate and/or a liquidity preference over the issuer's common shares.

### **Real Estate Investment Funds ("REITs") and Associated Risk Factors**

REITs are pooled investment vehicles which invest primarily in income producing real estate or real estate related loans or interests. REITs are generally classified as equity REITs, mortgage REITs or a combination of equity and mortgage REITs. Equity REITs invest the majority of their assets directly in real property and derive income primarily from the collection of rents. Equity REITs can also realize capital gains by selling properties

that have appreciated in value. Mortgage REITs invest the majority of their assets in real estate mortgages and derive income from the collection of interest payments. REITs are not taxed on income and gains distributed to shareholders provided they comply with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). The Fund will indirectly bear its proportionate share of any management and other expenses paid by REITs in which it invests in addition to the expenses paid by the Fund. Debt securities issued by REITs are, for the most part, general and unsecured obligations and are subject to risks associated with REITs.

Investing in REITs involves certain unique risks in addition to those risks associated with investing in the real estate industry in general. An equity REIT may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying properties owned by the REIT. A mortgage REIT may be affected by changes in interest rates and the ability of the issuers of its portfolio mortgages to repay their obligations. REITs are dependent upon the skills of their managers and are not diversified. REITs are generally dependent upon maintaining cash flows to repay borrowings and to make distributions to shareholders and are subject to the risk of default by lessees or borrowers. REITs whose underlying assets are concentrated in properties used by a particular industry, such as health care, are also subject to risks associated with such industry.

REITs (especially mortgage REITs) are also subject to interest rate risks. When interest rates decline, the value of a REIT’s investment in fixed rate obligations can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of a REIT’s investment in fixed rate obligations can be expected to decline. If the REIT invests in adjustable rate mortgage loans the interest rates on which are reset periodically, yields on a REIT’s investments in such loans will gradually align themselves to reflect changes in market interest rates. This causes the value of such investments to fluctuate less dramatically in response to interest rate fluctuations than would investments in fixed rate obligations.

REITs may have limited financial resources, may utilize significant amounts of leverage, may trade less frequently and in a limited volume and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than larger company securities. Historically REITs have been more volatile in price than the larger capitalization stocks included in Standard & Poor’s 500 Stock Index.

### **Other Investment Companies**

The Fund may invest in the securities of other investment companies to the extent that such investments are consistent with the Fund’s investment objective and policies and are permissible under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not acquire the securities of other domestic or non-U.S. investment companies if, as a result, (i) more than 10% of the Fund’s total assets would be invested in securities of other investment companies, (ii) such purchase would result in more than 3% of the total outstanding voting securities of any one investment company being held by the Fund, (iii) more than 5% of the Fund’s total assets would be invested in any one investment company, or (iv) such purchase would result in more than 10% of the total outstanding voting securities of a registered closed-end investment company being held by the Fund. These limitations do not apply to, among other things, the purchase of shares of money market funds, of certain related funds or of funds with exemptive relief, or any investment company in connection with a merger, consolidation, reorganization or acquisition of substantially all the assets of another investment company.

The Fund, as a holder of the securities of other investment companies, will bear its pro rata portion of the other investment companies’ expenses, including advisory fees. These expenses are in addition to the direct expenses of the Fund’s own operations.

### **Recent Market Conditions**

The financial crisis in both the U.S. and global economies over the past several years, including the European sovereign debt crisis, has resulted, and may continue to result, in an unusually high degree of volatility

in the financial markets and the economy at large. Both domestic and international equity and fixed income markets have been experiencing heightened volatility and turmoil, with issuers that have exposure to the real estate, mortgage and credit markets particularly affected. It is uncertain how long these conditions will continue.

In addition to the recent unprecedented turbulence in financial markets, the reduced liquidity in credit and fixed income markets may negatively affect many issuers worldwide. Reduced liquidity in these markets may mean there is less money available to purchase raw materials, goods and services, which may, in turn, bring down the prices of these economic staples. It may also result in some issuers having more difficulty obtaining financing and ultimately may lead to a decline in their stock prices. The values of some sovereign debt and of securities of issuers that hold that sovereign debt have fallen. These events, and the potential for continuing market turbulence, may have an adverse effect on the Fund. In addition, global economies and financial markets are becoming increasingly interconnected, which increases the possibilities that conditions in one country or region might adversely impact issuers in a different country or region.

Continuing uncertainty as to the status of the Euro and the European Monetary Union (“EMU”) and the potential for certain countries to withdraw from the institution has created significant volatility in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EMU could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets, and on the values of the Fund’s portfolio investments.

The U.S. federal government and certain foreign central banks have acted to calm credit markets and increase confidence in the U.S. and world economies. Certain of these entities have injected liquidity into the markets and taken other steps in an effort to stabilize the markets and grow the economy. The ultimate effect of these efforts is, of course, not yet known. Changes in government policies may exacerbate the market’s difficulties and the withdrawal of this support, or other policy changes by governments or central banks, could negatively affect the value and liquidity of certain securities.

The situation in the financial markets has resulted in calls for increased regulation, and the need of many financial institutions for government help has given lawmakers and regulators new leverage. The Dodd-Frank Act initiated a dramatic revision of the U.S. financial regulatory framework that is expected to continue to unfold over several years. The Dodd-Frank Act covers a broad range of topics, including (among many others) a reorganization of federal financial regulators; a process intended to improve financial systemic stability and the resolution of potentially insolvent financial firms; new rules for derivatives trading; the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; the registration and additional regulation of hedge and private equity fund managers; and new federal requirements for residential mortgage loans. Instruments in which the Fund may invest, or the issuers of such instruments, may be affected by the new legislation and regulation in ways that may be unforeseeable. Because these requirements are new and evolving (and some of the rules are not yet final), their ultimate impact remains unclear.

The statutory provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act significantly change in several respects the ways in which investment products are marketed, sold, settled or terminated. In particular, the Dodd-Frank Act mandates the elimination of references to credit ratings in numerous securities laws, including the 1940 Act. Transactions in some types of swaps (including interest rate swaps and credit default index swaps on North American and European indices) are required to be centrally cleared. Clearinghouses and futures commission merchants have broad rights to increase margin requirements for existing cleared transactions or to terminate cleared transactions at any time. Any increase in margin requirements or termination by the clearing member or the clearinghouse may have an effect on the performance of the Fund.

Under rules adopted under the Dodd-Frank Act, certain derivatives contracts are required to be executed through swap execution facilities (“SEFs”). A SEF is a trading platform where multiple market participants can execute derivatives by accepting bids and offers made by multiple other participants in the platform. Such requirements may make it more difficult and costly for investment funds, such as the Fund, to enter into highly tailored or customized transactions. Trading swaps on a SEF may offer certain advantages over traditional

bilateral over-the-counter trading, such as ease of execution, price transparency, increased liquidity and/or favorable pricing. Execution through a SEF is not, however, without additional costs and risks, as parties are required to comply with SEF and CFTC rules and regulations, including disclosure and recordkeeping obligations, and SEF rights of inspection, among others. SEFs typically charge fees, and if the Fund executes derivatives on a swap execution facility through a broker intermediary, the intermediary may impose fees as well. The Fund also may be required to indemnify a SEF, or a broker intermediary who executes swaps on a SEF on the Fund's behalf, against any losses or costs that may be incurred as a result of the Fund's transactions on the SEF. In addition, the Fund may be subject to execution risk if it enters into a derivatives transaction that is required to be cleared, and no clearing member is willing to clear the transaction on the Fund's behalf. In that case, the transaction might have to be terminated, and the Fund could lose some or all of the benefit of any increase in the value of the transaction after the time of the trade.

The European Union (and some other countries) are implementing similar requirements that will affect a Fund when it enters into derivatives transactions with a counterparty organized in that country or otherwise subject to that country's derivatives regulations.

The new requirements may result in increased uncertainty about counterparty credit risk, and they may also limit the flexibility of a Fund to protect its interests in the event of an insolvency of a derivatives counterparty. In the event of a counterparty's (or its affiliate's) insolvency, the Fund's ability to exercise remedies, such as the termination of transactions, netting of obligations and realization on collateral, could be stayed or eliminated under new special resolution regimes adopted in the United States, the European Union and various other jurisdictions. Such regimes provide government authorities with broad authority to intervene when a financial institution is experiencing financial difficulty. In particular, with respect to counterparties who are subject to such proceedings in the European Union, the liabilities of such counterparties to the Fund could be reduced, eliminated, or converted to equity in such counterparties (sometimes referred to as a "bail in").

Additionally, U.S. regulators, the European Union and certain other jurisdictions have adopted minimum margin and capital requirements for uncleared derivatives transactions. It is expected that these regulations will have a material impact on the Fund's use of uncleared derivatives. These rules will impose minimum margin requirements on derivatives transactions between the Fund and their swap counterparties and may increase the amount of margin the Fund is required to provide. They will impose regulatory requirements on the timing of transferring margin. The Fund is subject to variation margin requirements under such rules and may become subject to initial margin requirements under such rules in 2020.

These and other new rules and regulations could, among other things, further restrict a Fund's ability to engage in, or increase the cost to a Fund of, derivatives transactions, for example, by making some types of derivatives no longer available to the Fund or otherwise limiting liquidity.

Because the situation in the markets is widespread and largely unprecedented, it may be unusually difficult to identify both risks and opportunities using past models of the interplay of market forces, or to predict the duration of these market conditions.

## **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

The following are the Fund's fundamental investment restrictions. These restrictions may not be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities (which for this purpose and under the 1940 Act means the lesser of (i) 67% of the common shares represented at a meeting at which more than 50% of the outstanding common shares are represented or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding common shares). As long as preferred shares are outstanding, the investment restrictions cannot be changed without the approval of a majority of the outstanding common and preferred shares, voting together as a class, and the approval of a majority of the outstanding preferred shares, voting separately by class.

The Fund may not:

- (1) Issue senior securities, except as permitted by the 1940 Act and the rules and interpretive positions of the SEC thereunder.
- (2) Borrow money, except as permitted by the 1940 Act and the rules and interpretive positions of the SEC thereunder.
- (3) Invest in real estate, except that the Fund may invest in securities of issuers that invest in real estate or interests therein, securities that are secured by real estate or interests therein, securities of real estate investment funds and mortgage-backed securities.
- (4) Make loans, except by the purchase of debt obligations, by entering into repurchase agreements or through the lending of portfolio securities and as otherwise permitted by the 1940 Act and the rules and interpretive positions of the SEC thereunder.
- (5) Invest in physical commodities or contracts relating to physical commodities.
- (6) Act as an underwriter, except as it may be deemed to be an underwriter in a sale of securities held in its portfolio.
- (7) Make any investment inconsistent with the Fund's classification as a diversified investment company under the 1940 Act and the rules and interpretive positions of the SEC thereunder.
- (8) Concentrate its investments in securities of companies in any particular industry as defined in the 1940 Act and the rules and interpretive positions of the SEC thereunder.

All other investment policies of the Fund are considered non-fundamental and may be changed by the Board of Trustees without prior approval of the Fund's outstanding voting shares.

Currently under the 1940 Act, the Fund is not permitted to issue preferred shares unless immediately after such issuance the net asset value of the Fund's portfolio is at least 200% of the liquidation value of the outstanding preferred shares (i.e., such liquidation value may not exceed 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets). In addition, currently under the 1940 Act, the Fund is not permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on its common shares unless, at the time of such declaration, the net asset value of the Fund's portfolio (determined after deducting the amount of such dividend or distribution) is at least 200% of such liquidation value plus any senior securities representing indebtedness. Currently under the 1940 Act, the Fund is not permitted to issue senior securities representing indebtedness unless immediately after such borrowing the Fund has asset coverage of at least 300% of the aggregate outstanding principal balance of indebtedness (i.e., such indebtedness may not exceed 33 1/3% of the value of the Fund's total assets). Additionally, currently under the 1940 Act, the Fund generally may not declare any dividend or other distribution upon any class of its shares, or purchase any such shares, unless the aggregate indebtedness of the Fund has, at the time of the declaration of any such dividend or distribution or at the time of any such purchase, an asset coverage of at least 300% after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution, or purchase price, as the case may be, except that dividends may be declared upon any preferred shares if such indebtedness has an asset coverage of at least 200% at the time of declaration thereof after deducting the amount of the dividend. This limitation does not apply to certain privately placed debt.

Currently under the 1940 Act, the Fund is not permitted to lend money or property to any person, directly or indirectly, if such person controls or is under common control with the Fund, except for a loan from the Fund to a company which owns all of the outstanding securities of the Fund, except directors' qualifying shares.

Currently, under interpretive positions of the SEC, the Fund may not have on loan at any time securities representing more than one third of its total assets.

Currently under the 1940 Act, a "senior security" does not include any promissory note or evidence of indebtedness where such loan is for temporary purposes only and in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of

the total assets of the issuer at the time the loan is made. A loan is presumed to be for temporary purposes if it is repaid within sixty days and is not extended or renewed.

Currently, the Fund would be deemed to “concentrate” in a particular industry if it invested 25% or more of its total assets in that industry.

Currently under the 1940 Act, a “diversified company” means a management company which meets the following requirements: at least 75% of the value of its total assets is represented by cash and cash items (including receivables), government securities, securities of other investment companies, and other securities for the purposes of this calculation limited in respect of any one issuer to an amount not greater in value than 5% of the value of the total assets of such management company and not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer.

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not acquire the securities of other domestic or non-U.S. investment companies if, as a result, (1) more than 10% of the Fund’s total assets would be invested in securities of other investment companies, (2) such purchase would result in more than 3% of the total outstanding voting securities of any one investment company being held by the Fund, (3) more than 5% of the Fund’s total assets would be invested in any one investment company, or (4) such purchase would result in more than 10% of the total outstanding voting securities of a registered closed-end investment company being held by the Fund. These limitations do not apply to, among other things, the purchase of shares of money market funds, of certain related funds or of funds with exemptive relief, or of any investment company in connection with a merger, consolidation, reorganization or acquisition of substantially all the assets of another investment company. As a shareholder in any investment company, the Fund will bear its ratable share of that investment company’s expenses, and would remain subject to payment of the Fund’s advisory fees and other expenses with respect to assets so invested. Holders of common shares would therefore be subject to duplicative expenses to the extent the Fund invests in other investment companies. In addition, the securities of other investment companies may also be leveraged and will therefore be subject to the same leverage risks described herein and in the prospectus. As described in the prospectus in the section entitled “Risks,” the net asset value and market value of leveraged shares will be more volatile and the yield to shareholders will tend to fluctuate more than the yield generated by unleveraged shares.

In addition, to comply with federal income tax requirements for qualification as a regulated investment company, the Fund’s investments will be limited by both an income and an asset test. See “Certain Federal Income Tax Matters.”

As a non-fundamental policy, the Fund may not issue preferred shares, borrow money and/or issue debt securities with an aggregate liquidation preference and aggregate principal amount exceeding 38% of the Fund’s managed assets measured at the time of borrowing or issuance of the new securities.

The Fund presently utilizes leverage through its outstanding borrowings pursuant to the SSB Agreement, and its issuance of mandatory redeemable preferred shares. See the prospectus (under the caption “Leverage”) for more information about the Fund’s present activities related to the issuance of senior securities and the borrowing of money.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND**

### **Trustees and Officers**

The Fund’s Board of Trustees provides broad oversight over the Fund’s affairs. The officers of the Fund are responsible for the Fund’s operations. The Fund’s Trustees and officers are listed below, together with their year of birth, positions held with the Fund, term of office and length of service and principal occupations during the

past five years. Asterisks indicate those Trustees who are interested persons of the Fund within the meaning of the 1940 Act, and they are referred to as Interested Trustees. Trustees who are not interested persons of the Fund are referred to as Independent Trustees. Each of the Trustees serves as a Trustee of other investment companies (24 U.S. registered investment portfolios) for which Calamos serves as investment adviser (collectively, the “Calamos Funds”). The address for all Independent and Interested Trustees and all officers of the Fund is 2020 Calamos Court, Naperville, Illinois 60563.

**Trustees who are interested persons of the Fund:**

<u>NAME AND YEAR OF BIRTH</u>	<u>POSITION(S) WITH FUND</u>	<u>PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX^ OVERSEEN</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS AND OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS</u>
John P. Calamos, Sr. (1940)*	Chairman, Trustee and President (since 1988) Term Expires 2020	24	Founder, Chairman and Global Chief Investment Officer, Calamos Asset Management, Inc. (“CAM”), Calamos Investments LLC (“CILLC”), Calamos and its predecessor and Calamos Wealth Management LLC (“CWM”), Director CAM; and previously Chief Executive Officer, Calamos Financial Services LLC and its predecessor (“CFS”), CAM, CILLC, Calamos, and CWM

**Trustees who are not interested persons of the Fund:**

<u>NAME AND YEAR OF BIRTH</u>	<u>POSITION(S) WITH FUND</u>	<u>PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX^ OVERSEEN</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS AND OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS</u>
John E. Neal (1950)	Trustee (since 2002) Term Expires 2021	24	Retired; Private investor; formerly, Director, Equity Residential Trust (publicly-owned REIT); Director, Creation Investments (private international microfinance company); Director, Centrust Bank (Northbrook Illinois community bank); Director, Neuro-ID (private company providing prescriptive analytics for the risk industry); Partner, Linden LLC (health care private equity) (until 2018)

<b>NAME AND YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	<b>POSITION(S) WITH FUND</b>	<b>PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX<sup>^</sup> OVERSEEN</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS AND OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS</b>
William R. Rybak (1951)	Trustee (since 2002) Term Expires 2020	24	Private investor; Chairman (since February 2016) and Director (since February 2010), Christian Brothers Investment Services Inc.; Trustee, JNL Series Trust, JNL Investors Series Trust and JNL Variable Fund LLC (since 2007); JNL Strategic Income Fund LLC (2007-2018) and Jackson Variable Series Trust (open-end mutual funds) (since January 2018)**; Trustee, Lewis University (since 2012); formerly Director, Private Bancorp (2003-2017); Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Van Kampen Investments, Inc. and subsidiaries (investment manager)
Stephen B. Timbers (1944)	Trustee (since 2004); Lead Independent Trustee (since 2005) Term Expires 2019	24	Private investor
David D. Tripple (1944)	Trustee (since 2006) Term Expires 2021	24	Private investor; Trustee, Century Capital Management Trust (open-end mutual funds) (2004 -2018)***
Virginia G. Breen (1964)	Trustee (since 2015) Term Expires 2019	24	Private Investor; Director, Paylocity Holding Corporation (since 2018); Trustee, Neuberger Berman Private Equity Registered Funds (registered private equity funds) (since 2015)****; Trustee, Jones Lang LaSalle Income Property Trust, Inc. (REIT) (since 2004); Director, UBS A&Q Fund Complex (closed-end funds) (since 2008)*****; Director, Bank of America/US Trust Company (until 2015); Director of Modus Link Global Solutions, Inc. (until 2013)



<u>NAME AND YEAR OF BIRTH</u>	<u>POSITION(S) WITH FUND</u>	<u>PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX<sup>^</sup> OVERSEEN</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS AND OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS</u>
Lloyd A. Wennlund (1957)	Trustee (since 2018) Term Expires 2019	24	Expert Affiliate, Bates Group, LLC (financial services consulting and expert testimony firm) (since 2018); Executive Vice President, The Northern Trust Company (1989-2017); President and Business Unit Head of Northern Funds and Northern Institutional Funds (1994-2017); Director, Northern Trust Investments (1998-2017); Governor (2004-2017) and Executive Committee member (2011-2017), Investment Company Institute Board of Governors; Member, Securities Industry Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Advisory Council, Private Client Services Committee and Private Client Steering Group (2006-2017); Board Member, Chicago Advisory Board of the Salvation Army (since 2011)

\* Mr. Calamos is an “interested person” of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act because he is an officer of the Fund and an affiliate of Calamos and CFS.

\*\* Overseeing 163 portfolios in fund complex.

\*\*\* Overseeing two portfolios in fund complex.

\*\*\*\* Overseeing five portfolios in fund complex.

\*\*\*\*\* Overseeing five portfolios in fund complex.

<sup>^</sup> The Fund Complex consists of Calamos Investment Trust, Calamos Advisors Trust, Calamos Convertible Opportunities and Income Fund, Calamos Convertible and High Income Fund, Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund, Calamos Global Total Return Fund, Calamos Global Dynamic Income Fund and Calamos Dynamic Convertible and Income Fund.

*Officers.* The preceding table gives information about Mr. John Calamos, who is Chairman, Trustee and President of the Fund. The following table sets forth each other officer’s name and year of birth, position with the Fund and date first appointed to that position, and principal occupation(s) during the past five years. Each officer serves until his or her successor is chosen and qualified or until his or her resignation or removal by the board of trustees.

<u>NAME AND YEAR OF BIRTH</u>	<u>POSITION(S) WITH FUND</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S)</u>
Robert Behan (1964)	Vice President (since 2013)	President (since 2015), Head of Global Distribution (since 2013), CAM, CILLC, Calamos, CFS; prior thereto Executive Vice President (2013-2015); Senior Vice President (2009-2013), Head of US Intermediary Distribution (2010-2013)

<b>NAME AND YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	<b>POSITION(S) WITH FUND</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S)</b>
Thomas E. Herman (1961)	Vice President (since 2016); prior thereto Chief Financial Officer (2016-2017)	Chief Financial Officer, CAM, CILLC, Calamos, and CWM (since 2016); prior thereto Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Harris Associates (2010-2016)
Curtis Holloway (1967)	Chief Financial Officer (since 2017) and Treasurer (since 2010); prior thereto Assistant Treasurer (2007-2010)	Senior Vice President, Head of Fund Administration (since 2017), Calamos; prior thereto Vice President, Fund Administration, (2010-2017)
J. Christopher Jackson (1951)	Vice President and Secretary (since 2010)	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, CAM, CILLC, Calamos, CWM and CFS (since 2010); Director, Calamos Global Funds plc (since 2011)
John S. Koudounis (1966)	Vice President (since 2016)	Chief Executive Officer, CAM, CILLC, Calamos, CWM, and CFS (since 2016); Director, CAM (since 2016); President and Chief Executive Officer (2010-2016), Mizuho Securities USA Inc.
Mark J. Mickey (1951)	Chief Compliance Officer (since 2005)	Chief Compliance Officer, Calamos Funds (since 2005)

The Fund's Board of Trustees consists of seven members. In accordance with the Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, the Board of Trustees is divided into three classes of approximately equal size. The terms of the trustees of the different classes are staggered. The terms of Virginia G. Breen, Stephen B. Timbers and Lloyd A. Wennlund will expire at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2019. The terms of John P. Calamos, Sr. and William R. Rybak will expire at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2020. The terms of John E. Neal and David D. Tripple will expire at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2021. Such classification of the Trustees may prevent the replacement of a majority of the Trustees for up to a two year period. Each of the Fund's officers serves until his or her successor is chosen and qualified or until his or her resignation or removal by the Board of Trustees. In connection with the issuance of the MRP Shares, Messrs. Rybak and Timbers were designated as the Trustees who represent the holders of preferred shares of the Fund.

*Committees of the Board of Trustees.* The Fund's Board of Trustees currently has five standing committees:

**Executive Committee.** Messrs. John Calamos and Stephen B. Timbers are members of the Executive Committee, which has authority during intervals between meetings of the Board of Trustees to exercise the powers of the Board, with certain exceptions.

**Audit Committee.** Messrs. Stephen B. Timbers, John E. Neal (Chair), William R. Rybak, David D. Tripple and Lloyd A. Wennlund and Ms. Virginia G. Breen, each a non-interested Trustee, serve on the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee approves the selection of the independent auditors to the Trustees, approves services to be rendered by the auditors, monitors the auditors' performance, reviews the results of the Fund's audit, determines whether to recommend to the Board that the Fund's audited financial statements be included in the Fund's annual report and responds to other matters deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees.

Governance Committee. Stephen B. Timbers, John E. Neal, William R. Rybak (Chair), Virginia G. Breen, David D. Tripple and Lloyd A. Wennlund, each a non-interested Trustee, serve on the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee oversees the independence and effective functioning of the Board of Trustees and endeavors to be informed about good practices for fund boards. The members of the Governance Committee make recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding candidates for election as non interested Trustees. The Governance Committee will consider shareholder recommendations regarding potential candidates for nomination as Trustees properly submitted to the Governance Committee for its consideration. A Fund shareholder who wishes to nominate a candidate to the Fund's Board of Trustees must submit any such recommendation in writing via regular mail to the attention of the Fund's Secretary, at the address of the Fund's principal executive offices. The shareholder recommendation must include:

- the number and class of all Fund shares owned beneficially and of record by the nominating shareholder at the time the recommendation is submitted and the dates on which such shares were acquired, specifying the number of shares owned beneficially;
- a full listing of the proposed candidate's education, experience (including knowledge of the investment company industry, experience as a director or senior officer of public or private companies, and directorships on other boards of other registered investment companies), current employment, date of birth, business and residence address, and the names and addresses of at least three professional references;
- information as to whether the candidate is, has been or may be an "interested person" (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund, Calamos or any of its affiliates, and, if believed not to be or have been an "interested person," information regarding the candidate that will be sufficient for the Committee to make such determination;
- the written and signed consent of the candidate to be named as a nominee and to serve as a Trustee of the Fund, if elected;
- a description of all arrangements or understandings between the nominating shareholder, the candidate and/or any other person or persons (including their names) pursuant to which the shareholder recommendation is being made, and if none, so specify;
- the class or series and number of all shares of the Fund owned of record or beneficially by the candidate, as reported by the candidate; and
- such other information that would be helpful to the Governance Committee in evaluating the candidate.

The Governance Committee may require the nominating shareholder to furnish other information it may reasonably require or deem necessary to verify any information furnished pursuant to the procedures delineated above or to determine the qualifications and eligibility of the candidate proposed by the nominating shareholder to serve as a Trustee. If the nominating shareholder fails to provide such additional information in writing within seven days of receipt of a written request from the Governance Committee, the recommendation of such candidate as a nominee will be deemed not properly submitted for consideration, and the Governance Committee is not required to consider such candidate. During periods when the Governance Committee is not actively recruiting new Trustees, shareholder recommendations will be kept on file until active recruitment is under way. After consideration of a shareholder recommendation, the Governance Committee may dispose of the shareholder recommendation.

Dividend Committee. John P. Calamos, Sr. serves as the sole member of the dividend committee. The dividend committee is authorized to declare distributions on the Fund's shares including, but not limited to, regular dividends, special dividends and short- and long-term capital gains distributions.

Valuation Committee. David D. Tripple (Chair), Virginia G. Breen, John E. Neal, William R. Rybak, Stephen B. Timbers and Lloyd A. Wennlund, each a non-interested Trustee, serve on the Valuation Committee.

The Valuation Committee oversees the implementation of the valuation procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees. The members of the Valuation Committee make recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding valuation matters relating to the Fund.

In addition to the above committees, there is a Board of Trustees directed pricing committee comprised of officers of the Fund and employees of Calamos.

The following table identifies the number of meetings the Board of Trustees and each standing committee held during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018.

	<b>NUMBER OF MEETINGS DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDED October 31, 2018</b>
Board of Trustees . . . . .	5
Executive Committee . . . . .	0
Audit Committee . . . . .	4
Governance Committee . . . . .	2
Dividend Committee <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	0
Valuation Committee . . . . .	4

<sup>(1)</sup> Although the Dividend Committee held no meetings, it acted by written consent on twelve occasions.

The Fund’s Agreement and Declaration of Trust provides that the Fund will indemnify the Trustees and officers against liabilities and expenses incurred in connection with any claim in which they may be involved because of their offices with the Fund, unless it is determined in the manner specified in the Agreement and Declaration of Trust that they have not acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that their actions were in the best interests of the Fund or that such indemnification would relieve any officer or Trustee of any liability to the Fund or its shareholders by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of his or her duties.

*Leadership Structure and Qualifications of the Board of Trustees.* The Board of Trustees is responsible for oversight of the Fund. The Fund has engaged Calamos to manage the Fund on a day-to-day basis. The Board of Trustees oversees Calamos and certain other principal service providers in the operations of the Fund. The Board of Trustees is currently composed of six members, five of whom are non-interested trustees. The Board of Trustees meets in-person at regularly scheduled meetings four times throughout the year. In addition, the Board may meet in-person or by telephone at special meetings or on an informal basis at other times. As described above, the Board of Trustees has established five standing committees — Audit, Dividend, Executive, Governance and Valuation — and may establish ad hoc committees or working groups from time to time, to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. The non-interested trustees also have engaged independent legal counsel to assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities. Such independent legal counsel also serves as counsel to the Fund.

The chairman of the Board of Trustees is an “interested person” of the Fund (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act). The non-interested trustees have appointed a lead independent trustee. The lead independent trustee serves as a liaison between Calamos and the non-interested trustees and leads the non-interested trustees in all aspects of their oversight of the Fund. Among other things, the lead independent trustee reviews and approves, with the chairman, the agenda for each board and committee meeting and facilitates communication among the Fund’s non-interested trustees. The Trustees believe that the Board’s leadership structure is appropriate given the characteristics and circumstances of the Fund. The Trustees also believe that this structure facilitates the exercise of the Board’s independent judgment in fulfilling its oversight function and efficiently allocates responsibility among committees.

The Board of Trustees has concluded that, based on each Trustee’s experience, qualifications, attributes or skills on an individual basis and in combination with those of the other Trustees, each Trustee should serve as a

member of the Board. In making this determination, the Board has taken into account the actual service of the Trustees during their tenure in concluding that each should continue to serve. The Board also has considered each Trustee’s background and experience. Set forth below is a brief discussion of the specific experience qualifications, attributes or skills of each Trustee that led the Board to conclude that he should serve as a Trustee.

Each of the Trustees, except Mr. Wennlund, has served for multiple years as a Trustee of the Fund. Mr. Wennlund has served as a Trustee of the Fund since 2018. In addition, each of Ms. Breen and Messrs. Calamos, Neal, Rybak, Timbers, Tripple, and Wennlund has more than 25 years of experience in the financial services industry. Each of Ms. Breen and Messrs. Calamos, Neal, Rybak, Timbers, Tripple and Wennlund has experience serving on boards of other entities, including other investment companies. Each of Ms. Breen and Messrs. Calamos, Neal, Rybak and Timbers has earned a Masters of Business Administration degree, and Mr. Tripple has earned a Juris Doctor degree.

*Risk Oversight.* The operation of a registered investment company, including its investment activities, generally involves a variety of risks. As part of its oversight of the Fund, the Board of Trustees oversees risk through various regular board and committee activities. The Board of Trustees, directly or through its committees, reviews reports from, among others, Calamos, the Fund’s Compliance Officer, the Fund’s independent registered public accounting firm, independent outside legal counsel, and internal auditors of Calamos or its affiliates, as appropriate, regarding risks faced by the Fund and the risk management programs of Calamos and certain service providers. The actual day-to-day risk management with respect to the Fund resides with Calamos and other service providers to the Fund. Although the risk management policies of Calamos and the service providers are designed to be effective, there is no guarantee that they will anticipate or mitigate all risks. Not all risks that may affect the Fund can be identified, eliminated or mitigated and some risks simply may not be anticipated or may be beyond the control of the Board of Trustees or Calamos, its affiliates or other service providers.

*Compensation of Officers and Trustees.* John P. Calamos, Sr., the trustee who is an “interested person” of the Fund, does not receive compensation from the Fund. Non-interested trustees are compensated by the Fund, but do not receive any pension or retirement benefits from the Fund. Mr. Mickey is the only Fund officer who receives compensation from the Fund. The following table sets forth the total compensation (including any amounts deferred, as described below) paid by the Fund during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018 to each of the current non-interested trustees and the one officer compensated by the Fund.

<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation from Fund</u>	<u>Total Compensation from Calamos Fund Complex(1)*</u>
John P. Calamos, Sr. . . . .	\$ 0	\$ 0
Virginia G. Breen . . . . .	\$ 7,711	\$140,000
John E. Neal(1) . . . . .	\$ 9,178	\$182,000
William R. Rybak . . . . .	\$ 8,628	\$157,000
Stephen B. Timbers . . . . .	\$10,277	\$187,000
David D. Tripple . . . . .	\$ 8,628	\$157,000
Lloyd A. Wennlund(2) . . . . .	\$ 3,987	\$ 75,000
Mark J. Mickey . . . . .	\$ 8,479	\$150,000

- (1) Includes fees that may have been deferred during the year pursuant to a deferred compensation plan with Calamos Investment Trust. Deferred amounts are treated as though such amounts have been invested and reinvested in shares of one or more of the portfolios of the Calamos Investment Trust as selected by the Trustee. As of October 31, 2018, the value of the deferred compensation account for Mr. Neal was \$1,785,811.
- (2) Mr. Wennlund was elected to the Board effective July 19, 2018.

\* The Calamos Fund Complex consists of eight investment companies and each applicable series thereunder including the Fund, Calamos Investment Trust, Calamos Advisors Trust, Calamos Global Total Return

Fund, Calamos Convertible Opportunities and Income Fund, Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund, Calamos Global Dynamic Income Fund and Calamos Dynamic Convertible and Income Fund.

The compensation paid to the non-interested trustees of the Calamos Funds for their services consists of an annual retainer fee in the amount of \$91,000, with annual supplemental retainers of \$40,000 to the lead independent trustee, \$20,000 to the chair of the audit committee and \$10,000 to the chair of any other standing committee. Each non-interested trustee also receives a meeting attendance fee of \$7,000 for any regular or special board meeting attended in person, \$3,500 for any regular or special board meeting attended by telephone, and \$3,000 for any committee meeting attended in person or by telephone. Compensation paid to the non-interested trustees is allocated among the series of the Calamos Funds in accordance with a procedure determined from time to time by the board.

The Fund has adopted a deferred compensation plan for non-interested trustees (the “Plan”). Under the Plan, a trustee who is not an “interested person” of Calamos and has elected to participate in the Plan (“a participating trustee”) may defer receipt of all or a portion of his compensation from Fund in order to defer payment of income taxes or for other reasons. The deferred compensation payable to the participating trustee is credited to the trustee’s deferral account as of the business day such otherwise compensation would have been paid to the trustee. The value of a trustee’s deferred compensation account at any time is equal to what the value if the amounts credited to the account had instead been invested in Class I shares of one or more of the portfolios of Calamos Investment Trust as designated by the trustee. Thus, the value of the account increases with contributions to the account or with increases in the value of the measuring shares, and the value of the account decreases with withdrawals from the account or with declines in the value of the measuring shares. If a participating trustee retires, the trustee may elect to receive payments under the plan in a lump sum or in equal annual installments over a period of five years. If a participating trustee dies, any amount payable under the Plan will be paid to the trustee’s beneficiaries. Each Calamos Fund’s obligation to make payments under the Plan is a general obligation of that Fund. No Fund is liable for any other Fund’s obligations to make payments under the Plan.

*Ownership of Shares of the Fund and Other Calamos Funds.* The following table indicates the value of shares that each Trustee beneficially owns in the Fund and the Calamos Fund Complex in the aggregate. The value of shares of the Calamos Funds is determined on the basis of the net asset value of the class of shares held as of December 31, 2018. The value of the shares held, are stated in ranges in accordance with the requirements of the SEC. The table reflects the Trustee’s beneficial ownership of shares of the Calamos Fund Complex. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC.

<u>NAME OF TRUSTEE</u>	<u>DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN THE FUND</u>	<u>AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE IN THE CALAMOS FUNDS</u>
John P. Calamos, Sr.(1)(2) . . . . .	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Virginia G. Breen . . . . .	None	Over \$100,000
John E. Neal . . . . .	None	Over \$100,000
William R. Rybak . . . . .	\$10,001 – \$50,000	Over \$100,000
Stephen B. Timbers . . . . .	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
David D. Tripple . . . . .	\$1 – \$10,000	Over \$100,000
Lloyd A. Wennlund . . . . .	None	None

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act, John P. Calamos, Sr. may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of Fund shares held by Calamos Investments LLC, its subsidiaries, and its parent companies (Calamos Asset Management, Inc. and Calamos Partners LLC, and its parent company, Calamos Family Partners, Inc.) due to his direct or indirect ownership interest in those entities. As a result, these amounts reflect any holdings of those entities in addition to the individual, personal accounts of John P. Calamos, Sr.

(2) Indicates an “interested person” of the Trust, as defined in the 1940 Act.

*Code of Ethics.* The Fund and Calamos have adopted a code of ethics under Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act which is applicable to officers, directors/Trustees and designated employees of Calamos and CFS. Employees of Calamos and CFS are permitted to make personal securities transactions, including transactions in securities that the Fund may purchase, sell or hold, subject to requirements and restrictions set forth in the code of ethics of Calamos and CFS. The code of ethics contains provisions and requirements designed to identify and address certain conflicts of interest between personal investment activities of Calamos and CFS employees and the interests of investment advisory clients such as the Fund. Among other things, the code of ethics prohibits certain types of transactions absent prior approval, imposes time periods during which personal transactions may not be made in certain securities, and requires the submission of duplicate broker confirmations and statements and quarterly reporting of securities transactions. Additional restrictions apply to portfolio managers, traders, research analysts and others involved in the investment advisory process. Exceptions to these and other provisions of the code of ethics may be granted in particular circumstances after review by appropriate personnel. Text only versions of the code of ethics can be viewed online or downloaded from the EDGAR Database on the SEC’s internet web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

*Proxy Voting Procedures.* The Fund has delegated proxy voting responsibilities to Calamos, subject to the Board of Trustees’ general oversight. The Fund expects Calamos to vote proxies related to the Fund’s portfolio securities for which the Fund has voting authority consistent with the Fund’s best economic interests. Calamos has adopted its own Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (“Policies”). The Policies address, among other things, conflicts of interest that may arise between the interests of the Fund, and the interests of the adviser and its affiliates.

The following is a summary of the Policies used by Calamos in voting proxies.

To assist it in voting proxies, Calamos has established a Committee comprised of members of its Portfolio Management and Research Departments. The Committee and/or its members will vote proxies using the following guidelines.

In general, if Calamos believes that a company’s management and board have interests sufficiently aligned with the Fund’s interest, Calamos will vote in favor of proposals recommended by a company’s board. More specifically, Calamos seeks to ensure that the board of directors of a company is sufficiently aligned with security holders’ interests and provides proper oversight of the company’s management. In many cases this may be best accomplished by having a majority of independent board members. Although Calamos will examine board member elections on a case-by-case basis, it will generally vote for the election of directors that would result in a board comprised of a majority of independent directors.

Because of the enormous variety and complexity of transactions that are presented to shareholders, such as mergers, acquisitions, reincorporations, adoptions of anti-takeover measures (including adoption of a shareholder rights plan, requiring supermajority voting on particular issues, adoption of fair price provisions, issuance of blank check preferred stocks and the creation of a separate class of stock with unequal voting rights), changes to capital structures (including authorizing additional shares, repurchasing stock or approving a stock split), executive compensation and option plans, that occur in a variety of industries, companies and market cycles, it is extremely difficult to foresee exactly what would be in the best interests of the Fund in all circumstances. Moreover, voting on such proposals involves considerations unique to each transaction. Accordingly, Calamos will vote on a case-by-case basis on proposals presenting these transactions.

Finally, Calamos has established procedures to help resolve conflicts of interests that might arise when voting proxies for the Fund. These procedures provide that the Committee, along with Calamos’ Legal and Compliance Departments, will examine conflicts of interests with the Fund of which Calamos is aware and seek to resolve such conflicts in the best interests of the Fund, irrespective of any such conflict. If a member of the

Committee has a personal conflict of interest, that member will refrain from voting and the remainder of the Committee will determine how to vote the proxy solely on the investment merits of any proposal. The Committee will then memorialize the conflict and the procedures used to address the conflict.

The Fund is required to file with the SEC its complete proxy voting record for the twelve-month period ending June 30, by no later than August 31 of each year. The Fund's proxy voting record for the most recent twelve-month period ending June 30 is available by August 31 of each year (1) on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and (2) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-582-6959.

You may obtain a copy a Calamos' Policies by calling 1-800-582-6959, by visiting the Fund's website at [www.calamos.com](http://www.calamos.com), by writing Calamos at: Calamos Investments, Attn: Client Services, 2020 Calamos Court, Naperville, IL 60563, and on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **Investment Adviser and Investment Management Agreement**

Subject to the overall supervision and review of the Board of Trustees, Calamos provides the Fund with investment research, advice and supervision and furnishes continuously an investment program for the Fund. In addition, Calamos furnishes for use of the Fund such office space and facilities as the Fund may require for its reasonable needs and supervises the business and affairs of the Fund and provides the following other services on behalf of the Fund and not provided by persons not a party to the investment management agreement:

(i) preparing or assisting in the preparation of reports to and meeting materials for the Trustees; (ii) supervising, negotiating contractual arrangements with, to the extent appropriate, and monitoring the performance of, accounting agents, custodians, depositories, transfer agents and pricing agents, accountants, attorneys, printers, underwriters, brokers and dealers, insurers and other persons in any capacity deemed to be necessary or desirable to Fund operations; (iii) assisting in the preparation and making of filings with the SEC and other regulatory and self-regulatory organizations, including, but not limited to, preliminary and definitive proxy materials, amendments to the Fund's registration statement on Form N-2 and semi-annual reports on Form N-SAR and Form N-CSR; (iv) overseeing the tabulation of proxies by the Fund's transfer agent; (v) assisting in the preparation and filing of the Fund's federal, state and local tax returns; (vi) assisting in the preparation and filing of the Fund's federal excise tax return pursuant to Section 4982 of the Code; (vii) providing assistance with investor and public relations matters; (viii) monitoring the valuation of portfolio securities and the calculation of net asset value; (ix) monitoring the registration of shares of beneficial interest of the Fund under applicable federal and state securities laws; (x) maintaining or causing to be maintained for the Fund all books, records and reports and any other information required under the 1940 Act, to the extent that such books, records and reports and other information are not maintained by the Fund's custodian or other agents of the Fund; (xi) assisting in establishing the accounting policies of the Fund; (xii) assisting in the resolution of accounting issues that may arise with respect to the Fund's operations and consulting with the Fund's independent accountants, legal counsel and the Fund's other agents as necessary in connection therewith; (xiii) reviewing the Fund's bills; (xiv) assisting the Fund in determining the amount of dividends and distributions available to be paid by the Fund to its shareholders, preparing and arranging for the printing of dividend notices to shareholders, and providing the transfer and dividend paying agent, the custodian, and the accounting agent with such information as is required for such parties to effect the payment of dividends and distributions; and (xv) otherwise assisting the Fund as it may reasonably request in the conduct of the Fund's business, subject to the direction and control of the Trustees.

Under the investment management agreement, the Fund pays to Calamos a fee based on the average weekly managed assets that is computed weekly and payable monthly in arrears. The fee paid by the Fund is at the annual rate of 0.80% of managed assets. Because the management fees paid to Calamos is based upon a percentage of the Fund's managed assets, fees paid to Calamos are higher when the Fund is leveraged; thus, Calamos will have an incentive to use leverage. Subject to the oversight of the Board, Calamos intends to use leverage only when it believes it will serve the best interests of the Fund's shareholders.

Under the terms of its investment management agreement with the Fund, except for the services and facilities provided by Calamos as set forth therein, the Fund shall assume and pay all expenses for all other Fund



operations and activities and shall reimburse Calamos for any such expenses incurred by Calamos. The expenses borne by the Fund shall include, without limitation: (a) organization expenses of the Fund (including out-of-pocket expenses, but not including Calamos' overhead or employee costs); (b) fees payable to Calamos; (c) legal expenses; (d) auditing and accounting expenses; (e) maintenance of books and records that are required to be maintained by the Fund's custodian or other agents of the Fund; (f) telephone, telex, facsimile, postage and other communications expenses; (g) taxes and governmental fees; (h) fees, dues and expenses incurred by the Fund in connection with membership in investment company trade organizations and the expense of attendance at professional meetings of such organizations; (i) fees and expenses of accounting agents, custodians, subcustodians, transfer agents, dividend disbursing agents and registrars; (j) payment for portfolio pricing or valuation services to pricing agents, accountants, bankers and other specialists, if any; (k) expenses of preparing share certificates; (l) expenses in connection with the issuance, offering, distribution, sale, redemption or repurchase of securities issued by the Fund; (m) expenses relating to investor and public relations provided by parties other than Calamos; (n) expenses and fees of registering or qualifying shares of beneficial interest of the Fund for sale; (o) interest charges, bond premiums and other insurance expenses; (p) freight, insurance and other charges in connection with the shipment of the Fund's portfolio securities; (q) the compensation and all expenses (specifically including travel expenses relating to Fund business) of Trustees, officers and employees of the Fund who are not affiliated persons of Calamos; (r) brokerage commissions or other costs of acquiring or disposing of any portfolio securities of the Fund; (s) expenses of printing and distributing reports, notices and dividends to shareholders; (t) expenses of preparing and setting in type, printing and mailing prospectuses and statements of additional information of the Fund and supplements thereto; (u) costs of stationery; (v) any litigation expenses; (w) indemnification of Trustees and officers of the Fund; (x) costs of shareholders' and other meetings; (y) interest on borrowed money, if any; and (z) the fees and other expenses of listing the Fund's shares on the Nasdaq or any other national stock exchange.

For the fiscal years ended October 31, 2016, October 31, 2017, and October 31, 2018, the Fund incurred \$8,522,435, \$8,720,578 and \$9,363,206 respectively, in advisory fees.

The investment management agreement had an initial term ending August 1, 2003 and continues in effect from year to year thereafter so long as such continuation is approved at least annually by (1) the Board of Trustees or the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund, and (2) a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of any party to the investment management agreement, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The investment management agreement may be terminated at any time, without penalty, by either the Fund or Calamos upon 60 days' written notice, and is automatically terminated in the event of its assignment as defined in the 1940 Act.

Calamos is a wholly owned subsidiary of Calamos Investments LLC ("CILLC"). Calamos Asset Management, Inc. ("CAM") is the sole manager of CILLC and a wholly owned subsidiary of Calamos Partners LLC ("CPL"). As of January 31, 2019, approximately 22% of the outstanding interests of CILLC was owned by CAM and the remaining approximately 78% of CILLC was owned by CPL. CPL was owned by Calamos Family Partners, Inc. ("CFP"), John P. Calamos, Sr., and John S. Koudounis. CFP was owned by members of the Calamos family, including John P. Calamos, Sr. In addition, Mr. Koudounis has the option to purchase a controlling interest in CPL upon the death or permanent disability of John P. Calamos, Sr., provided Mr. Koudounis is then serving as Chief Executive Officer of CAM and CILLC. John P. Calamos, Sr. is an affiliated person of the Fund and Calamos by virtue of his position as Chairman, Trustee and President of the Fund and Chairman and Global Chief Investment Officer ("Global CIO") of Calamos. John S. Koudounis, Robert F. Behan, Thomas E. Herman, J. Christopher Jackson and Curtis Holloway are affiliated persons of the Fund and Calamos by virtue of their positions as Vice President; Vice President; Vice President; Vice President and Secretary; and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; of the Fund; respectively, and as Chief Executive Officer; President and Head of Global Distribution; Chief Financial Officer; Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary; and Senior Vice President, Head of Fund Administration of Calamos, respectively.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' decision to approve the renewal of the Investment Management Agreement is available in the Fund's Annual Report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018.

The use of the name "Calamos" in the name of the Fund is pursuant to licenses granted by Calamos, and the Fund has agreed to change its name to remove that reference if Calamos ceases to act as investment adviser to the Fund.

### **Portfolio Managers**

**John P. Calamos, Sr.** During the past five years, John P. Calamos, Sr. has been President, Trustee and Co-Portfolio Manager of the Fund since inception and for Calamos: Founder, Chairman and Global CIO since August 2016; Chairman and Global CIO from April to August 2016; Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Global Co-CIO between April 2013 and April 2016; Chief Executive Officer and Global Co-CIO between August 2012 and April 2013; and Chief Executive Officer and Co-CIO prior thereto.

**Dennis Cogan.** Dennis Cogan joined Calamos in March 2005 and since March 2013 is a Co-Portfolio Manager. Between March 2005 and March 2013 he was a senior strategy analyst.

**R. Matthew Freund.** R. Matthew Freund joined Calamos in November 2016 as a Co-CIO, Head of Fixed Income Strategies, as well as a Senior Co-Portfolio Manager. Previously, he was SVP of Investment Portfolio Management and Chief Investment Officer at USAA Investments since 2010.

**John Hillenbrand.** John Hillenbrand joined Calamos in 2002 and since September 2015 is a Co-CIO, Head of Multi-Asset Strategies and Co-Head of Convertible Strategies, as well as a Senior Co-Portfolio Manager. From March 2013 to September 2015 he was a Co-Portfolio Manager. Between August 2002 and March 2013 he was a senior strategy analyst.

**Nick Niziolek.** Nick Niziolek joined Calamos in March 2005 and has been a Co-CIO, Head of International and Global Strategies, as well as a Senior Co-Portfolio Manager, since September 2015. Between August 2013 and September 2015 he was a Co-Portfolio Manager, Co-Head of Research. Between March 2013 and August 2013 he was a Co-Portfolio Manager. Between March 2005 and March 2013 he was a senior strategy analyst.

**Eli Pars.** Eli Pars joined Calamos in May 2013 and has been a Co-CIO, Head of Alternative Strategies and Co-Head of Convertible Strategies, as well as Senior Co-Portfolio Manager, since September 2015. Between May 2013 and September 2015, he was a Co-Portfolio Manager. Previously, he was a Portfolio Manager at Chicago Fundamental Investment Partners from February 2009 until November 2012.

**Jon Vacko.** Jon Vacko joined Calamos in 2000 and has been a Senior Co-Portfolio Manager since September 2015. Previously he was a Co-Portfolio Manager from August 2013 to September 2015; prior thereto he was a Co-Head of Research and Investments from July 2010 to August 2013.

**Joe Wysocki.** Joe Wysocki joined Calamos in October 2003 and since March 2015 is a Co-Portfolio Manager. Previously, Mr. Wysocki was a sector head from March 2014 to March 2015. Prior thereto, he was a Co-Portfolio Manager from March 2013 to March 2014. Between February 2007 and March 2013 he was a senior strategy analyst.

Calamos employs a "team of teams" approach to portfolio management, led by the Global CIO and our CIO team consisting of 5 Co-CIOs with specialized areas of investment expertise. The Global CIO and Co-CIO team are responsible for oversight of investment team resources, investment processes, performance and risk. As heads of investment verticals, Co-CIOs manage investment team members and, along with Co-Portfolio Managers, have day-to-day portfolio oversight and construction responsibilities of their respective investment strategies.

While investment research professionals within each Co-CIO's team are assigned specific strategy responsibilities, they also provide support to other investment team verticals, creating deeper insights across a wider range of investment strategies. The combination of specialized investment teams with cross team collaboration results in what we call our team of teams approach.

This team of teams approach is further reflected in the composition of Calamos' Investment Committee, made up of the Global CIO, the Co-CIO team and the Head of Global Trading and Investment Risk Management. Other members of the investment team participate in Investment Committee meetings in connection with specific investment related issues or topics as deemed appropriate.

The structure and composition of the Investment Committee results in a number of benefits, as it:

- Leads to broader perspective on investment decisions: multiple viewpoints and areas of expertise feed into consensus;
- Promotes collaboration between teams; and
- Functions as a think tank with the goal of identifying ways to outperform the market on a risk-adjusted basis.

The objectives of the Investment Committee are to:

- Form the firm's top-down macro view, market direction, asset allocation, and sector/country positioning.
- Establish firm-wide secular and cyclical themes for review.
- Review firm-wide and portfolio risk metrics, recommending changes where appropriate.
- Review firm-wide, portfolio and individual security liquidity constraints.
- Evaluate firm-wide and portfolio investment performance.
- Evaluate firm-wide and portfolio hedging policies and execution.
- Evaluate enhancements to the overall investment process.

John P. Calamos, Sr., Founder, Chairman and Global CIO, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the team, bottom-up research efforts and strategy implementation. R. Matthew Freund, John Hillenbrand, Nick Niziolek, Eli Pars, and Jon Vacko are each Sr. Co-Portfolio Managers, and Dennis Cogan and Joe Wysocki are each Co-Portfolio Managers.

For over 20 years, the Calamos portfolio management team has managed money for their clients in convertible, high yield and global strategies. Furthermore, Calamos has extensive experience investing in foreign markets through its convertible securities and high yield securities strategies. Such experience has included investments in established as well as emerging foreign markets.

The Global CIO, Sr. Co-Portfolio Managers and Co-Portfolio Managers also have responsibility for the day-to-day management of accounts other than the Fund. Information regarding these other accounts as of October 31, 2018 is set forth below:

Other Accounts Managed and Assets by Account Type as of October 31, 2018

	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Accounts	Assets	Accounts	Assets	Accounts	Assets
John P. Calamos Sr. ....	23	18,788,469,860	12	675,760,165	2,859	2,078,372,497
John Hillenbrand .....	20	11,970,437,304	12	675,760,165	2,859	2,078,372,497
Jon Vacko .....	20	11,970,437,304	12	675,760,165	2,859	1,624,737,414
Eli Pars .....	19	17,238,272,932	12	675,760,165	2,182	1,662,886,878
Dennis Cogan .....	11	6,980,732,508	7	444,233,397	1,859	759,841,658
Nick Niziolek .....	11	6,980,732,508	7	444,233,397	1,859	759,841,658
Joe Wysocki .....	11	9,780,879,214	4	549,777,438	2,055	1,081,345,696
R. Matthew Freund .....	13	9,876,456,344	5	231,526,768	2,181	1,613,897,373

	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Accounts	Assets	Accounts	Assets	Accounts	Assets
John P. Calamos Sr. ....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
John Hillenbrand .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Jon Vacko .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Eli Pars .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Dennis Cogan .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Nick Niziolek .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Joe Wysocki .....	0	—	0	—	0	—
R. Matthew Freund .....	0	—	0	—	0	—

Number of Accounts and Assets for which Advisory Fee is Performance Based as of October 31, 2018

	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Accounts	Assets	Accounts	Assets	Accounts	Assets
John P. Calamos Sr. ....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
John Hillenbrand .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Jon Vacko .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Eli Pars .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Dennis Cogan .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Nick Niziolek .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Joe Wysocki .....	0	—	0	—	0	—
R. Matthew Freund .....	0	—	0	—	0	—

	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Accounts	Assets	Accounts	Assets	Accounts	Assets
John P. Calamos Sr. ....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
John Hillenbrand .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Jon Vacko .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Eli Pars .....	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—

	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Accounts	Assets	Accounts	Assets	Accounts	Assets
Dennis Cogan . . . . .	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Nick Niziolek . . . . .	2	329,803,661	0	—	0	—
Joe Wysocki . . . . .	0	—	0	—	0	—
R. Matthew Freund . . . . .	0	—	0	—	0	—

Each Co-Portfolio Manager may invest for his own benefit in securities held in brokerage and mutual fund accounts. The information shown in the table does not include information about those accounts where the Co-Portfolio Manager or members of his family have a beneficial or pecuniary interest because no advisory relationship exists with Calamos or any of its affiliates.

The Fund’s Co-Portfolio Managers are responsible for managing both the Fund and other accounts, including separate accounts and funds not required to be registered under the 1940 Act.

Other than potential conflicts between investment strategies, the side-by-side management of both the Fund and other accounts may raise potential conflicts of interest due to the interest held by Calamos in an account and certain trading practices used by the portfolio managers (e.g., cross-trades between the Fund and another account and allocation of aggregated trades). Calamos has developed policies and procedures reasonably designed to mitigate those conflicts. For example, Calamos will only place cross-trades in securities held by the Fund in accordance with the rules promulgated under the 1940 Act and has adopted policies designed to ensure the fair allocation of securities purchased on an aggregated basis.

The allocation methodology employed by Calamos varies depending on the type of securities sought to be bought or sold and the type of client or group of clients. Generally, however, orders are placed first for those clients that have given Calamos brokerage discretion (including the ability to step out a portion of trades), and then to clients that have directed Calamos to execute trades through a specific broker. However, if the directed broker allows Calamos to execute with other brokerage firms, which then book the transaction directly with the directed broker, the order will be placed as if the client had given Calamos full brokerage discretion. Calamos and its affiliates frequently use a “rotational” method of placing and aggregating client orders and will build and fill a position for a designated client or group of clients before placing orders for other clients. A client account may not receive an allocation of an order if: (a) the client would receive an unmarketable amount of securities based on account size; (b) the client has precluded Calamos from using a particular broker; (c) the cash balance in the client account will be insufficient to pay for the securities allocated to it at settlement; (d) current portfolio attributes make an allocation inappropriate; and (e) account specific guidelines, objectives and other account specific factors make an allocation inappropriate. Allocation methodology may be modified when strict adherence to the usual allocation is impractical or leads to inefficient or undesirable results. Calamos head trader must approve each instance that the usual allocation methodology is not followed and provide a reasonable basis for such instances and all modifications must be reported in writing to the Adviser’s Chief Compliance Officer on a monthly basis.

Investment opportunities for which there is limited availability generally are allocated among participating client accounts pursuant to an objective methodology (i.e., either on a pro rata basis or using a rotational method, as described above). However, in some instances, Calamos may consider subjective elements in attempting to allocate a trade, in which case the Fund may not participate, or may participate to a lesser degree than other clients, in the allocation of an investment opportunity. In considering subjective criteria when allocating trades, Calamos is bound by its fiduciary duty to its clients to treat all client accounts fairly and equitably.

The Co-Portfolio Managers advise certain accounts under a performance fee arrangement. A performance fee arrangement may create an incentive for a Co-Portfolio Manager to make investments that are riskier or more

speculative than would be the case in the absence of performance fees. A performance fee arrangement may result in increased compensation to the Co-Portfolio Managers from such accounts due to unrealized appreciation as well as realized gains in the client’s account.

As of October 31, 2018, John P. Calamos, Sr., our Global CIO, aside from distributions arising from his ownership from various entities, receives all of his compensation from Calamos. He has entered into an employment agreement that provides for compensation in the form of an annual base salary and a target bonus, both components payable in cash. His target bonus is set at a percentage of the respective base salary. Similarly, Mr. Calamos is eligible for a Long-Term Incentive (“LTI”). The LTI program at Calamos currently consists of two types of awards: (1) Mutual Fund Incentive Awards for investment professionals and (2) Phantom Equity Incentive Awards for non-investment professionals.

As of October 31, 2018, R. Matthew Freund, John Hillenbrand, Nick Niziolek, Eli Pars, Jon Vacko, Dennis Cogan, and Joe Wysocki receive all of their compensation from Calamos. These individuals each receive compensation in the form of an annual base salary, a discretionary bonus (payable in cash) and are eligible for LTI awards. Each of these individuals are also eligible for discretionary LTI awards based on individual and collective performance, however these awards are not guaranteed from year to year. The LTI program at Calamos for investment professionals is a Mutual Fund Incentive Award with amounts deemed to be invested in one or more funds. “Funds” mean mutual funds, ETFs or private funds managed by Calamos or a subsidiary of Calamos. Additionally, Messrs. Hillenbrand, Niziolek, and Pars have been granted other deferred compensation awards, in prior years.

The amounts paid to all Co-Portfolio Managers and the criteria utilized to determine the amounts are benchmarked against industry specific data provided by third party analytical agencies. The Co-Portfolio Managers’ compensation structure does not differentiate between the Funds and other accounts managed by the Co-Portfolio Managers, and is determined on an overall basis, taking into consideration annually the performance of the various strategies managed by the Co-Portfolio Managers. Portfolio performance is utilized as one factor in determining the annual discretionary bonus, as well as overall performance of Calamos Advisors.

At October 31, 2018, each portfolio manager beneficially owned (as determined pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(2) under the Exchange Act) shares of the Fund having value within the indicated dollar ranges.

<u>Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Fund</u>
John P. Calamos Sr.(1) . . . . .	Over \$1,000,000
Nick Niziolek . . . . .	None
Dennis Cogan . . . . .	None
John Hillenbrand . . . . .	None
Jon Vacko . . . . .	None
Joe Wysocki . . . . .	None
Eli Pars . . . . .	None
R. Matthew Freund . . . . .	None

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(2) of the Exchange Act, John P. Calamos, Sr. may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of Fund shares held by Calamos Investments LLC, its subsidiaries, and its parent companies (Calamos Asset Management, Inc. and Calamos Partners LLC, and its parent company Calamos Family Partners, Inc.) due to his direct or indirect ownership interest in those entities. As a result, these amounts reflect any holdings of those entities in addition to the individual, personal accounts of John P. Calamos, Sr.

**Fund Accountant and Administration Arrangements**

The Fund has entered into an agreement with Ernst & Young LLP (“EY”) located at 155 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 to provide certain tax services to the Funds. The tax services include the following:

calculating, tracking and reporting tax adjustments on all assets of the Fund, including but not limited to contingent debt and preferred trust obligations; preparing excise tax and fiscal year distribution schedules; preparing tax information required for financial statement footnotes; preparing state and federal income tax returns; preparing specialized calculations of amortization on convertible securities; preparing year-end dividend disclosure information providing treaty-based foreign withholding tax reclaim services; providing certain global compliance and reporting services; providing a match service and analysis of the “passive foreign investment company status of foreign corporate entities; and providing services related to corporate actions that may or may not have a tax impact on the Fund’s holdings. The Fund has not paid EY any fees for tax services during the three most recent fiscal years ended October 31.

Under the arrangements with State Street Bank and Trust Company (“State Street”) located at One Iron Street, Boston, MA 02111 to provide fund accounting services, State Street provides certain administrative and accounting services including providing daily reconciliation of cash, trades and positions; maintaining general ledger and capital stock accounts; preparing daily trial balance; calculating net asset value; providing selected general ledger reports; preferred share compliance; calculating total returns; and providing monthly distribution analysis to the Fund. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 2018, October 31, 2017 and October 31, 2016, the Fund paid State Street \$82,471, \$78,372 and \$77,677, respectively, for fund accounting services. The Fund has also entered into an agreement with State Street pursuant to which State Street provides certain administration treasury services to the Fund. These services include: monitoring the calculation of expense accrual amounts for the Fund and making any necessary modifications; managing the Fund’s expenses and expense payment processing; coordinating any expense reimbursement calculations and payment; calculating net investment income dividends and capital gain distributions; coordinating the audits for the Fund; preparing financial reporting statements for the Fund; preparing certain regulatory filings; and calculating asset coverage tests for certain Calamos Funds. The Fund has not paid State Street any fees for administration services during the three most recent fiscal years ended October 31. Under a prior agreement for administration services, the Fund paid the previous service provider \$135,065, \$126,750 and \$123,657 for the fiscal years ended, October 31, 2018, October 31, 2017 and October 31, 2016, respectively.

### CERTAIN SHAREHOLDERS

At January 31, 2019, the following persons were known to own beneficially or of record more than 5% of the outstanding securities of the Fund:

<u>Class of Shares</u>	<u>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Number of Shares Owned</u>	<u>Percent of Class</u>
Common	National Financial Services LLC 499 Washington Blvd. Jersey City, NJ 07310	9,256,504	13.1%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 2423 E. Lincoln Drive Phoenix, AZ 85016-1215 Baltimore, MD 21231	8,102,419	11.4%
	Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith 4804 Deer Lake Dr. E. Jacksonville, FL 32246	6,741,012	9.5%
	TD Ameritrade 200 S. 108th Ave Omaha, NE 68154	5,691,307	8.0%

<u>Class of Shares</u>	<u>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Number of Shares Owned</u>	<u>Percent of Class</u>
Common	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC 1300 Thames Street 6th Floor Baltimore, MD 21231	5,551,421	7.8%
	Wells Fargo Clearing Services LLC 2801 Market Street H0006-09B St. Louis, MO 63103	4,920,713	6.9%
	UBS Financial Services Inc. 1000 Harbor Blvd Weehawken, NJ 07086	4,032,282	5.7%
	Bank of New York Mellon 525 William Penn Place Suite 153-0400 Pittsburgh, PA 15259	3,938,688	5.6%
	Pershing LLC One Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	3,724,975	5.3%
Series A Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company c/o Barings LLC 1500 Main Street – Suite 2200 P.O. Box 15189 Springfield, MA 0115-5189	1,050,000	78.9%
	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company c/o Barings LLC 1500 Main Street – Suite 2200 P.O. Box 15189 Springfield, MA 0115-5189	280,000	21.1%
Series B Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company c/o Barings LLC 1500 Main Street – Suite 2200 P.O. Box 15189 Springfield, MA 0115-5189	1,050,000	78.9%
	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company c/o Barings LLC 1500 Main Street – Suite 2200 P.O. Box 15189 Springfield, MA 0115-5189	280,000	21.1%



<u>Class of Shares</u>	<u>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Number of Shares Owned</u>	<u>Percent of Class</u>
Series C Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company c/o Barings LLC 1500 Main Street – Suite 2200 P.O. Box 15189 Springfield, MA 0115-5189	1,060,000	79.1%
	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company c/o Barings LLC 1500 Main Street – Suite 2200 P.O. Box 15189 Springfield, MA 0115-5189	280,000	20.9%

At January 31, 2019, the trustees and officers as a group owned less than one percent of the Fund’s outstanding common shares.

### PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund effected on stock exchanges involve the payment of negotiated brokerage commissions. There is generally no stated commission in the case of securities traded in the over-the-counter markets, but the price paid by the Fund usually includes an undisclosed dealer commission or mark-up. In underwritten offerings, the price paid by the Fund includes a disclosed, fixed commission or discount retained by the underwriter or dealer.

In executing portfolio transactions, Calamos uses its best efforts to obtain for the Fund the most favorable combination of price and execution available. In seeking the most favorable combination of price and execution, Calamos considers all factors it deems relevant, including price, the size of the transaction, the nature of the market for the security, the amount of commission, the timing of the transaction taking into account market prices and trends, the execution capability of the broker-dealer and the quality of service rendered by the broker-dealer in other transactions.

The Trustees have determined that portfolio transactions for the Fund may be executed through CFS, an affiliate of Calamos, if, in the judgment of Calamos, the use of CFS is likely to result in prices and execution at least as favorable to the Funds as those available from other qualified brokers and if, in such transactions, CFS charges the Fund commission rates consistent with those charged by CFS to comparable unaffiliated customers in similar transactions. The Board of Trustees, including a majority of the Trustees who are not “interested” trustees, has adopted procedures that are reasonably designed to provide that any commissions, fees or other remuneration paid to CFS are consistent with the foregoing standard. The Fund will not effect principal transactions with CFS.

In allocating the Fund’s portfolio brokerage transactions to unaffiliated broker-dealers, Calamos may take into consideration the research, analytical, statistical and other information and services provided by the broker-dealer, such as general economic reports and information, reports or analyses of particular companies or industry groups, market timing and technical information, and the availability of the brokerage firm’s analysts for consultation. Although Calamos believes these services have substantial value, they are considered supplemental to Calamos’ own efforts in the performance of its duties under the management agreement.

Calamos does not guarantee any broker the placement of a predetermined amount of securities transactions in return for the research or brokerage services it provides. Calamos does, however, have internal procedures for

allocating transactions in a manner consistent with its execution policies to brokers that it has identified as providing research, research-related products or services, or execution-related services of a particular benefit to its clients. Calamos has entered into client commission agreements (“CCAs”) with certain broker-dealers under which the broker-dealers may use a portion of their commissions to pay third parties or other broker-dealers that provide Calamos with research or brokerage services, as permitted under Section 28(e) of the Exchange Act. CCAs allow Calamos to direct broker-dealers to pool commissions that are generated from orders executed at that broker-dealer, and then periodically direct the broker-dealer to pay third parties or other broker-dealers for research or brokerage services. All uses of CCAs by Calamos are subject to applicable law and their best execution obligations. Brokerage and research products and services furnished by brokers may be used in servicing any or all of the clients of Calamos and such research may not necessarily be used by Calamos in connection with the accounts which paid commissions to the broker providing such brokerage and research products and services.

As permitted by Section 28(e) of the Exchange Act, Calamos may cause the Fund to pay a broker-dealer that provides brokerage and research services an amount of commission for effecting a securities transaction for the Fund in excess of the commission that another broker-dealer would have charged for effecting that transaction if the amount is believed by Calamos to be reasonable in relation to the value of the overall quality of the brokerage and research services provided. Other clients of Calamos may indirectly benefit from the provision of these services to Calamos, and the Fund may indirectly benefit from services provided to Calamos as a result of transactions for other clients.

The Fund paid \$0, \$0, and \$0 in aggregate brokerage commissions for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2016, October 31, 2017, and October 31, 2018, including \$0, \$0, and \$0 to CFS, which represented 0%, 0% and 0% of the Fund’s aggregate brokerage fees paid for the respective fiscal year, and 0%, 0%, and 0% of the Fund’s aggregate dollar amount of transactions involving brokerage commissions for the respective fiscal year.

### **Portfolio Turnover**

Our annual portfolio turnover rate may vary greatly from year to year. Although we cannot accurately predict our annual portfolio turnover rate, it is not expected to exceed 100% under normal circumstances. For the fiscal years ended October 31, 2017 and October 31, 2018 the portfolio turnover rate was 90% and 58%, respectively. However, portfolio turnover rate is not considered a limiting factor in the execution of investment decisions for us. A higher turnover rate results in correspondingly greater brokerage commissions and other transactional expenses that are borne by us. High portfolio turnover also may result in the realization of capital gains or losses and, to the extent net short-term capital gains are realized, any distributions resulting from such gains will be considered ordinary income for federal income tax purposes. See “Certain Federal Income Tax Matters.”

### **NET ASSET VALUE**

Net asset value per share is determined as of the close of regular session trading on the New York Stock Exchange (usually 4:00 p.m., Eastern time), on the last business day in each week. Net asset value is calculated by dividing the value of all of the securities and other assets of the Fund, less its liabilities (including accrued expenses and indebtedness) and the aggregate liquidation value of any outstanding preferred shares, by the total number of common shares outstanding. Currently, the net asset values of shares of publicly traded closed-end investment companies investing in debt securities are published in Barron’s and periodic publications of The Wall Street Journal.

The valuation of the Fund’s portfolio securities is in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by and under the ultimate supervision of the Board of Trustees. Securities for which market quotations are readily available will be valued using the market value of those securities. Securities for which market quotations are not

readily available will be fair valued in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by and under the ultimate supervision of the Board of Trustees. The method by which a security may be fair valued will depend on the type of security and the circumstances under which the security is being fair valued.

Portfolio securities that are traded on U.S. securities exchanges, except option securities, are valued at the last current reported sales price at the time the Fund determines its NAV. Securities traded in the over-the-counter market and quoted on The Nasdaq Stock Market are valued at the Nasdaq Official Closing Price, as determined by Nasdaq, or lacking a Nasdaq Official Closing Price, the last current reported sale price on Nasdaq at the time a Fund determines its NAV.

When a last sale or closing price is not available, equity securities, other than option securities, that are traded on a U.S. securities exchange and other equity securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Board of Trustees. Each option security traded on a U.S. securities exchange is valued at the mid-point of the consolidated bid/ask quote for the option security, also in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Board of Trustees. Each over-the-counter option that is not traded through the Options Clearing Corporation is valued based on a quotation provided by the counterparty to such option under the ultimate supervision of the Board of Trustees.

Fixed income securities are generally traded in the over-the-counter market and are valued based on evaluations provided by independent pricing services or by dealers who make markets in such securities. Valuations of fixed income securities consider yield or price of bonds of comparable quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data and do not rely exclusively upon exchange or over-the-counter prices.

Trading on European and Far Eastern exchanges and over-the-counter markets is typically completed at various times before the close of business on each day on which the NYSE is open. Each security trading on these exchanges or over-the-counter markets may be valued utilizing a systematic fair valuation model provided by an independent pricing service approved by the Board of Trustees. The valuation of each security that meets certain criteria in relation to the valuation model is systematically adjusted to reflect the impact of movement in the U.S. market after the foreign markets close. Securities that do not meet the criteria, or that are principally traded in other foreign markets, are valued as of the last reported sale price at the time the Fund determines its NAV, or when reliable market prices or quotations are not readily available, at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations as of the close of the appropriate exchange or other designated time. Trading of foreign securities may not take place on every NYSE business day. In addition, trading may take place in various foreign markets on Saturdays or on other days when the NYSE is not open and on which the Fund's NAV is not calculated.

If the pricing committee determines that the valuation of a security in accordance with the methods described above is not reflective of a market value for such security, the security is valued at a fair value by the pricing committee, under the ultimate supervision of the Board of Trustees, following the guidelines and/or procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees.

The Fund also may use fair value pricing, pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Board of Trustees and under the ultimate supervision of the Board of Trustees, if trading in the security is halted or if the value of a security it holds is materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the close of the primary market or exchange on which the security is listed. Those procedures may utilize valuations furnished by pricing services approved by the Board of Trustees, which may be based on market transactions for comparable securities and various relationships between securities that are generally recognized by institutional traders, a computerized matrix system, or appraisals derived from information concerning the securities or similar securities received from recognized dealers in those securities.

When fair value pricing of securities is employed, the prices of securities used by the Fund to calculate its NAV may differ from market quotations or official closing prices. In light of the judgment involved in fair valuations, there can be no assurance that a fair value assigned to a particular security is accurate.

## **REPURCHASE OF COMMON SHARES**

The Fund is a closed-end investment company and as such its shareholders will not have the right to cause the Fund to redeem their shares. Instead, the Fund's common shares trade in the open market at a price that is a function of several factors, including dividend levels (which are in turn affected by expenses), net asset value, call protection, dividend stability, relative demand for and supply of such shares in the market, general market and economic conditions and other factors. Because shares of a closed-end investment company may frequently trade at prices lower than net asset value, the Fund's Board of Trustees may consider action that might be taken to reduce or eliminate any material discount from net asset value in respect of common shares, which may include the repurchase of such shares in the open market or in private transactions, the making of a tender offer for such shares, or the conversion of the Fund to an open-end investment company. The Board of Trustees may decide not to take any of these actions. In addition, there can be no assurance that share repurchases or tender offers, if undertaken, will reduce market discount.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time when the Fund's preferred shares are outstanding, the Fund may not purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any of its common shares unless (1) all accumulated preferred shares dividends have been paid and (2) at the time of such purchase, redemption or acquisition, the net asset value of the Fund's portfolio (determined after deducting the acquisition price of the common shares) is at least 200% of the liquidation value of the outstanding preferred shares (expected to equal the original purchase price per share plus any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon). Any service fees incurred in connection with any tender offer made by the Fund will be borne by the Fund and will not reduce the stated consideration to be paid to tendering shareholders.

Subject to its investment restrictions, the Fund may borrow to finance the repurchase of shares or to make a tender offer. Interest on any borrowings to finance share repurchase transactions or the accumulation of cash by the Fund in anticipation of share repurchases or tenders will reduce the Fund's net income. Any share repurchase, tender offer or borrowing that might be approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees would have to comply with the Exchange Act, the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

Although the decision to take action in response to a discount from net asset value will be made by the Board of Trustees at the time it considers such issue, it is not currently anticipated that the Board of Trustees would authorize repurchases of common shares or a tender offer for such shares if: (1) such transactions, if consummated, would (a) result in the delisting of the common shares from the Nasdaq, or (b) impair the Fund's status as a regulated investment company under the Code (which would make the Fund a taxable entity, causing the Fund's income to be taxed at the corporate level in addition to the taxation of shareholders who receive dividends from the Fund) or as a registered closed-end investment company under the 1940 Act; (2) the Fund would not be able to liquidate portfolio securities in an orderly manner and consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policies in order to repurchase shares; or (3) there is, in the board's judgment, any (a) material legal action or proceeding instituted or threatened challenging such transactions or otherwise materially adversely affecting the Fund, (b) general suspension of or limitation on prices for trading securities on the Nasdaq, (c) declaration of a banking moratorium by federal or state authorities or any suspension of payment by United States or New York banks, (d) material limitation affecting the Fund or the issuers of its portfolio securities by federal or state authorities on the extension of credit by lending institutions or on the exchange of foreign currency, (e) commencement of war, armed hostilities or other international or national calamity directly or indirectly involving the United States, or (f) other event or condition which would have a material adverse effect (including any adverse tax effect) on the Fund or its shareholders if shares were repurchased.

The repurchase by the Fund of its shares at prices below net asset value will result in an increase in the net asset value of those shares that remain outstanding. However, there can be no assurance that share repurchases or tender offers at or below net asset value will result in the Fund's shares trading at a price equal to their net asset value. Nevertheless, the fact that the Fund's shares may be the subject of repurchase or tender offers from time to time, or that the Fund may be converted to an open-end investment company, may reduce any spread between market price and net asset value that might otherwise exist.

In addition, a purchase by the Fund of its common shares will decrease the Fund's total managed assets which would likely have the effect of increasing the Fund's expense ratio. Any purchase by the Fund of its common shares at a time when preferred shares are outstanding will increase the leverage applicable to the outstanding common shares then remaining.

Before deciding whether to take any action if the common shares trade below net asset value, the Fund's Board of Trustees would likely consider all relevant factors, including the extent and duration of the discount, the liquidity of the Fund's portfolio, the impact of any action that might be taken on the Fund or its shareholders and market considerations. Based on these considerations, even if the Fund's shares should trade at a discount, the Board of Trustees may determine that, in the interest of the Fund and its shareholders, no action should be taken.

## CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX MATTERS

The following is a summary discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to a shareholder or a noteholder (as the case may be) that acquires, holds and/or disposes of the Fund's securities. This discussion only addresses certain U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. shareholders and noteholders (as the case may be) who hold their Fund securities as capital assets and does not address all of the U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to particular shareholders and noteholders (as the case may be) in light of their individual circumstances. This discussion also does not address all U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax concerns affecting the Fund and its shareholders and noteholders (including shareholders and noteholders subject to special tax rules and shareholders owning large positions in the Fund), and the discussion set forth herein does not constitute tax advice. The discussion reflects applicable tax laws of the United States as of the date of this Statement of Additional Information, which tax laws may be changed or subject to new interpretations by the courts or the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") retroactively or prospectively. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position different from any of the tax aspects set forth below. The specific terms of preferred shares and debt securities may result in different tax consequences to holders than those described herein. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of all U.S. federal income tax concerns affecting the Fund and its shareholders and noteholders, and the discussion set forth herein does not constitute tax advice. **Investors are urged to consult their own tax advisers to determine the specific tax consequences to them of investing in the Fund, including the applicable federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences to them and the effect of possible changes in tax laws.**

### Federal Income Taxation of the Fund

The Fund has elected to be treated, and intends to qualify and be eligible to be treated each year, as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of the Code, so that it will not pay U.S. federal income tax on investment company taxable income and capital gains timely distributed to shareholders. If the Fund qualifies as a regulated investment company and distributes to its shareholders at least 90% of the sum of (i) its "investment company taxable income" as that term is defined in the Code (which includes, among other things, dividends, taxable interest, and the excess of any net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses, taking into account any capital loss carryforwards, less certain deductible expenses) without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and (ii) the excess of its gross tax-exempt interest, if any, over certain disallowed deductions, the Fund will be relieved of U.S. federal income tax on any income of the Fund, including long-term

capital gains, distributed to shareholders. However, if the Fund retains any investment company taxable income or “net capital gain” (i.e., the excess of net long-term capital gain over the sum of net short-term capital loss and any capital loss carryforwards), it will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at regular corporate rates on the amount retained. The Fund intends to distribute at least annually, all or substantially all of its investment company taxable income, net tax-exempt interest, if any, and net capital gain.

In determining its net capital gain, its taxable income, and its earnings and profits, a regulated investment company generally may elect to treat part or all of any post-October capital loss (defined as any net capital loss attributable to the portion, if any, of the taxable year after October 31 or, if there is no such loss, the net long-term capital loss or net short-term capital loss attributable to any such portion of the taxable year) or late-year ordinary loss (generally, the sum of (i) net ordinary loss, if any, from the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of property, attributable to the portion, if any, of the taxable year after October 31, and its (ii) other net ordinary loss, if any, attributable to the portion of the taxable year, if any, after December 31) as if incurred in the succeeding taxable year.

Capital losses in excess of capital gains (“net capital losses”) are not permitted to be deducted against the Fund’s net investment income. Instead, potentially subject to certain limitations, the Fund may carry net capital losses from any taxable year forward to subsequent taxable years without expiration to offset capital gains, if any, realized during such subsequent taxable years. Capital loss carryforwards are reduced to the extent they offset current-year net realized capital gains, whether the Fund retains or distributes such gains. The Fund must apply such carryforwards first against gains of the same character.

If for any taxable year the Fund did not qualify as a regulated investment company for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it would be treated in the same manner as a regular corporation subject to U.S. federal income tax and distributions to its shareholders would not be deductible by the Fund in computing its taxable income. In such event, the Fund’s distributions, to the extent derived from the Fund’s current or accumulated earnings and profits, would generally constitute ordinary dividends, which would generally be eligible for the dividends received deduction available to corporate shareholders under Section 243 of the Code, and noncorporate shareholders of the Fund would generally be able to treat such distributions as “qualified dividend income” eligible for reduced rates of federal income taxation under Section 1(h)(11) of the Code, as described below. The Fund could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest and make substantial distributions before re-qualifying as a regulated investment company that is accorded special tax treatment.

Under the Code, the Fund will be subject to a nondeductible 4% federal excise tax on its undistributed ordinary income for a calendar year and its undistributed capital gains for the one-year period generally ending on October 31 of such calendar year if it fails to meet certain distribution requirements with respect to that year. For purposes of the required excise tax distribution, a regulated investment company’s ordinary gains and losses from the sale, exchange, or other taxable disposition of property that would otherwise be taken into account after October 31 generally are treated as arising on January 1 of the following calendar year. Also, for purposes of the excise tax, the Fund will be treated as having distributed any amount on which it is subject to corporate income tax for the taxable year ending within the calendar year. The Fund intends to make distributions in a timely manner and in an amount sufficient to avoid such tax and accordingly does not expect to be subject to this excise tax.

In order to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code, the Fund must, among other things, derive at least 90% of its gross income for each taxable year from (i) dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including gains from options, futures and forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies and (ii) net income derived from interests in certain publicly traded partnerships that derive less than 90% of their gross income from the items described in (i) above (each, a “Qualified Publicly Traded Partnership”) (the “90% income test”). For purposes of the 90% income test, the character of income earned by certain entities in which the Fund invests that are not treated as

corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes will generally pass through to the Fund. Consequently, the Fund may be required to limit its equity investments in certain such entities.

In addition to the 90% income test, the Fund must also diversify its holdings (the “asset test”) so that, at the end of each quarter of its taxable year (i) at least 50% of the market value of the Fund’s total assets is represented by cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, securities of other regulated investment companies and other securities, with such other securities of any one issuer limited for the purposes of this calculation to an amount not greater in value than 5% of the value of the Fund’s total assets and to not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, and (ii) not more than 25% of the value of its total assets is invested, including through corporations in which the Fund owns a 20% or more voting stock interest, in the securities (other than U.S. government securities or securities of other regulated investment companies) of any one issuer or of two or more issuers controlled by the Fund and engaged in the same, similar or related trades or businesses or in the securities of one or more Qualified Publicly Traded Partnerships.

Foreign exchange gains and losses realized by the Fund in connection with certain transactions involving foreign currency-denominated debt securities, certain options and futures contracts relating to foreign currency, foreign currency forward contracts, foreign currencies, or payables or receivables denominated in a foreign currency are subject to Section 988 of the Code, which generally causes such gains and losses to be treated as ordinary income and losses and may affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders.

If the Fund acquires any equity interest (generally including not only stock but also an option to acquire stock such as is inherent in a convertible bond) in certain foreign corporations that receive at least 75% of their annual gross income from passive sources (such as interest, dividends, certain rents and royalties, or capital gains) or that hold at least 50% of their assets in investments held for the production of such passive income (“passive foreign investment companies”), the Fund could be subject to U.S. federal income tax and additional interest charges on “excess distributions” received from such companies or on gain from the sale of equity interests in such companies, even if all income or gain actually received by the Fund is timely distributed to its shareholders. These investments could also result in the treatment as ordinary income of associated gains on a sale of the investment. The Fund would not be able to pass through to its shareholders any credit or deduction for such tax. Tax elections may generally be available that would ameliorate these adverse tax consequences, but any such election could require the Fund to recognize taxable income or gain (which would be subject to the distribution requirements described above) without the concurrent receipt of cash. The Fund may limit and/or manage its holdings in passive foreign investment companies to limit its U.S. federal income tax liability or maximize its return from these investments.

If the Fund invests in certain pay-in-kind securities, zero coupon securities, deferred interest securities or, in general, any other securities with original issue discount (“OID”) (or with market discount if the Fund elects to include market discount in income currently), the Fund must accrue income on such investments for each taxable year, which generally will be prior to the receipt of the corresponding cash payments. However, the Fund must distribute, at least annually, all or substantially all of its investment company taxable income, including such accrued income, to shareholders to avoid U.S. federal income and excise taxes. Therefore, the Fund may have to dispose of its portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate cash, or may have to leverage itself by borrowing the cash, to satisfy distribution requirements.

The Fund may acquire market discount bonds. A market discount bond is a security acquired in the secondary market at a price below its stated redemption price at maturity (or its adjusted issue price if it is also an original issue discount bond). Subject to the discussion below regarding Section 451 of the Code, if the Fund invests in a market discount bond, it will be required to treat any gain recognized on the disposition of such market discount bond as ordinary income (instead of capital gain) to the extent of the accrued market discount, unless the Fund elects to include the market discount in income as it accrues as discussed above. Such market discount will not constitute qualified dividend income. Notwithstanding the foregoing, effective for taxable years beginning after 2017, Section 451 of the Code generally requires any accrual method taxpayer to take into

account items of gross income no later than the time at which such items are taken into account as revenue in the taxpayer's financial statements. Although the application of Section 451 to the accrual of market discount is currently unclear, the Treasury and IRS have announced that they intend to issue proposed regulations providing that Section 451 does not apply to market discount. If Section 451 were to apply to the accrual of market discount, the Fund would be required to include in income any market discount as it takes the same into account on its financial statements.

The Fund may invest to a significant extent in debt obligations that are in the lowest rating categories or are unrated, including debt obligations of issuers not currently paying interest or who are in default. Investments in debt obligations that are at risk of or in default present special tax issues for the Fund. The U.S. federal income tax laws are not entirely clear about issues such as when the Fund may cease to accrue interest, original issue discount or market discount, when and to what extent deductions may be taken for bad debts or worthless securities and how payments received on obligations in default should be allocated between principal and income. These and other related issues will be addressed by the Fund when, as and if it invests in such securities, in order to ensure that it distributes sufficient income to preserve its status as a regulated investment company and does not become subject to U.S. federal income or excise taxes.

Very generally, where the Fund purchases a bond at a price that exceeds the stated redemption price at maturity — that is, at a premium — the premium is amortizable over the remaining term of the bond. In the case of a taxable bond, if the Fund makes an election applicable to all such bonds it purchases, which election is irrevocable without consent of the IRS, the Fund reduces the current taxable income from the bond by the amortized premium and reduces its tax basis in the bond by the amount of such offset; upon the disposition or maturity of such bonds, the Fund is permitted to deduct any remaining premium allocable to a prior period. In the case of a tax-exempt bond, tax rules require the Fund to reduce its tax basis by the amount of amortized premium.

Certain of the Fund's other investments may cause the Fund to recognize income without the corresponding receipt of cash, which could result in the Fund being required to dispose of its portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate cash or to leverage itself by borrowing cash to satisfy distribution requirements and to avoid entity-level tax.

The Fund may engage in various transactions utilizing options, futures contracts, forward contracts, hedging instruments, straddles, swaps and other similar transactions. In addition to the special rules described below, such transactions may be subject to special provisions of the Code that, among other things, affect the character of any income realized by the Fund from such investments, accelerate recognition of income to the Fund, defer Fund losses, affect the holding period of the Fund's securities, affect whether distributions will be eligible for the dividends received deduction or be treated as qualified dividend income and affect the determination of whether capital gain and loss is characterized as long-term or short-term capital gain or loss. These rules could therefore affect the character, amount and timing of distributions to shareholders. These provisions may also require the Fund to "mark-to-market" certain types of the positions in its portfolio (i.e., treat them as if they were closed out), which may cause the Fund to recognize income without receiving cash with which to make distributions in amounts necessary to satisfy the distribution requirements for avoiding U.S. federal income and excise taxes. Because these and other tax rules applicable to these types of transactions are in some cases uncertain under current law, an adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS with respect to these rules (which determination or guidance could be retroactive) may affect whether the Fund has made sufficient distributions, and otherwise satisfied the relevant requirements, to maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company and avoid a Fund-level tax. The Fund will monitor its transactions and will make the appropriate entries in its books and records when it acquires an option, futures contract, forward contract, hedge instrument, swap or other similar investment, and if the Fund deems it advisable, will make appropriate elections in order to mitigate the effect of these rules, prevent disqualification of the Fund as a regulated investment company and minimize the imposition of U.S. federal income and excise taxes.



Certain of the Fund's investments in derivative instruments and foreign currency denominated instruments, and any of the Fund's transactions in foreign currencies and hedging activities, are likely to produce a difference between its book income and the sum of its taxable income (including realized capital gains) and net tax-exempt income (if any). If such a difference arises and the Fund's book income is less than the sum of its taxable income (including realized capital gains) and net tax-exempt income (if any), the Fund could be required to make distributions exceeding book income to qualify as a regulated investment company that is accorded special tax treatment and to avoid a Fund-level tax. If the Fund's book income exceeds the sum of its taxable income (including realized capital gains) and net tax-exempt income (if any), the distribution (if any) of such excess will generally be treated as (i) a dividend to the extent of the Fund's remaining current or accumulated earnings and profits (including earnings and profits arising from tax-exempt income), if any, (ii) thereafter, as a return of capital to the extent of the recipient's adjusted tax basis in the shares and (iii) thereafter, as gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset.

In general, option premiums received by the Fund are not immediately included in the income of the Fund. Instead, the premiums are recognized when the option contract expires, the option is exercised by the holder, or the Fund transfers or otherwise terminates the option (e.g., through a closing transaction). If a call option written by the Fund is exercised and the Fund sells or delivers the underlying stock, the Fund generally will recognize capital gain or loss equal to (a) the sum of the strike price and the option premium received by the Fund minus (b) the Fund's basis in the stock. Such gain or loss generally will be short-term or long-term depending upon the holding period of the underlying stock. If securities are purchased by the Fund pursuant to the exercise of a put option written by it, the Fund generally will subtract the premium received for purposes of computing its cost basis in the securities purchased. The termination of the Fund's obligation under an option other than through the exercise of the option will result in gain or loss, depending on whether the premium income received by the Fund is greater or less than the amount paid by the Fund (if any) in terminating the transaction. Subject to certain exceptions, some of which are described below, such gain or loss generally will be short-term. Thus, for example, if an option written by the Fund expires unexercised, the Fund generally will recognize short-term gain equal to the premium received.

The Fund's options activities may include transactions constituting straddles for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that is, that trigger the U.S. federal income tax straddle rules contained primarily in Section 1092 of the Code. Such straddles include, for example, positions in a particular security, or an index of securities, and one or more options that offset the former position, including options that are "covered" by a Fund's long position in the subject security. Very generally, where applicable, Section 1092 requires (i) that losses be deferred on positions deemed to be offsetting positions with respect to "substantially similar or related property," to the extent of unrealized gain in the latter, and (ii) that the holding period of such a straddle position that has not already been held for the long-term holding period be terminated and begin anew once the position is no longer part of a straddle. Options on single stocks that are not "deep in the money" may constitute qualified covered calls, which generally are not subject to the straddle rules; the holding period on stock underlying qualified covered calls that are "in the money" although not "deep in the money" will be suspended during the period that such calls are outstanding. These straddle rules and the rules governing qualified covered calls could cause gains that would otherwise constitute long-term capital gains to be treated as short-term capital gains, and distributions that would otherwise constitute "qualified dividend income" or qualify for the dividends received deduction to fail to satisfy the holding period requirements and therefore to be taxed as ordinary income or to fail to qualify for the dividends received deduction, as the case may be.

The Fund's transactions in certain investments (including broad based equity index futures contracts, exchange traded options on such indices and certain other futures contracts) are generally considered "Section 1256 contracts" for federal income tax purposes. Any unrealized gains or losses on such Section 1256 contracts are treated as though they were realized at the end of each taxable year. The resulting gain or loss is treated as sixty percent long-term capital gain or loss and forty percent short-term capital gain or loss. Gain or loss recognized on actual sales of Section 1256 contracts is treated in the same manner. As noted below, distributions of net short-term capital gain that are properly reported as capital gain dividends are taxable to

shareholders as ordinary income while distributions of net long-term capital gain are taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gain, regardless of how long the shareholder has held shares of the Fund.

The Fund's entry into a short sale transaction, an option or certain other contracts could be treated as the constructive sale of an appreciated financial position, causing the Fund to realize gain, but not loss, on the position.

Any investment by the Fund in equity securities of REITs may result in the Fund's receipt of cash in excess of the REIT's earnings; if the Fund distributes these amounts, these distributions could constitute a return of capital to Fund shareholders for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Dividends received by the Fund from a REIT will not qualify for the corporate dividends-received deduction and generally will not constitute qualified dividend income. The Fund may invest in REITs that hold residual interests in real estate mortgage investment conduits ("REMICs"). Under a notice issued by the IRS, a portion of the Fund's income from a REIT that is attributable to the REIT's residual interest in a REMIC (referred to in the Code as an "excess inclusion") will be subject to U.S. federal income tax in all events. This notice also provides that excess inclusion income of a regulated investment company, such as the Fund, will be allocated to shareholders of the regulated investment company in proportion to the dividends received by such shareholders, with the same consequences as if the shareholders held the related REMIC residual interest directly. In general, excess inclusion income allocated to shareholders (i) cannot be offset by net operating losses (subject to a limited exception for certain thrift institutions), (ii) will constitute unrelated business taxable income to entities (including a qualified pension plan, an individual retirement account, a 401(k) plan, a Keogh plan or other tax-exempt entity) subject to federal income tax on unrelated business income, thereby potentially requiring such an entity that is allocated excess inclusion income, and otherwise might not be required to file a federal income tax return, to file a tax return and pay tax on such income, and (iii) in the case of a foreign shareholder, will not qualify for any reduction in U.S. federal withholding tax. In addition, special tax consequences apply to charitable remainder trusts ("CRTs") that invest in regulated investment companies that invest directly or indirectly in residual interests in REMICs. Under legislation enacted in 2006, a CRT, as defined in Section 664 of the Code, that realizes any unrelated business taxable income ("UBTI") for a taxable year, must pay an excise tax annually of an amount equal to such UBTI. Under IRS guidance issued in 2006, a CRT will not recognize UBTI solely as a result of investing in a regulated investment company that recognizes "excess inclusion income." Rather, if at any time during any taxable year a CRT (or one of certain other tax-exempt shareholders, such as the United States, a state or political subdivision, or an agency or instrumentality thereof, and certain energy cooperatives) is a record holder of a share in a regulated investment company that recognizes "excess inclusion income," then the regulated investment company will be subject to a tax on that portion of its "excess inclusion income" for the taxable year that is allocable to such shareholders at the highest federal corporate income tax rate. The extent to which this IRS guidance remains applicable in light of the 2006 legislation is unclear. To the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, the Fund may elect to specially allocate any such tax to the applicable CRT, or other shareholder, and thus reduce such shareholder's distributions for the year by the amount of the tax that relates to such shareholder's interest in the Fund. The Fund has not yet determined whether such an election will be made. CRTs and other tax-exempt shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisers concerning the consequences of investing in the Fund. The Fund does not intend to invest in REITs in which a substantial portion of the assets will consist of residual interests in REMICs.

The Fund may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by foreign countries, including taxes on interest, dividends and capital gains with respect to its investments in those countries, which would, if imposed, reduce the yield on or return from those investments. If more than 50% of the value of the Fund's assets at the close of the taxable year consists of stock or securities of foreign corporations, the Fund may make an election under the Code to pass through such taxes to shareholders of the Fund. If the Fund is eligible to and makes such an election, shareholders will generally be able (subject to applicable limitations under the Code) to claim a credit or deduction (but not both) on their federal income tax return for, and will be required to treat as part of the amounts distributed to them, their pro rata portion of income taxes paid by the Fund to foreign countries. If the Fund makes such an election, it will provide relevant information to its shareholders. If such an election is not

made, shareholders will not be required to include such taxes in their gross incomes and will not be entitled to a tax deduction or credit for such taxes on their own federal income tax returns. Each prospective investor is urged to consult its tax adviser regarding taxation of foreign securities in the Fund's portfolio and any available foreign tax credits with respect to the prospective investor's own situation.

### **Common Shares and Preferred Shares**

*Common Share Distributions.* Unless a shareholder is ineligible to participate or elects otherwise, all distributions on common shares will be automatically reinvested in additional common shares of the Fund pursuant to the Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Dividend Reinvestment Plan"). For U.S. federal income tax purposes, dividends are generally taxable whether a shareholder takes them in cash or they are reinvested pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment Plan in additional shares of the Fund.

Distributions of investment company taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid), which includes dividends, taxable interest, net short-term capital gain in excess of net long-term capital loss, taking into account any capital loss carryforwards and certain net foreign currency exchange gains, are, except as discussed below, taxable as ordinary income to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits. A portion of such dividends may qualify for the dividends received deduction available to corporations under Section 243 of the Code and the reduced rate of taxation under Section 1(h)(11) of the Code that applies to qualified dividend income received by noncorporate shareholders. In general, dividends of net investment income received by corporate shareholders of the Fund qualify for the dividends received deduction generally available to corporations only to the extent of the amount of eligible dividends received by the Fund from domestic corporations (other than REITs) for the taxable year. Qualified dividend income received by noncorporate shareholders is taxed at rates equivalent to long-term capital gain tax rates. Qualified dividend income generally includes dividends from domestic corporations and dividends from foreign corporations that meet certain specified criteria, although dividends paid by REITs will not generally be eligible for treatment as qualified dividend income. The Fund generally can pass the tax treatment of dividends eligible for the dividends received deduction and qualified dividend income it receives through to Fund shareholders. For the Fund to receive dividends eligible for the dividends received deduction and qualified dividend income, the Fund must meet certain holding period and other requirements with respect to the stock on which the dividend is paid. In addition, the Fund cannot be obligated to make payments (pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) with respect to substantially similar or related property. The same provisions, including the holding period requirements, apply to each shareholder's investment in the Fund for the dividends received by the shareholder to be eligible for such treatment. Moreover, the dividends received deduction may otherwise be disallowed or reduced by application of various provisions of the Code (for instance, the dividends received deduction is reduced in the case of a dividend received on debt-financed portfolio stock (generally, stock acquired with borrowed funds)). Subject to any future regulatory guidance to the contrary, any distribution of income attributable to qualified REIT dividends or qualified publicly traded partnership income from a Fund's investment in a REIT or MLP, as applicable, will ostensibly not qualify for the deduction that would be available to a non-corporate shareholder were the shareholder to own such REIT or MLP directly.

Distributions of net capital gain, if any, that are properly reported as capital gain dividends are generally taxable as long-term capital gains for U.S. federal income tax purposes without regard to the length of time the shareholder has held shares of the Fund. A distribution of an amount in excess of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, if any, will be treated by a shareholder as a tax-free return of capital which is applied against and reduces the shareholder's basis in his or her shares. Such distributions represent a return of the investor's capital to the extent of his or her basis in the shares. To the extent that the amount of any such distribution exceeds the shareholder's basis in his or her shares, the excess will be treated by the shareholder as gain from the sale or exchange of shares. The U.S. federal income tax status of all distributions will be reported to the shareholders annually.

If the Fund retains any net capital gain, the Fund may report the retained amount as undistributed capital gains to shareholders who, if subject to U.S. federal income tax on long-term capital gains, (i) will be required to

include in income, as long-term capital gain, their proportionate share of such undistributed amount, and (ii) will be entitled to credit their proportionate share of the federal income tax paid by the Fund on the undistributed amount against their U.S. federal income tax liabilities, if any, and to claim refunds to the extent the credit exceeds such liabilities. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the tax basis of shares owned by a shareholder of the Fund will be increased by the difference between the amount of undistributed net capital gain included in the shareholder's gross income and the federal income tax deemed paid by the shareholder.

If a shareholder's distributions are automatically reinvested pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and the plan agent invests the distribution in shares acquired on behalf of the shareholder in open-market purchases, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the shareholder will be treated as having received a taxable distribution in the amount of the cash dividend that the shareholder would have received if the shareholder had elected to receive cash. If a shareholder's distributions are automatically reinvested pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and the plan agent invests the distribution in newly issued shares of the Fund, the shareholder will generally be treated as receiving a taxable distribution equal to the fair market value of the shares the shareholder receives.

At the time of an investor's purchase of the Fund's shares, a portion of the purchase price may be attributable to unrealized appreciation in the Fund's portfolio or undistributed taxable income of the Fund. Consequently, subsequent distributions by the Fund with respect to these shares from such appreciation or income may be taxable to such investor even if the net asset value of the investor's shares is, as a result of the distributions, reduced below the investor's cost for such shares and the distributions economically represent a return of a portion of the investment.

Any dividend declared by the Fund in October, November or December with a record date in such a month and paid during the following January will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as paid by the Fund and received by shareholders on December 31 of the calendar year in which it is declared.

*Preferred Share Distributions.* Under present law and based in part on the fact that there is and will be no express or implied agreement between or among a broker-dealer or any other party, and the Fund or any owners of preferred shares, that the broker-dealer or any other party will guarantee or otherwise arrange to ensure that an owner of preferred shares will be able to sell his or her shares, the Fund intends to treat the preferred shares as stock of the Fund for federal income tax purposes, and, as such, distributions with respect to the preferred shares (other than distributions in redemption of the preferred shares subject to Section 302(b) of the Code) will generally constitute dividends to the extent of the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits, as calculated for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Except in the case of net capital gain distributions, such dividends generally will be taxable at ordinary income tax rates to holders of preferred shares but may qualify for the dividends received deduction available to corporate shareholders under Section 243 of the Code and the reduced rates of federal income taxation that apply to qualified dividend income received by noncorporate shareholders under Section 1(h)(11) of the Code. Distributions reported by the Fund as net capital gain distributions will be taxable as long-term capital gain regardless of the length of time a shareholder has held shares of the Fund. Please see the discussion above on qualified dividend income, dividends received deductions and net capital gain.

The character of the Fund's income will not affect the amount of dividends which the holders of preferred shares are entitled to receive. If the preferred shares are auction rate securities, holders of preferred shares are entitled to receive only the amount of dividends as determined by periodic auctions. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the IRS requires that a regulated investment company that has two or more classes of shares allocate to each such class proportionate amounts of each type of its income (such as ordinary income and net capital gain) for each tax year. Accordingly, the Fund intends to report distributions made with respect to the common shares and preferred shares as consisting of particular types of income (e.g., net capital gain and ordinary income), in accordance with each class's proportionate share of the total dividends paid to both classes. Thus, each year the Fund will report dividends qualifying for the corporate dividends received deduction, qualified dividend income, ordinary income and net capital gains in a manner that allocates such income between the preferred shares and

common shares in proportion to the total dividends made to each class with respect to such taxable year, or otherwise as required by applicable law. In addition, solely for the purpose of satisfying the 90% distribution requirement and the distribution requirement for avoiding income taxes, certain distributions made after the close of a taxable year of the Fund may be “spilled back” and treated as paid during such taxable year. In such case, shareholders will be treated as having received such dividends in the taxable year in which the distribution was actually made. The Fund intends to treat any dividends that are paid following the close of a taxable year as “paid” in the prior year for purposes of determining a class’s proportionate share of a particular type of income. The IRS has ruled privately that dividends paid following the close of the taxable year that are treated for federal income tax purposes as derived from income from the prior year will be treated as dividends “paid” in the prior year for purposes of determining the proportionate share of a particular type of income for each class. The private ruling is not binding on the IRS, and there can be no assurance that the IRS will respect such treatment. Each shareholder will be notified of the allocation within 60 days after the end of the year.

Although the Fund is required to distribute annually at least 90% of its investment company taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid), the Fund is not required to distribute net capital gains to the shareholders. The Fund may retain and reinvest such gains and pay federal income taxes on such gains (the “net undistributed capital gain”). Please see the discussion above on undistributed capital gains. The Fund intends to distribute its net capital gain for any year during which it has preferred shares outstanding.

Such distribution will affect the tax character but not the amount of dividends to which holders of preferred shares are entitled.

Although dividends generally will be treated as distributed when paid, dividends declared in October, November or December with a record date in such a month, and paid in January of the following year, will be treated as having been distributed by the Fund and received by the shareholders on December 31 of the year in which the dividend was declared.

Earnings and profits are generally treated, for federal income tax purposes, as first being used to pay distributions on preferred shares, and then to the extent remaining, if any, to pay distributions on the common shares. Distributions in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits of the Fund are treated first as return of capital to the extent of the shareholder’s basis in the shares and, after the adjusted basis is reduced to zero, will be treated as capital gain to a shareholder who holds such shares as a capital asset.

If the Fund utilizes leverage through borrowings, or otherwise, asset coverage limitations imposed by the 1940 Act as well as additional restrictions that may be imposed by certain lenders on the payment of dividends or distributions potentially could limit or eliminate the Fund’s ability to make distributions on its common shares and/or preferred shares until the asset coverage is restored. These limitations could prevent the Fund from distributing at least 90% of its investment company taxable income as is required under the Code and therefore might jeopardize the Fund’s qualification as a regulated investment company and/or might subject the Fund to a nondeductible 4% federal excise tax. Upon any failure to meet the asset coverage requirements imposed by the 1940 Act, the Fund may, in its sole discretion and to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, purchase or redeem preferred shares in order to maintain or restore the requisite asset coverage and avoid the adverse consequences to the Fund and its shareholders of failing to meet the distribution requirements. There can be no assurance, however, that any such action would achieve these objectives. The Fund will endeavor to avoid restrictions on its ability to distribute dividends.

*Sales of Fund Shares.* Sales and other dispositions of the Fund’s shares are taxable events for shareholders that are subject to federal income tax. Selling shareholders will generally recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount received for such shares and their adjusted tax basis in the shares sold. If such shares are held as a capital asset at the time of sale, the gain or loss will generally be a long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than one year, and, if not held for such period, a short-term capital gain or loss. Similarly, a repurchase by the Fund, including as a result of a tender offer by the Fund,

if any, of all of the shares (common and preferred) actually and constructively held by a shareholder generally will give rise to capital gain or loss under Section 302(b) of the Code if the shareholder does not own (and is not regarded under certain federal income tax law rules of constructive ownership as owning) any other common or preferred shares of the Fund and provided that the proceeds from the purchase do not represent declared but unpaid dividends. If the Fund repurchases fewer than all of a shareholder's common shares or a shareholder continues to hold (directly or by attribution) other Fund shares (including preferred shares if then outstanding) subsequent to a Fund repurchase, in certain circumstances such shareholder may be treated as having received a distribution under Section 301 of the Code ("Section 301 distribution") unless the repurchase is treated as being either (i) "substantially disproportionate" with respect to such shareholder or (ii) otherwise "not essentially equivalent to a dividend" under the relevant rules of the Code. A Section 301 distribution is not treated as a sale or exchange giving rise to capital gain or loss, but rather is treated as a dividend to the extent supported by the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, with the excess treated as a return of capital reducing the shareholder's tax basis in its Fund shares, and thereafter as capital gain. Where a selling shareholder is treated as receiving a dividend, there is a risk that non-selling shareholders whose percentage interests in the Fund increase as a result of such repurchase will be treated as having received a taxable distribution from the Fund. The extent of such risk will vary depending upon the particular circumstances of the repurchase, in particular whether such repurchase is a single and isolated event or is part of a plan for periodically repurchasing the common shares of the Fund; if isolated, any such risk is likely remote.

Gain or loss will generally be long-term capital gain or loss if the shares disposed of were held for more than one year and will be short-term capital gain or loss if the shares disposed of were held for one year or less. Net long-term capital gain recognized by a noncorporate U.S. shareholder generally will be subject to federal income tax at a lower rate than net short-term capital gain or ordinary income. For corporate holders, capital gain is generally taxed for federal income tax purposes at the same rate as ordinary income. A holder's ability to deduct capital losses may be limited.

Any loss realized by a shareholder upon the sale or other disposition of shares with a tax holding period of six months or less will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any amounts treated as distributions of long-term capital gain with respect to such shares. Losses on sales or other dispositions of shares may be disallowed under "wash sale" rules in the event a shareholder acquires, or is treated as acquiring, substantially identical stock or securities (including Fund shares acquired pursuant to the reinvestment of dividends) within a period of 61 days beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after a sale or other disposition of shares. In such a case, the disallowed portion of any loss generally would be included in the U.S. federal income tax basis of the shares acquired. Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers regarding their individual circumstances to determine whether any particular transaction in the Fund's shares is properly treated as a sale for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the tax treatment of any gains or losses recognized in such transactions.

Upon the termination of the Fund, shareholders generally will realize capital gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash or other property received by the shareholder (including any property deemed received by reason of its being placed in a liquidating trust) and the shareholder's adjusted tax basis in shares of the Fund for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Any such gain or loss will be long-term if the shareholder is treated as having a holding period in Fund shares of greater than one year, and otherwise will be short-term.

*Federal Income Tax Withholding.* Federal law requires that the Fund withhold, as "backup withholding," a percentage of reportable payments, including dividends, capital gain distributions and the proceeds of sales or other dispositions of the Fund's shares paid to shareholders who have not complied with IRS regulations. In order to avoid this withholding requirement, shareholders must certify on their account applications, or on a separate IRS Form W-9, that the social security number or other taxpayer identification number they provide is their correct number and that they are not currently subject to backup withholding, or that they are exempt from backup withholding. The Fund may nevertheless be required to backup withhold if it receives notice from the IRS or a broker that the number provided is incorrect or backup withholding is applicable. Backup withholding is

not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld from payments made to a shareholder may be refunded or credited against such shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS.

*Other Matters.* Treasury regulations provide that if a shareholder recognizes a loss with respect to shares of \$2 million or more in a single taxable year (or \$4 million or more in any combination of taxable years) for a shareholder who is an individual, S corporation or trust or \$10 million or more for a corporate shareholder in any single taxable year (or \$20 million or more in any combination of taxable years), the shareholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on Form 8886. Direct shareholders of portfolio securities are in many cases excepted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance, shareholders of a regulated investment company are not excepted. Future guidance may extend the current exception from this reporting requirement to shareholders of most or all regulated investment companies. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer's treatment of the loss is proper. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

Special tax rules apply to investments through defined contribution plans and other tax-qualified plans. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the suitability of shares of the Fund as an investment through such plans and the precise effect of an investment on their particular tax situation.

*Taxation of Non-U.S. Shareholders.* The description of certain federal income tax provisions above relates only to U.S. federal income tax consequences for shareholders who are U.S. persons (i.e., U.S. citizens or resident aliens or U.S. corporations, partnerships, trusts or estates who are subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis). Investors other than U.S. persons, including non-resident alien individuals, may be subject to different U.S. federal income tax treatment. With respect to such persons, the Fund must generally withhold U.S. federal withholding tax at the rate of 30% (or, if the Fund receives certain certifications from such non-U.S. shareholder, such lower rate as prescribed by an applicable tax treaty) on amounts treated as ordinary dividends from the Fund. However, the Fund is not required to withhold tax on any amounts paid to a non-U.S. person with respect to capital gain dividends (that is, distributions of net capital gain that are properly reported by the Fund as capital gain dividends), dividends attributable to "qualified short-term gain" (i.e., the excess of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss) reported as such by the Fund and dividends attributable to certain U.S. source interest income of types similar to those not subject to federal withholding tax if earned directly by a non-U.S. person, provided such amounts are properly reported by the Fund. **Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers on these matters and on any specific question of U.S. federal, state, local, foreign and other applicable tax laws before making an investment in the Fund.**

## **Debt Securities**

Under present law, the Fund intends to treat the debt securities as indebtedness for federal income tax purposes, which treatment the discussion below assumes. We intend to treat all payments made with respect to the debt securities consistent with this characterization. The following discussion assumes that all interest on the debt securities will be qualified stated interest (which is generally interest that is unconditionally payable at least annually at a fixed or qualified floating rate), and that the debt securities will have a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance.

Payments or accruals of interest on debt securities generally will be taxable to holders as ordinary interest income at the time such interest is received (actually or constructively) or accrued, in accordance with the holder's regular method of accounting for federal income tax purposes.

Initially, a holder's tax basis in debt securities acquired generally will be equal to the cost to acquire such debt securities. This basis will be increased by the amounts, if any, that the holder includes in income under the rules governing OID (taking into account any acquisition premium that offsets such OID) and market discount,

and will be decreased by the amount of any amortized premium on such debt securities, as discussed below, and any payments on such debt securities other than stated interest. When the holder sells, exchanges or redeems any of its debt securities, or otherwise disposes of its debt securities in a taxable transaction, the holder generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the transaction (less any accrued and unpaid interest (including any OID), which will be subject to federal income tax as interest in the manner described above) and the tax basis in the debt securities relinquished.

Except as discussed below with respect to market discount, the gain or loss recognized on the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of any debt securities generally will be capital gain or loss. Such gain or loss will generally be long-term capital gain or loss if the disposed debt securities were held for more than one year and will be short-term capital gain or loss if the disposed debt securities were held for one year or less. Net long-term capital gain recognized by a noncorporate U.S. holder generally will be subject to federal income tax at a lower rate than net short-term capital gain or ordinary income. For corporate holders, capital gain is generally taxed for federal income tax purposes at the same rate as ordinary income. A holder's ability to deduct capital losses may be limited.

If a holder purchases debt securities at a cost greater than their stated redemption price at maturity, plus accrued interest, the holder will be considered to have purchased the debt securities at a premium, and generally may elect to amortize this premium as an offset to interest income, using a constant yield method, over the remaining term of the debt securities. If the holder makes the election to amortize the premium, it generally will apply to all debt instruments held at the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies, as well as any debt instruments that were subsequently acquired. In addition, the holder may not revoke the election without the consent of the IRS. If the holder elects to amortize the premium, it will be required to reduce its tax basis in the debt securities by the amount of the premium amortized during its holding period. If the holder does not elect to amortize premium, the amount of premium will be included in the holder's tax basis in the debt securities. Therefore, if the holder does not elect to amortize the premium and holds the debt securities to maturity, the holder generally will be required to treat the premium as a capital loss when the debt securities are redeemed.

If you purchase debt securities at an original issue price that is less than their stated redemption price at maturity by at least the statutory de minimis amount, the debt securities will be treated as being issued with OID for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The stated redemption price at maturity includes all payments on the debt securities other than qualified stated interest, which is generally interest that is unconditionally payable at least annually at a fixed or qualified floating rate. If the debt securities are issued with OID, you will be required to include such OID in gross income (as ordinary income) as it accrues over the term of the debt securities on a constant-yield basis, in advance of the receipt of cash attributable to that income and regardless of your regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Subject to the discussion above regarding Section 451 of the Code, if a holder purchases debt securities in the secondary market that were issued with OID at a cost greater than their issue price and less than or equal to their stated redemption price at maturity, the holder will be considered to have purchased the debt securities with acquisition premium. Such holder will generally be permitted to reduce the daily portions of OID required to be included in income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the excess of the holder's initial basis in the debt securities over the debt securities' issue price, and the denominator of which is the excess of the redemption price at maturity of the debt securities over their issue price.

If the holder purchases debt securities at a price that reflects a "market discount," any principal payments on, or any gain that the holder realized on the disposition of, the debt securities generally will be treated as ordinary interest income to the extent of the market discount that accrued on the debt securities during the time such debt securities were held. "Market discount" is defined under the Code as, in general, the excess (subject to a statutory de minimis amount) of the stated redemption price at maturity (or in the case of an obligation issued with OID, its "revised issue price") over the purchase price of the debt security. In addition, the holder may be



required to defer the deduction of all or a portion of any interest paid on any indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry the debt securities that were acquired at a market discount.

The holder may elect to include market discount in gross income currently as it accrues (on either a ratable or constant yield basis), in lieu of treating a portion of any gain realized on a sale of the debt securities as ordinary income. If the holder elects to include market discount on a current basis, the interest deduction deferral rule described above will not apply and the holder will increase its basis in the debt security by the amount of market discount included in gross income. If the holder does make such an election, it will apply to all market discount debt instruments acquired on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies. This election may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS.

*Information Reporting and Backup Withholding.* In general, information reporting requirements will apply to payments of principal, interest, and premium, if any, paid on debt securities and to the proceeds of the sale of debt securities paid to U.S. holders other than certain exempt recipients (such as certain corporations) provided they establish such exemption. Information reporting generally will apply to payments of interest on the debt securities to non-U.S. Holders (as defined below) and the amount of tax, if any, withheld with respect to such payments. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest payments and any withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. Holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty. In addition, for non-U.S. Holders, information reporting will apply to the proceeds of the sale of debt securities within the United States or conducted through United States-related financial intermediaries unless the certification requirements described below have been complied with and the statement described below in “Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders” has been received (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the holder is a United States person) or the holder otherwise establishes an exemption.

We may be required to withhold, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a portion of all payments (including redemption proceeds) payable to holders of debt securities who fail to provide us with their correct taxpayer identification number, who fail to make required certifications or who have been notified by the IRS that they are subject to backup withholding (or if we have been so notified). Certain corporate and other shareholders specified in the Code and the regulations thereunder are exempt from backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld may be credited against the holder’s U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided the appropriate information is furnished to the IRS.

If the holder is a non-U.S. Holder, you may have to comply with certification procedures to establish its non-U.S. status in order to avoid backup withholding tax requirements. The certification procedures required to claim the exemption from withholding tax on interest income described below with respect to non-U.S. Holders will satisfy these requirements.

*Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders.* If a holder is a non-resident alien individual or a foreign corporation (a “non-U.S. Holder”), the payment of interest on the debt securities generally will be considered “portfolio interest” and thus generally will be exempt from U.S. federal withholding tax. This exemption will apply to the holder provided that (1) interest paid on the debt securities is not effectively connected with the holder’s conduct of a trade or business in the United States, (2) the holder is not a bank whose receipt of interest on the debt securities is described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (3) the holder does not actually or constructively own 10 percent or more of the combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote, (4) the holder is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related, directly or indirectly, to us through stock ownership, and (5) the holder satisfies the certification requirements described below.

To satisfy the certification requirements, either (1) the holder of any debt securities must certify, under penalties of perjury, that such holder is a non-U.S. person and must provide such owner’s name, address and taxpayer identification number, if any, on IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, or (2) a securities futures clearing organization, bank or other financial institution that holds customer securities in the ordinary course of its trade

or business and holds the debt securities on behalf of the holder thereof must certify, under penalties of perjury, that it has received a valid and properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E from the beneficial holder and comply with certain other requirements. Special certification rules apply for debt securities held by a foreign partnership and other intermediaries.

Interest on debt securities received by a non-U.S. Holder that is not excluded from U.S. federal withholding tax under the portfolio interest exemption as described above generally will be subject to withholding at a 30% rate, except where (1) the interest is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business, in which case the interest will be subject to U.S. income tax on a net basis as applicable to U.S. holders generally (and, in the case of corporate non-U.S. holders, may be subject to an additional 30% branch profits tax) or (2) a non-U.S. Holder can claim the benefits of an applicable income tax treaty to reduce or eliminate such withholding tax. To claim the benefit of an income tax treaty or to claim an exemption from withholding because the interest is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business, a non-U.S. Holder must timely provide the appropriate, properly executed IRS forms. These forms may be required to be periodically updated. Also, a non-U.S. Holder who is claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty may be required to obtain a U.S. taxpayer identification number and to provide certain documentary evidence issued by foreign governmental authorities to prove residence in the foreign country.

Any capital gain that a non-U.S. Holder realizes on a sale, exchange or other disposition of debt securities generally will be exempt from U.S. federal income tax, including withholding tax. This exemption will not apply to a holder if their gain is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the U.S. or the holder is an individual holder and is present in the U.S. for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and, in each case, certain other conditions are met.

See “Information Reporting and Backup Withholding” above for a general discussion of information reporting and backup withholding requirements applicable to non-U.S. Holders.

## **Other Tax Matters**

*Medicare Tax on Certain Investment Income.* Certain noncorporate taxpayers are subject to an additional tax of 3.8% with respect to the lesser of (1) their “net investment income” (or undistributed “net investment income” in the case of an estate or trust) or (2) the excess of their “modified adjusted gross income” over a threshold amount (\$250,000 for married persons filing jointly and \$200,000 for single taxpayers). For this purpose, “net investment income” includes interest, dividends (including dividends paid with respect to shares), annuities, royalties, rent, net gain attributable to the disposition of property not held in a trade or business (including net gain from the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of shares) and certain other income, but will be reduced by any deductions properly allocable to such income or net gain.

*Other Reporting and Withholding Requirements.* Sections 1471-1474 of the Code and the U.S. Treasury and IRS guidance issued thereunder (collectively, “FATCA”) generally require the Fund to obtain information sufficient to identify the status of each of its shareholders and holder of its debt securities under FATCA or under an applicable intergovernmental agreement (an “IGA”) between the United States and a foreign government. If a shareholder or holders of debt securities fails to provide the required information or otherwise fails to comply with FATCA or an IGA, the Fund may be required to withhold under FATCA at a rate of 30% with respect to that holder on ordinary dividends and interest payments, and 30% of the gross proceeds of redemptions or exchanges and certain capital gain dividends it pays after December 31, 2018, however recently proposed regulations from the U.S. Treasury Department indicate an intent to eliminate the requirement under FATCA of withholding on gross proceeds and to defer withholding on certain other types of withholdable payments. If a payment by the Fund is subject to FATCA withholding, the Fund is required to withhold even if such payment would otherwise be exempt from withholding under the rules applicable to non-U.S. persons. Each prospective investor is urged to consult its tax adviser regarding the applicability of FATCA and any other reporting requirements with respect to the prospective investor’s own situation, including investments through an intermediary.

Shareholders that are U.S. persons and own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the Fund could be required to report annually their “financial interest” in the Fund’s “foreign financial accounts,” if any, on FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). Shareholders should consult a tax adviser regarding the applicability to them of this reporting requirement.

### **Alternative Minimum Tax**

Noncorporate investors may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax on their income (including taxable income from the Fund), depending on their individual circumstances.

### **CUSTODIAN, TRANSFER AGENT, DIVIDEND DISBURSING AGENT AND REGISTRAR**

The Fund’s securities and cash are held under a custodian agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Company, 200 Clarendon Street, P.O. Box 9130, Boston, Massachusetts 02117-9130. The transfer agent, dividend disbursing agent and registrar for the Fund’s shares is Computershare Shareowner Services LLC, P.O. Box 358016, Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8016.

### **INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Deloitte & Touche LLP, 111 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606, serves as our independent registered public accounting firm. Deloitte & Touche LLP provides audit and audit-related services and consultation in connection with the review of our filing with the SEC.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A Registration Statement on Form N-2, including amendments thereto, relating to the securities offered hereby, has been filed by the Fund with the SEC, Washington, D.C. The prospectus, any prospectus supplement and this Statement of Additional Information do not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement, including any exhibits and schedules thereto. For further information with respect to the Fund and the securities offered hereby, reference is made to the Registration Statement. Statements contained in the prospectus, prospectus supplement and this Statement of Additional Information as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to are not necessarily complete and in each instance reference is made to the copy of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference. A copy of the Registration Statement may be inspected without charge at the SEC’s principal office in Washington, D.C., and copies of all or any part thereof may be obtained from the SEC upon the payment of certain fees prescribed by the SEC.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF TRUST**

The Fund’s Agreement and Declaration of Trust provides that the Fund’s Trustees shall have the power to cause each shareholder to pay directly, in advance or arrears, for charges of the Fund’s custodian or transfer, shareholder servicing or similar agent, an amount fixed from time to time by the Trustees, by setting off such charges due from such shareholder from declared but unpaid dividends owed such shareholder and/or by reducing the number of shares in the account of such shareholder by that number of full and/or fractional shares which represents the outstanding amount of such charges due from such shareholder. The Fund has no present intention of relying on this provision of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust and would only do so if consistent with the 1940 Act or the rules and regulations or interpretations of the SEC thereunder.

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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To the shareholders and the Board of Trustees of Calamos Convertible Opportunities and Income Fund

### **Opinion on the Financial Statements and Financial Highlights**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Calamos Convertible Opportunities and Income Fund (the “Fund”), including the schedule of investments, as of October 31, 2018, the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, and the related notes. In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of October 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund’s financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and financial highlights, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and financial highlights. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of October 31, 2018, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

*Deloitte + Touche LLP*

Chicago, Illinois  
December 17, 2018

We have served as the auditor of one or more Calamos Advisors LLC investment companies since 2003.

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**October 31, 2018**

**ASSETS**

Investments in securities, at value (cost \$1,185,188,794) .....	\$1,120,870,857
Cash with custodian (interest bearing) .....	95,769
Receivables:	
Accrued interest and dividends .....	9,639,242
Investments sold .....	1,922,913
Prepaid expenses .....	431,600
Other assets .....	157,390
	<u>1,133,117,771</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Options written, at value (premium \$469,152) .....	468,135
Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares (\$25 liquidation value per share applicable to 4,000,000 shares authorized, issued, and outstanding) (net of deferred offering costs of \$912,626) (Note 7) .....	99,087,374
Payables:	
Notes payable .....	288,000,000
Distributions payable to Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shareholders .....	310,319
Investments purchased .....	2,283,735
Affiliates:	
Investment advisory fees .....	785,989
Deferred compensation to trustees .....	157,390
Financial accounting fees .....	11,241
Trustees' fees and officer compensation .....	26,760
Other accounts payable and accrued liabilities .....	680,978
	<u>391,811,921</u>
Total liabilities .....	<u>391,811,921</u>
NET ASSETS .....	<u>\$ 741,305,850</u>

**COMPOSITION OF NET ASSETS**

Common stock, no par value, unlimited shares authorized 70,872,812 shares issued and outstanding .....	\$ 803,099,676
Undistributed net investment income (loss) .....	(6,092,183)
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments, foreign currency transactions and written options .....	8,615,277
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and written options .....	(64,316,920)
NET ASSETS .....	<u>\$ 741,305,850</u>
Net asset value per common shares based upon 70,872,812 shares issued and outstanding .....	<u>\$ 10.46</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

**Statement of Operations**  
**Year Ended October 31, 2018**

**INVESTMENT INCOME**

Interest .....	\$ 49,445,128
Dividends .....	<u>10,738,297</u>
Total investment income .....	<u>60,183,425</u>

**EXPENSES**

Investment advisory fees .....	9,363,206
Interest expense on Notes Payable (Note 6) .....	5,630,565
Interest expense and amortization of offering costs on Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares (Notes 1 and 7) .....	4,126,652
Financial accounting fees .....	135,065
Printing and mailing fees .....	134,642
Trustees' fees and officer compensation .....	97,248
Accounting fees .....	82,471
Audit fees .....	47,997
Legal fees .....	45,476
Transfer agent fees .....	39,857
Registration fees .....	21,176
Custodian fees .....	19,692
Other .....	<u>108,764</u>
Total expenses .....	<u>19,852,811</u>

NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS) .....

40,330,614

**REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)**

**Net realized gain (loss) from:**

Investments, excluding purchased options .....	48,895,563
Purchased options .....	1,538,771
Foreign currency transactions .....	(13,548)
Written options .....	744,198

**Change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on:**

Investments, excluding purchased options .....	(73,455,391)
Purchased options .....	(1,317,098)
Foreign currency translations .....	1,987
Written options .....	<u>10,364</u>

NET GAIN (LOSS) .....

(23,595,154)

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM  
OPERATIONS .....

\$ 16,735,460

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

### Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	<u>YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2018</u>	<u>YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2017</u>
<b>OPERATIONS</b>		
Net investment income (loss) .....	\$ 40,330,614	\$ 39,927,229
Net realized gain (loss) .....	51,164,984	45,181,875
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) .....	<u>(74,760,138)</u>	<u>38,303,435</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to common shareholders resulting from operations .....	<u>16,735,460</u>	<u>123,412,539</u>
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS</b>		
Total distributions .....	(79,591,792)	(52,316,788) <sup>(a)</sup>
Return of capital .....	<u>—</u>	<u>(27,518,746)</u>
Net decrease in net assets from distributions to common shareholders ...	<u>(79,591,792)</u>	<u>(79,835,534)</u>
<b>CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS</b>		
Proceeds from shares sold .....	3,750,338	2,035,600
Offering costs on shares .....	(31,543)	(109,558)
Reinvestment of distributions resulting in the issuance of stock ....	<u>2,475,449</u>	<u>1,692,015</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from capital stock transactions .....	<u>6,194,244</u>	<u>3,618,057</u>
<b>TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b> .....	<u>(56,662,088)</u>	<u>47,195,062</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Beginning of year .....	<u>\$797,967,938</u>	<u>\$750,772,876</u>
End of year .....	<u>\$741,305,850</u>	<u>\$797,967,938</u>

- (a) The SEC eliminated the requirement to disclose distributions from net investment income and net realized gains and undistributed net income (loss) in 2018. Included in total distributions was \$46,865,320 of net investment income and \$5,451,468 of net realized gains as of the year ended October 31, 2017. The undistributed net investment income (loss) was \$(10,539,000) at year ended October 31, 2017.

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Year Ended October 31, 2018**

<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets from operations .....	\$ 16,735,460
Adjustments to reconcile net increase/(decrease) in net assets from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Purchase of investment securities, including purchased options .....	(673,388,665)
Net proceeds from disposition of short term investments .....	7,098,191
Proceeds paid on closing written options .....	(752,981)
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities, including purchased options .....	697,557,826
Premiums received from written options .....	1,647,918
Amortization and accretion of fixed-income securities .....	(13,333,186)
Amortization of offering costs on Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares .....	167,404
Net realized gains/losses from investments, excluding purchased options .....	(48,896,213)
Net realized gains/losses from purchased options .....	(1,538,771)
Net realized gains/losses from written options .....	(744,198)
Change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments, excluding purchased options .....	73,455,391
Change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on purchased options .....	1,317,098
Change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on written options .....	(10,364)
Net change in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase)/decrease in assets:	
Accrued interest and dividends receivable .....	626,923
Prepaid expenses .....	(344,633)
Other assets .....	1,057,521
Increase/(decrease) in liabilities:	
Payables to affiliates .....	(16,875)
Other accounts payable and accrued liabilities .....	(100,243)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities .....	<u>\$ 60,537,603</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Proceeds from shares sold .....	3,750,338
Offering costs related to shares sold .....	(31,543)
Distributions to shareholders .....	(77,116,343)
Distributions to Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shareholders .....	310,319
Offering costs on Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares .....	(22,884)
Net increase/(decrease) in due to custodian bank .....	(331,721)
Proceeds from note payable .....	13,000,000
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities .....	<u>\$ (60,441,834)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash .....	<u>\$ 95,769</u>
Cash at beginning of year .....	<u>\$ —</u>
Cash at end of year .....	<u>\$ 95,769</u>
Supplemental disclosure	
Cash paid for interest on Notes Payable .....	<u>\$ 5,702,742</u>
Cash paid for interest expense and amortization of offering costs on Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares .....	<u>\$ 4,436,971</u>
Non-cash financing activities not included herein consists of reinvestment of dividends and distributions .....	<u>\$ 2,475,449</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements



## Notes to Financial Statements

### Note 1 – Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

**Organization.** Calamos Convertible Opportunities and Income Fund (the “Fund”) was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on April 17, 2002 and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund commenced operations on June 26, 2002.

The Fund’s investment strategy is to provide total return through a combination of capital appreciation and current income. Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its managed assets in a diversified portfolio of convertibles and non-convertible income securities and under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 35% of its managed assets in convertible securities. “Managed assets” means the Fund’s total assets (including any assets attributable to any leverage that may be outstanding) minus total liabilities (other than debt representing financial leverage).

**Significant Accounting Policies.** The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), and the Fund is considered an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies. Under U.S. GAAP, management is required to make certain estimates and assumptions at the date of the financial statements and actual results may differ from those estimates. Subsequent events, if any, through the date that the financial statements were issued, have been evaluated in the preparation of the financial statements. The following summarizes the significant accounting policies of the Fund:

**Fund Valuation.** The valuation of the Fund’s investments is in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by and under the ultimate supervision of the board of trustees.

Fund securities that are traded on U.S. securities exchanges, except option securities, are valued at the official closing price, which is the last current reported sales price on its principal exchange at the time each Fund determines its net asset value (“NAV”). Securities traded in the over-the-counter market and quoted on The NASDAQ Stock Market are valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price, as determined by NASDAQ, or lacking a NASDAQ Official Closing Price, the last current reported sale price on NASDAQ at the time a Fund determines its NAV. When a last sale or closing price is not available, equity securities, other than option securities, that are traded on a U.S. securities exchange and other equity securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations on its principal exchange in accordance with guidelines adopted by the board of trustees. Each option security traded on a U.S. securities exchange is valued at the mid-point of the consolidated bid/ask quote for the option security, also in accordance with guidelines adopted by the board of trustees. Each over-the-counter option that is not traded through the Options Clearing Corporation is valued either by an independent pricing agent or based on a quotation provided by the counterparty to such option under the ultimate supervision of the board of trustees.

Fixed income securities, certain convertible preferred securities, and non-exchange traded derivatives are normally valued by independent pricing services or by dealers or brokers who make markets in such securities. Valuations of such fixed income securities, certain convertible preferred securities, and non-exchange traded derivatives consider yield or price of equivalent securities of comparable quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data and do not rely exclusively upon exchange or over-the-counter prices.

Trading on European and Far Eastern exchanges and over-the-counter markets is typically completed at various times before the close of business on each day on which the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) is open. Each security trading on these exchanges or in over-the-counter markets may be valued utilizing a systematic fair valuation model provided by an independent pricing service approved by the board of trustees.

The valuation of each security that meets certain criteria in relation to the valuation model is systematically adjusted to reflect the impact of movement in the U.S. market after the foreign markets close. Securities that do not meet the criteria, or that are principally traded in other foreign markets, are valued as of the last reported sale price at the time the Fund determines its NAV, or when reliable market prices or quotations are not readily available, at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations as of the close of the appropriate exchange or other designated time. Trading of foreign securities may not take place on every NYSE business day. In addition, trading may take place in various foreign markets on Saturdays or on other days when the NYSE is not open and on which the Fund's NAV is not calculated.

If the pricing committee determines that the valuation of a security in accordance with the methods described above is not reflective of a fair value for such security, the security is valued at a fair value by the pricing committee, under the ultimate supervision of the board of trustees, following the guidelines and/or procedures adopted by the board of trustees.

The Fund also may use fair value pricing, pursuant to guidelines adopted by the board of trustees and under the ultimate supervision of the board of trustees, if trading in the security is halted or if the value of a security it holds is materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the close of the primary market or exchange on which the security is listed. Those procedures may utilize valuations furnished by pricing services approved by the board of trustees, which may be based on market transactions for comparable securities and various relationships between securities that are generally recognized by institutional traders, a computerized matrix system, or appraisals derived from information concerning the securities or similar securities received from recognized dealers in those securities.

When fair value pricing of securities is employed, the prices of securities used by a Fund to calculate its NAV may differ from market quotations or official closing prices. In light of the judgment involved in fair valuations, there can be no assurance that a fair value assigned to a particular security is accurate.

**Investment Transactions.** Investment transactions are recorded on a trade date basis as of October 31, 2018. Net realized gains and losses from investment transactions are reported on an identified cost basis. Interest income is recognized using the accrual method and includes accretion of original issue and market discount and amortization of premium. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date, except that certain dividends from foreign securities are recorded as soon as the information becomes available after the ex-dividend date.

**Foreign Currency Translation.** Values of investments and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars using a rate quoted by a major bank or dealer in the particular currency market, as reported by a recognized quotation dissemination service.

The Fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments.

Reported net realized foreign currency gains or losses arise from disposition of foreign currency, the difference in the foreign exchange rates between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the ex-date or accrual date and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes (due to the changes in the exchange rate) in the value of foreign currency and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies held at period end.

**Allocation of Expenses Among Funds.** Expenses directly attributable to the Fund are charged to the Fund; certain other common expenses of *Calamos Advisors Trust, Calamos Investment Trust, Calamos Convertible Opportunities and Income Fund, Calamos Convertible and High Income Fund, Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund, Calamos Global Total Return Fund, Calamos Global Dynamic Income Fund and Calamos Dynamic*

*Convertible and Income Fund* are allocated proportionately among each Fund to which the expenses relate in relation to the net assets of each Fund or on another reasonable basis.

**Income Taxes.** No provision has been made for U.S. income taxes because the Fund's policy is to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and distribute to shareholders substantially all of the Fund's taxable income and net realized gains.

Dividends and distributions paid to common shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount of dividends and distributions from net investment income and net realized capital gains is determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. To the extent these "book/tax" differences are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their federal tax-basis treatment. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments for foreign currency transactions, contingent payment debt instruments and methods of amortizing and accreting for fixed income securities. The financial statements are not adjusted for temporary differences.

Distributions to holders of mandatory redeemable preferred shares ("MRPS") as described in Note 7 are accrued on a daily basis and are treated as an operating expense due to the fixed term of the obligation. The distributions are shown on the Statement of Operations as Interest expense and amortization of offering costs on Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares. For tax purposes, the distributions made to the holders of the MRPS are treated as dividends.

The Fund recognized no liability for uncertain tax positions. A reconciliation is not provided as the beginning and ending amounts of unrecognized benefits are zero, with no interim additions, reductions or settlements. Tax years 2015 – 2017 remain subject to examination by the U.S. and the State of Illinois tax jurisdictions.

**Indemnifications.** Under the Fund's organizational documents, the Fund is obligated to indemnify its officers and trustees against certain liabilities incurred by them by reason of having been an officer or trustee of the Fund. In addition, in the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts that provide general indemnifications to other parties. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. Currently, the Fund's management expects the risk of material loss in connection to a potential claim to be remote.

## **Note 2 – Investment Adviser and Transactions With Affiliates Or Certain Other Parties**

Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with Calamos Advisors LLC ("Calamos Advisors"), the Fund pays an annual fee, payable monthly, equal to 0.80% based on the average weekly managed assets.

Pursuant to a financial accounting services agreement, during the year the Fund paid Calamos Advisors a fee for financial accounting services payable monthly at the annual rate of 0.0175% on the first \$1 billion of combined assets, 0.0150% on the next \$1 billion of combined assets and 0.0110% on combined assets above \$2 billion (for purposes of this calculation "combined assets" means the sum of the total average daily net assets of *Calamos Investment Trust and Calamos Advisors Trust* and the total average weekly managed assets of *Calamos Convertible and High Income Fund, Calamos Strategic Total Return Fund, Calamos Convertible Opportunities and Income Fund, Calamos Global Total Return Fund, Calamos Global Dynamic Income Fund and Calamos Dynamic Convertible and Income Fund*). Financial accounting services include, but are not limited to, the following: managing expenses and expense payment processing; monitoring the calculation of expense accrual amounts; calculating, tracking and reporting tax adjustments on all assets; and monitoring trustee deferred compensation plan accruals and valuations. The Fund pays its pro rata share of the financial accounting services fee payable to Calamos Advisors based on its relative portion of combined assets used in calculating the fee. On October 12, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved terminating the financial accounting services

agreement between the Funds and Calamos Advisors effective November 1, 2018. Effective November 1, 2018, the Funds entered into an agreement with Ernst & Young LLP (“EY”) to provide certain tax services to the Funds. The tax services include the following: calculating, tracking and reporting tax adjustments on all assets of each Fund, including but not limited to contingent debt and preferred trust obligations; preparing excise tax and fiscal year distribution schedules; preparing tax information required for financial statement footnotes; preparing state and federal income tax returns; preparing specialized calculations of amortization on convertible securities; preparing year-end dividend disclosure information; providing treaty-based foreign withholding tax reclaim services; providing certain global compliance and reporting services; providing a match service and analysis of the “passive foreign investment company status of foreign corporate entities; and providing services related to corporate actions that may or may not have a tax impact on the Funds’ holdings. Effective November 1, 2018, the Funds entered into an agreement with State Street pursuant to which State Street provides certain administration treasury services to the Funds. These services include: monitoring the calculation of expense accrual amounts for each Fund and making any necessary modifications; managing the Fund’s expenses and expense payment processing; coordinating any expense reimbursement calculations and payment; calculating net investment income dividends and capital gain distributions; coordinating the audits for each Fund; preparing financial reporting statements for each Fund; preparing certain regulatory filings; and calculating asset coverage tests for certain Calamos Funds.

The Fund reimburses Calamos Advisors for a portion of compensation paid to the Fund’s Chief Compliance Officer. This compensation is reported as part of the “Trustees’ fees and officer compensation” expense on the Statement of Operations.

The Fund has adopted a deferred compensation plan (the “Plan”). Under the Plan, a trustee who is not an “interested person” (as defined in the 1940 Act) and has elected to participate in the Plan (a “participating trustee”) may defer receipt of all or a portion of their compensation from the Fund. The deferred compensation payable to the participating trustee is credited to the trustee’s deferral account as of the business day such compensation would have been paid to the participating trustee. The value of amounts deferred for a participating trustee is determined by reference to the change in value of Class I shares of one or more funds of Calamos Investment Trust designated by the participant. The value of the account increases with contributions to the account or with increases in the value of the measuring shares, and the value of the account decreases with withdrawals from the account or with declines in the value of the measuring shares. Deferred compensation of \$157,390 is included in “Other assets” on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at October 31, 2018. The Fund’s obligation to make payments under the Plan is a general obligation of the Fund and is included in “Payable for deferred compensation to trustees” on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at October 31, 2018.

**Note 3 – Investments**

The cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of long-term investments for the year ended October 31, 2018 were as follows:

	<u>U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Cost of purchases . . . . .	\$10,183,027	\$647,227,801
Proceeds from sales . . . . .	—	647,984,894

The cost basis of investments for federal income tax purposes at October 31, 2018 was as follows:

Cost basis of investments . . . . .	<u>\$1,184,781,607</u>
Gross unrealized appreciation . . . . .	31,810,883
Gross unrealized depreciation . . . . .	<u>(96,189,768)</u>
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) . . . . .	<u>\$ (64,378,885)</u>

#### Note 4 – Income Taxes

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018, the Fund recorded the following permanent reclassifications to reflect tax character. The results of operations and net assets were not affected by these reclassifications.

Paid-in capital .....	\$ (2,286,575)
Undistributed net investment income/(loss) .....	43,707,995
Accumulated net realized gain/(loss) on investments ...	(41,421,420)

The Fund intends to make monthly distributions from its income available for distribution, which consists of the Fund’s dividends and interest income after payment of Fund expenses, and net realized gains on stock investments. At least annually, the Fund intends to distribute all or substantially all of its net realized capital gains, if any. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The Fund distinguishes between distributions on a tax basis and a financial reporting basis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that only distributions in excess of tax basis earnings and profits be reported in the financial statements as a return of capital. Permanent differences between book and tax accounting relating to distributions are reclassified to paid-in-capital. For tax purposes, distributions from short-term capital gains are considered to be from ordinary income. Distributions in any year may include a return of capital component.

Distributions for the year ended October 31, 2018 were characterized for federal income tax purposes as follows:

	<u>YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2018</u>	<u>YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2017</u>
<b>Distributions paid from:</b>		
Ordinary income .....	\$81,202,251	\$47,473,475
Long-term capital gains .....	2,348,789	5,451,468
Return of capital .....	—	27,518,746

As of October 31, 2018, the components of accumulated earnings/(loss) on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income .....	\$ —
Undistributed capital gains .....	2,739,454
Total undistributed earnings .....	2,739,454
Accumulated capital and other losses .....	—
Net unrealized gains/(losses) .....	(64,378,885)
Total accumulated earnings/(losses) .....	(61,639,431)
Other .....	(154,395)
Paid-in-capital .....	803,099,676
Net assets applicable to common shareholders .....	<u>\$741,305,850</u>

#### Note 5 – Derivative Instruments

**Foreign Currency Risk.** The Fund may engage in portfolio hedging with respect to changes in currency exchange rates by entering into forward foreign currency contracts to purchase or sell currencies. A forward foreign currency contract is a commitment to purchase or sell a foreign currency at a future date at a negotiated forward rate. Risks associated with such contracts include, among other things, movement in the value of the foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar and the ability of the counterparty to perform.

To mitigate the counterparty risk, the Fund may enter into an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreement (“ISDA Master Agreement”) or similar agreement with its derivative

contract counterparties. An ISDA Master Agreement is a bilateral agreement between the Fund and a counterparty that governs over-the-counter derivatives and foreign exchange contracts and typically contains, among other things, collateral posting terms and netting provisions in the event of a default and/or termination event. Under an ISDA Master Agreement, the Fund may, under certain circumstances, offset with the counterparty certain derivative financial instrument's payables and/or receivables with collateral held and/or posted and create one single net payment. The provisions of the ISDA Master Agreement typically permit a single net payment in the event of default (close-out netting), including the bankruptcy or insolvency of the counterparty. Generally, collateral is exchanged between the Fund and the counterparty and the amount of collateral due from the Fund or to a counterparty has to exceed a minimum transfer amount threshold before a transfer has to be made. To the extent amounts due to the Fund from its counterparties are not fully collateralized, contractually or otherwise, the Fund bears the risk of loss from counterparty nonperformance. When a Fund is required to post collateral under the terms of a derivatives transaction and master netting agreement, the Fund's custodian holds the collateral in a segregated account, subject to the terms of a tri-party agreement among the Fund, the custodian and the counterparty. The master netting agreement and tri-party agreement provide, in relevant part, that the counterparty may have rights to the amounts in the segregated account in the event that the Fund defaults in its obligation with respect to the derivative instrument that is subject to the collateral requirement. When a counterparty is required to post collateral under the terms of a derivatives transaction and master netting agreement, the counterparty delivers such amount to the Fund's custodian. The master netting agreement provides, in relevant part, that the Fund may have rights to such collateral in the event that the counterparty defaults in its obligation with respect to the derivative instrument that is subject to the collateral requirement.

For financial reporting purposes, the Fund does not offset derivative assets and derivative liabilities that are subject to netting arrangements in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The net unrealized gain, if any, represents the credit risk to the Fund on a forward foreign currency contract. The contracts are valued daily at forward foreign exchange rates. The Fund realizes a gain or loss when a position is closed or upon settlement of the contracts. There were no open forward foreign currency contracts at October 31, 2018.

**Equity Risk.** The Fund may engage in option transactions and in doing so achieves similar objectives to what it would achieve through the sale or purchase of individual securities. A call option, upon payment of a premium, gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the seller of the option the obligation to sell, the underlying security, index or other instrument at the exercise price. A put option gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to sell, and the seller the obligation to buy, the underlying security, index, or other instrument at the exercise price.

To seek to offset some of the risk of a potential decline in value of certain long positions, the Fund may also purchase put options on individual securities, broad-based securities indexes or certain exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"). The Fund may also seek to generate income from option premiums by writing (selling) options on a portion of the equity securities (including securities that are convertible into equity securities) in the Fund's portfolio, on broad-based securities indexes, or certain ETFs.

When a Fund purchases an option, it pays a premium and an amount equal to that premium is recorded as an asset. When a Fund writes an option, it receives a premium and an amount equal to that premium is recorded as a liability. The asset or liability is adjusted daily to reflect the current market value of the option. If an option expires unexercised, the Fund realizes a gain or loss to the extent of the premium received or paid. If an option is exercised, the premium received or paid is recorded as an adjustment to the proceeds from the sale or the cost basis of the purchase. The difference between the premium and the amount received or paid on a closing purchase or sale transaction is also treated as a realized gain or loss. The cost of securities acquired through the exercise of call options is increased by premiums paid. The proceeds from securities sold through the exercise of put options are decreased by the premiums paid. Gain or loss on written options and purchased options is presented separately as net realized gain or loss on written options and net realized gain or loss on purchased options, respectively.

Options written by the Fund do not typically give rise to counterparty credit risk since options written obligate the Fund and not the counterparty to perform. Exchange traded purchased options have minimal counterparty credit risk to the Fund since the exchange's clearinghouse, as counterparty to such instruments, guarantees against a possible default.

As of October 31, 2018, the Fund had outstanding purchased options and/or written options as listed on the Schedule of Investments.

**Interest Rate Risk.** The Fund may engage in interest rate swaps primarily to hedge the interest rate risk on the Fund's borrowings (see Note 6 – Notes Payable). An interest rate swap is a contract that involves the exchange of one type of interest rate for another type of interest rate. If interest rates rise, resulting in a diminution in the value of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund would receive payments under the swap that would offset, in whole or in part, such diminution in value; if interest rates fall, the Fund would likely lose money on the swap transaction. Unrealized gains are reported as an asset, and unrealized losses are reported as a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The change in value of swaps, including accruals of periodic amounts of interest to be paid or received on swaps, is reported as change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation on interest rate swaps in the Statement of Operations. A realized gain or loss is recorded in net realized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps in the Statement of Operations upon payment or receipt of a periodic payment or termination of the swap agreements. Swap agreements are stated at fair value. Notional principal amounts are used to express the extent of involvement in these transactions, but the amounts potentially subject to credit risk are much smaller. In connection with these contracts, securities may be identified as collateral in accordance with the terms of the respective swap contracts in the event of default or bankruptcy of the Fund. Please see the disclosure regarding ISDA Master Agreements under Foreign Currency Risk within this note.

Premiums paid to or by a Fund are accrued daily and included in realized gain (loss) when paid on swaps in the accompanying Statement of Operations. The contracts are marked-to-market daily based upon third party vendor valuations and changes in value are recorded as unrealized appreciation (depreciation). Gains or losses are realized upon early termination of the contract. Risks may exceed amounts recognized in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. These risks include changes in the returns of the underlying instruments, failure of the counterparties to perform under the contracts' terms, counterparty's creditworthiness, and the possible lack of liquidity with respect to the contracts.

As of October 31, 2018, the Fund had no outstanding interest rate swap agreements.

As of October 31, 2018, the Fund had outstanding derivative contracts which are reflected on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as follows:

	<u>ASSET DERIVATIVES</u>	<u>LIABILITY DERIVATIVES</u>
<b>Gross amounts at fair value:</b>		
Purchased options <sup>(1)</sup> .....	\$2,841,635	\$ —
Written options <sup>(2)</sup> .....	<u>—</u>	<u>468,135</u>
	<u>\$2,841,635</u>	<u>\$468,135</u>

(1) Generally, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities location for "Purchased options" is "Investments in securities, at Value."

(2) Generally, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities location for "Written options" is "Options written, at value."

For the year ended October 31, 2018, the volume of derivative activity for the Fund is reflected below:\*

	<u>VOLUME</u>
Purchased options .....	9,796
Written options .....	2,289

\* Activity during the period is measured by opened number of contracts for options purchased or written.

#### **Note 6 – Notes Payable**

The Fund has entered into an Amended and Restated Liquidity Agreement (the “SSB Agreement”) with State Street Bank and Trust Company (“SSB”) that allows the Fund to borrow up to a limit of \$430.0 million, as well as engage in securities lending and securities repurchase transactions. Borrowings under the SSB Agreement are secured by assets of the Fund that are held with the Fund’s custodian in a separate account (the “pledged collateral”). Interest on the SSB Agreement is charged on the drawn amount at the rate of Overnight LIBOR plus .80%. A commitment fee of .10% is payable on any undrawn balance. For the year ended October 31, 2018, the average borrowings under the Agreement were \$281.6 million. For the year ended October 31, 2018, the average interest rate was 1.96%. As of October 31, 2018, the amount of total outstanding borrowings was \$288.0 million, which approximates fair value. The interest rate applicable to the borrowings on October 31, 2018 was 2.42%.

Under the terms of the SSB Agreement, the Fund will receive a rebate payment related to the securities lending and/or securities repurchase transactions. The Fund has the right to call a loan and obtain the securities loaned at any time. As of October 31, 2018, approximately \$269.6 million of securities were on loan (\$259.5 million of fixed income securities and \$10.1 million of equity securities) under the SSB Agreement which are reflected in the Investment in securities, at value on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The borrowings are categorized as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy.

#### **Note 7 – Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares**

On September 6, 2017, the Fund issued 4,000,000 mandatory redeemable preferred shares (“MRPS”) with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$100.0 million. Offering costs incurred by the Fund in connection with the MRPS issuance are aggregated with the outstanding liability and are being amortized to Interest expense and amortization of offering costs on Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares over the respective life of each series of MRPS and shown in the Statement of Operations.

The MRPS are divided into three series with different mandatory redemption dates and dividend rates. The table below summarizes the key terms of each series of the MRPS at October 31, 2018.

<u>SERIES</u>	<u>TERM REDEMPTION DATE</u>	<u>DIVIDEND RATE</u>	<u>SHARES (000'S)</u>	<u>LIQUIDATION PREFERENCE PER SHARE</u>	<u>AGGREGATE LIQUIDATION PREFERENCE</u>
Series A .....	9/06/22	3.70%	1,330	\$25	\$ 33,250,000
Series B .....	9/06/24	4.00%	1,330	\$25	\$ 33,250,000
Series C .....	9/06/27	4.24%	1,340	\$25	\$ 33,500,000
<i>Total</i> .....					<u>\$100,000,000</u>

The MRPS are not listed on any exchange or automated quotation system. The MRPS are considered debt of the issuer; therefore, the liquidation preference, which approximates fair value of the MRPS, is recorded as a liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities net of deferred offering costs. The MRPS are categorized as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy.



Holders of MRPS are entitled to receive monthly cumulative cash dividends payable on the first business day of each month. The MRPS currently are rated “AA” by Fitch Ratings, Inc. (“Fitch”). If on the first day of a monthly dividend period the MRPS of any class are rated lower than “A” by Fitch (or lower than the equivalent of such rating by any other rating agency providing a rating pursuant to the request of the Fund), the dividend rate for such period shall be increased by 0.5%, 2.0% or 4.0% according to an agreed upon schedule. The MRPS’ dividend rate is also subject to increase during periods when the Fund has not made timely payments to MRPS holders and/or the MRPS do not have a current credit rating, subject to various terms and conditions. Dividends accrued and paid to the shareholders of MRPS are included in “Interest expense and amortization of offering costs on Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares” within the Statement of Operations.

The MRPS rank junior to the Fund’s borrowings under the SSB Agreement and senior to the Fund’s outstanding common stock. The Fund may, at its option, subject to various terms and conditions, redeem the MRPS, in whole or in part, at the liquidation preference amount plus all accumulated but unpaid dividends, plus a make whole premium equal to the discounted value of the remaining scheduled payments. Each class of MRPS is subject to mandatory redemption on the term redemption date specified in the table above. Periodically, the Fund is subject to an overcollateralization test based on applicable rating agency criteria (the “OC Test”) and an asset coverage test with respect to its outstanding senior securities (the “AC Test”). The Fund may be required to redeem MRPS before their term redemption date if it does not comply with one or both tests. So long as any MRPS are outstanding, the Fund may not declare, pay or set aside for payment cash dividends or other distributions on shares of its common stock unless (1) the Fund has satisfied the OC Test on at least one testing date in the preceding 65 days, (2) immediately after such transaction, the Fund would comply with the AC Test, (3) full cumulative dividends on the MRPS due on or prior to the date of such transaction have been declared and paid and (4) the Fund has redeemed all MRPS required to have been redeemed on such date or has deposited funds sufficient for such redemption, subject to certain grace periods and exceptions.

Except as otherwise required pursuant to the Fund’s governing documents or applicable law, the holders of the MRPS have one vote per share and vote together with the holders of common stock of the Fund as a single class except on matters affecting only the holders of MRPS or the holders of common stock. Pursuant to the 1940 Act, holders of the MRPS have the right to elect at least two trustees of the Fund, voting separately as a class. Except during any time when the Fund has failed to make a dividend or redemption payment in respect of MRPS outstanding, the holders of MRPS have agreed to vote in accordance with the recommendation of the board of trustees on any matter submitted to them for their vote or to the vote of shareholders of the Fund generally.

**Note 8 – Common Shares**

There are unlimited common shares of beneficial interest authorized and 70,872,812 shares outstanding at October 31, 2018. Transactions in common shares were as follows:

	<u>YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2018</u>	<u>YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2017</u>
Beginning shares . . . . .	70,326,448	69,997,487
Shares sold . . . . .	328,462	177,130
Shares issued through reinvestment of distributions . . . . .	217,902	151,831
Ending shares . . . . .	<u>70,872,812</u>	<u>70,326,448</u>

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the 1940 Act that the Fund may from time to time purchase its shares of common stock in the open market.

The Fund also may offer and sell common shares from time to time at an offering price equal to or in excess of the net asset value per share of the Fund’s common shares at the time such common shares are initially sold. For the year ended October 31, 2018, the Fund sold shares that were \$40,208 in excess of net asset value at an average sales price of \$11.39.

## Note 9 – Fair Value Measurements

Various inputs are used to determine the value of the Fund’s investments. These inputs are categorized into three broad levels as follows:

- Level 1 – Prices are determined using inputs from unadjusted quoted prices from active markets (including securities actively traded on a securities exchange) for identical assets.
- Level 2 – Prices are determined using significant observable market inputs other than unadjusted quoted prices, including quoted prices of similar securities, fair value adjustments to quoted foreign securities, interest rates, credit risk, prepayment speeds, and other relevant data.
- Level 3 – Prices reflect unobservable market inputs (including the Fund’s own judgments about assumptions market participants would use in determining fair value) when observable inputs are unavailable.

Debt securities are valued based upon evaluated prices received from an independent pricing service or from a dealer or broker who makes markets in such securities. Pricing services utilize various observable market data and as such, debt securities are generally categorized as Level 2. The levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity of the Fund’s investments.

The following is a summary of the inputs used in valuing the Fund’s holdings at fair value:

	<u>LEVEL 1</u>	<u>LEVEL 2</u>	<u>LEVEL 3</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Corporate Bonds . . . . .	\$ —	\$377,904,515	\$ —	\$ 377,904,515
Convertible Bonds . . . . .	—	522,633,035	—	522,633,035
U.S. Government and Agency Securities . . . . .	—	9,733,722	—	9,733,722
Bank Loans . . . . .	—	33,015,245	—	33,015,245
Synthetic Convertible Securities (Corporate Bonds) . . . . .	—	8,860,738	—	8,860,738
Synthetic Convertible Securities (U.S. Government and Agency Securities) . . . . .	—	228,394	—	228,394
Synthetic Convertible Securities (Purchased Options) . . . . .	1,603,100	—	—	1,603,100
Convertible Preferred Stocks . . . . .	96,751,895	9,723,773	—	106,475,668
Common Stocks U.S. . . . .	35,237,710	687,748	—	35,925,458
Purchased Options . . . . .	1,238,535	—	—	1,238,535
Short Term Investments . . . . .	23,252,447	—	—	23,252,447
Total . . . . .	<u>\$158,083,687</u>	<u>\$962,787,170</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$1,120,870,857</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Written Options . . . . .	\$ 468,135	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 468,135
Total . . . . .	<u>\$ 468,135</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 468,135</u>

## Financial Highlights

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each year were as follows:

	YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of year . . . . .	\$ 11.35	\$ 10.73	\$ 11.68	\$ 13.45	\$ 13.20
Income from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss)* . . . . .	0.57	0.57	0.60	0.62	0.72
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) . . . . .	(0.33)	1.19	(0.41)	(1.25)	0.67
Total from investment operations . . . . .	0.24	1.76	0.19	(0.63)	1.39
Less distributions to common shareholders from:					
Net investment income . . . . .	(1.13)	(0.67)	(0.59)	(0.81)	(0.95)
Net realized gains . . . . .	—	(0.08)	—	(0.02)	(0.19)
Return of capital . . . . .	—	(0.39)	(0.55)	(0.31)	—
Total distributions . . . . .	(1.13)	(1.14)	(1.14)	(1.14)	(1.14)
Premiums from shares sold in at the market offerings . . . . .	0.00 <sup>(a)</sup>	0.00 <sup>(a)</sup>	—	0.00 <sup>(a)</sup>	0.00 <sup>(a)</sup>
Net asset value, end of year . . . . .	\$ 10.46	\$ 11.35	\$ 10.73	\$ 11.68	\$ 13.45
Market value, end of year . . . . .	\$ 9.91	\$ 11.59	\$ 9.89	\$ 10.41	\$ 13.69
<b>TOTAL RETURN APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS</b>					
Total investment return based on: <sup>(b)</sup>					
Net asset value . . . . .	1.81%	17.48%	3.19%	(4.69)%	10.90%
Market value . . . . .	(5.54)%	30.15%	6.72%	(16.54)%	13.83%
<b>RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS</b>					
Net expenses <sup>(c)</sup> . . . . .	2.52%	1.88%	1.74%	1.84%	1.47%
Net investment income (loss) . . . . .	5.11%	5.17%	5.61%	4.90%	5.38%
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DATA</b>					
Net assets applicable to common shareholders, end of year (000) . . . . .	\$741,306	\$797,968	\$750,773	\$817,491	\$931,703
Portfolio turnover rate . . . . .	58%	90%	34%	36%	40%
Average commission rate paid . . . . .	\$ 0.0270	\$ 0.0282	\$ 0.0220	\$ 0.0303	\$ 0.0294
Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares, at redemption value (\$25 per share liquidation preference) (000's omitted) . . . . .	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Notes Payable (000's omitted) . . . . .	\$288,000	\$275,000	\$306,000	\$353,000	\$360,000
Asset coverage per \$1,000 of loan outstanding <sup>(d)</sup> . . . . .	\$ 3,921	\$ 4,265	\$ 3,454	\$ 3,316	\$ 3,588
Asset coverage per \$25 liquidation value per share of Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares <sup>(e)</sup> . . . . .	\$ 282	\$ 293	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

\* Net investment income calculated based on average shares method.

(a) Amount equated to less than \$0.005 per common share.

(b) Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock on the opening of the first day and a sale on the closing of the last day of the period reported. Dividends and distributions are assumed, for purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Total return is not annualized for periods less than one year. Brokerage commissions are not reflected. NAV per share is determined by dividing the value of the Fund's portfolio securities, cash and other assets, less all liabilities, by the total number of common shares outstanding. The common share market price is the

price the market is willing to pay for shares of the Fund at a given time. Common share market price is influenced by a range of factors, including supply and demand and market conditions.

- (c) Ratio of net expenses, excluding interest expense on Notes Payable and interest expense and amortization of offering costs on Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares, to average net assets was 1.28%, 1.24%, 1.24%, 1.50% and 1.18%, respectively.
- (d) Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities (not including Notes payable and Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares) from the Fund's total assets and dividing this by the amount of notes payable outstanding, and by multiplying the result by 1,000.
- (e) Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities (not including Notes payable and Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares) from the Fund's total assets and dividing this by the amount of Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares outstanding, and by multiplying the result by 25.

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<b>CORPORATE BONDS (51.0%)</b>					
	<b>Communication Services (5.9%)</b>		244,000	Telecom Italia Capital, SA <sup>^</sup>	
977,000	Altice Financing, SA <sup>*^</sup>			6.000%, 09/30/34	\$ 220,411
	7.500%, 05/15/26	\$ 924,989	1,744,000	United States Cellular Corp.	
2,272,000	Altice France, SA <sup>*^</sup>			6.700%, 12/15/33	1,786,170
	7.375%, 05/01/26	2,181,131	489,000	Wind Tre, S.p.A. <sup>*^</sup>	
	Altice Luxembourg, SA <sup>*^</sup>			5.000%, 01/20/26	416,770
469,000	7.750%, 05/15/22	436,723		Windstream Services, LLC /	
391,000	7.625%, 02/15/25	333,619	1,174,000	Windstream Finance Corp.	
1,487,000	Altice US Finance I Corp. <sup>*</sup>		383,000	8.625%, 10/31/25 <sup>*</sup>	1,098,394
	5.500%, 05/15/26	1,449,632	163,000	7.750%, 10/01/21	242,581
391,000	Cequel Communications Holdings I, LLC / Cequel Capital Corp. <sup>*^</sup>			10.500%, 06/30/24 <sup>*</sup>	133,060
	7.500%, 04/01/28	405,608			<u>43,527,212</u>
	Cincinnati Bell, Inc. <sup>*</sup>		430,000	<b>Consumer Discretionary (8.8%)</b>	
1,309,000	8.000%, 10/15/25	1,192,054		American Greetings Corp. <sup>*</sup>	
410,000	7.000%, 07/15/24 <sup>^</sup>	369,914	1,314,000	7.875%, 02/15/25	383,177
738,000	Consolidated Communications, Inc. <sup>^</sup>			Beverages & More, Inc. <sup>*</sup>	
	6.500%, 10/01/22	679,971	1,158,000	11.500%, 06/15/22	1,032,456
3,420,000	CSC Holdings, LLC <sup>*^</sup>		1,192,000	Boyd Gaming Corp.	
	5.500%, 04/15/27	3,294,195		6.000%, 08/15/26	1,125,628
5,678,000	Embarq Corp.			Caesars Resort Collection, LLC /	
	7.995%, 06/01/36	5,423,512		CRC Finco, Inc. <sup>*^</sup>	
	Frontier Communications Corp. <sup>^</sup>			5.250%, 10/15/25	1,110,741
3,053,000	11.000%, 09/15/25	2,246,932	2,492,000	CCO Holdings, LLC / CCO Holdings	
2,323,000	7.625%, 04/15/24	1,400,142	948,000	Capital Corp. <sup>^</sup>	
469,000	8.500%, 04/01/26 <sup>*</sup>	436,674	523,000	5.125%, 05/01/27 <sup>*</sup>	2,350,243
	Hughes Satellite Systems Corp.			5.750%, 09/01/23	957,039
1,173,000	6.625%, 08/01/26 <sup>^</sup>	1,119,212		5.000%, 02/01/28 <sup>*</sup>	488,966
264,000	5.250%, 08/01/26	252,189	2,286,000	Century Communities, Inc.	
	Inmarsat Finance, PLC <sup>*^</sup>		1,328,000	5.875%, 07/15/25	2,071,710
928,000	4.875%, 05/15/22	910,948	3,322,000	6.875%, 05/15/22	1,330,304
464,000	6.500%, 10/01/24	460,771		Dana Financing Luxembourg Sarl <sup>*</sup>	
	Intelsat Jackson Holdings, SA			6.500%, 06/01/26	3,293,065
1,690,000	9.750%, 07/15/25 <sup>*</sup>	1,771,323	1,715,000	DISH DBS Corp. <sup>^</sup>	
962,000	8.000%, 02/15/24 <sup>*^</sup>	1,007,305	1,124,000	5.875%, 11/15/24	1,459,928
883,000	7.500%, 04/01/21 <sup>^</sup>	894,037	2,203,000	7.750%, 07/01/26	998,567
596,000	8.500%, 10/15/24 <sup>*^</sup>	589,167		Eldorado Resorts, Inc.	
464,000	MDC Partners, Inc. <sup>*^</sup>		1,148,000	6.000%, 04/01/25	2,184,308
	6.500%, 05/01/24	381,522		ESH Hospitality, Inc. <sup>*^</sup>	
1,221,000	Qwest Corp. <sup>^</sup>		235,000	5.250%, 05/01/25	1,088,304
	6.875%, 09/15/33	1,183,619		GameStop Corp. <sup>*^</sup>	
498,000	SBA Communications Corp. <sup>^</sup>		1,187,000	6.750%, 03/15/21	237,072
	4.000%, 10/01/22	479,126		GLP Capital, LP / GLP Financing II, Inc.	
	Sprint Corp. <sup>^</sup>			5.250%, 06/01/25	1,189,475
5,863,000	7.875%, 09/15/23	6,265,319	972,000	goeasy, Ltd. <sup>*μ</sup>	
2,374,000	7.125%, 06/15/24	2,428,388		7.875%, 11/01/22	1,008,450
1,197,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc.		1,236,000	Guitar Center Escrow Issuer, Inc. <sup>*</sup>	
	4.750%, 02/01/28	1,111,804		9.500%, 10/15/21	1,212,114

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2,316,000	Hasbro, Inc. 6.600%, 07/15/28	\$ 2,582,085	977,000	VOC Escrow, Ltd.* 5.000%, 02/15/28	\$ 919,249
1,231,000	International Game Technology, PLC* <sup>^</sup> 6.250%, 01/15/27	1,216,807			<u>64,915,664</u>
3,669,000	L Brands, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 6.875%, 11/01/35	3,119,897	1,202,000	<b>Consumer Staples (2.5%)</b> Albertsons Companies, LLC / Safeway, Inc. / New Albertson's, Inc. / Albertson's, LLC 5.750%, 03/15/25	1,068,536
2,719,000	Lennar Corp. <sup>μ</sup> 6.625%, 05/01/20	2,816,843	1,417,000	Fresh Market, Inc.* 9.750%, 05/01/23	1,039,724
1,304,000	M/I Homes, Inc. 5.625%, 08/01/25	1,204,668		JBS USA LUX, SA / JBS USA Finance, Inc.* 7.250%, 06/01/21	7,723,647
2,487,000	Mattel, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 6.750%, 12/31/25	2,381,365	7,619,000	6.750%, 02/15/28	1,669,413
1,129,000	Mclaren Finance, PLC* 5.750%, 08/01/22	1,071,178	1,710,000	New Albertson's, Inc. 7.450%, 08/01/29	1,206,777
1,864,000	Meritage Homes Corp. 7.000%, 04/01/22	1,943,835	1,431,000	7.750%, 06/15/26	701,582
2,443,000	MGM Resorts International <sup>^</sup> 6.750%, 10/01/20	2,542,577	796,000	8.000%, 05/01/31	488,507
2,247,000	Penske Automotive Group, Inc. 5.375%, 12/01/24	2,181,433	567,000	Pilgrim's Pride Corp.* <sup>^</sup> 5.875%, 09/30/27	1,712,923
801,000	PetSmart, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 5.875%, 06/01/25	629,710	1,881,000	5.750%, 03/15/25	460,736
254,000	Rite Aid Corp. 8.875%, 06/01/25	177,968	244,000	Post Holdings, Inc.* 5.750%, 03/01/27	1,167,716
2,624,000	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd. <sup>^</sup> 7.500%, 10/15/27	3,924,996	704,000	5.625%, 01/15/28 <sup>^</sup>	229,875
728,000	Salem Media Group, Inc.* 6.750%, 06/01/24	1,922,226	562,000	Simmons Foods, Inc.* 7.750%, 01/15/24	714,271
3,337,000	Sally Holdings, LLC / Sally Capital, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.625%, 12/01/25	1,088,112		5.750%, 11/01/24	<u>412,019</u>
3,420,000	Service Corp. International 7.500%, 04/01/27	3,790,728			<u>18,595,726</u>
1,187,000	Sotheby's* <sup>^</sup> 4.875%, 12/15/25	1,100,693	352,000	<b>Energy (7.9%)</b> Berry Petroleum Company, LLC* 7.000%, 02/15/26	350,523
909,000	Taylor Morrison Communities Corp. 6.625%, 05/15/22	920,717	2,003,000	Blue Racer Midstream, LLC / Blue Racer Finance Corp.* <sup>^</sup> 6.125%, 11/15/22	2,047,477
2,929,000	Taylor Morrison Communities Corp. / Taylor Morrison Holdings II, Inc.* 5.250%, 04/15/21	2,925,134	721,000	Bruin E&P Partners, LLC* <sup>^</sup> 8.875%, 08/01/23	711,573
453,219	US Airways Series 2012-2, Class B Pass Through Trust 6.750%, 12/03/22	475,278	1,221,000	Buckeye Partners, LP <sup>^</sup> μ‡ 6.375%, 01/22/78 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 4.02%	1,120,054
			2,369,000	Calfrac Holdings, LP* <sup>^</sup> 8.500%, 06/15/26	2,135,618
			1,788,000	California Resources Corp.* <sup>^</sup> 8.000%, 12/15/22	1,595,182
			1,814,000	Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 6.250%, 04/15/23	1,785,593
			1,173,000	Chaparral Energy, Inc.* 8.750%, 07/15/23	1,131,358

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977,000	Cheniere Energy Partners, LP* <sup>^</sup> 5.625%, 10/01/26	\$ 962,648	972,000	McDermott Technologies Americas, Inc. / McDermott Technology U.S., Inc.* 10.625%, 05/01/24	\$ 875,485
1,216,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 8.000%, 01/15/25 <sup>^</sup>	1,233,383		Moss Creek Resources Holdings, Inc.* 7.500%, 01/15/26	428,958
938,000	7.000%, 10/01/24	919,761	445,000	Nabors Industries, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.750%, 02/01/25	112,610
782,000	Comstock Escrow Corp.* 9.750%, 08/15/26	755,971	122,000	Nine Energy Service, Inc.* 8.750%, 11/01/23	744,849
2,394,000	DCP Midstream Operating, LP* <sup>^</sup> ‡ 5.850%, 05/21/43 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 3.85%	2,143,348	733,000	Northern Oil and Gas, Inc.* 9.500%, 05/15/23 9.500% PIK rate	131,169
489,000	DCP Midstream, LP‡ 7.375%, 12/15/22 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 5.15%	469,100	127,000	Oasis Petroleum, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 6.250%, 05/01/26	820,826
1,016,000	Denbury Resources, Inc. 5.500%, 05/01/22 <sup>^</sup>	883,138	835,000	Par Petroleum LLC / Par Petroleum Finance Corp.* 7.750%, 12/15/25	1,201,025
694,000	9.250%, 03/31/22* <sup>^</sup>	724,449	1,221,000	PDC Energy, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.750%, 05/15/26	1,122,361
498,000	7.500%, 02/15/24*	488,892	1,074,500	Petroleum Geo-Services, ASA* 7.375%, 12/15/20	1,076,665
528,000	Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. 7.875%, 08/15/25	521,754	1,202,000	Plains All American Pipeline, LPμ‡ 6.125%, 11/15/22 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 4.11%	1,126,683
2,472,000	Energy Transfer, LPμ‡ 5.559%, 11/01/66 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 3.02%	2,132,051	489,000	QEP Resources, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.625%, 03/01/26	461,044
1,856,000	Energy Transfer, LP <sup>^</sup> 5.875%, 01/15/24	1,952,131	1,832,000	SESI, LLC <sup>^</sup> 7.750%, 09/15/24	1,801,928
308,000	5.500%, 06/01/27	313,736	513,000	SM Energy Company <sup>^</sup> 6.750%, 09/15/26	514,500
1,905,000	Enterprise Products Operating, LLC <sup>^</sup> ‡ 4.875%, 08/16/77μ 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.99%	1,779,079	1,016,000	Southwestern Energy Company 7.500%, 04/01/26	1,034,674
474,000	5.375%, 02/15/78 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.57%	424,631	777,000	Sunoco, LP / Sunoco Finance Corp.* <sup>^</sup> 5.500%, 02/15/26	744,269
977,000	EP Energy, LLC / Everest Acquisition Finance, Inc.* 7.750%, 05/15/26	974,841	239,000	Targa Resources Partners, LP / Targa Resources Partners Finance Corp.* <sup>^</sup> 5.875%, 04/15/26	240,969
879,000	9.375%, 05/01/24	669,297	244,000	TransMontaigne Partners, LP / TLP Finance Corp. 6.125%, 02/15/26	229,454
	Genesis Energy, LP / Genesis Energy Finance Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.250%, 05/15/26	1,109,688	235,000	Transocean Pontus, Ltd.* 6.125%, 08/01/25	233,933
1,221,000	6.500%, 10/01/25	1,089,864	1,138,000	Transocean, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 7.500%, 01/15/26	1,119,052
1,173,000	Gulfport Energy Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.375%, 05/15/25	1,112,514	1,270,000	Vine Oil & Gas, LP / Vine Oil & Gas Finance Corp.* <sup>^</sup> 8.750%, 04/15/23	1,180,586
704,000	6.000%, 10/15/24	662,489			
962,000	Halcon Resources Corp. 6.750%, 02/15/25	877,657			
1,173,000	HighPoint Operating Corp. 7.000%, 10/15/22	1,157,997			
1,583,000	Lonestar Resources America, Inc.* 11.250%, 01/01/23	1,717,428			
1,173,000	Magnolia Oil & Gas Operating, LLC / Magnolia Oil & Gas Finance Corp.* 6.000%, 08/01/26	1,160,431			

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1,954,000	W&T Offshore, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 9.750%, 11/01/23	\$ 1,893,553	1,783,000	ILFC E-Capital Trust II* <sup>‡</sup> 5.030%, 12/21/65 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 1.80%	\$ 1,587,744
2,521,000	Weatherford International, Ltd. <sup>^</sup> 8.250%, 06/15/23	1,931,842	2,628,000	Iron Mountain, Inc.* 5.250%, 03/15/28	2,369,050
1,197,000	Whiting Petroleum Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.625%, 01/15/26	1,197,401	2,785,000	Jefferies Finance, LLC* 7.375%, 04/01/20	2,813,936
1,260,000	WildHorse Resource Development Corp. 6.875%, 02/01/25	1,255,407	2,540,000	7.250%, 08/15/24	2,484,158
		58,592,899	1,138,000	Ladder Capital Finance Holdings LLLP / Ladder Capital Finance Corp.* 5.250%, 10/01/25	1,056,974
	<b>Financials (7.3%)</b>			Level 3 Financing, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.375%, 05/01/25	995,985
2,374,000	Acrisure, LLC / Acrisure Finance, Inc.* 7.000%, 11/15/25	2,127,626	1,016,000	LPL Holdings, Inc.* 5.750%, 09/15/25	1,224,071
3,466,000	Ally Financial, Inc. 8.000%, 11/01/31	4,172,319	1,260,000	MetLife, Inc. <sup>μ</sup> 6.400%, 12/15/36 <sup>^</sup>	2,118,470
1,221,000	Amwins Group, Inc.* 7.750%, 07/01/26	1,256,110	2,037,000	5.875%, 03/15/28 <sup>‡</sup> 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.96%	121,934
2,164,000	Ardonagh Midco 3, PLC* <sup>^</sup> 8.625%, 07/15/23	2,020,061	122,000	Nationstar Mortgage, LLC / Nationstar Capital Corp. 6.500%, 07/01/21	2,238,179
2,150,000	AssuredPartners, Inc.* 7.000%, 08/15/25	2,117,331	2,238,000	Navient Corp. 6.750%, 06/25/25 <sup>^</sup>	1,435,009
1,207,000	Bank of America Corp. <sup>^</sup> <sup>‡</sup> 5.875%, 03/15/28 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.93%	1,173,059	1,466,000	6.500%, 06/15/22	630,963
1,173,000	Bank of Nova Scotia <sup>^</sup> <sup>‡</sup> 4.650%, 10/12/22 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.65%	1,088,650	618,000	NexBank Capital, Inc.* <sup>‡</sup> & 6.375%, 09/30/27 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 4.59%	1,059,774
2,010,000	Brookfield Residential Properties, Inc.* 6.375%, 05/15/25	1,901,822	1,055,000	Oil Insurance, Ltd.* <sup>‡</sup> 5.378%, 12/03/28 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.98%	1,727,558
2,345,000	Charles Schwab Corp. <sup>μ</sup> <sup>‡</sup> 5.000%, 12/01/27 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.58%	2,231,783	1,783,000	Quicken Loans, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 5.750%, 05/01/25	2,245,730
1,075,000	CyrusOne, LP / CyrusOne Finance Corp. 5.375%, 03/15/27	1,071,243	2,326,000	Simmons First National Corp. <sup>‡</sup> 5.000%, 04/01/28 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.15%	1,264,406
1,060,000	Dell International, LLC / EMC Corp.* <sup>^</sup> <sup>μ</sup> 6.020%, 06/15/26	1,099,681	1,270,000	Springleaf Finance Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.875%, 03/15/25	1,535,677
1,207,000	Discover Financial Services <sup>^</sup> <sup>‡</sup> 5.500%, 10/30/27 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 3.08%	1,142,727	1,202,000	7.125%, 03/15/26	1,140,409
528,000	Greystar Real Estate Partners, LLC* 5.750%, 12/01/25	516,973	655,000	Towne Bank <sup>‡</sup> 4.500%, 07/30/27 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.55%	650,078
1,221,000	HUB International, Ltd.* <sup>^</sup> 7.000%, 05/01/26	1,194,223	2,443,000	Tronox Finance, PLC* <sup>^</sup> 5.750%, 10/01/25	2,145,088
					53,958,801

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2,247,000	<b>Health Care (6.2%)</b> Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.625%, 02/15/23	\$ 2,250,988	1,026,000	West Street Merger Sub, Inc.* 6.375%, 09/01/25	\$ 966,800
					<u>46,315,706</u>
2,413,000	Bausch Health Cos., Inc.* 8.500%, 01/31/27	2,469,899		<b>Industrials (5.5%)</b>	
2,394,000	9.000%, 12/15/25	2,501,048	1,417,000	ACCO Brands Corp.* 5.250%, 12/15/24	1,330,322
1,173,000	9.250%, 04/01/26 <sup>^</sup>	1,233,333		Allison Transmission, Inc.* 4.750%, 10/01/27	740,932
1,155,000	7.500%, 07/15/21 <sup>^</sup>	1,173,364	806,000	5.000%, 10/01/24	498,774
	Community Health Systems, Inc. 8.125%, 06/30/24 <sup>^</sup> <sup>^</sup>	2,918,030	513,000	Apergy Corp.* 6.375%, 05/01/26	715,197
3,706,000	6.875%, 02/01/22	170,538	704,000	ARD Securities Finance Sarl* 8.750%, 01/31/23	
336,000	DaVita, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.125%, 07/15/24	3,392,741	1,277,118	8.750% PIK rate	1,230,433
3,547,000	Endo DAC / Endo Finance, LLC / Endo Finco, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 6.000%, 07/15/23	2,784,778	1,216,000	Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 4.875%, 11/01/25	1,092,947
662,000	Endo Finance, LLC / Endo Finco, Inc.* 7.250%, 01/15/22	630,327	1,783,000	Bombardier, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 7.500%, 03/15/25	1,787,930
	HCA, Inc. 5.875%, 05/01/23	7,384,148	1,368,000	Covanta Holding Corp. 5.875%, 03/01/24	1,370,886
7,113,000	7.500%, 11/06/33	1,246,395	283,000	5.875%, 07/01/25 <sup>^</sup>	276,655
1,148,000	Horizon Pharma, Inc. / Horizon Pharma USA, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 8.750%, 11/01/24	1,188,713	1,221,000	Delphi Technologies, PLC* 5.000%, 10/01/25	1,102,520
1,129,000	Magellan Health, Inc. 4.400%, 09/22/24	1,173,900	708,000	Energizer Gamma Acquisition, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 6.375%, 07/15/26	708,942
1,221,000	Mallinckrodt International Finance, SA / Mallinckrodt CB, LLC <sup>^</sup> <sup>^</sup> 5.625%, 10/15/23	1,388,714	1,715,000	Fly Leasing, Ltd. 5.250%, 10/15/24	1,642,078
503,000	Team Health Holdings, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 6.375%, 02/01/25	433,624	244,000	FXI Holdings, Inc.* 7.875%, 11/01/24	228,705
	Tenet Healthcare Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.750%, 06/15/23	3,428,989	2,155,000	Garda World Security Corp.* 7.250%, 11/15/21	2,139,172
3,435,000	4.625%, 07/15/24	2,313,763	2,404,000	Golden Nugget, Inc.* 6.750%, 10/15/24	2,402,377
2,399,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Company, BV <sup>^</sup> 2.950%, 12/18/22	1,332,968	1,158,000	Gray Television, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 5.875%, 07/15/26	1,114,592
1,466,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance IV, BV <sup>μ</sup> 3.650%, 11/10/21	3,549,117	1,187,000	Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corp. 8.000%, 05/15/22	1,220,895
3,704,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance IV, LLC <sup>μ</sup> 2.250%, 03/18/20	494,591	1,793,000	H&E Equipment Services, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.625%, 09/01/25	1,708,944
508,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III, BV 6.000%, 04/15/24	1,241,259	1,192,000	Hertz Corp. <sup>^</sup> 7.375%, 01/15/21	1,170,943
1,246,000	2.800%, 07/21/23 <sup>^</sup>	647,679	264,000	7.625%, 06/01/22*	253,152
733,000			1,300,000	Icahn Enterprises, LP <sup>^</sup> 6.750%, 02/01/24	1,309,243
			1,221,000	6.375%, 12/15/25	1,214,590
			391,000	James Hardie International Finance, Ltd.* 4.750%, 01/15/25	364,346

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1,221,000	Jeld-Wen, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 4.625%, 12/15/25	\$ 1,097,752	1,041,000	VFH Parent, LLC* <sup>^</sup> 6.750%, 06/15/22	\$ 1,063,444
611,000	JPW Industries Holding Corp.* 9.000%, 10/01/24	622,887			<u>12,237,461</u>
2,006,000	Meritor, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 6.250%, 02/15/24	1,976,973	2,119,000	<b>Materials (3.4%)</b> AK Steel Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.375%, 10/15/25	1,891,790
1,236,000	Multi-Color Corp.* <sup>^</sup> 4.875%, 11/01/25	1,145,061	1,881,000	Alcoa Nederland Holding, BV* 7.000%, 09/30/26	1,981,822
1,710,000	Navistar International Corp.* <sup>^</sup> 6.625%, 11/01/25	1,746,603	195,000	6.125%, 05/15/28	194,568
762,000	Park Aerospace Holdings, Ltd.* 4.500%, 03/15/23	727,660	3,835,000	ArcelorMittal, SA 7.000%, 10/15/39	4,254,376
508,000	5.500%, 02/15/24 <sup>^</sup>	503,987	1,417,000	Arconic, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.125%, 10/01/24	1,395,391
2,150,000	Park-Ohio Industries, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 6.625%, 04/15/27	2,162,556	2,174,000	Ardagh Packaging Finance, PLC / Ardagh Holdings USA, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 6.000%, 02/15/25	2,038,136
1,163,000	Scientific Games International, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 5.000%, 10/15/25	1,083,218	469,000	Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. / Baffinland Iron Mines, LP* 8.750%, 07/15/26	473,620
767,000	Tennant Company 5.625%, 05/01/25	763,698	731,000	First Quantum Minerals, Ltd.* 7.000%, 02/15/21 <sup>^</sup>	715,985
239,000	Titan Acquisition, Ltd. / Titan Co- Borrower, LLC* <sup>^</sup> 7.750%, 04/15/26	199,282	586,000	7.250%, 04/01/23	541,262
391,000	TransDigm UK Holdings, PLC* 6.875%, 05/15/26	390,541	1,759,000	INEOS Group Holdings, SA* <sup>^</sup> 5.625%, 08/01/24	1,684,700
958,000	United Rentals North America, Inc. 4.875%, 01/15/28	864,806	708,000	JW Aluminum Continuous Cast Company* <sup>^</sup> 10.250%, 06/01/26	708,641
928,000	5.875%, 09/15/26 <sup>^</sup>	909,208	747,000	Kinross Gold Corp. 4.500%, 07/15/27	669,741
469,000	6.500%, 12/15/26 <sup>^</sup>	474,103	1,104,000	New Gold, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 6.375%, 05/15/25	885,535
601,000	Waste Pro USA, Inc.* 5.500%, 02/15/26	<u>575,569</u>	2,819,000	PBF Holding Company, LLC / PBF Finance Corp. <sup>^</sup> 7.250%, 06/15/25	2,914,423
		<u>40,868,479</u>	2,296,000	PH Glatfelter Companyµ 5.375%, 10/15/20	2,295,793
	<b>Information Technology (1.7%)</b>		2,340,000	United States Steel Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.875%, 08/15/25	2,297,833
1,808,000	Alliance Data Systems Corp.* 5.875%, 11/01/21	1,843,247	489,000	6.250%, 03/15/26	<u>461,401</u>
950,000	Cardtronics, Inc. 5.125%, 08/01/22	927,632		<b>Real Estate (0.7%)</b> Equinix, Inc. 5.375%, 04/01/23	1,986,906
469,000	5.500%, 05/01/25*	439,050	2,247,000	MPT Operating Partnership, LP / MPT Finance Corp. <sup>^</sup> 5.000%, 10/15/27	2,114,921
1,651,000	CBS Radio, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 7.250%, 11/01/24	1,562,267			
3,010,000	Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 7.625%, 03/15/20	3,012,319			
1,099,000	CommScope Technologies, LLC* 6.000%, 06/15/25	1,070,272			
1,246,000	Harland Clarke Holdings Corp.* 8.375%, 08/15/22	1,127,175			
1,173,000	Nuance Communications, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 6.000%, 07/01/24	1,192,055			

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1,221,000	Starwood Property Trust, Inc.^ 4.750%, 03/15/25	\$ 1,174,150	3,250,000	Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corp.^ 1.500%, 09/15/22	\$ 3,042,195
		<u>5,275,977</u>	3,850,000	RH*^ 0.000%, 06/15/23	3,400,031
	<b>Utilities (1.1%)</b>		12,750,000	Tesla, Inc.^ 1.250%, 03/01/21	<u>14,308,751</u>
293,000	NGPL PipeCo, LLC* 4.875%, 08/15/27	283,604			<u>65,376,286</u>
2,057,000	NRG Energy, Inc. 6.625%, 01/15/27^	2,131,505		<b>Energy (3.4%)</b>	
726,000	5.750%, 01/15/28	722,849		Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. 4.250%, 05/01/22	1,570,422
2,296,000	PPL Capital Funding, Inc.^μ‡ 5.051%, 03/30/67 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.67%	2,238,428	1,525,000	4.125%, 09/15/23	1,514,016
708,000	Talen Energy Supply, LLC*^ 10.500%, 01/15/26	624,268	5,250,000	Nabors Industries, Inc.^ 0.750%, 01/15/24	3,919,466
1,221,000	TerraForm Power Operating, LLC*^ 5.000%, 01/31/28	1,095,683	5,186,000	Oil States International, Inc.*^ 1.500%, 02/15/23	4,780,610
1,026,000	Vistra Energy Corp.* 8.125%, 01/30/26	1,115,236	4,700,000	PDC Energy, Inc. 1.125%, 09/15/21	4,429,021
		<u>8,211,573</u>	5,370,000	SM Energy Company^ 1.500%, 07/01/21	5,395,857
	<b>TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS</b> (Cost \$392,282,159)	\$ 377,904,515	9,411,000	SunEdison, Inc. @ 0.250%, 01/15/20*	200,078
			898,000	2.000%, 10/01/18	19,114
	<b>CONVERTIBLE BONDS (70.5%)</b>		3,000,000	TOTAL, SA 0.500%, 12/02/22	<u>3,264,780</u>
	<b>Communication Services (1.3%)</b>				<u>25,093,364</u>
5,423,000	GCI Liberty, Inc.* 1.750%, 09/30/46	5,882,030		<b>Financials (4.0%)</b>	
3,850,000	Twitter, Inc.*^ 0.250%, 06/15/24	3,605,217	5,500,000	Ares Capital Corp. 3.750%, 02/01/22	5,577,358
		<u>9,487,247</u>	3,125,000	BlackRock TCP Capital Corp. 4.625%, 03/01/22	3,097,031
	<b>Consumer Discretionary (8.8%)</b>		3,475,000	Hope Bancorp, Inc.* 2.000%, 05/15/38	3,072,195
8,000,000	Booking Holdings, Inc.~ 0.350%, 06/15/20	11,603,200	3,255,000	IAC FinanceCo, Inc.*^ 0.875%, 10/01/22	4,548,879
3,200,000	Ctrip.com International, Ltd. 1.000%, 07/01/20	3,040,736	6,800,000	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. 0.000%, 12/30/20	7,101,818
9,500,000	DISH Network Corp. 2.375%, 03/15/24^	8,036,430	7,000,000	JPMorgan Chase Financial Company, LLC (Voya Financial, Inc.)*§ 0.250%, 05/01/23	<u>6,546,050</u>
3,750,000	3.375%, 08/15/26	3,354,506			<u>29,943,331</u>
2,371,842	Liberty Interactive, LLC 4.000%, 11/15/29	1,634,472		<b>Health Care (12.2%)</b>	
1,700,000	3.750%, 02/15/30	1,163,931		BioMarin Pharmaceutical, Inc.^ 1.500%, 10/15/20	11,768,573
8,550,000	Liberty Media Corp. 1.375%, 10/15/23	9,949,721	9,961,000	Evolut Health, Inc.* 1.500%, 10/15/25	3,628,181
5,333,829	2.250%, 09/30/46	2,857,092	3,750,000	Exact Sciences Corp. 1.000%, 01/15/25	4,401,113
2,750,000	Liberty Media Corp. / Liberty Formula One^ 1.000%, 01/30/23	2,985,221	3,750,000		

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2,700,000	Flexion Therapeutics, Inc. 3.375%, 05/01/24	\$ 2,376,621		8,000,000	Greenbrier Companies, Inc. 2.875%, 02/01/24	\$ 8,419,520
	Illumina, Inc. 0.500%, 06/15/21	6,767,525		3,250,000	Meritor, Inc. 3.250%, 10/15/37	2,989,383
5,000,000	0.000%, 06/15/19	1,957,394		1,833,000	Patrick Industries, Inc.* 1.000%, 02/01/23	1,554,888
1,550,000	Innoviva, Inc. 2.125%, 01/15/23	3,421,740		5,200,000	Tutor Perini Corp. 2.875%, 06/15/21	4,966,728
3,500,000	517,000	543,579				<u>36,431,189</u>
1,667,000	Insmmed, Inc. 1.750%, 01/15/25	1,266,720				
6,750,000	Insulet Corp.*^ 1.375%, 11/15/24	7,648,425		2,250,000	<b>Information Technology (32.8%)</b>	
2,900,000	Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 1.000%, 11/15/21	3,022,076		6,997,000	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. 2.125%, 09/01/26	5,364,720
2,500,000	Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc.^ 2.250%, 06/15/22	2,642,200		5,750,000	Akamai Technologies, Inc.* 0.125%, 05/01/25	6,843,906
3,250,000	Jazz Investments I, Ltd.^ 1.875%, 08/15/21	3,437,151		1,054,000	Altaba, Inc.~ 0.000%, 12/01/18	6,469,900
4,000,000	Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*^ 0.750%, 05/15/23	3,820,820		3,850,000	Apptio, Inc.* 0.875%, 04/01/23	1,013,458
2,750,000	Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.^ 2.250%, 05/15/24	4,226,558		3,900,000	Atlassian, Inc.*^ 0.625%, 05/01/23	4,413,370
4,050,000	NuVasive, Inc. 2.250%, 03/15/21	4,521,562		7,700,000	Avaya Holdings Corp.* 2.250%, 06/15/23	3,458,364
7,000,000	Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.^ 2.375%, 04/01/22	7,366,730		3,850,000	DocuSign, Inc.*^ 0.500%, 09/15/23	7,218,634
2,350,000	Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.*^ 1.500%, 11/15/24	4,641,884		3,250,000	Envestnet, Inc. 1.750%, 06/01/23*^	3,870,752
3,094,000	Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*^ 0.625%, 04/01/23	3,362,265		6,291,000	1.750%, 12/15/19	3,364,270
4,000,000	Teladoc Health, Inc.*^ 1.375%, 05/15/25	5,780,280		4,000,000	Finisar Corp.^ 0.500%, 12/15/36	5,596,096
3,900,000	Wright Medical Group, Inc.*^ 1.625%, 06/15/23	3,958,617		7,000,000	FireEye, Inc.* 0.875%, 06/01/24	4,204,740
		<u>90,560,014</u>		6,200,000	Guidewire Software, Inc.^ 1.250%, 03/15/25	7,062,510
				8,350,000	II-VI, Inc. 0.250%, 09/01/22	6,381,505
	<b>Industrials (4.9%)</b>			4,750,000	Inphi Corp. 0.750%, 09/01/21	7,815,558
3,750,000	Air Transport Services Group, Inc.^ 1.125%, 10/15/24	3,434,100		4,250,000	Intel Corp.~ 3.250%, 08/01/39	10,886,240
3,650,000	Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.^ 2.250%, 06/01/22	3,832,883		16,500,000	Lumentum Holdings, Inc.^ 0.250%, 03/15/24	4,848,039
5,250,000	Dycom Industries, Inc.^ 0.750%, 09/15/21	5,321,426		5,250,000	Microchip Technology, Inc. 1.625%, 02/15/27	15,638,205
3,250,000	Echo Global Logistics, Inc. 2.500%, 05/01/20	3,231,849		5,275,000	Micron Technology, Inc.~ 3.000%, 11/15/43	6,848,179
2,812,000	FTI Consulting, Inc.* 2.000%, 08/15/23	2,680,412			New Relic, Inc.*^ 0.500%, 05/01/23	5,561,538

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6,500,000	NXP Semiconductors, NV <sup>^</sup> 1.000%, 12/01/19	\$ 6,584,955	3,600,000	IH Merger Sub, LLC 3.500%, 01/15/22	\$ 3,858,066
	ON Semiconductor Corp. 1.000%, 12/01/20	6,639,493	3,900,000	Redfin Corp. 1.750%, 07/15/23	3,399,961
5,918,000			2,750,000	Starwood Property Trust, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 4.375%, 04/01/23	2,753,369
5,250,000	OSI Systems, Inc. 1.250%, 09/01/22	5,025,240			<u>13,433,843</u>
5,500,000				<b>Utilities (0.6%)</b>	
14,250,000	Palo Alto Networks, Inc.* 0.750%, 07/01/23	13,856,914	4,000,000	NRG Energy, Inc.* 2.750%, 06/01/48	4,161,280
3,900,000	Pure Storage, Inc.* 0.125%, 04/15/23	4,006,022		<b>TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS</b> (Cost \$557,542,198)	<u>522,633,035</u>
1,861,000	Q2 Holdings, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 0.750%, 02/15/23	2,047,984		<b>U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SECURITIES (1.3%)</b>	
3,375,000	Quotient Technology, Inc.* 1.750%, 12/01/22	3,453,435		United States Treasury Note	
2,219,000	Rapid7, Inc.* 1.250%, 08/01/23	2,438,870	6,595,000	1.875%, 05/31/22	6,354,471
2,300,000	RealPage, Inc. 1.500%, 11/15/22	3,163,501	3,420,000	2.375%, 03/15/21	3,379,251
3,000,000	Silicon Laboratories, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 1.375%, 03/01/22	3,240,630		<b>TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SECURITIES</b> (Cost \$9,962,142)	<u>9,733,722</u>
	Splunk, Inc.* 1.125%, 09/15/25 <sup>^</sup>	7,221,322		<b>BANK LOANS (4.5%)</b>	
7,620,000		7,292,416	1,200,000	<b>Communication Services (0.9%)</b>	
7,620,000	0.500%, 09/15/23			Cincinnati Bell, Inc.‡ 5.552%, 10/02/24 1 mo. LIBOR + 3.25%	1,201,716
7,700,000	Square, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 0.500%, 05/15/23	9,227,256	1,213,900	CSC Holdings, LLC‡ 4.780%, 01/25/26 1 mo. LIBOR + 2.50%	1,214,847
2,757,000	Synaptics, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 0.500%, 06/15/22	2,469,900	900,201	Cumulus Media, Inc.‡ 6.810%, 05/15/22 1 mo. LIBOR + 4.50%	890,641
2,750,000	Twilio, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 0.250%, 06/01/23	3,436,510	1,300,000	Intelsat Jackson Holdings, SA 6.625%, 01/02/24	1,337,602
5,250,000	Veeco Instruments, Inc. 2.700%, 01/15/23	4,399,001	1,733,575	New Media Holdings II, LLC‡ 8.552%, 07/14/22 1 mo. LIBOR + 6.25%	1,746,577
5,500,000	Viavi Solutions, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 1.000%, 03/01/24	5,967,060			<u>6,391,383</u>
7,800,000	Wix.com, Ltd.* <sup>^</sup> 0.000%, 07/01/23	7,668,999		<b>Consumer Discretionary (0.7%)</b>	
13,500,000	Workday, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 0.250%, 10/01/22	15,007,072	498,750	American Greetings Corp.‡ 6.804%, 04/06/24 1 mo. LIBOR + 4.50%	500,309
7,000,000	Zendesk, Inc.* 0.250%, 03/15/23	7,678,125		PetSmart, Inc.1‡ 0.000%, 03/11/22	678,698
		<u>243,401,361</u>	1,250,000	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company‡ 7.280%, 01/15/24 1 mo. LIBOR + 5.00%	1,242,187
	<b>Materials (0.7%)</b>				
4,700,000	Royal Gold, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 2.875%, 06/15/19	4,745,120			
	<b>Real Estate (1.8%)</b>				
3,446,000	Empire State Realty OP, LP* 2.625%, 08/15/19	3,422,447			

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2,406,250	Weight Watchers International, Inc.‡ 7.150%, 11/29/24 1 mo. LIBOR + 4.75%	\$ 2,423,924		2,004,736	Team Health Holdings, Inc.‡ 5.052%, 02/06/24 1 mo. LIBOR + 2.75%	\$ 1,901,993
		4,845,118				11,037,633
	<b>Energy (0.1%)</b>				<b>Industrials (0.3%)</b>	
995,000	McDermott Tech Americas, Inc.‡ 7.302%, 05/10/25 1 mo. LIBOR + 5.00%	984,801		1,179,075	Scientific Games International, Inc.‡ 5.046%, 08/14/24 1 mo. LIBOR + 2.75%	1,169,283
	<b>Financials (0.5%)</b>			1,191,000	TransDigm, Inc.‡ 4.802%, 08/22/24 1 mo. LIBOR + 2.50%	1,187,409
248,750	AssuredPartners, Inc.‡ 5.552%, 10/22/24 1 mo. LIBOR + 3.25%	248,470				2,356,692
1,194,000	Genworth Financial, Inc.‡ 6.831%, 03/07/23 1 mo. LIBOR + 4.50%	1,220,871		1,150,000	<b>Information Technology (0.3%)</b> BMC Software Finance, Inc.!‡ 0.000%, 10/02/25	1,155,394
763,636	GLP Financing, LLC‡ 3.780%, 04/28/21 1 mo. LIBOR + 1.50%	757,909		1,225,000	First Data Corp.‡ 4.287%, 04/26/24 1 mo. LIBOR + 2.00%	1,219,769
997,500	HUB International, Ltd.‡ 5.490%, 04/25/25 1 mo. LIBOR + 3.00%	995,939				2,375,163
250,000	Level 3 Financing, Inc.!‡ 0.000%, 02/22/24	250,489		1,197,000	<b>Real Estate (0.2%)</b> iStar, Inc.‡ 5.028%, 06/28/23 1 mo. LIBOR + 2.75%	1,199,244
350,000	Resideo Funding, Inc.‡ 4.490%, 10/04/25 1 mo. LIBOR + 2.00%	351,533			<b>TOTAL BANK LOANS</b> (Cost \$32,942,804)	33,015,245
	3,825,211				<b>SYNTHETIC CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES (1.4%) □</b>	
	<b>Health Care (1.5%)</b>				<b>CORPORATE BONDS (1.2%)</b>	
2,493,172	Amneal Pharmaceuticals, LLC‡ 5.813%, 05/04/25 1 mo. LIBOR + 3.50%	2,512,183		23,000	Communication Services (0.1%) Altice Financing, SA*^ 7.500%, 05/15/26	21,776
2,437,500	Bausch Health Cos., Inc.‡ 5.274%, 06/01/25 1 mo. LIBOR + 3.00%	2,441,790		53,000	Altice France, SA*^ 7.375%, 05/01/26	50,880
1,200,000	Gentiva Health Services, Inc.‡ 9.313%, 07/02/26 1 mo. LIBOR + 7.00%	1,229,250		11,000	Altice Luxembourg, SA*^ 7.750%, 05/15/22	10,243
586,425	Gentiva Health Services, Inc.‡ 6.063%, 07/02/25 1 mo. LIBOR + 3.75%	589,724		9,000	7.625%, 02/15/25	7,679
1,190,932	Mallinckrodt International Finance, SA‡ 5.136%, 09/24/24 1 mo. LIBOR + 2.75%	1,177,069		35,000	Altice US Finance I Corp.* 5.500%, 05/15/26	34,121
1,188,000	Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, SA‡ 5.544%, 06/30/25 1 mo. LIBOR + 3.25%	1,185,624		9,000	Cequel Communications Holdings I, LLC / Cequel Capital Corp.*^ 7.500%, 04/01/28	9,336
				31,000	Cincinnati Bell, Inc.* 8.000%, 10/15/25	28,231
				10,000	7.000%, 07/15/24^	9,022
				17,000	Consolidated Communications, Inc.^ 6.500%, 10/01/22	15,663
				80,000	CSC Holdings, LLC*^ 5.500%, 04/15/27	77,057

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133,000	Embarq Corp. 7.995%, 06/01/36	\$ 127,039	28,000	Caesars Resort Collection, LLC / CRC Finco, Inc.*^ 5.250%, 10/15/25	\$ 26,091
	Frontier Communications Corp.^ 11.000%, 09/15/25	52,990		CCO Holdings, LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp.^ 5.125%, 05/01/27*	54,701
72,000				5.750%, 09/01/23	22,210
54,000		32,547		5.000%, 02/01/28*	11,219
11,000	Hughes Satellite Systems Corp. 6.625%, 08/01/26^	25,762	58,000	Century Communities, Inc. 5.875%, 07/15/25	48,938
27,000			22,000	6.875%, 05/15/22	31,054
6,000		5,732	12,000	Dana Financing Luxembourg Sarl* 6.500%, 06/01/26	77,321
	Inmarsat Finance, PLC*^ 4.875%, 05/15/22	21,596	54,000	DISH DBS Corp.^ 5.875%, 11/15/24	34,051
22,000			31,000	7.750%, 07/01/26	23,099
11,000		10,923	78,000	Eldorado Resorts, Inc. 6.000%, 04/01/25	51,559
	Intelsat Jackson Holdings, SA 9.750%, 07/15/25*	41,925		ESH Hospitality, Inc.*^ 5.250%, 05/01/25	25,596
40,000				GameStop Corp.*^ 6.750%, 03/15/21	5,044
23,000		24,083	40,000	GLP Capital, LP / GLP Financing II, Inc. 5.250%, 06/01/25	28,058
21,000		21,263	26,000	goeasy, Ltd.*μ 7.875%, 11/01/22	23,863
14,000		13,840	52,000	Guitar Center Escrow Issuer, Inc.* 9.500%, 10/15/21	28,440
	MDC Partners, Inc.*^ 6.500%, 05/01/24	9,045	27,000	Hasbro, Inc. 6.600%, 07/15/28	60,204
29,000			5,000	International Game Technology, PLC*^ 6.250%, 01/15/27	28,666
	Qwest Corp.^ 6.875%, 09/15/33	28,112	28,000	L Brands, Inc.^ 6.875%, 11/01/35	73,129
12,000		11,545		Lennar Corp.μ 6.625%, 05/01/20	66,303
	SBA Communications Corp.^ 4.000%, 10/01/22		28,000	M/I Homes, Inc. 5.625%, 08/01/25	28,639
	Sprint Corp.^ 7.875%, 09/15/23	146,401		Mattel, Inc.*^ 6.750%, 12/31/25	55,536
137,000			23,000	Mclaren Finance, PLC* 5.750%, 08/01/22	24,668
56,000		57,283	29,000	Meritage Homes Corp. 7.000%, 04/01/22	45,885
28,000		26,007	29,000	MGM Resorts International^ 6.750%, 10/01/20	59,323
	Telecom Italia Capital, SA^ 6.000%, 09/30/34	5,420	54,000		
41,000			29,000		
	United States Cellular Corp. 6.700%, 12/15/33	41,991			
11,000					
	Wind Tre, S.p.A.*^ 5.000%, 01/20/26	9,375			
	Windstream Services, LLC / Windstream Finance Corp. 8.625%, 10/31/25*	26,197	86,000		
28,000			64,000		
9,000		5,700			
4,000		3,265	31,000		
		<u>1,022,291</u>			
	<b>Consumer Discretionary (0.2%)</b>		58,000		
10,000	American Greetings Corp.* 7.875%, 02/15/25	8,911	26,000		
31,000			44,000		
	Beverages & More, Inc.* 11.500%, 06/15/22	24,358	57,000		
27,000					
	Boyd Gaming Corp. 6.000%, 08/15/26	26,245			

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53,000	Penske Automotive Group, Inc. 5.375%, 12/01/24	\$ 51,453	29,000	Post Holdings, Inc.* 5.750%, 03/01/27	\$ 27,734
	PetSmart, Inc.*^		6,000	5.625%, 01/15/28^	5,653
19,000	5.875%, 06/01/25	14,937		Simmons Foods, Inc.*	
6,000	8.875%, 06/01/25	4,204	16,000	7.750%, 01/15/24	16,233
	Rite Aid Corp.		13,000	5.750%, 11/01/24	9,531
61,000	7.700%, 02/15/27	42,738			436,667
17,000	6.125%, 04/01/23*^	14,482		<b>Energy (0.2%)</b>	
78,000	Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.^ 7.500%, 10/15/27	91,744	8,000	Berry Petroleum Company, LLC* 7.000%, 02/15/26	7,966
50,000	Salem Media Group, Inc.* 6.750%, 06/01/24	45,017	47,000	Blue Racer Midstream, LLC / Blue Racer Finance Corp.*^	
27,000	Sally Holdings, LLC / Sally Capital, Inc.^		17,000	6.125%, 11/15/22	48,044
	5.625%, 12/01/25	25,110		Bruin E&P Partners, LLC*^	
80,000	Service Corp. International 7.500%, 04/01/27	88,672	29,000	8.875%, 08/01/23	16,778
28,000	Sotheby's*^			Buckeye Partners, LP^μ‡	
	4.875%, 12/15/25	25,964	56,000	6.375%, 01/22/78	
21,000	Taylor Morrison Communities Corp. 6.625%, 05/15/22	21,271		3 mo. USD LIBOR + 4.02%	26,602
69,000	Taylor Morrison Communities Corp. / Taylor Morrison Holdings II, Inc.*		42,000	Calfrac Holdings, LP*^	
	5.250%, 04/15/21	68,909		8.500%, 06/15/26	50,483
11,000	US Airways Series 2012-2, Class B Pass Through Trust		43,000	California Resources Corp.*^	
	6.750%, 12/03/22	11,535	27,000	8.000%, 12/15/22	37,471
23,000	VOC Escrow, Ltd.*			Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.^	
	5.000%, 02/15/28	21,640	23,000	6.250%, 04/15/23	42,327
		1,520,787		Chaparral Energy, Inc.*	
	<b>Consumer Staples (0.1%)</b>		29,000	8.750%, 07/15/23	26,042
28,000	Albertsons Companies, LLC / Safeway, Inc. / New Albertson's, Inc. / Albertson's, LLC		22,000	Cheniere Energy Partners, LP*^	
	5.750%, 03/15/25	24,891	29,000	5.625%, 10/01/26	22,662
33,000	Fresh Market, Inc.*		18,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	
	9.750%, 05/01/23	24,214	56,000	8.000%, 01/15/25^	29,415
	JBS USA LUX, SA / JBS USA Finance, Inc.*		11,000	7.000%, 10/01/24	21,572
179,000	7.250%, 06/01/21	181,459		Comstock Escrow Corp.*	
40,000	6.750%, 02/15/28	39,051	24,000	9.750%, 08/15/26	17,401
	New Albertson's, Inc.		16,000	DCP Midstream Operating, LP*^‡	
34,000	7.450%, 08/01/29	28,672	12,000	5.850%, 05/21/43 3 mo. USD	
19,000	7.750%, 06/15/26	16,746		LIBOR + 3.85%	50,137
13,000	8.000%, 05/01/31	11,200	11,000	DCP Midstream, LP‡	
	Pilgrim's Pride Corp.*^			7.375%, 12/15/22 3 mo. USD	
44,000	5.875%, 09/30/27	40,068		LIBOR + 5.15%	10,552
12,000	5.750%, 03/15/25	11,215	58,000	Denbury Resources, Inc.	
			24,000	5.500%, 05/01/22^	20,862
			16,000	9.250%, 03/31/22*^	16,702
			12,000	7.500%, 02/15/24*	11,781
			12,000	Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.	
				7.875%, 08/15/25	11,858
				Energy Transfer, LPμ‡	
				5.559%, 11/01/66 3 mo. USD	
				LIBOR + 3.02%	50,024

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44,000	Energy Transfer, LP <sup>^</sup> 5.875%, 01/15/24	\$ 46,279	29,000	PDC Energy, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.750%, 05/15/26	\$ 26,657
7,000	5.500%, 06/01/27	7,130	25,000	Petroleum Geo-Services, ASA* 7.375%, 12/15/20	25,050
45,000	Enterprise Products Operating, LLC <sup>^</sup> μ‡ 4.875%, 08/16/77 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.99%	42,026	28,000	Plains All American Pipeline, LPμ‡ 6.125%, 11/15/22 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 4.11%	26,246
11,000	5.375%, 02/15/78 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.57%	9,854	11,000	QEP Resources, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.625%, 03/01/26	10,371
23,000	EP Energy, LLC / Everest Acquisition Finance, Inc.* 7.750%, 05/15/26	22,949	43,000	SESI, LLC <sup>^</sup> 7.750%, 09/15/24	42,294
21,000	9.375%, 05/01/24	15,990	12,000	SM Energy Company <sup>^</sup> 6.750%, 09/15/26	12,035
29,000	Genesis Energy, LP / Genesis Energy Finance Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.250%, 05/15/26	26,356	24,000	Southwestern Energy Company 7.500%, 04/01/26	24,441
27,000	6.500%, 10/01/25	25,086	18,000	Sunoco, LP / Sunoco Finance Corp.* <sup>^</sup> 5.500%, 02/15/26	17,242
27,000	Gulfport Energy Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.375%, 05/15/25	25,608	6,000	Targa Resources Partners, LP / Targa Resources Partners Finance Corp.* <sup>^</sup> 5.875%, 04/15/26	6,049
16,000	6.000%, 10/15/24	15,057	6,000	TransMontaigne Partners, LP / TLP Finance Corp. 6.125%, 02/15/26	5,642
23,000	Halcon Resources Corp. 6.750%, 02/15/25	20,983	5,000	Transocean Pontus, Ltd.* 6.125%, 08/01/25	4,977
27,000	HighPoint Operating Corp. 7.000%, 10/15/22	26,655	27,000	Transocean, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 7.500%, 01/15/26	26,550
37,000	Lonestar Resources America, Inc.* 11.250%, 01/01/23	40,142	30,000	Vine Oil & Gas, LP / Vine Oil & Gas Finance Corp.* <sup>^</sup> 8.750%, 04/15/23	27,888
27,000	Magnolia Oil & Gas Operating, LLC / Magnolia Oil & Gas Finance Corp.* 6.000%, 08/01/26	26,711	46,000	W&T Offshore, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 9.750%, 11/01/23	44,577
23,000	McDermott Technologies Americas, Inc. / McDermott Technology U.S., Inc.* 10.625%, 05/01/24	20,716	59,000	Weatherford International, Ltd. <sup>^</sup> 8.250%, 06/15/23	45,212
10,000	Moss Creek Resources Holdings, Inc.* 7.500%, 01/15/26	9,640	28,000	Whiting Petroleum Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.625%, 01/15/26	28,009
3,000	Nabors Industries, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.750%, 02/01/25	2,769	30,000	WildHorse Resource Development Corp. 6.875%, 02/01/25	29,891
17,000	Nine Energy Service, Inc.* 8.750%, 11/01/23	17,275			<u>1,373,541</u>
3,000	Northern Oil and Gas, Inc.* 9.500%, 05/15/23 9.500% PIK rate	3,098	56,000	<b>Financials (0.2%)</b> Acrisure, LLC / Acrisure Finance, Inc.* 7.000%, 11/15/25	50,188
20,000	Oasis Petroleum, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 6.250%, 05/01/26	19,661	81,000	Ally Financial, Inc. 8.000%, 11/01/31	97,507
28,000	Par Petroleum LLC / Par Petroleum Finance Corp.* 7.750%, 12/15/25	27,746	29,000	Amwins Group, Inc.* 7.750%, 07/01/26	29,834

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51,000	Ardonagh Midco 3, PLC* <sup>^</sup> 8.625%, 07/15/23	\$ 47,608		52,000	Nationstar Mortgage, LLC / Nationstar Capital Corp. 6.500%, 07/01/21	\$ 52,004
50,000	AssuredPartners, Inc.* 7.000%, 08/15/25	49,240			Navient Corp. 6.750%, 06/25/25 <sup>^</sup>	33,281
28,000	Bank of America Corp. <sup>^</sup> ‡ 5.875%, 03/15/28 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.93%	27,213		14,000	6.500%, 06/15/22	14,294
27,000	Bank of Nova Scotia <sup>^</sup> ‡ 4.650%, 10/12/22 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.65%	25,058		25,000	NexBank Capital, Inc.*‡& 6.375%, 09/30/27 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 4.59%	25,113
47,000	Brookfield Residential Properties, Inc.* 6.375%, 05/15/25	44,470		42,000	Oil Insurance, Ltd.*‡ 5.378%, 12/03/18 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.98%	40,694
55,000	Charles Schwab Corp. <sup>μ</sup> ‡ 5.000%, 12/01/27 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.58%	52,345		54,000	Quicken Loans, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 5.750%, 05/01/25	52,136
25,000	CyrusOne, LP / CyrusOne Finance Corp. 5.375%, 03/15/27	24,913		30,000	Simmons First National Corp.‡ 5.000%, 04/01/28 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.15%	29,868
25,000	Dell International, LLC / EMC Corp.* <sup>^</sup> μ	25,936		38,000	Springleaf Finance Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.875%, 03/15/25	36,427
28,000	Discover Financial Services <sup>^</sup> ‡ 5.500%, 10/30/27 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 3.08%	26,509		28,000	7.125%, 03/15/26	26,565
12,000	Greystar Real Estate Partners, LLC* 5.750%, 12/01/25	11,749		15,000	Towne Bank‡ 4.500%, 07/30/27 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.55%	14,887
29,000	HUB International, Ltd.* <sup>^</sup> 7.000%, 05/01/26	28,364		57,000	Tronox Finance, PLC* <sup>^</sup> 5.750%, 10/01/25	50,049
42,000	ILFC E-Capital Trust II*‡ 5.030%, 12/21/65 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 1.80%	37,401			1,264,568	
62,000	Iron Mountain, Inc.* 5.250%, 03/15/28	55,891		<b>Health Care (0.2%)</b>		
65,000	Jefferies Finance, LLC* 7.375%, 04/01/20	65,675		53,000	Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.625%, 02/15/23	53,094
60,000	7.250%, 08/15/24	58,681		57,000	Bausch Health Cos., Inc.* 8.500%, 01/31/27	58,344
27,000	Ladder Capital Finance Holdings LLLP / Ladder Capital Finance Corp.* 5.250%, 10/01/25	25,078		56,000	9.000%, 12/15/25	58,504
24,000	Level 3 Financing, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.375%, 05/01/25	23,527		27,000	9.250%, 04/01/26 <sup>^</sup>	28,389
30,000	LPL Holdings, Inc.* 5.750%, 09/15/25	29,145		27,000	7.500%, 07/15/21 <sup>^</sup>	27,429
48,000	MetLife, Inc. <sup>μ</sup> 6.400%, 12/15/36 <sup>^</sup>	49,920		87,000	Community Health Systems, Inc. 8.125%, 06/30/24* <sup>^</sup>	68,502
3,000	5.875%, 03/15/28‡ 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.96%	2,998		8,000	6.875%, 02/01/22	4,061
				83,000	DaVita, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.125%, 07/15/24	79,390
				76,000	Endo DAC / Endo Finance, LLC / Endo Finco, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 6.000%, 07/15/23	65,646
				16,000	Endo Finance, LLC / Endo Finco, Inc.* 7.250%, 01/15/22	15,235
				167,000	HCA, Inc. 5.875%, 05/01/23	173,366
				27,000	7.500%, 11/06/33	29,314

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26,000	Horizon Pharma, Inc. / Horizon Pharma USA, Inc.*^ 8.750%, 11/01/24	\$ 27,375	29,000	Delphi Technologies, PLC* 5.000%, 10/01/25	\$ 26,186
29,000	Magellan Health, Inc. 4.400%, 09/22/24	27,881	17,000	Energizer Gamma Acquisition, Inc.*^ 6.375%, 07/15/26	17,023
38,000	Mallinckrodt International Finance, SA / Mallinckrodt CB, LLC*^ 5.625%, 10/15/23	32,737	40,000	Fly Leasing, Ltd. 5.250%, 10/15/24	38,299
12,000	Team Health Holdings, Inc.*^ 6.375%, 02/01/25	10,345	6,000	FXI Holdings, Inc.* 7.875%, 11/01/24	5,624
80,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp.^ 6.750%, 06/15/23	79,860	50,000	Garda World Security Corp.* 7.250%, 11/15/21	49,633
56,000	4.625%, 07/15/24	54,010	56,000	Golden Nugget, Inc.* 6.750%, 10/15/24	55,962
34,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Company, BV^ 2.950%, 12/18/22	30,915	27,000	Gray Television, Inc.*^ 5.875%, 07/15/26	25,988
87,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance IV, BVμ 3.650%, 11/10/21	83,362	28,000	Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corp. 8.000%, 05/15/22	28,800
12,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance IV, LLCμ 2.250%, 03/18/20	11,683	42,000	H&E Equipment Services, Inc.^ 5.625%, 09/01/25	40,031
29,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III, BV 6.000%, 04/15/24	28,890	28,000	Hertz Corp.^ 7.375%, 01/15/21	27,505
17,000	2.800%, 07/21/23^	15,021	6,000	7.625%, 06/01/22*	5,753
24,000	West Street Merger Sub, Inc.* 6.375%, 09/01/25	22,615	30,000	Icahn Enterprises, LP^ 6.750%, 02/01/24	30,213
		<u>1,085,968</u>	29,000	6.375%, 12/15/25	28,848
	<b>Industrials (0.1 %)</b>		9,000	James Hardie International Finance, Ltd.* 4.750%, 01/15/25	8,386
33,000	ACCO Brands Corp.* 5.250%, 12/15/24	30,981	29,000	Jeld-Wen, Inc.*^ 4.625%, 12/15/25	26,073
19,000	Allison Transmission, Inc.* 4.750%, 10/01/27	17,466	14,000	JPW Industries Holding Corp.* 9.000%, 10/01/24	14,272
12,000	5.000%, 10/01/24	11,667	47,000	Meritor, Inc.^ 6.250%, 02/15/24	46,320
16,000	Apergy Corp.* 6.375%, 05/01/26	16,255	29,000	Multi-Color Corp.*^ 4.875%, 11/01/25	26,866
30,000	ARD Securities Finance Sarl* 8.750%, 01/31/23 8.750% PIK rate	28,903	40,000	Navistar International Corp.*^ 6.625%, 11/01/25	40,856
29,000	Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.*^ 4.875%, 11/01/25	26,065	18,000	Park Aerospace Holdings, Ltd.* 4.500%, 03/15/23	17,189
42,000	Bombardier, Inc.*^ 7.500%, 03/15/25	42,116	12,000	5.500%, 02/15/24^	11,905
32,000	Covanta Holding Corp. 5.875%, 03/01/24	32,068	50,000	Park-Ohio Industries, Inc.^ 6.625%, 04/15/27	50,292
7,000	5.875%, 07/01/25^	6,843	27,000	Scientific Games International, Inc.*^ 5.000%, 10/15/25	25,148
			18,000	Tennant Company 5.625%, 05/01/25	17,923

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6,000	Titan Acquisition, Ltd. / Titan Co-Borrower, LLC* <sup>^</sup> 7.750%, 04/15/26	\$ 5,003	17,000	First Quantum Minerals, Ltd.* 7.000%, 02/15/21 <sup>^</sup>	\$ 16,651
			14,000	7.250%, 04/01/23	12,931
9,000	TransDigm UK Holdings, PLC* 6.875%, 05/15/26	8,989	41,000	INEOS Group Holdings, SA* <sup>^</sup> 5.625%, 08/01/24	39,268
			17,000	JW Aluminum Continuous Cast Company* <sup>^</sup>	
22,000	United Rentals North America, Inc. 5.875%, 09/15/26 <sup>^</sup>	21,555		10.250%, 06/01/26	17,015
22,000	4.875%, 01/15/28	19,860		Kinross Gold Corp. 4.500%, 07/15/27	16,138
11,000	6.500%, 12/15/26 <sup>^</sup>	11,120	18,000	New Gold, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 6.375%, 05/15/25	20,855
14,000	Waste Pro USA, Inc.* 5.500%, 02/15/26	13,408	26,000	PBF Holding Company, LLC / PBF Finance Corp. <sup>^</sup> 7.250%, 06/15/25	68,234
		<u>957,394</u>	66,000	PH Glatfelter Company <sup>µ</sup> 5.375%, 10/15/20	53,995
	<b>Information Technology (0.0%)</b>		54,000	United States Steel Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.875%, 08/15/25	54,009
42,000	Alliance Data Systems Corp.* 5.875%, 11/01/21	42,819	11,000	6.250%, 03/15/26	<u>10,379</u>
					<u>596,722</u>
22,000	Cardtronics, Inc. 5.125%, 08/01/22	21,482		<b>Real Estate (0.0%)</b>	
11,000	5.500%, 05/01/25*	10,298	46,000	Equinix, Inc. 5.375%, 04/01/23	46,774
39,000	CBS Radio, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 7.250%, 11/01/24	36,904	53,000	MPT Operating Partnership, LP / MPT Finance Corp. <sup>^</sup> 5.000%, 10/15/27	49,885
70,000	Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 7.625%, 03/15/20	70,054	29,000	Starwood Property Trust, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 4.750%, 03/15/25	<u>27,887</u>
26,000	CommScope Technologies, LLC* 6.000%, 06/15/25	25,320			<u>124,546</u>
29,000	Harland Clarke Holdings Corp.* 8.375%, 08/15/22	26,234		<b>Utilities (0.0%)</b>	
27,000	Nuance Communications, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 6.000%, 07/01/24	27,439	7,000	NGPL PipeCo, LLC* 4.875%, 08/15/27	6,776
24,000	VFH Parent, LLC* <sup>^</sup> 6.750%, 06/15/22	24,517	48,000	NRG Energy, Inc. 6.625%, 01/15/27 <sup>^</sup>	49,739
		<u>285,067</u>	17,000	5.750%, 01/15/28	16,926
	<b>Materials (0.1%)</b>		54,000	PPL Capital Funding, Inc. <sup>µ</sup> ‡ 5.051%, 03/30/67 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 2.67%	52,646
50,000	AK Steel Corp. <sup>^</sup> 6.375%, 10/15/25	44,639	17,000	Talen Energy Supply, LLC* <sup>^</sup> 10.500%, 01/15/26	14,989
			29,000	TerraForm Power Operating, LLC* <sup>^</sup> 5.000%, 01/31/28	26,024
44,000	Alcoa Nederland Holding, BV* 7.000%, 09/30/26	46,359	24,000	Vistra Energy Corp.* 8.125%, 01/30/26	26,087
5,000	6.125%, 05/15/28	4,989			<u>193,187</u>
90,000	ArcelorMittal, SA 7.000%, 10/15/39	99,842		<b>TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS</b>	<u>8,860,738</u>
33,000	Arconic, Inc. <sup>^</sup> 5.125%, 10/01/24	32,497			
51,000	Ardagh Packaging Finance, PLC / Ardagh Holdings USA, Inc.* <sup>^</sup> 6.000%, 02/15/25	47,813			
11,000	Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. / Baffinland Iron Mines, LP* 8.750%, 07/15/26	11,108			

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<b>U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SECURITIES (0.0%)</b>				
	United States Treasury Note		4,600	
155,000	1.875%, 05/31/22	\$ 149,347		
80,000	2.375%, 03/15/21	79,047	27,248	
	<b>TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY SECURITIES</b>	<u>228,394</u>	8,100	
<b>NUMBER OF CONTRACTS/ NOTIONAL AMOUNT</b>				
<b>PURCHASED OPTIONS (0.2%) #</b>				
<b>Communication Services (0.1%)</b>				
605	Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc.		108,000	
7,796,635	Call, 01/18/19, Strike \$130.00	689,700		
<b>Financials (0.0%)</b>				
2,250	Bank of America Corp.		7,050	
6,187,500	Call, 01/18/19, Strike \$30.00	110,250	105,400	
<b>Industrials (0.0%)</b>				
925	Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.		67,191	
10,778,100	Call, 04/18/19, Strike \$155.00	46,250		
480				
5,592,960	Call, 01/18/19, Strike \$170.00	3,600		
		49,850		
<b>Information Technology (0.1%)</b>				
405	Red Hat, Inc.		6,600	
6,951,420	Call, 01/18/19, Strike \$155.00	753,300	130,225	
	<b>TOTAL PURCHASED OPTIONS</b>	<u>1,603,100</u>		
<b>TOTAL SYNTHETIC CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES (Cost \$13,180,060)</b>				
		<u>10,692,232</u>	95,000	
<b>NUMBER OF SHARES</b>				
<b>CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS (14.4%)</b>				
<b>Consumer Staples (0.8%)</b>				
54,000	Bunge, Ltd.^		107,225	
	4.875%, 12/31/49	5,595,453	270,265	
<b>Energy (1.5%)</b>				
100,400	Hess Corp.		38,350	
	8.000%, 02/01/19	6,374,396	35,250	
175,000	NuStar Energy, LP‡			
	7.625%, 06/15/22 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 5.64%	3,668,000		
55,769				
	8.500%, 12/15/21 3 mo. USD LIBOR + 6.77%	1,287,148		
		<u>11,329,544</u>		
<b>Financials (2.5%)</b>				
	Bank of America Corp.			
	7.250%, 12/31/49			\$ 5,847,980
	Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.^			
	7.250%, 02/01/20			2,483,928
	Wells Fargo & Company			
	7.500%, 12/31/49			10,303,119
				<u>18,635,027</u>
<b>Health Care (0.9%)</b>				
	Becton Dickinson and Company			
	6.125%, 05/01/20			6,336,360
<b>Industrials (1.8%)</b>				
	Fortive Corp.			
	5.000%, 07/01/21			6,924,580
	Rexnord Corp.			
	5.750%, 11/15/19			6,025,718
				<u>12,950,298</u>
<b>Materials (0.5%)</b>				
	International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc.			
	6.000%, 09/15/21			3,868,858
<b>Real Estate (2.0%)</b>				
	Crown Castle International Corp.			
	6.875%, 08/01/20			6,897,000
	Welltower, Inc.			
	6.500%, 12/31/49			8,021,860
				<u>14,918,860</u>
<b>Utilities (4.4%)</b>				
	CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (Warner Media, LLC, Charter Communications Time, Inc.)§**			
	3.399%, 09/15/29			4,128,320
	DTE Energy Company			
	6.500%, 10/01/19			5,718,309
	NextEra Energy, Inc.^			
	6.123%, 09/01/19			15,675,370
	Sempra Energy			
	6.750%, 07/15/21			3,823,879
	6.000%, 01/15/21			3,495,390
				<u>32,841,268</u>
<b>TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS (Cost \$104,717,172)</b>				
				<u>106,475,668</u>

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Investments

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NUMBER OF SHARES	COMMON STOCKS (4.8%)	VALUE	NUMBER OF SHARES	Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds - Government Portfolio, 2.050%***	VALUE
	<b>Communication Services (0.0%)</b>		11,580,263		
11,593	Cumulus Media, Inc. - Class A^#	\$ 168,794			\$ 11,580,263
	<b>Energy (1.4%)</b>			<b>TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	
1,875	Chevron Corp.	209,344		(Cost \$23,252,529)	<u>23,252,447</u>
64,780	Enterprise Products Partners, LP~	1,737,400		<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS (151.2%)</b>	
13,550	GasLog, Ltd.	277,233		(Cost \$1,185,188,794)	<u>1,120,870,857</u>
20,414	Gulfmark Offshore, Inc.#	687,748		<b>MANDATORY REDEEMABLE PREFERRED SHARES, AT LIQUIDATION VALUE (-13.5%)</b>	<u>(100,000,000)</u>
12,702	Gulfmark Offshore, Inc.^#	427,930		<b>LIABILITIES, LESS OTHER ASSETS (-37.7%)</b>	<u>(279,565,007)</u>
26,355	Magellan Midstream Partners, LP	1,625,576		<b>NET ASSETS (100.0%)</b>	<u>\$ 741,305,850</u>
30,951	Ocean Rig UDW, Inc. - Class A#	937,506		<b>NUMBER OF CONTRACTS/ NOTIONAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
6,925	Schlumberger, Ltd.	355,322		<b>WRITTEN OPTIONS (-0.1%) #</b>	
344,673	Southwestern Energy Company^#	1,840,554		<b>Consumer Discretionary (-0.1%)</b>	
31,105	Spectra Energy Partners, LP~	1,073,122		51	Booking Holdings, Inc.
17,965	Targa Resources Corp.^	928,251		9,560,358	Put, 01/18/19, Strike \$1,850.00
8,500	Williams Companies, Inc.	206,805			<u>(463,845)</u>
		<u>10,306,791</u>			<b>Health Care (0.0%)</b>
	<b>Financials (0.1%)</b>			660	Allergan, PLC
13,850	American International Group, Inc.	571,867		10,428,660	Call, 11/16/18, Strike \$200.00
	<b>Health Care (3.3%)</b>				<u>(4,290)</u>
88,148	Allergan, PLC	13,928,266			<b>TOTAL WRITTEN OPTIONS</b>
28,685	Anthem, Inc.	7,904,725			(Premium \$469,152)
24,020	Molina Healthcare, Inc.^#	3,045,015			<u>(468,135)</u>
		<u>24,878,006</u>			
	<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</b>				
	(Cost \$50,689,915)	<u>35,925,458</u>			
	<b>NUMBER OF CONTRACTS/ NOTIONAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>VALUE</b>			
	<b>PURCHASED OPTION (0.2%) #</b>				
	<b>Consumer Discretionary (0.2%)</b>				
51	Booking Holdings, Inc.				
9,560,358	Put, 01/18/19, Strike \$2,100.00 (Cost \$619,815)	1,238,535			
	<b>NUMBER OF SHARES</b>	<b>VALUE</b>			
	<b>SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (3.1%)</b>				
11,668,683	Fidelity Prime Money Market Fund - Institutional Class, 2.240%***	11,672,184			

### NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

- \* Securities issued and sold pursuant to a Rule 144A transaction are excepted from the registration requirement of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may only be sold to qualified institutional buyers ("QIBs"), such as the Fund. Any resale of these securities must generally be effected through a sale that is registered under the Act or otherwise exempted from such registration requirements.
- ^ Security, or portion of security, is on loan.
- μ Security, or portion of security, is held in a segregated account as collateral for note payable aggregating a total value of \$20,408,388.
- ~ Security, or portion of security, is segregated as collateral (or collateral for potential future transactions) for written options. The aggregate value of such securities is \$3,882,894.
- ‡ Variable rate security. The rate shown is the rate in effect at October 31, 2018.
- & Illiquid security.

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- @    In default status and considered non-income producing.
- §    Securities exchangeable or convertible into securities of one or more entities that are different than the issuer. Each entity is identified in the parenthetical.
- !    This position represents an unsettled loan commitment at period end. Certain details associated with this purchase are not known prior to the settlement date, including coupon rate, which will be adjusted on settlement date.
- The synthetic convertible securities strategy combines separate securities that together possess the economic characteristics similar to a convertible security.
- \*\*    Step coupon security. Coupon changes periodically based upon a predetermined schedule. The rate shown is the rate in effect at October 31, 2018.
- #    Non-income producing security.
- \*\*\*    The rate disclosed is the 7 day net yield as of October 31, 2018.

*Note: The date on options represents the expiration date of the option contract. The option contract may be exercised at any date on or before the date shown.*

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**APPENDIX A –  
SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE INDENTURE  
AND FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE**

The following is a summary of certain provisions of the indenture (the “Original Indenture”) and the supplemental indenture (“Supplemental Indenture”) that the Fund expects to enter into in connection with the issuance of debt securities. This summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the indenture, a copy of which will be filed with the Commission in connection with an offering of debt securities by the Fund.

**DEFINITIONS**

“**AA’ Composite Commercial Paper Rate**” on any date means (i) the interest equivalent of (1) the 7-day rate, in the case of a Rate Period which is 7 days or shorter, (2) the 30-day rate, in the case of a Rate Period which is a Standard Rate Period greater than 7 days but fewer than or equal to 31 days, or (3) the 180-day rate, in the case of all other Rate Periods, on financial commercial paper on behalf of issuers whose corporate bonds are rated “AA” by S&P, or the equivalent of such rating by another nationally recognized rating agency, as announced by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding such date; or (ii) if the Federal Reserve Bank of New York does not make available such a rate, then the arithmetic average of the interest equivalent of such rates on financial commercial paper placed on behalf of such issuers, as quoted on a discount basis or otherwise by the Commercial Paper Dealers to the Auction Agent for the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding such date (rounded to the next highest .001 of 1%). If any Commercial Paper Dealer does not quote a rate required to determine the “AA” Composite Commercial Paper Rate, such rate shall be determined on the basis of the quotations (or quotation) furnished by the remaining Commercial Paper Dealers (or Dealer), if any, or, if there are no such Commercial Paper Dealers, a nationally recognized dealer in commercial paper of such issues then making such quotations selected by the Issuer. For purposes of this definition, (A) “Commercial Paper Dealers” shall mean (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and ; (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in lieu of any thereof, its respective Affiliate or successor; and (3) in the event that any of the foregoing shall cease to quote rates for financial commercial paper of issuers of the sort described above, in substitution therefor, a nationally recognized dealer in financial commercial paper of such issuers then making such quotations selected by the Issuer, and (B) “interest equivalent” of a rate stated on a discount basis for financial commercial paper of a given number of days’ maturity shall mean a number equal to the quotient (rounded upward to the next higher one-thousandth of 1%) of (1) such rate expressed as a decimal, divided by (2) the difference between (x) 1.00 and (y) a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the product of such rate expressed as a decimal, multiplied by the number of days in which such commercial paper shall mature and the denominator of which shall be 360.

“**Affiliate**” means any person controlled by, in control of or under common control with the Issuer; provided that no Broker-Dealer controlled by, in control of or under common control with the Issuer shall be deemed to be an Affiliate nor shall any corporation or any person controlled by, in control of or under common control with such corporation one of the directors or executive officers of which is also a Director of the Issuer be deemed to be an Affiliate solely because such director or executive officer is also a Director of the Issuer.

“**Agent Member**” means a member of or participant in the Securities Depository that will act on behalf of a Bidder.

“**All Hold Rate**” means 80% of the “AA” Composite Commercial Paper Rate.

“**Applicable Rate**” means the rate determined in accordance with the procedures in Section 2.02(c)(i) of this Supplemental Indenture.

“**Auction**” means each periodic implementation of the Auction Procedures.



“**Auction Agent**” means \_\_\_\_\_ unless and until another commercial bank, trust company, or other financial institution appointed by a resolution of the Board of Directors enters into an agreement with the Issuer to follow the Auction Procedures for the purpose of determining the Applicable Rate.

“**Auction Agreement**” means the agreement between the Auction Agent and the Issuer pursuant to which the Auction Agent agrees to follow the procedures specified in Appendix A-I to this Supplemental Indenture, as such agreement may from time to time be amended or supplemented.

“**Auction Date**” means the first Business Day next preceding the first day of a Rate Period for each series of Notes.

“**Auction Desk**” means the business unit of a Broker-Dealer that fulfills the responsibilities of the Broker-Dealer under a Broker-Dealer Agreement, including soliciting Bids for the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, and units of the Broker-Dealer which are not separated by information controls appropriate to control, limit and monitor the inappropriate dissemination of information about Bids.

“**Auction Period**” means with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, either a Standard Auction Period or a Special Auction Period, as applicable.

“**Auction Procedures**” means the procedures for conducting Auctions set forth in Appendix A-I hereto.

“**Auction Rate**” means for each series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes for each Auction Period, (i) if Sufficient Clearing Bids exist, the Winning Bid Rate, provided, however, if all of the Notes are the subject of Submitted Hold Orders, the All Hold Rate for such series of Notes and (ii) if Sufficient Clearing Bids do not exist, the Maximum Rate for such series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes.

“**Authorized Denomination**” means \$25,000 and any integral multiple thereof.

“**Available \_\_\_\_\_ Notes**” means for each series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes on each Auction Date, the number of Units of Notes of such series that are not the subject of Submitted Hold Orders.

“**Beneficial Owner**,” with respect to each series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, means a customer of a Broker-Dealer who is listed on the records of that Broker-Dealer (or, if applicable, the Auction Agent) as a holder of such series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes.

“**Bid**” shall have the meaning specified in Appendix A-I hereto.

“**Bidder**” means each Beneficial Owner, Potential Beneficial Owner and Broker Dealer who places an Order.

“**Board of Directors**” or “**Board**” means the Board of Directors of the Issuer or any duly authorized committee thereof as permitted by applicable law.

“**Broker-Dealer**” means any broker-dealer or broker-dealers, or other entity permitted by law to perform the function required of a Broker-Dealer by the Auction Procedures, that has been selected by the Issuer and that is a party to a Broker-Dealer Agreement with the Auction Agent.

“**Broker-Dealer Agreement**” means an agreement between the Auction Agent and a Broker-Dealer, pursuant to which such Broker-Dealer agrees to follow the Auction Procedures.

“**Broker-Dealer Deadline**” means, with respect to an Order, the internal deadline established by the Broker-Dealer through which the Order was placed after which it will not accept Orders or any change in any

Order previously placed with such Broker-Dealer; provided, however, that nothing shall prevent the Broker-Dealer from correcting Clerical Errors by the Broker-Dealer with respect to Orders from Bidders after the Broker-Dealer Deadline pursuant to the provisions herein. Any Broker-Dealer may change the time or times of its Broker-Dealer Deadline as it relates to such Broker-Dealer by giving notice not less than two Business Days prior to the date such change is to take effect to Bidders who place Orders through such Broker-Dealer.

“**Business Day**” means a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading and which is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banks in the City of New York, New York are authorized or obligated by law to close, days on which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is not open for business, days on which banking institutions or trust companies located in the state in which the operations of the Auction Agent are conducted are authorized or required to be closed by law, regulation or executive order of the state in which the Auction Agent conducts operations with respect to the Notes.

“**Clerical Error**” means a clerical error in the processing of an Order, and includes, but is not limited to, the following: (i) a transmission error, including but not limited to, an Order sent to the wrong address or number, failure to transmit certain pages or illegible transmission, (ii) failure to transmit an Order received from one or more Existing Holders or Potential Beneficial Owners (including Orders from the Broker-Dealer which were not originated by the Auction Desk) prior to the Broker-Dealer Deadline or generated by the Broker-Dealer’s Auction Desk for its own account prior to the Submission Deadline or (iii) a typographical error. Determining whether an error is a “Clerical Error” is within the reasonable judgment of the Broker-Dealer, provided that the Broker-Dealer has a record of the correct Order that shows it was so received or so generated prior to the Broker-Dealer Deadline or the Submission Deadline, as applicable.

“**Code**” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“**Commercial Paper Dealers**” has the meaning set forth in the definition of AA Composite Commercial Paper Rate.

“**Commission**” means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“**Default Rate**” means the Reference Rate multiplied by three (3).

“**Deposit Securities**” means cash and any obligations or securities, including short term money market instruments that are Eligible Assets, rated at least \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, except that, such obligations or securities shall be considered “Deposit Securities” only if they are also rated at least P-2 by Moody’s.

“**Discount Factor**” means the Moody’s Discount Factor (if Moody’s is then rating \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes), \_\_\_\_\_ Discount Factor (if \_\_\_\_\_ is then rating the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes) or an Other Rating Agency Discount Factor, whichever is applicable.

“**Discounted Value**” means the quotient of the Market Value of an Eligible Asset divided by the applicable Discount Factor, provided that with respect to an Eligible Asset that is currently callable, Discounted Value will be equal to the quotient as calculated above or the call price, whichever is lower, and that with respect to an Eligible Asset that is prepayable, Discounted Value will be equal to the quotient as calculated above or the par value, whichever is lower.

“**Eligible Assets**” means Moody’s Eligible Assets or \_\_\_\_\_’s Eligible Assets (if Moody’s or \_\_\_\_\_ are then rating the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes) and/or Other Rating Agency Eligible Assets, whichever is applicable.

“**Error Correction Deadline**” means one hour after the Auction Agent completes the dissemination of the results of the Auction to Broker-Dealers without regard to the time of receipt of such results by any Broker-

Dealer; provided, however, in no event shall the Error Correction Deadline extend past 4:00 p.m., New York City time unless the Auction Agent experiences technological failure or force majeure in disseminating the Auction results which causes a delay in dissemination past 3:00 p.m., New York City time.

“**Existing Holder**,” with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of a series, shall mean a Broker-Dealer (or any such other Person as may be permitted by the Issuer) that is listed on the records of the Auction Agent as a holder of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series.

“ \_\_\_\_\_ means \_\_\_\_\_ Ratings and its successors at law.

“ \_\_\_\_\_ **Discount Factor**” means the discount factors set forth in the Guidelines for use in calculating the Discounted Value of the Issuer’s assets in connection with \_\_\_\_\_ ’s ratings of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes.

“ \_\_\_\_\_ **Eligible Asset**” means assets of the Issuer set forth in the \_\_\_\_\_ Guidelines as eligible for inclusion in calculating the Discounted Value of the Issuer’s assets in connection with \_\_\_\_\_ ’s ratings of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes.

“ \_\_\_\_\_ **Guidelines**” mean the guidelines provided by \_\_\_\_\_ , as may be amended from time to time, in connection with \_\_\_\_\_ ’s ratings of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes.

“**Hold Order**” shall have the meaning specified in Appendix A-I hereto or an Order deemed to have been submitted as provided in paragraph (c) of Section 1 of Appendix A-I hereto.

“**Holder**” means, with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, the registered holder of notes of each series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes as the same appears on the books or records of the Issuer.

“**Index**” means on any Auction Date with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ Notes in any Auction Period of 35 days or less the applicable LIBOR rate. The Index with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ Notes in any Auction Period of more than 35 days shall be the rate on United States Treasury Securities having a maturity which most closely approximates the length of the Auction Period as last published in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as may be mutually agreed upon by the Trustee and the Broker-Dealers. If either rate is unavailable, the Index shall be an index or rate agreed to by all Broker-Dealers and consented to by the Issuer. For the purpose of this definition an Auction Period of 35 days or less means a 35-day Auction Period or shorter Auction Period, i.e., a 35-day Auction Period which is extended because of a holiday would still be considered an Auction Period of 35 days or less.

“**Interest Payment Date**” when used with respect to any \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, means the date on which an installment of interest on such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes shall be due and payable which generally shall be the day next following an Auction Date.

“**LIBOR**” means, for purposes of determining the Reference Rate, (i) the rate for deposits in U.S. dollars for the designated Rate Period, which appears on display page 3750 of Moneyline’s Telerate Service (“Telerate Page 3750”) (or such other page as may replace that page on that service, or such other service as may be selected by Lehman Brothers Inc. or its successors) as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on the day that is the Business Day on the Auction Date or, if the Auction Date is not a Business Day, the Business Day preceding the Auction Date (the “LIBOR Determination Date”), or (ii) if such rate does not appear on Telerate Page 3750 or such other page as may replace such Telerate Page 3750, (A) \_\_\_\_\_ shall determine the arithmetic mean of the offered quotations of the reference banks to leading banks in the London interbank market for deposits in U.S. dollars for the designated Rate Period in an amount determined by \_\_\_\_\_ by reference to requests for quotations as of approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time) on such date made by \_\_\_\_\_ to the reference banks, (B) if at least two of the reference banks provide such quotations, LIBOR shall equal such arithmetic mean of such quotations, (C) if only one or none of the reference banks provide such quotations, LIBOR shall be deemed to be the

arithmetic mean of the offered quotations that leading banks in The City of New York, New York selected by (after obtaining the Issuer's approval) are quoting on the relevant LIBOR Determination Date for deposits in U.S. dollars for the designated Rate Period in an amount determined by (after obtaining the Issuer's approval) that is representative of a single transaction in such market at such time by reference to the principal London office of leading banks in the London interbank market; provided, however, that if is not a Broker-Dealer or does not quote a rate required to determine LIBOR, LIBOR will be determined on the basis of the quotation or quotations furnished by any other Broker-Dealer selected by the Issuer to provide such rate or rates not being supplied by ; provided further, that if and/or a substitute Broker-Dealer are required but unable to determine a rate in accordance with at least one of the procedures provided above, LIBOR shall be the most recently determinable LIBOR. If the number of Rate Period days shall be (i) 7 or more but fewer than 21 days, such rate shall be the seven-day LIBOR rate; (ii) more than 21 but fewer than 49 days, such rate shall be one-month LIBOR rate; (iii) 49 or more but fewer than 77 days, such rate shall be the two-month LIBOR rate; (iv) 77 or more but fewer than 112 days, such rate shall be the three-month LIBOR rate; (v) 112 or more but fewer than 140 days, such rate shall be the four-month LIBOR rate; (vi) 140 or more but fewer than 168 days, such rate shall be the five-month LIBOR rate; (vii) 168 or more but fewer 189 days, such rate shall be the six-month LIBOR rate; (viii) 189 or more but fewer than 217 days, such rate shall be the seven-month LIBOR rate; (ix) 217 or more but fewer than 252 days, such rate shall be the eight-month LIBOR rate; (x) 252 or more but fewer than 287 days, such rate shall be the nine-month LIBOR rate; (xi) 287 or more but fewer than 315 days, such rate shall be the ten-month LIBOR rate; (xii) 315 or more but fewer than 343 days, such rate shall be the eleven-month LIBOR rate; and (xiii) 343 or more days but fewer than 365 days, such rate shall be the twelve-month LIBOR rate.

**“Market Value”** means the market value of an asset of the Issuer determined as follows: For equity securities, the value obtained from readily available market quotations. If an equity security is not traded on an exchange or not available from a Board-approved pricing service, the value obtained from written broker-dealer quotations. For fixed-income securities, the value obtained from readily available market quotations based on the last sale price of a security on the day the Issuer values its assets or the market value obtained from a pricing service or the value obtained from a direct written broker-dealer quotation from a dealer who has made a market in the security. “Market Value” for other securities will mean the value obtained pursuant to the Issuer's valuation procedures. If the market value of a security cannot be obtained, or the Issuer's investment adviser determines that the value of a security as so obtained does not represent the fair value of a security, fair value for that security shall be determined pursuant to the valuation procedures adopted by the Board of Directors.

**“Maximum Rate”** means, on any date on which the Applicable Rate is determined, the rate equal to the applicable percentage of the Reference Rate, subject to upward but not downward adjustment in the discretion of the Board of Directors after consultation with the Broker-Dealers, provided that immediately following any such increase the Issuer would be in compliance with the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount.

**“Minimum Rate”** means, on any Auction Date with respect to a Rate Period of days or fewer, 70% of the AA Composite Commercial Paper Rate at the close of business on the Business Day next preceding such Auction Date. There shall be no Minimum Rate on any Auction Date with respect to a Rate Period of more than the Standard Rate Period.

**“Moody's”** means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its successors at law.

**“Moody's Discount Factor”** means the discount factors set forth in the Moody's Guidelines for use in calculating the Discounted Value of the Issuer's assets in connection with Moody's ratings of Notes.

**“Moody's Eligible Assets”** means assets of the Issuer set forth in the Moody's Guidelines as eligible for inclusion in calculating the Discounted Value of the Issuer's assets in connection with Moody's ratings of Notes.

“**Moody’s Guidelines**” mean the guidelines provided by Moody’s, as may be amended from time to time, in connection with Moody’s ratings of Notes.

“**1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage**” means asset coverage, as determined in accordance with Section 18(h) of the Investment Company Act, of at least 300% with respect to all outstanding senior securities representing indebtedness of the Issuer, including all Outstanding Notes (or such other asset coverage as may in the future be specified in or under the Investment Company Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring dividends on its common stock), determined on the basis of values calculated as of a time within 48 hours next preceding the time of such determination.

“**Notes**” means Securities of the Issuer ranking on a parity with the Notes that may be issued from time to time pursuant to the Indenture.

“**Order**” means a Hold Order, Bid or Sell Order.

“**Original Issue Date**” means, with respect to the Notes, .

“**Other Rating Agency**” means each rating agency, if any, other than Moody’s or then providing a rating for the Notes pursuant to the request of the Issuer.

“**Other Rating Agency Discount Factor**” means the discount factors set forth in the Other Rating Agency Guidelines of each Other Rating Agency for use in calculating the Discounted Value of the Issuer’s assets in connection with the Other Rating Agency’s rating of Notes.

“**Other Rating Agency Eligible Assets**” means assets of the Issuer set forth in the Other Rating Agency Guidelines of each Other Rating Agency as eligible for inclusion in calculating the Discounted Value of the Issuer’s assets in connection with the Other Rating Agency’s rating of Notes.

“**Other Rating Agency Guidelines**” mean the guidelines provided by each Other Rating Agency, as may be amended from time to time, in connection with the Other Rating Agency’s rating of Notes.

“**Outstanding**” or “**outstanding**” means, as of any date, Notes theretofore issued by the Issuer except, without duplication, (i) any Notes theretofore canceled, redeemed or repurchased by the Issuer, or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation or with respect to which the Issuer has given notice of redemption and irrevocably deposited with the Paying Agent sufficient funds to redeem such Notes and (ii) any Notes represented by any certificate in lieu of which a new certificate has been executed and delivered by the Issuer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (A) in connection with any Auction, any series of Notes as to which the Issuer or any person known to the Auction Agent to be an Affiliate of the Issuer shall be the Existing Holder thereof shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding; and (B) for purposes of determining the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount, Notes held by the Issuer shall be disregarded and not deemed Outstanding but Notes held by any Affiliate of the Issuer shall be deemed Outstanding.

“**Paying Agent**” means unless and until another entity appointed by a resolution of the Board of Directors enters into an agreement with the Issuer to serve as paying agent, transfer agent, registrar, and redemption agent with respect to the Notes, which Paying Agent may be the same as the Trustee or the Auction Agent.

“**Person**” or “**person**” means and includes an individual, a partnership, a trust, a company, an unincorporated association, a joint venture or other entity or a government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

“**Potential Beneficial Owner**,” with respect to a series of Notes, shall mean a customer of a Broker-Dealer that is not a Beneficial Owner of Notes of such series but that wishes to purchase Notes of such series, or that is a Beneficial Owner of Notes of such series that wishes to purchase additional Notes of such series; provided, however, that for purposes of conducting an Auction, the Auction Agent may consider a Broker-Dealer acting on behalf of its customer as a Potential Beneficial Owner.

“**Potential Holder**,” with respect to Notes of such series, shall mean a Broker-Dealer (or any such other person as may be permitted by the Issuer) that is not an Existing Holder of Notes of such series or that is an Existing Holder of Notes of such series that wishes to become the Existing Holder of additional Notes of such series; provided, however, that for purposes of conducting an Auction, the Auction Agent may consider a Broker-Dealer acting on behalf of its customer as a Potential Holder.

“**Rate Period**” means, with respect to a series of Notes, the period commencing on the Original Issue Date thereof and ending on the date specified for such series on the Original Issue Date thereof and thereafter, as to such series, the period commencing on the day following each Rate Period for such series and ending on the day established for such series by the Issuer.

“**Rating Agency**” means each of (if is then rating Notes), Moody’s (if Moody’s is then rating Notes) and any Other Rating Agency.

“**Rating Agency Guidelines**” mean Guidelines (if is then rating Notes), Moody’s Guidelines (if Moody’s is then rating Notes) and any Other Rating Agency Guidelines.

“**Redemption Date**,” when used with respect to any Note to be redeemed, means the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to the Indenture.

“**Redemption Price**,” when used with respect to any Note to be redeemed, means the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to the Indenture.

“**Reference Rate**” means, with respect to the determination of the Maximum Rate and Default Rate, the greater of (i) the applicable AA Composite Commercial Paper Rate (for a Rate Period of fewer than 184 days) or the applicable Treasury Index Rate (for a Rate Period of 184 days or more), or (ii) the applicable LIBOR Rate.

“**Securities Act**” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time.

“**Securities Depository**” means The Depository Trust Company and its successors and assigns or any successor securities depository selected by the Issuer that agrees to follow the procedures required to be followed by such securities depository in connection with the Notes Series .

“**Sell Order**” shall have the meaning specified in Appendix A-I hereto.

“**Special Auction Period**” means an Auction Period that is not a Standard Auction Period.

“**Special Rate Period**” means a Rate Period that is not a Standard Rate Period.

“**Specific Redemption Provisions**” means, with respect to any Special Rate Period of more than one year, either, or any combination of a period (a “Non-Call Period”) determined by the Board of Directors after consultation with the Broker-Dealers, during which the Notes subject to such Special Rate Period are not subject to redemption at the option of the Issuer consisting of a number of whole years as determined by the Board of Directors after consultation with the Broker-Dealers, during each year of which the Notes subject to such Special Rate Period shall be redeemable at the Issuer’s option and/or in connection with any

mandatory redemption at a price equal to the principal amount plus accrued but unpaid interest plus a premium expressed as a percentage or percentages of \$25,000 or expressed as a formula using specified variables as determined by the Board of Directors after consultation with the Broker-Dealers.

“**Standard Auction Period**” means an Auction Period of \_\_\_\_\_ days.

“**Standard Rate Period**” means a Rate Period of \_\_\_\_\_ days.

“**Stated Maturity**” with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ Notes Series \_\_\_\_\_, shall mean \_\_\_\_\_.

“**Submission Deadline**” means 1:00 P.M., New York City time, on any Auction Date or such other time on such date as shall be specified by the Auction Agent from time to time pursuant to the Auction Agreement as the time by which the Broker-Dealers are required to submit Orders to the Auction Agent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Auction Agent will follow the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association’s Early Market Close Recommendations for shortened trading days for the bond markets (the “SIFMA Recommendation”) unless the Auction Agent is instructed otherwise in writing by the Issuer. In the event of a SIFMA Recommendation with respect to an Auction Date, the Submission Deadline will be 11:30 A.M., instead of 1:00 P.M., New York City time.

“**Submitted Bid**” shall have the meaning specified in Appendix A-I hereto.

“**Submitted Hold Order**” shall have the meaning specified in Appendix A-I hereto.

“**Submitted Order**” shall have the meaning specified in Appendix A-I hereto.

“**Submitted Sell Order**” shall have the meaning specified in Appendix A-I hereto.

“**Sufficient Clearing Bids**” means for each series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, an Auction for which the number of Units of Notes of such series that are the subject of Submitted Bids by Potential Beneficial Owners specifying one or more rates not higher than the Maximum Rate is not less than the number of Units of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series that are the subject of Submitted Sell Orders and of Submitted Bids by Existing Holders specifying rates higher than the Maximum Rate.

“ \_\_\_\_\_ **Notes Basic Maintenance Amount**” as of any Valuation Date has the meaning set forth in the Rating Agency Guidelines.

“ \_\_\_\_\_ **Notes Series** \_\_\_\_\_ “ means the Series \_\_\_\_\_ Notes or any other Notes hereinafter designated as Series of the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes.

“**Treasury Index Rate**” means the average yield to maturity for actively traded marketable U.S. Treasury fixed interest rate securities having the same number of 30-day periods to maturity as the length of the applicable Rate Period, determined, to the extent necessary, by linear interpolation based upon the yield for such securities having the next shorter and next longer number of 30-day periods to maturity treating all Rate Periods with a length greater than the longest maturity for such securities as having a length equal to such longest maturity, in all cases based upon data set forth in the most recent weekly statistical release published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (currently in H.15(519)); provided, however, if the most recent such statistical release shall not have been published during the 15 days preceding the date of computation, the foregoing computations shall be based upon the average of comparable data as quoted to the Issuer by at least three recognized dealers in U.S. Government securities selected by the Issuer.

“**Trustee**” means \_\_\_\_\_ or such other person who is named as a trustee pursuant to the terms of the Indenture.

“**Unit**” means, with respect to each series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, the principal amount of the minimum Authorized Denomination of the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes.

“**Valuation Date**” means every Friday, or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next preceding Business Day; provided, however, that the first Valuation Date may occur on any other date established by the Issuer; provided, further, however, that such first Valuation Date shall be not more than one week from the date on which \_\_\_\_\_ Notes Series \_\_\_\_\_ initially are issued.

“**Winning Bid Rate**” means for each series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, the lowest rate specified in any Submitted Bid of such series of Notes which if selected by the Auction Agent as the Applicable Rate would cause the number of Units of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series that are the subject of Submitted Bids specifying a rate not greater than such rate to be not less than the number of Units of Available \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series.

## NOTE DETAILS, FORM OF NOTES AND REDEMPTION OF NOTES

### Interest

(a) The Holders of any series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes shall be entitled to receive interest payments on their \_\_\_\_\_ Notes at the Applicable Rate, determined as set forth in paragraph (c) of this Section 2.02, and no more, payable on the respective dates determined as set forth in paragraph (b) of this Section 2.02. Interest on the Outstanding \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of any series issued on the Original Issue Date shall accumulate from the Original Issue Date.

(b) (i) Interest shall be payable, subject to subparagraph (b)(ii) of this Section 2.02, on each series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, with respect to any Rate Period on the first Business Day following the last day of such Rate Period; provided, however, if the Rate Period is greater than 30 days then on a monthly basis on the first Business Day of each month within such Rate Period, not including the initial Rate Period, and on the Business Day following the last day of such Rate Period.

(ii) If a day for payment of interest resulting from the application of subparagraph (b)(i) above is not a Business Day, then the Interest Payment Date shall be the first Business Day following such day for payment of interest in the case of a series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes designated as “Series \_\_\_\_\_.”

(iii) The Issuer shall pay to the Paying Agent not later than 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Business Day next preceding each Interest Payment Date for each series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, an aggregate amount of funds available on the next Business Day in the City of New York, New York, equal to the interest to be paid to all Holders of such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes on such Interest Payment Date. The Issuer shall not be required to establish any reserves for the payment of interest.

(iv) All moneys paid to the Paying Agent for the payment of interest shall be held in trust for the payment of such interest by the Paying Agent for the benefit of the Holders specified in subparagraph (b)(v) of this Section 2.02. Any moneys paid to the Paying Agent in accordance with the foregoing but not applied by the Paying Agent to the payment of interest, including interest earned on such moneys, will, to the extent permitted by law, be repaid to the Issuer at the end of 90 days from the date on which such moneys were to have been so applied.

(v) Each interest payment on a series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes shall be paid on the Interest Payment Date therefor to the Holders of that series as their names appear on the security ledger or security records of the Issuer on the Business Day next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Interest in arrears for any past Rate Period may be declared and paid at any time, without reference to any regular Interest Payment Date, to the Holders as their names appear on the books or records of the Issuer on such date, not exceeding 15 days preceding the payment date thereof, as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. No interest will be payable in respect of any Interest Payment or payments which may be in arrears.



(c) (i) The interest rate on Outstanding \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of each series during the period from and after the Original Issue Date to and including the last day of the initial Rate Period therefor shall be equal to \_\_\_\_%. For each subsequent Rate Period with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes Outstanding thereafter, the interest rate shall be equal to the rate per annum that results from an Auction; provided, however, that if an Auction for any subsequent Rate Period of a series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes is not held for any reason or if Sufficient Clearing Bids have not been made in an Auction (other than as a result of all series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes being the subject of Submitted Hold Orders), then the interest rate on a series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes for any such Rate Period shall be the Maximum Rate (except during a Default Period (as defined below) when the interest rate shall be the Default Rate, as set forth in Section 2.02(c)(ii) below). The All Hold Rate will apply automatically following an Auction in which all of the Outstanding series \_\_\_\_\_ of Notes are subject (or are deemed to be subject) to Hold Orders. The rate per annum at which interest is payable on a series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes as determined pursuant to this Section 2(c)(i) shall be the "Applicable Rate." For Standard Rate Periods or shorter periods only, the Applicable Rate resulting from an Auction will not be less than the Minimum Rate.

(ii) Subject to the cure provisions below, a "Default Period" with respect to a particular series will commence on any date the Issuer fails to deposit irrevocably in trust in same-day funds, with the Paying Agent by 12:00 noon, New York City time, (A) the full amount of any redemption price (the "Redemption Price") payable on the date fixed for redemption (the "Redemption Date") (a "Redemption Default," which shall constitute an Event of Default pursuant to Section 5.1(7) of the Original Indenture) or (B) the full amount of any accrued interest on that series payable on the Interest Payment Date (an "Interest Default" and together with a Redemption Default, hereinafter referred to as "Default"). Subject to the cure provisions of Section 2(c)(iii) below, a Default Period with respect to an Interest Default or a Redemption Default shall end on the Business Day on which, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, all unpaid interest and any unpaid Redemption Price shall have been deposited irrevocably in trust in same-day funds with the Paying Agent. In the case of an Interest Default, the Applicable Rate for each Rate Period commencing during a Default Period will be equal to the Default Rate, and each subsequent Rate Period commencing after the beginning of a Default Period shall be a Standard Rate Period; provided, however, that the commencement of a Default Period will not by itself cause the commencement of a new Rate Period. No Auction shall be held during a Default Period with respect to an Interest Default applicable to that series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes.

(iii) No Default Period with respect to an Interest Default or Redemption Default shall be deemed to commence if the amount of any interest or any Redemption Price due (if such default is not solely due to the willful failure of the Issuer) is deposited irrevocably in trust, in same-day funds with the Paying Agent by 12:00 noon, New York City time within three Business Days after the applicable Interest Payment Date or Redemption Date, together with an amount equal to the Default Rate applied to the amount of such non-payment based on the actual number of days comprising such period divided by 360 for each series. The Default Rate shall be equal to the Reference Rate multiplied by three (3).

(iv) The amount of interest per Unit of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes payable on each Interest Payment Date of each Rate Period of less than one (1) year (or in respect of interest on another date in connection with a redemption during such Rate Period) shall be computed by multiplying the Applicable Rate (or the Default Rate) for such Rate Period (or a portion thereof) by a fraction, the numerator of which will be the number of days in such Rate Period (or portion thereof) that such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes were outstanding and for which the Applicable Rate or the Default Rate was applicable and the denominator of which will be 360, multiplying the amount so obtained by \$25,000, and rounding the amount so obtained to the nearest cent. During any Rate Period of one (1) year or more, the amount of interest per Unit of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes payable on any Interest Payment Date (or in respect of interest on another date in connection with a redemption during such Rate Period) shall be computed as described in the preceding sentence.

(d) Any Interest Payment made on any series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes shall first be credited against the earliest accrued but unpaid interest due with respect to such series.

## Redemption

(a) (i) After the initial Rate Period, subject to the provisions of this Section 2.03 and to the extent permitted under the Investment Company Act, the Issuer may, at its option, redeem in whole or in part out of funds legally available therefor a series of Notes herein designated as (A) having a Rate Period of one year or less, on the Business Day after the last day of such Rate Period by delivering a notice of redemption not less than 15 days and not more than 40 days prior to the date fixed for such redemption, at a redemption price equal to the aggregate principal amount, plus an amount equal to accrued but unpaid interest thereon (whether or not earned) to the date fixed for redemption (“Redemption Price”), or (B) having a Rate Period of more than one year, on any Business Day prior to the end of the relevant Rate Period by delivering a notice of redemption not less than 15 days and not more than 40 days prior to the date fixed for such redemption, at the Redemption Price, plus a redemption premium, if any, determined by the Board of Directors after consultation with the Broker-Dealers and set forth in any applicable Specific Redemption Provisions at the time of the designation of such Rate Period as set forth in Section 2.04 hereof; provided, however, that during a Rate Period of more than one year no series of Notes will be subject to optional redemption except in accordance with any Specific Redemption Provisions approved by the Board of Directors after consultation with the Broker-Dealers at the time of the designation of such Rate Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer shall not give a notice of or effect any redemption pursuant to this Section 2.03(a)(i) unless, on the date on which the Issuer intends to give such notice and on the date of redemption (a) the Issuer has available certain Deposit Securities with maturity or tender dates not later than the day preceding the applicable redemption date and having a value not less than the amount (including any applicable premium) due to Holders of a series of Notes by reason of the redemption of such Notes on such date fixed for the redemption and (b) the Issuer would have Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value at least equal the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount immediately subsequent to such redemption, if such redemption were to occur on such date, it being understood that the provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section 2.03 shall be applicable in such circumstances in the event the Issuer makes the deposit and takes the other action required thereby.

(ii) If the Issuer fails to maintain, as of any Valuation Date, Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value at least equal to the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount or, as of the last Business Day of any month, the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage, and such failure is not cured within ten Business Days following such Valuation Date in the case of a failure to maintain the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount or on the last Business Day of the following month in the case of a failure to maintain the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage as of such last Business Day (each an “Asset Coverage Cure Date”), the Notes will be subject to mandatory redemption out of funds legally available therefor. The aggregate principal amount of Notes to be redeemed in such circumstances will be equal to the lesser of (A) the minimum principal amount of Notes the redemption of which, if deemed to have occurred immediately prior to the opening of business on the relevant Asset Coverage Cure Date, would result in the Issuer having Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value at least equal to the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount, or sufficient to satisfy 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage, as the case may be, in either case as of the relevant Asset Coverage Cure Date (provided that, if there is no such minimum principal amount of Notes the redemption of which would have such result, all Notes then Outstanding will be redeemed), and (B) the maximum principal amount of Notes that can be redeemed out of funds expected to be available therefor on the Mandatory Redemption Date at the Mandatory Redemption Price set forth in subparagraph (a)(iii) of this Section 2.03.

(iii) In determining the Notes required to be redeemed in accordance with the foregoing Section 2.03(a)(ii), the Issuer shall allocate the aggregate principal amount of Notes required to be redeemed to satisfy the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount or the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage, as the case may be, pro rata among the Holders of Notes in proportion to the aggregate principal amount of Notes they hold, by lot or by such other method as the Issuer shall deem equitable, subject to the further provisions of this subparagraph (iii). The Issuer shall effect any required mandatory redemption pursuant to subparagraph (a)(ii) of this Section 2.03 no later than 40 days after the Asset Coverage

Cure Date (the “Mandatory Redemption Date”), except that if the Issuer does not have funds legally available for the redemption of, or is not otherwise legally permitted to redeem, the aggregate principal amount of Notes which would be required to be redeemed by the Issuer under clause (A) of subparagraph (a)(ii) of this Section 2.03 if sufficient funds were available, or the Issuer otherwise is unable to effect such redemption on or prior to such Mandatory Redemption Date, the Issuer shall redeem those Notes, and other Notes, on the earliest practicable date on which the Issuer will have such funds available, upon notice pursuant to Section 2.03(b) to record owners of the Notes to be redeemed and the Paying Agent. The Issuer will deposit with the Paying Agent funds sufficient to redeem the specified aggregate principal amount of Notes with respect to a redemption required under subparagraph (a)(ii) of this Section 2.03, by 1:00 p.m., New York City time, of the Business Day immediately preceding the Mandatory Redemption Date. If fewer than all of the Outstanding Notes are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 2.03(a)(iii), the aggregate principal amount of Notes to be redeemed shall be redeemed pro rata from the Holders of such Notes in proportion to the aggregate principal amount of such Notes held by such Holders, by lot or by such other method as the Issuer shall deem fair and equitable, subject, however, to the terms of any applicable Specific Redemption Provisions. “Mandatory Redemption Price” means the Redemption Price plus (in the case of a Rate Period of one year or more only) a redemption premium, if any, determined by the Board of Directors after consultation with the Broker-Dealers and set forth in any applicable Specific Redemption Provisions.

(b) In the event of a redemption pursuant to Section 2.03(a), the Issuer will file a notice of its intention to redeem with the Commission so as to provide at least the minimum notice required under Rule 23c-2 under the Investment Company Act or any successor provision. In addition, the Issuer shall deliver a notice of redemption to the Auction Agent and the Trustee (the “Notice of Redemption”) containing the information set forth below (i) in the case of an optional redemption pursuant to subparagraph (a)(i) above, at least three Business Days prior to the giving of notice to the Holders and (ii) in the case of a mandatory redemption pursuant to subparagraph (a)(ii) above, on or prior to the 30th day preceding the Mandatory Redemption Date. The Trustee will use its reasonable efforts to provide notice to each Holder of Notes called for redemption by electronic or other reasonable means not later than the close of business on the Business Day immediately following the day on which the Trustee determines the Notes to be redeemed (or, during a Default Period with respect to such Notes, not later than the close of business on the Business Day immediately following the day on which the Trustee receives Notice of Redemption from the Issuer). The Trustee shall confirm such notice in writing not later than the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the date fixed for redemption by providing the Notice of Redemption to each Holder of Notes called for redemption, the Paying Agent (if different from the Trustee) and the Securities Depository. Notice of Redemption will be addressed to the registered owners of each series of Notes at their addresses appearing on the books or records of the Issuer. Such Notice of Redemption will set forth (i) the date fixed for redemption, (ii) the principal amount and identity of Notes to be redeemed, (iii) the redemption price (specifying the amount of accrued interest to be included therein and any redemption premium, if any), (iv) that interest on the Notes to be redeemed will cease to accrue on such date fixed for redemption, (v) applicable cusip number(s) and (vi) the provision under which redemption shall be made. No defect in the Notice of Redemption or in the transmittal or mailing thereof will affect the validity of the redemption proceedings, except as required by applicable law. If fewer than all Notes held by any Holder are to be redeemed, the Notice of Redemption mailed to such Holder shall also specify the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed from such Holder.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section 2.03, no Notes may be redeemed unless all interest on the Outstanding Notes and all Notes of the Issuer ranking on a parity with the Notes, have been or are being contemporaneously paid or set aside for payment; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prevent the purchase or acquisition of all Outstanding Notes pursuant to the successful completion of an otherwise lawful purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to, and accepted by, Holders of all Outstanding Notes.

(d) Upon the deposit of funds sufficient to redeem any Notes with the Paying Agent and the giving of the Notice of Redemption to the Trustee under paragraph (b) of this Section 2.03, interest on such

Notes shall cease to accrue and such Notes shall no longer be deemed to be Outstanding for any purpose (including, without limitation, for purposes of calculating whether the Issuer has maintained the requisite Notes Basic Maintenance Amount or the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage), and all rights of the Holder of the Notes so called for redemption shall cease and terminate, except the right of such Holder to receive the redemption price specified herein, but without any interest or other additional amount. Such redemption price shall be paid by the Paying Agent to the nominee of the Securities Depository. The Issuer shall be entitled to receive from the Paying Agent, promptly after the date fixed for redemption, any cash deposited with the Paying Agent in excess of (i) the aggregate redemption price of the Notes called for redemption on such date and (ii) such other amounts, if any, to which Holders of the Notes called for redemption may be entitled. Any funds so deposited that are unclaimed at the end of two years from such redemption date shall, to the extent permitted by law, be paid to the Issuer, after which time the Holders of Notes so called for redemption may look only to the Issuer for payment of the redemption price and all other amounts, if any, to which they may be entitled. The Issuer shall be entitled to receive, from time to time after the date fixed for redemption, any interest earned on the funds so deposited.

(e) To the extent that any redemption for which Notice of Redemption has been given is not made by reason of the absence of legally available funds therefor, or is otherwise prohibited, such redemption shall be made as soon as practicable to the extent such funds become legally available or such redemption is no longer otherwise prohibited. Failure to redeem any series of Notes shall be deemed to exist at any time after the date specified for redemption in a Notice of Redemption when the Issuer shall have failed, for any reason whatsoever, to deposit in trust with the Paying Agent the redemption price with respect to any Notes for which such Notice of Redemption has been given. Notwithstanding the fact that the Issuer may not have redeemed any Notes for which a Notice of Redemption has been given, interest may be paid on a series of Notes and shall include those Notes for which Notice of Redemption has been given but for which deposit of funds has not been made.

(f) All moneys paid to the Paying Agent for payment of the redemption price of any Notes called for redemption shall be held in trust by the Paying Agent for the benefit of Holders of Notes to be redeemed.

(g) So long as any Notes are held of record by the nominee of the Securities Depository, the redemption price for such Notes will be paid on the date fixed for redemption to the nominee of the Securities Depository for distribution to Agent Members for distribution to the persons for whom they are acting as agent.

(h) Except for the provisions described above, nothing contained herein limits any right of the Issuer to purchase or otherwise acquire any Notes outside of an Auction at any price, whether higher or lower than the price that would be paid in connection with an optional or mandatory redemption, so long as, at the time of any such purchase, there is no arrearage in the payment of interest on, or the mandatory or optional redemption price with respect to, any series of Notes for which Notice of Redemption has been given and the Issuer is in compliance with the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage and has Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value at least equal to the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount after giving effect to such purchase or acquisition on the date thereof. If fewer than all the Outstanding Notes of any series are redeemed or otherwise acquired by the Issuer, the Issuer shall give notice of such transaction to the Trustee, in accordance with the procedures agreed upon by the Board of Directors.

(i) The Board of Directors may, without further consent of the holders of the Notes or the holders of shares of capital stock of the Issuer, authorize, create or issue any class or series of Notes, including other series of Notes, ranking prior to or on a parity with the Notes to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act, if, upon issuance, either (A) the net proceeds from the sale of such Notes (or such portion thereof needed to redeem or repurchase the Outstanding Notes) are deposited with the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.03(d), Notice of Redemption as contemplated by Section 2.03(b) has been delivered

prior thereto or is sent promptly thereafter, and such proceeds are used to redeem all Outstanding Notes or (B) the Issuer would meet the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage, the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount and the requirements of Section 2.08 hereof.

(j) If any Notes are to be redeemed and such Notes are held by the Securities Depository, the Issuer shall include in the notice of redemption delivered to the Securities Depository: (i) under an item entitled “Publication Date for Securities Depository Purposes”, the Interest Payment Date prior to the Redemption Date, and (ii) an instruction to the Securities Depository to (x) determine on such Publication Date after the Auction held on the immediately preceding Auction Date has settled, the Depository participants whose Securities Depository positions will be redeemed and the principal amount of such Notes to be redeemed from each such position (the “Securities Depository Redemption Information”), and (y) notify the Auction Agent immediately after such determination of (A) the positions of the Depository Participants in such Notes immediately prior to such Auction settlement, (B) the positions of the Depository Participants in such Notes immediately following such Auction settlement and (C) the Securities Depository Redemption Information. “Publication Date” shall mean three Business Days after the Auction Date next preceding such Redemption Date.

### **Designation of Rate Period**

The initial Rate Period for each series of Notes is as set forth under “Designation” in Section 2.01(a) above. The Issuer will designate the duration of subsequent Rate Periods of each series of Notes; provided, however, that no such designation is necessary for a Standard Rate Period and, provided further, that any designation of a Special Rate Period shall be effective only if (i) notice thereof shall have been given as provided herein, (ii) any failure to pay in a timely manner to the Trustee the full amount of any interest on, or the redemption price of, Notes shall have been cured as provided above, (iii) Sufficient Clearing Bids shall have existed in an Auction held on the Auction Date immediately preceding the first day of such proposed Special Rate Period, (iv) if the Issuer shall have mailed a Notice of Redemption with respect to any Notes, the redemption price with respect to such Notes shall have been deposited with the Paying Agent, and (v) in the case of the designation of a Special Rate Period, the Issuer has confirmed that as of the Auction Date next preceding the first day of such Special Rate Period, it has Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value at least equal to the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount, and the Issuer has consulted with the Broker-Dealers and has provided notice of such designation and otherwise complied with the Rating Agency Guidelines.

If the Issuer proposes to designate any Special Rate Period, not fewer than 7 (or two Business Days in the event the duration of the Rate Period prior to such Special Rate Period is fewer than 8 days) nor more than 30 Business Days prior to the first day of such Special Rate Period, notice shall be (i) made by press release and (ii) communicated by the Issuer by telephonic or other means to the Trustee and confirmed in writing promptly thereafter. Each such notice shall state (A) that the Issuer proposes to exercise its option to designate a succeeding Special Rate Period, specifying the first and last days thereof and (B) that the Issuer will by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second Business Day next preceding the first day of such Special Rate Period, notify the Auction Agent and the Trustee, who will promptly notify the Broker-Dealers, of either (x) its determination, subject to certain conditions, to proceed with such Special Rate Period, subject to the terms of any Specific Redemption Provisions, or (y) its determination not to proceed with such Special Rate Period, in which latter event the succeeding Rate Period shall be a Standard Rate Period.

No later than 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second Business Day next preceding the first day of any proposed Special Rate Period, the Issuer shall deliver to the Auction Agent and Trustee, who will promptly deliver to the Broker-Dealers and Existing Holders, either:

(i) a notice stating (A) that the Issuer has determined to designate the next succeeding Rate Period as a Special Rate Period, specifying the first and last days thereof and (B) the terms of any Specific Redemption Provisions; or

(ii) a notice stating that the Issuer has determined not to exercise its option to designate a Special Rate Period.

If the Issuer fails to deliver either such notice with respect to any designation of any proposed Special Rate Period to the Auction Agent or is unable to make the confirmation provided in clause (v) of Paragraph (a) of this Section 2.04 by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second Business Day next preceding the first day of such proposed Special Rate Period, the Issuer shall be deemed to have delivered a notice to the Auction Agent with respect to such Rate Period to the effect set forth in clause (ii) above, thereby resulting in a Standard Rate Period.

### **Restrictions on Transfer**

Notes may be transferred only (a) pursuant to an order placed in an Auction, (b) to or through a Broker-Dealer or (c) to the Issuer or any Affiliate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transfer other than pursuant to an Auction will not be effective unless the selling Existing Holder or the Agent Member of such Existing Holder, in the case of an Existing Holder whose Notes are listed in its own name on the books of the Auction Agent, or the Broker-Dealer or Agent Member of such Broker-Dealer, in the case of a transfer between persons holding Notes through different Broker-Dealers, advises the Auction Agent of such transfer. The certificates representing the Notes issued to the Securities Depository will bear legends with respect to the restrictions described above and stop-transfer instructions will be issued to the Transfer Agent and/or Registrar.

### **1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage**

The Issuer shall maintain, as of the last Business Day of each month in which any Notes are Outstanding, asset coverage with respect to the Notes which is equal to or greater than the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage; provided, however, that Section 2.03(a)(ii) shall be the sole remedy in the event the Issuer fails to do so.

### **Notes Basic Maintenance Amount**

So long as the Notes are Outstanding and any Rating Agency is then rating the Notes, the Issuer shall maintain, as of each Valuation Date, Eligible Assets having an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount; provided, however, that Section 2.03(a)(ii) shall be the sole remedy in the event the Issuer fails to do so.

### **Certain Other Restrictions**

For so long as any Notes are Outstanding and any Rating Agency is then rating the Notes, the Issuer will not engage in certain proscribed transactions set forth in the Rating Agency Guidelines, unless it has received written confirmation from each such Rating Agency that proscribes the applicable transaction in its Rating Agency Guidelines that any such action would not impair the rating then assigned by such Rating Agency to a series of Notes.

For so long as any Notes are Outstanding, the Issuer will not declare, pay or set apart for payment any dividend or other distribution (other than a dividend or distribution paid in shares of, or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase, common shares or other shares of capital stock of the Issuer) upon any class of shares of capital stock of the Issuer, unless, in every such case, immediately after such transaction, the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage would be achieved after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution, or purchase price, as the case may be; provided, however, that dividends may be declared upon any preferred shares of capital stock of the Issuer if the Notes and any other senior securities representing indebtedness of the Issuer have an asset coverage of at least 200% at the time of declaration thereof, after deducting the amount of such dividend.

A declaration of a dividend or other distribution on or purchase or redemption of any common or preferred shares of capital stock of the Issuer is prohibited (i) at any time that an Event of Default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing, (ii) if after giving effect to such declaration, the Issuer would not have Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value at least equal to the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount or the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage, or (iii) the Issuer has not redeemed the full amount of Notes required to be redeemed by any provisions for mandatory redemption contained herein.

### **Compliance Procedures for Asset Maintenance Tests**

For so long as any Notes are Outstanding and any Rating Agency is then rating such Notes:

(a) As of each Valuation Date, the Issuer shall determine in accordance with the procedures specified herein (i) the Market Value of each Eligible Asset owned by the Issuer on that date, (ii) the Discounted Value of each such Eligible Asset using the Discount Factors, (iii) whether the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount is met as of that date, (iv) the value of the total assets of the Issuer, less all liabilities, and (v) whether the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage is met as of that date.

(b) Upon any failure to maintain the required Notes Basic Maintenance Amount or 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage on any Valuation Date, the Issuer may use reasonable commercial efforts (including, without limitation, altering the composition of its portfolio, purchasing Notes outside of an Auction or in the event of a failure to file a Rating Agency Certificate (as defined below) on a timely basis, submitting the requisite Rating Agency Certificate) to re-attain (or certify in the case of a failure to file on a timely basis, as the case may be) the required Notes Basic Maintenance Amount or 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage on or prior to the Asset Coverage Cure Date.

(c) Compliance with the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount and 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage tests shall be determined with reference to those Notes which are deemed to be Outstanding hereunder.

(d) The Issuer shall deliver to each Rating Agency which is then rating Notes and any other party specified in the Rating Agency Guidelines all certificates that are set forth in the respective Rating Agency Guidelines regarding 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage, Notes Basic Maintenance Amount and/or related calculations at such times and containing such information as set forth in the respective Rating Agency Guidelines (each, a "Rating Agency Certificate").

(e) In the event that any Rating Agency Certificate is not delivered within the time periods set forth in the Rating Agency Guidelines, the Issuer shall be deemed to have failed to maintain the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount or the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage, as the case may be, on such Valuation Date for purposes of Section 2.09(b). In the event that any Rating Agency Certificate with respect to an applicable Asset Coverage Cure Date is not delivered within the time periods set forth in the Rating Agency Guidelines, the Issuer shall be deemed to have failed to have Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value at least equal to the Notes Basic Maintenance Amount or to meet the 1940 Notes Asset Coverage, as the case may be, as of the related Valuation Date, and such failure shall be deemed not to have been cured as of such Asset Coverage Cure Date for purposes of the mandatory redemption provisions.

### **Delivery of Notes**

Upon the execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture, the Issuer shall execute and deliver to the Trustee and the Trustee shall authenticate the Notes and deliver them to The Depository Trust Company and as hereinafter in this Section provided.

Prior to the delivery by the Trustee of any of the Notes, there shall have been filed with or delivered to the Trustee the following:

(a) A resolution duly adopted by the Issuer, certified by the Secretary or other Authorized Officer thereof, authorizing the execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture and the issuance of the Notes.

(b) Duly executed copies of this Supplemental Indenture and a copy of the Indenture.

(c) Rating letters from each Rating Agency rating the Notes.

(d) An Opinion of Counsel and an Officers' Certificate pursuant to Sections 3.3 and 9.3 of the Original Indenture.

### **Trustee's Authentication Certificate**

The Trustee's authentication certificate upon the Notes shall be substantially in the forms provided in Appendix hereto. No Note shall be secured hereby or entitled to the benefit hereof, or shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless a certificate of authentication, substantially in such form, has been duly executed by the Trustee; and such certificate of the Trustee upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence and the only competent evidence that such Bond has been authenticated and delivered hereunder. The Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be deemed to have been duly executed by it if manually signed by an authorized officer of the Trustee, but it shall not be necessary that the same person sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Notes issued hereunder.

## **EVENTS OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES**

### **Events of Default**

An "Event of Default" means any one of the following events set forth below (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(a) default in the payment of any interest upon a series of Notes when it becomes due and payable and the continuance of such default for thirty (30) days; or

(b) default in the payment of the principal of, or any premium on, a series of Notes at its Stated Maturity; or

(c) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of the Company in the Indenture, and continuance of such default or breach for a period of ninety (90) days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default;" or

(d) the entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of (A) a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or (B) a decree or order adjudging the Company a bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of the Company under any applicable Federal or State law, or appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order for relief or any such other decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; or



(e) the commencement by the Company of a voluntary case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or of any other case or proceeding to be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable Federal or State law, or the consent by it to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by the Company in furtherance of any such action; or

(f) if, pursuant to Section 18(a)(1)(c)(ii) of the 1940 Act on the last business day of each of twenty-four (24) consecutive calendar months, the 1940 Act Notes Asset Coverage is less than 100%; or

(g) any other Event of Default provided with respect to a series of Notes, including a default in the payment of any Redemption Price payable on the date fixed for redemption.

Unless otherwise noted, an Event of Default that relates only to one series of Notes will not affect any other series.

#### **Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment**

If an Event of Default with respect to Notes of a series at the time Outstanding occurs and is continuing, then in every such case the Trustee or the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes of that series may declare the principal amount of all the Notes of that series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by holders), and upon any such declaration such principal amount (or specified amount) shall become immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default specified in paragraphs (d) and (e) above with respect to Notes of any series at the time Outstanding occurs, the principal amount of all the Notes of that series shall automatically, and without any declaration or other action on the part of the Trustee or any holder, become immediately due and payable.

At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to Notes of any series has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Trustee, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes of that series, by written notice to the Company and the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

(a) the Company has paid or deposited with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay

(i) all overdue interest on all Notes of that series,

(ii) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Notes of that series which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and any interest thereon at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Notes,

(iii) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue interest at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Notes,

(iv) all sums paid or advanced by the Trustee and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel; and

(b) all Events of Default with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of that series, other than the non-payment of the principal of Notes of that series which have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

### **Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee**

The Company covenants that if:

(a) default is made in the payment of any interest on any \_\_\_\_\_ Notes when such interest becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 90 days, or

(b) default is made in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any \_\_\_\_\_ Notes at the Maturity thereof, the Company will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to it, for the benefit of the holders of such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, the whole amount then due and payable on such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes for principal and any premium and interest and, to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, interest on any overdue principal and premium and on any overdue interest, at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

If an Event of Default with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of any series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the holders of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series by such appropriate judicial proceedings as the Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in the Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted in the Indenture, or to enforce any other proper remedy.

### **Application of Money Collected**

Any money collected by the Trustee pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture relating to an Event of Default shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such money on account of principal or any premium or interest, upon presentation of the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

FIRST: To the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under the Indenture;

and

SECOND: To the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid for principal of and any premium and interest on the Notes in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money has been collected, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes for principal and any premium and interest, respectively.

### **Limitation On Suits**

No holder of any \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of any series shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless

(a) such holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Notes of that series;

(b) the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes of that series shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder;

(c) such holder or holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;

(d) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and

(e) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Trustee during such 60-day period by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes of that series;

it being understood and intended that no one or more of such holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of the Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other of such holders, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such holders or to enforce any right under the Indenture, except in the manner provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all of such holders.

#### **Unconditional Right of Holders to Receive Principal, Premium and Interest**

Notwithstanding any other provision in the Indenture, the holder of any Notes shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and any premium and (subject to the provisions of any supplemental indenture) interest on such Notes on the respective Stated Maturities expressed in such Notes (or, in the case of redemption, on the Redemption Date), and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such holder.

#### **Restoration of Rights and Remedies**

If the Trustee or any holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under the Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such holder, then and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceeding, the Company, the Trustee and the holders shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and the holders shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

#### **Rights and Remedies Cumulative**

Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes, no right or remedy conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

## Control By Holders

The holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes of any series shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Notes of such series, provided that

(1) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with the Indenture, and

(2) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction.

## Waiver of Past Defaults

The holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes of any series may on behalf of the holders of all the Notes of such series waive any past default hereunder with respect to such series and its consequences, except a default

(1) in the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any Notes of such series, or

(2) in respect of a covenant or provision which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each Outstanding Notes of such series affected.

Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of the Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

## SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE

The Indenture shall upon request of the Company cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of any Notes expressly provided for herein or in the terms of such security), and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture, when

(a) Either:

(i) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (1) securities which have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in the Indenture; and (2)

Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust, as provided in the Indenture) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(ii) all such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, or will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company, and the Company, in the case of this subsection (ii) has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust money in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal and any premium and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Securities which have become due and payable) or to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be;

(b) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Trust; and

(c) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under the Indenture and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) above, the obligations of the Trustee under certain provisions of the Indenture shall survive.

## **THE TRUSTEE**

### **Certain Duties and Responsibilities**

(1) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default,

(A) the Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in the Indenture and as required by the Trust Indenture Act, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into the Indenture against the Trustee; and

(B) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of the Indenture; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provision of the Indenture are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of the Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

(2) In case an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by the Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.

(3) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for special, indirect, or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, loss of profit) irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

(4) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software and hardware) services; it being understood that the Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

(5) No provision of the Indenture shall be construed to relieve the Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(A) this Subsection shall not be construed to limit the effect of Subsection (1)(A) of this Section;

(B) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it shall be proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

(C) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding securities of any series, determined as provided in the Indenture, relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under the Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series; and

(D) no provision of the Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

### **Notice of Defaults**

If a default occurs hereunder with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of any series, the Trustee shall give the Holders of Notes of such series notice of such default as and to the extent provided by the Trust Indenture Act; provided, however, that in the case of any default with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series, no such notice to Holders shall be given until at least 90 days after the occurrence thereof. For the purpose hereof, the term “default” means any event which is, or after notice or lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series.

### **Certain Rights of Trustee**

Subject to the provisions under “Certain Duties and Responsibilities” above:

(a) the Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;

(b) any request or direction of the Company shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Request or Company Order, and any resolution of the Board of Directors shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution;

(c) whenever in the administration of the Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, rely upon an Officers’ Certificate;

(d) the Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the written advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it in good faith and in reliance thereon;

(e) the Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by the Indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders pursuant to the Indenture, unless such holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction;

(f) the Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney;

(g) the Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder;

(h) the Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by the Indenture;

(i) the Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Notes and the Indenture;

(j) the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including its rights to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder; and

(k) the Trustee may request that the Company deliver an Officers' Certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to the Indenture, which Officers' Certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officers' Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.

### **Compensation and Reimbursement**

The Company agrees:

(a) to pay to the Trustee from time to time such compensation as shall be agreed in writing between the parties for all services rendered by it (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);

(b) except as otherwise expressly provided, to reimburse the Trustee upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee in accordance with any provision of the Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may be attributable to its negligence or bad faith; and

(c) to indemnify each of the Trustee or any predecessor Trustee for, and to hold it harmless against, any and all losses, liabilities, damages, claims or expenses including taxes (other than taxes imposed on the income of the Trustee) incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Company, a holder or any other Person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services in connection with an Event of Default, the expenses (including the reasonable charges and expenses of its counsel) and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law.

The provisions hereof shall survive the termination of the Indenture.

### **Conflicting Interests**

If the Trustee has or shall acquire a conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act, the Trustee shall either eliminate such interest or resign, to the extent and in the manner provided by, and subject to

the provisions of, the Trust Indenture Act and the Indenture. To the extent not prohibited by the Trust Indenture Act, the Trustee shall not be deemed to have a conflicting interest by virtue of being a trustee under the Indenture with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of more than one series.

### **Resignation and Removal; Appointment of Successor**

No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee in accordance with the applicable requirements.

The Trustee may resign at any time with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of one or more series by giving written notice thereof to the Company. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 60 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Trustee may petition, at the expense of the Company, any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series.

The Trustee may be removed at any time with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of any series by Act of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series, delivered to the Trustee and to the Company. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 30 days after the giving of a notice of removal pursuant to this paragraph, the Trustee being removed may petition, at the expense of the Company, any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series.

If at any time:

(a) the Trustee shall fail to comply after written request therefor by the Company or by any holder who has been a bona fide holder of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes for at least six months, or

(b) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such holder, or

(c) the Trustee shall become incapable of acting or shall be adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent or a receiver of the Trustee or of its property shall be appointed or any public officer shall take charge or control of the Trustee or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation, then, in any such case, (i) the Company by a Board Resolution may remove the Trustee with respect to all \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, or (ii) any holder who has been a bona fide holder of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee with respect to all \_\_\_\_\_ Notes and the appointment of a successor Trustee or Trustees.

If the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Trustee for any cause, with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of one or more series, the Company, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee or Trustees with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of that or those series (it being understood that any such successor Trustee may be appointed with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of one or more or all of such series and that at any time there shall be only one Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of any particular series) and shall comply with the applicable requirements. If, within one year after such resignation, removal or incapability, or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of any series shall be appointed by Act of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series delivered to the Company and the retiring Trustee, the successor Trustee so appointed shall, forthwith upon its acceptance of such appointment in accordance with the applicable requirements, become the successor Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series and to that extent supersede the successor Trustee appointed by the Company.

If no successor Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of any series shall have been so appointed by the Company or the holders and accepted appointment in the manner required, any holder who has been a bona fide



holder of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series.

The Company shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of the Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of any series and each appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of any series to all holders of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series in the manner provided. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

### **Acceptance of Appointment by Successor**

In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to all \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, every such successor Trustee so appointed shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company and to the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee; but, on the request of the Company or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of its charges, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee all the rights, powers and trusts of the retiring Trustee and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder.

In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of one or more (but not all) series, the Company, the retiring Trustee and each successor Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of one or more series shall execute and deliver a supplemental indenture wherein each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and which (1) shall contain such provisions as shall be necessary or desirable to transfer and confirm to, and to vest in, each successor Trustee all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, (2) if the retiring Trustee is not retiring with respect to all \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of that or those series as to which the retiring Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the retiring Trustee, and (3) shall add to or change any of the provisions of the Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, it being understood that nothing in the Indenture shall constitute such Trustees co-trustees of the same trust and that each such Trustee shall be trustee of a trust or trusts hereunder separate and apart from any trust or trusts hereunder administered by any other such Trustee; and upon the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective to the extent provided therein and each such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates; but, on request of the Company or any successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates.

Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Company shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to in the first or second preceding paragraph, as the case may be.

No successor Trustee shall accept its appointment unless at the time of such acceptance such successor Trustee shall be qualified and eligible.

## **Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business**

Any corporation into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, provided such corporation shall be otherwise qualified and eligible, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto. In case any

Notes shall have been authenticated, but not delivered, by the Trustee then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such authenticating Trustee may adopt such authentication and deliver the Notes so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor Trustee had itself authenticated such Notes.

## **CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, CONVEYANCE, TRANSFER OR LEASE**

### **Company May Consolidate, Etc., Only On Certain Terms**

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge into any other Person or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person, and the Company shall not permit any Person to consolidate with or merge into the Company, unless:

(a) in case the Company shall consolidate with or merge into another Person or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person, the Person formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the Person which acquires by conveyance or transfer, or which leases, the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety shall be a corporation, partnership or trust, shall be organized and validly existing under the laws of any domestic or foreign jurisdiction and shall expressly assume, by an indenture supplemental hereto, executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on all the Notes and the performance or observance of every covenant of the Indenture on the part of the Company to be performed or observed;

(b) immediately after giving effect to such transaction and treating any indebtedness which becomes an obligation of the Company or any subsidiary as a result of such transaction as having been incurred by the Company or such Subsidiary at the time of such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have happened and be continuing;

(c) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and, if a supplemental indenture is required in connection with such transaction, such supplemental indenture comply and that all conditions precedent in the Indenture provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with.

### **Successor Substituted**

Upon any consolidation of the Company with, or merger of the Company into, any other Person or any conveyance, transfer or lease of the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under the Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Company in the Indenture, and thereafter, except in the case of a lease, the predecessor Person shall be relieved of all obligations and covenants under the Indenture and the Notes.

## DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

### Defeasance and Discharge

Upon the Company's exercise of its option (if any) to have the provisions of the Indenture relating to Defeasance applied to any Notes or any series of Notes, as the case may be, the Company shall be deemed to have been discharged from its obligations, with respect to such Notes as provided in the Indenture on and after the date the conditions set forth are satisfied (hereinafter called "Defeasance"). For this purpose, such Defeasance means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by such Notes and to have satisfied all its other obligations under such Notes and the Indenture insofar as such Notes are concerned (and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), subject to the following which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder: (1) the rights of holders of such Notes to receive, solely from the trust fund, payments in respect of the principal of and any premium and interest on such Notes when payments are due, (2) the Company's obligations with respect to such Notes, (3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee.

### Covenant Defeasance

Upon the Company's exercise of its option (if any) to have provisions of the Indenture relating to Covenant Defeasance applied to any Notes or any series of Notes, as the case may be, (1) the Company shall be released from its obligations under certain provisions of the Indenture for the benefit of the holders of such Notes and (2) the occurrence of any event specified in the Indenture, and any such covenants provided pursuant to certain provisions of the Indenture shall be deemed not to be or result in an Event of Default, in each case with respect to such Notes as provided in the Indenture on and after the date the conditions are satisfied (hereinafter called "Covenant Defeasance"). For this purpose, such Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to such Notes, the Company may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such specified section of the Indenture, whether directly or indirectly by reason of any reference elsewhere in the Indenture, or by reason of any reference in any such section or article of the Indenture to any other provision in the Indenture or in any other document, but the remainder of the Indenture and such Notes shall be unaffected thereby.

### Conditions to Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance

(a) The Company shall irrevocably have deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee (or another trustee which satisfies the requirements and agrees to comply with the provisions of the relevant Article of the Indenture applicable to it) as trust funds in trust for the purpose of making the following payments, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefits of the holders of such Notes, (i) money in an amount, or (ii) U.S. Government Obligations which through the scheduled payment of principal and interest in respect thereof in accordance with their terms will provide, not later than one day before the due date of any payment, money in an amount, or (iii) such other obligations or arrangements as may be specified with respect to such Notes, or (iv) a combination thereof, in each case sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge, and which shall be applied by the Trustee (or any such other qualifying trustee) to pay and discharge, the principal of and any premium and interest on such Notes on the respective Stated Maturities, in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and such Notes. As used in the Indenture, "U.S. Government Obligation" means (x) any security which is (i) a direct obligation of the United States of America for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged or (ii) an obligation of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America, which, in either case (i) or (ii), is not callable or redeemable at the option of the Company thereof, and (y) any depositary receipt issued by a bank (as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Notes Act)

as custodian with respect to any U.S. Government Obligation which is specified in Clause (x) above and held by such bank for the account of the holder of such depositary receipt, or with respect to any specific payment of principal or interest on any U.S. Government Obligation which is so specified and held, provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depositary receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of principal or interest evidenced by such depositary receipt.

(b) In the event of an election to have Defeasance and Discharge apply to any \_\_\_\_\_ Notes or any series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, as the case may be, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that (i) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (ii) since the date of this instrument, there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law, in either case (i) or (ii) to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion shall confirm that, the holders of such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes will not recognize gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit, Defeasance and discharge to be effected with respect to such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would be the case if such deposit, Defeasance and discharge were not to occur.

(c) In the event of an election to have Covenant Defeasance apply to any \_\_\_\_\_ Notes or any series of \_\_\_\_\_ Notes, as the case may be, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the holders of such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes will not recognize gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit and Covenant Defeasance to be effected with respect to such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would be the case if such deposit and Covenant Defeasance were not to occur.

(d) The Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate to the effect that neither such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes nor any other \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of the same series, if then listed on any \_\_\_\_\_ Notes exchange, will be delisted as a result of such deposit.

(e) No event which is, or after notice or lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default with respect to such \_\_\_\_\_ Notes or any other \_\_\_\_\_ Notes shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such deposit or, with regard to any such event specified, at any time on or prior to the 90th day after the date of such deposit (it being understood that this condition shall not be deemed satisfied until after such 90th day).

(f) Such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not cause the Trustee to have a conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act (assuming all \_\_\_\_\_ Notes are in default within the meaning of such Act).

(g) Such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound.

(h) Such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not result in the trust arising from such deposit constituting an investment company within the meaning of the Investment Company Act unless such trust shall be registered under the Investment Company Act or exempt from registration thereunder.

(i) No event or condition shall exist that would prevent the Company from making payments of the principal of (and any premium) or interest on the \_\_\_\_\_ Notes of such series on the date of such deposit or at any time on or prior to the 90th day after the date of such deposit (it being understood that this condition shall not be deemed satisfied until after such 90th day).

(j) The Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent with respect to such Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.

(k) The Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel substantially to the effect that (i) the trust funds deposited pursuant hereto will not be subject to any rights of any holders of indebtedness or equity of the Company, and (ii) after the 90th day following the deposit, the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, except that if a court were to rule under any such law in any case or proceeding that the trust funds remained property of the Company, no opinion is given as to the effect of such laws on the trust funds except the following: (A) assuming such trust funds remained in the possession of the trustee with whom such funds were deposited prior to such court ruling to the extent not paid to holders of such Notes, such trustee would hold, for the benefit of such holders, a valid and perfected security interest in such trust funds that is not avoidable in bankruptcy or otherwise and (B) such holders would be entitled to receive adequate protection of their interests in such trust funds if such trust funds were used.

## APPENDIX B — DESCRIPTION OF RATINGS<sup>1</sup>

### Moody's Global Short-Term Rating Scale

Short-Term ratings are assigned to obligations with an original maturity of thirteen months or less and reflect both on the likelihood of default on contractually promised payments and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default.

P-1: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-1 have a superior ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

P-2: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-2 have a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

P-3: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-3 have an acceptable ability to repay short-term obligations.

NP: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

### Moody's Global Long-Term Rating Scale

Aaa: Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.

Aa: Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

A: Obligations rated A are judged to be upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

Baa: Obligations rated Baa are judged to be medium-grade and subject to moderate credit risk and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.

Ba: Obligations rated Ba are judged to be speculative and are subject to substantial credit risk.

B: Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.

Caa: Obligations rated Caa are judged to be speculative of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

Ca: Obligations rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.

C: Obligations rated C are the lowest rated and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

Note: Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category. Additionally, a "(hyb)" indicator is appended to all ratings of hybrid securities issued by banks, insurers, finance companies, and securities firms.\*

<sup>1</sup> The ratings indicated herein are believed to be the most recent ratings available at the date of this prospectus for the securities listed. Ratings are generally given to securities at the time of issuance. While the rating agencies may from time to time revise such ratings, they undertake no obligation to do so, and the ratings indicated do not necessarily represent ratings which will be given to these securities on the date of the Fund's fiscal year-end.

## **S&P Global Ratings Short-Term Issue Credit Ratings**

A-1: A short-term obligation rated 'A-1' is rated in the highest category by S&P Global Ratings. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are designated with a plus sign (+). This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on these obligations is extremely strong.

A-2: A short-term obligation rated 'A-2' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is satisfactory.

A-3: A short-term obligation rated 'A-3' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B: A short-term obligation rated 'B' is regarded as vulnerable and has significant speculative characteristics. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments.

C: A short-term obligation rated 'C' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

D: A short-term obligation rated 'D' is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P Global Ratings believes that such payments will be made within any stated grace period. However, any stated grace period longer than five business days will be treated as five business days. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. An obligation's rating is lowered to 'D' if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.

## **S&P Global Ratings Long-Term Issue Credit Ratings\***

Issue credit ratings are based, in varying degrees, on S&P Global Ratings analysis of the following considerations:

- The likelihood of payment – the capacity and willingness of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on a financial obligation in accordance with the terms of the obligation;
- The nature and provisions of the financial obligation, and the promise we impute; and
- The protection afforded by, and relative position of, the financial obligation in the event of a bankruptcy, reorganization, or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights.

Issue ratings are an assessment of default risk, but may incorporate an assessment of relative seniority or ultimate recovery in the event of default. Junior obligations are typically rated lower than senior obligations, to reflect the lower priority in bankruptcy, as noted above. (Such differentiation may apply when an entity has both senior and subordinated obligations, secured and unsecured obligations, or operating company and holding company obligations.)

AAA: An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

AA: An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.

A: An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.

BBB: An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

BB; B; CCC; CC; and C: Obligations rated 'BB', 'B', 'CCC', 'CC', and 'C' are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. 'BB' indicates the least degree of speculation and 'C' the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

BB: An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B: An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated BB, but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CCC: An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CC: An obligation rated 'CC' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The 'CC' rating is used when a default has not yet occurred, but S&P Global Ratings expects default to be a virtual certainty, regardless of the anticipated time to default.

C: An obligation rated 'C' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, and the obligation is expected to have lower relative seniority or lower ultimate recovery compared to obligations that are rated higher.

D: An obligation rated 'D' is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P Global Ratings believes that such payments will be made within five business days in the absence of a stated grace period or within the earlier of the stated grace period or 30 calendar days. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. An obligation's rating is lowered to 'D' if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.

\* Ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.

NR: This indicates that S&P Global Ratings' rating has not been assigned.



## **Local Currency and Foreign Currency Ratings**

S&P Global Ratings issuer credit ratings make a distinction between foreign currency ratings and local currency ratings. An issuer's foreign currency rating will differ from its local currency rating when the obligor has a different capacity to meet its obligations denominated in its local currency, vs. obligations denominated in a foreign currency.