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SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.
100 Verdae Boulevard, Suite 100
Greenville, South Carolina 29607
Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders
[PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT]
Dear Fellow Shareholder:
We cordially invite you to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Southern First Bancshares, Inc., the holding company for Southern First Bank. At the meeting, we will report on our performance in 2008 and answer your questions. We are excited about our accomplishments in 2008 and look forward to discussing both our accomplishments and our future plans with you. We hope that you can attend the meeting and look forward to seeing you there.
This letter serves as your official notice that we will hold the meeting on May 19, 2009 at The Poinsett Club at 807 East Washington Street, Greenville, South Carolina at 5:00 p.m. for the following purposes:
1. To elect three members to the Board of Directors;
2. To vote on an advisory, non-binding resolution approving the compensation of the Company s named executive officers as determined by the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors; and
3. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting.

Shareholders owning our common stock at the close of business on March 23, 2009 are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting. A complete list of these shareholders will be available at the company s offices prior to the meeting. If your shares are held in street name, you will need to obtain a proxy form from the institution that holds your shares in order to vote at our annual meeting.

Please use this opportunity to take part in the affairs of your company by voting on the business to come before this meeting. Even if you plan to attend the meeting, we encourage you to complete and return the enclosed proxy to us as promptly as possible.					
By order of the Box	ard of Directors,				
R. Arthur Seaver,	Jr.				
Chief Executive Officer					
Greenville, South Carolina					
[April 8, 2009]					
[PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT]					
SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.					
100 Verdae Boulevard, Suite 100					
Greenville, South Carolina 29607					
Proxy Statement for Annual Meeting of					

Shareholders to be Held on May 19, 2009

Our board of directors is soliciting proxies for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. This proxy statement contains important information for you to consider when deciding how to vote on the matters brought before the meeting. We encourage you to read it carefully.

Voting Information

The board set March 23, 2009 as the record date for the meeting. Shareholders owning our common stock at the close of business on that date are entitled to vote and to attend the meeting, with each share entitled to one vote. If you are a registered shareholder who wishes to vote at our annual meeting, you may do so by delivering your proxy card in person at the meeting. Street name shareholders who wish to vote at our annual meeting will need to obtain a proxy form from the institution that holds their shares. There were 3,044,683 shares of common stock outstanding on the record date. A majority of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote at the meeting will constitute a quorum. We will count abstentions and broker non-votes, which are described below, in determining whether a quorum exists.

Many of our shareholders hold their shares through a stockbroker, bank, or other nominee rather than directly in their own name. If you hold our shares in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the *beneficial owner* of shares held in street name, and these materials are being forwarded to you by your broker or nominee, which is considered the *shareholder of record* with respect to those shares. As the *beneficial owner*, you have the right to direct your broker or nominee how to vote and are also invited to attend the annual meeting. However, since you are not the *shareholder of record*, you may not vote these shares in person at the meeting unless you obtain a signed proxy from the *shareholder of record* giving you the right to vote the shares. Your broker or nominee has enclosed or provided a voting instruction card for you to use to direct your broker or nominee how to vote these shares.

When you sign the proxy card, you appoint James B. Orders, III and Fred Gilmer, Jr. as your representatives at the meeting. Mr. Orders and Mr. Gilmer will vote your proxy as you have instructed them on the proxy card. If you submit a proxy but do not specify how you would like it to be voted, Mr. Orders and Mr. Gilmer will vote your proxy for the election to the board of directors of all nominees listed below under Election of Directors and the resolution approving the compensation of the Company s named executive officers as determined by the compensation committee and the board of directors. We are not aware of any other matters to be considered at the meeting. However, if any other matters come before the meeting, Mr. Orders and Mr. Gilmer will vote your proxy on such matters in accordance with their judgment.

A majority or more of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote at the meeting will constitute a quorum. We will include abstentions and broker non-votes in determining whether a quorum exists. Assuming in each case that a quorum is present:

- With respect to Proposal No. 1, the directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors. This means that the individuals who receive the highest number of votes are selected as directors up to the maximum number of directors to be elected at the meeting.
- With respect to Proposal No. 2, the proposal will be considered approved if the number of shares of common stock voted in favor of the matter exceed the number of shares of common stock voted against the matter. *This vote is advisory and will not be binding upon our board of directors.* However, the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors will take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation arrangements.

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You may revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time before the polls close at the meeting. You may do this by signing and delivering another proxy with a later date or by voting in person at the meeting. Brokers who hold shares for the accounts of their clients may vote these shares either as directed by their clients or in their own discretion if permitted by the exchange or other organization of which they are members. Proxies that brokers do not vote on some proposals but that they do vote on others are referred to as "broker non-votes" with respect to the proposals not voted upon. A broker non-vote does not count as a vote in favor of or against a particular proposal for which the broker has no discretionary voting authority. In addition, if a shareholder abstains from voting on a particular proposal, the abstention does not count as a vote in favor of or against the proposal.

We are paying for the costs of preparing and mailing the proxy materials and of reimbursing brokers and others for their expenses of forwarding copies of the proxy materials to our shareholders. *Upon written or oral request, we will promptly deliver a separate copy of our annual report, our annual report on Form 10-K, or this proxy statement to our shareholders at a shared address to which a single copy of the document was delivered.* Our officers and employees may assist in soliciting proxies but will not receive additional compensation for doing

so. We are distributing this proxy statement on or about [April 8, 2009].

Important Notice of Internet Availability. The proxy statement, 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K and the enclosed annual report overview are available to the public for viewing on the Internet at http://www.cfpproxy.com/6431. Directions to the Annual Meeting can be obtained by contacting Ms. Ellen Kish at 864.679.9000.

Upon written or oral request by any shareholder, we will deliver a copy of our Form 10-K, this proxy statement and the enclosed annual report overview to our shareholders at a shared address to which a single copy of the document was delivered.

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Proposal No. 1:

Election of Directors

The Board of Directors is divided into three classes with staggered terms, so that the terms of only approximately one-third of the board members expire at each annual meeting. The current terms of the Class I directors will expire at this Annual Shareholders Meeting. The

terms of the Class II directors expire at the 2010 Annual Shareholders Meeting. The terms of the Class III directors will expire at the 2011 Annual Shareholders Meeting. Our current directors and their classes are:

<u>Class I</u>	<u>Class II</u>	Class III
Mark A. Cothran	Leighton M. Cubbage	Andrew B. Cajka
Rudolph G. Johnstone, III, M.D.	David G. Ellison	Anne S. Ellefson
R. Arthur Seaver, Jr.	James B. Orders, III	Fred Gilmer, Jr.
	William B. Sturgis	Tecumseh Hooper, Jr.

Shareholders will elect three nominees as Class I directors at the meeting to serve a three-year term, expiring at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the meeting. This means that the three nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.

The Board of Directors recommends that you elect Mark A. Cothran, Rudolph G. Johnstone, III, M.D. and R. Arthur Seaver, Jr. as Class I directors.

If you submit a proxy but do not specify how you would like it to be voted, Mr. Orders and Mr. Gilmer will vote your proxy to elect Messrs. Cothran, Johnstone and Seaver. If any of these nominees is unable or fails to accept nomination or election (which we do not anticipate), Mr. Orders and Mr. Gilmer will vote instead for a replacement to be recommended by the board of directors, unless you specifically instruct otherwise in the proxy.

Set forth below is certain information about the Class I nominees, each of whom is also a director of our subsidiary, Southern First Bank:

Mark A. Cothran, 51, Class I director, is the president and owner of Cothran Properties, LLC, a real estate development company in Greenville, South Carolina. He has been with Cothran Properties, LLC since 1986. Mr. Cothran received his bachelor s degree in finance and banking from the University of South Carolina in 1980 and is a licensed real estate broker in the State of South Carolina. He currently serves on the Tax and Legislative Committee and the National Business Park Forum of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) for which he is also the past chairman. He is also the immediate past president of the state chapter of NAIOP. He has served on the board of directors of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce s Economic Development Board, and on the Advisory Board of Greenville National Bank. He currently serves on the board of directors of General Wholesale Distributors, Inc.

Rudolph G. Trip Johnstone, III, M.D., 48, Class I director, is a physician who has practiced with the Cross Creek Asthma, Allergy, and Immunology medical clinic since 1992. He graduated from Washington & Lee University in 1982 with a degree in biology and from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1986. Dr. Johnstone served on the consulting board to Greenville National Bank from 1995 until 1998.

He is on the board of directors of Allergy Partners, PA and is a past president of the Southeastern Asthma, Allergy, and Immunology Society.

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R. Arthur Art Seaver, Jr., 45, Class I director, is the chief executive officer of our company and our bank. He has over 22 years of banking experience. From 1986 until 1992, Mr. Seaver held various positions with The Citizens & Southern National Bank of South Carolina. From 1992 until February 1999, he was with Greenville National Bank, which was acquired by Regions Bank in 1998. He was the senior vice president in lending and was also responsible for managing Greenville National Bank s deposit strategies prior to leaving to form Greenville First Bank. Mr. Seaver is a 1986 graduate of Clemson University with a bachelor s degree in financial management and a 1999 graduate of the BAI Graduate School of Community Bank Management. He is currently on the board of the Palmetto Society for the United Way, and the St. Francis Foundation and is past Chairman of the Community Bankers Council of the South Carolina Bankers Association. Past organizations that he has worked with include Leadership Greenville, the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, the South Carolina Network of Business and Education Partnership, Junior League, Junior Achievement, the Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau, the United Way, and the First Presbyterian Church.

Set forth below is also information about each of the company's other directors and each of its executive officers. Each of the following directors is also a director of our subsidiary bank.

James M. Jim Austin, III, 52, is an executive vice president and the chief financial officer of our company and the bank. He has over 30 years of experience in the financial services industry. From 1978 to 1983, Mr. Austin was employed by KPMG Peat Marwick, specializing in bank audits. Mr. Austin was employed from 1983 to 1995 with American Federal Bank as controller and senior vice president. From 1995 until 1997, Mr. Austin was the senior vice president and chief financial officer of Regional Management Corporation, and from December 1997 until June 1999, he was the director of corporate finance for HomeGold Financial, Inc. Mr. Austin is a 1978 graduate of the University of South Carolina with degrees in both accounting and finance. He is also a Certified Public Accountant and graduate of the University of Georgia s Executive Management s Savings Bank program. In addition, he is a graduate of Leadership Greenville. He has served on the community boards of River Place Festival, Junior Achievement, and Pendleton Place, and he is the past president of the Financial Manager s Society of South Carolina and former board member of the Young Manager s Division of the Community of Financial Institutions of South Carolina. He is past chairman of the board of directors for the Center for Development Services. He is active in the First Presbyterian Church and a current board member of the Greenville Free Medical Clinic. Mr. Austin is the past chairman and current vice chairman of Fidelity s National User Group board of directors.

Gwen G. Bridges, 47, is an executive vice president and risk management officer of our bank. She has over 19 years of banking experience. From 1984 to 1985 Ms. Bridges was employed by Ernst and Young. From 1985 to 1999 she worked in the banking and financial services industry, serving in various accounting and finance roles. Prior to joining the bank, she was Vice President and Treasurer of Regional Management Corporation. Ms. Bridges is a 1984 graduate of Clemson University with a bachelor s degree in Accounting. She has also completed the South Carolina Bankers School. She currently serves on the Women in Banking Committee of the United Way.

Andrew B. Cajka, 49, Class III director, is the founder and president of Southern Hospitality Group, LLC, a hotel management and development company in Greenville, South Carolina. Prior to starting his own business, Mr. Cajka was a managing member of Hyatt Hotels Corporation from 1986 until 1998. He is a 1982 graduate of Bowling Green State University. He currently serves as vice chairman of the board for St. Joseph s High School, as chairman of the Greenville County Research and Technology Development board, and as a board member for the Metropolitan Arts Council, and the Red Cross. He is a previous member of the BMW Nationwide Tournament advisory board. Mr. Cajka has

served as a board member of the Urban League and Thornblade Board of Governors. Mr. Cajka served on the board of directors for the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and is past president of the downtown area council, as well as past chairman of Greenville Hospital Foundation Board and past chairman of the Children s Hospital. He is a past chairman and present treasurer of the Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau and past chairman of the Greenville Tech Hospitality Board.

Leighton M. Cubbage, 56, Class II director, was the co-founder, president, and chief operating officer of Corporate Telemanagement Group in Greenville, South Carolina from 1989 until 1995. Since 1995, Mr. Cubbage has been a private investor maintaining investment interests in a real estate company, a weekly newspaper, car dealerships, and an electric hybrid trucking company. He is a 1977 graduate of Clemson University with a bachelor s degree in political science. Mr. Cubbage was chairman of the Greenville Hospital System board of trustees and was a former member of the Greenville Technical College Foundation Board. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

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Anne S. Ellefson, 54, Class III director, is an attorney and shareholder with Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A., where she has practiced law since 1979. Mrs. Ellefson is a 1976 graduate of the University of South Carolina where she received a bachelor s degree and a 1979 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law. Mrs. Ellefson previously served on advisory boards at both United Carolina Bank and BB&T. She is a past chairman of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Greenville County and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the South Carolina Educational Television Endowment. She is also the past President of the South Carolina Bar Foundation.

David G. Ellison, 59, Class II director, has been a managing director of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network since 1983. Mr. Ellison is a 1972 graduate of Furman University where he received a bachelor s degree and a 1976 graduate of the Clemson-Furman University Program where he received a master in business administration. Mr. Ellison is serving a third term on the board of trustees of Furman University, where he is a former board chair. He is a past president of both the Furman Alumni Association and Furman Paladin Club. He has also served on the board of trustees for United Way of Greenville County. He is a prior commissioner of the Greenville Housing Authority.

Frederick Fred Gilmer, Jr., 72, Class III director, is a retired senior vice president of our bank with over 49 years of experience in the financial services industry. Mr. Gilmer was involved with the organization of Southern Bank and Trust Company and has held executive positions with two other banks in the Greenville area. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1958 and the LSU Graduate School of Banking of the South in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1970. He is a graduate of Leadership Greenville and has served numerous organizations, including the Greenville Rotary Club, the YMCA, the United Way, and the First Presbyterian Church. He also is a past board member of Family Children Service, Goodwill Industries, Downtown Area Council, Greenville Little Theater, Greenville Cancer Society, South Carolina Arthritis Foundation, Freedom Weekend Aloft, and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

Frederick Fred Gilmer, III, 44, is an executive vice president and the senior lending officer of our bank. He has over 21 years of banking experience. From 1987 until 1999, Mr. Gilmer held various management positions with Wachovia Bank, N.A., including commercial lending, city executive, and vice president in private banking. Mr. Gilmer is a 1986 graduate of Clemson University with a bachelor s degree in management. He is also a graduate of Leadership Greenville. He has served on the community boards of Bon Secours St. Francis Foundation and the Metro YMCA, and he is a past chairman of Cleveland Street YMCA. Other activities include Greenville Chamber of Commerce, United Way loan executive, Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Rotary Club of Greenville. He is active at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, serving in various roles.

Tecumseh Tee Hooper, Jr., 61, Class III director, is a private investor. Mr. Hooper is the chief executive officer of General Wholesale Distributors, LLC, a Trane HVAC distributor in the state of South Carolina. Mr. Hooper is also chairman of the board of FGP International Inc., an executive and temporary placement service company and Sign Crafters, USA, a sign manufacturing and service company. He is also a director of Peregrine Energy, Inc., an energy management company. Mr. Hooper was the president of Modern Office Machines/ IKON Office Solutions in Greenville, South Carolina, from 1982 through 2001. Mr. Hooper graduated from The Citadel in 1969 with a degree in business administration, and he received a master in business administration from the University of South Carolina in 1971. Mr. Hooper has served the community as a board member of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Camp Greenville, YMCA Metropolitan, and the United Way, and as past president of the Greenville Urban League. Mr. Hooper has also served on the board of directors for Leadership Greenville, Leadership South Carolina, and also served as chairman of the South Carolina Department of Transportation, and of the Patriots Point Development Authority in Charleston.

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James B. Orders, III, 56, Class II director, is the chairman of our board of directors. Since 1986, he has been the president of Park Place Corporation, a company engaged in the manufacture and sale of mattresses to the wholesale market. Mr. Orders is chairman of Comfortaire Corporation and a director of Orders Realty Co., Inc., a real estate development and management company that is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Park Place Corporation. He attended Clemson University from 1970 until 1974. Mr. Orders is a past president of the International Sleep Products Association, a past president of the Downtown Rotary Club, a past member of the advisory board of Greenville National Bank and a past member of the advisory board of Carolina First Bank. He currently serves on the boards of Lay Christian Association and Cox Industries.

F. Justin Strickland, 45, is president of our company and our bank. He has over 23 years of banking experience. From 1985 until 1993, Mr. Strickland held various positions with The Citizens & Southern National Bank of South Carolina. From 1993 until November 2006, he was with Carolina First Bank. From 1999 until November 2006, he held the position of South Carolina Midlands Market President. Mr. Strickland is a 1985 graduate of the University of South Carolina with a bachelor s degree in finance and the LSU Graduate School of Banking of the South in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1996. He is the past Chairman of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the Chairman of the SC Bankers Association. He is also chairman of the Finance Committee of the Children s Trust Fund of South Carolina. He formerly held the position as treasurer of the Saluda Shoal Foundation and is a past member of the boards of Columbia Urban League, Palmetto Health Foundation (past chairman), Junior Achievement (past chairman), the SC Bankers School (past chairman), and the Boy Scouts Indiana Water Council. He is an active member of Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church. He was a prior Chairman of the SC Bankers Association /Young Bankers Division where he received the SC Outstanding Young Bankers Award in 1999. He has been a member in the past with the Rotary Club, Sertoma Club, Business Association of Columbia, Salvation Army, and the United Way.

Michael M. Mike Strickland, 51, is an executive vice president and the chief portfolio risk officer of our company and the bank. He has over 24 years of banking experience. From 1984 to 1986, Mr. Strickland was employed by The State of Florida as a Financial Examiner for the Division of Securities. From 1986 to 1991, he was employed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as a commissioned bank examiner. From 1991 to 1992, Mr. Strickland was employed by ComSouth Bancshares as a senior vice president with responsibilities over internal audit and loan review. From 1991 to 2005, Mr. Strickland was employed by The South Financial Group where he was executive vice president and corporate risk manager. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Strickland was employed by Bankers-Solutions, LLC, a bank consulting company, where he served as shareholder and chief executive officer. Mr. Strickland is a 1984 graduate of Florida State University with a degree in finance and a 1996 graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking. He has served on the compliance and credit committees of the South Carolina Bankers Association. He has served on the community boards of Junior Achievement, McCarter Community Pool, South Carolina State PTA and League Academy PTA. He is the past president of Lake Forest Elementary PTA and is the president elect for Wade Hampton High School PTSA. He is active in Aldersgate United Methodist church.

William B. Sturgis, 74, Class II director, held various executive positions with W.R. Grace & Co. from 1984 until his retirement in 1997, including executive vice president of W.R. Grace s worldwide packaging operations and president of its North American Cryovac Division. Mr. Sturgis graduated from Clemson University in 1957 with a degree in chemical engineering and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard. He is active with Clemson University, serving on the Foundation Board, and the Engineering and Science Advisory Board. He is a Trustee of the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville.

J. Edward Eddie Terrell, 46, is an executive vice president of our bank. He is primarily responsible for marketing and deposit strategies. He has over 24 years of business experience. He was the co-founder of NewSouth Communications, Inc. in Greenville, South Carolina from 1997 until 2003 and executive vice president of customer operations. Mr. Terrell was the executive vice president of customer operations for Corporate Telemanagement Group in Greenville, South Carolina from 1990 until 1995. From 1995 until 1996, Mr. Terrell was the regional vice president for customer operations with LCI International. He is a 1984 graduate of The Citadel, with a bachelor s degree in English. He serves on the board of the Presbyterian Community Foundation, the Development Council for the Children s Hospital and is active at First Presbyterian Church and several local community organizations.

Family and Business Relationships. Dr. Rudolph G. Johnstone, III, director, is Fred Gilmer, Jr. s stepson and Fred Gilmer, III, executive vice president, is Fred Gilmer Jr. s son. No other director has a family relationship with any other director or executive officer of the company.

Director Mark Cothran serves on the Board of Directors for General Wholesale Distributors, a privately-held company, of which director, Tee Hooper, is the Chief Executive Officer.

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PROPOSAL NO. 2:

NON-BINDING RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION

OF THE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

This proposal, commonly known as a "say-on-pay" proposal, gives the Company's shareholders the opportunity to endorse or not endorse the Company's executive pay program and policies through the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the shareholders approve the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table and in the other tables and related discussion included in this proxy statement."

We believe that our compensation policies and procedures are competitive and focused on performance and are strongly aligned with the long-term interest of our shareholders. We encourage you to review our discussion and the tables included in this proxy statement. Recent

legislation and new regulations will impact our compensation practices because we sold preferred stock to the United States Treasury in the first quarter of 2009 under its Capital Purchase Program. Key details of these new laws will be determined only after the Treasury and the SEC issue new regulations. As a result, we cannot reliably predict what changes we will be required to make to our compensation programs, if any. We will fully comply with all applicable requirements as they become known to us and as long as the preferred stock, under the Capital Purchase Program, is outstanding.

Under the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, your vote is advisory and will not be binding upon our board of directors. However, the compensation committee and the Board of Directors will take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation arrangements.

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote *FOR* approval of the compensation of the named executive officers.

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Compensation of Directors and Executive Officers

The following table shows the compensation we paid to our three most highly compensated named executive officers, including our chief executive officer, for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

Summary Compensation Table

Bonus

Stock

Salary

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

		Number	
UTU ITIEO	0.70/	of Shares	Value
UTILITIES	0.7%		
SCE Trust IV, 5.375%,		0.40.000	
Series J		216,000	\$ 5,330,880
TOTAL PREFERRED			
SECURITIES \$25 PAR			
VALUE			
(Identified			
cost \$168,302,508)			172,414,336
		Principal	
		Amount/	
		Shares	
PREFERRED			
SECURITIES CAPITAL			
SECURITIES	113.6%		
BANKS	31.0%		
AgriBank FCB, 6.875%		36,200	3,850,775
BAC Capital Trust XIV,			2,223,412
4.00%, Series G (FRN)		16,930,000	13,311,213
Bank of America Corp.,		. 0,000,000	10,011,=10
6.30%, Series DD		7,500,000	7,856,250
Bank of America Corp.,		,,000,000	.,000,=00
6.50%, Series Z		16,482,000	17,244,292
Citigroup, 5.95%, Series Q		2,250,000	2,287,856
Citigroup, 6.125%, Series R		5,129,000	5,314,926
Citigroup, 6.25%, Series T		9,592,000	9,882,158
CoBank ACB, 6.25%,		0,00=,000	0,002,100
144A ^a		117,000	11,923,037
CoBank ACB, 6.125%,		117,000	,0=0,007
Series G		32,250	3,146,391
CoBank ACB, 6.25%,		02,200	3,113,331
Series I		6,200,000	6,447,907
Goldman Sachs Capital II,		0,200,000	0,111,001
4.00%, (FRN)		1,102,000	902,086
Goldman Sachs		1,102,000	332,333
Group/The, 5.70%, Series L		4,350,000	4,463,318
JPMorgan Chase & Co.,		1,000,000	1, 100,010
7.90%, Series I		3,000,000	3,110,250
JPMorgan Chase & Co.,		0,000,000	5,110,200
6.75%, Series S		12,400,000	13,376,500
Mellon Capital IV, 4.00%,		12, 100,000	10,070,000
Series 1 (FRN)		56,635,000	46,015,937
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US Bancorp, 3.50%, Series A, (FRN)			
USB Capital IX, 3.50%, (FRN)		8,878,000	7,302,155
Wachovia Capital Trust III, 5.57%, (FRN)		5,000,000	4,912,750
Wells Fargo & Co., 7.98%, Series K		19,700,000	20,611,125
Wells Fargo & Co., 5.875%, Series U		10,000,000	10,511,500
Wells Fargo Capital X, 5.95%, due 12/15/36		5,893,000	6,158,185
Zions Bancorporation, 5.65%, due 11/15/23		3,750,000	3,839,063
,		, ,	227,741,463
BANKS FOREIGN	27.6%		
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd./ United Kingdom, 6.75%,			
144A (Australia) ^a		7,100,000	7,515,187
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA, 8.875%			
(EUR) (Spain)		8,200,000	9,322,445

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

	Principal	
	Amount/ Shares	Value
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA,	Silaies	value
9.00% (Spain)	5,200,000	\$ 5,435,290
Banco Mercantil del Norte SA, 5.75%,	0,200,000	φ σ, 1σσ,Ξσσ
due 10/4/31, 144A (Mexico) ^a	5,700,000	5,308,125
Barclays PLC, 7.875% (United Kingdom)	5,200,000	5,272,020
Barclays PLC, 8.25% (United Kingdom)	8,095,000	8,452,184
BNP Paribas SA, 7.625%, 144A (France) ^a	12,100,000	12,796,960
Cooperatieve Rabobank UA, 6.625% (EUR)		
(Netherlands)	3,600,000	4,065,647
Credit Agricole SA, 8.125%, 144A	, ,	· ·
(France) ^a	8,550,000	9,030,766
Credit Suisse Group AG, 7.50%, 144A		
(Switzerland) ^a	5,063,000	5,315,770
DNB Bank ASA, 6.50% (Norway)	1,600,000	1,635,168
Dresdner Funding Trust I, 8.151%, due 6/30/31, 144A		
(Germany) ^a	4,530,280	5,260,788
HSBC Capital Funding LP, 10.176%, 144A (United Kingdom) ^a	5,395,000	7,971,112
HSBC Holdings PLC, 6.875% (United		
Kingdom)	7,700,000	8,142,750
Lloyds Banking Group PLC, 7.50% (United		
Kingdom)	12,050,000	12,441,625
Nationwide Building Society, 10.25% (GBP)		
(United Kingdom)	7,080,000	11,480,869
Rabobank Nederland, 8.40% (Netherlands)	5,600,000	5,760,440
Rabobank Nederland, 11.00%, 144A		
(Netherlands) ^a	21,275,000	25,084,289
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 7.648%		
(United Kingdom)	3,427,000	3,932,483
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 8.625%		
(United Kingdom)	9,600,000	9,816,000
Societe Generale SA, 7.375%, 144A		
(France) ^a	6,600,000	6,605,412
Societe Generale SA, 8.25%, Series		
EMTN (France)	2,083,000	2,174,256
	5,800,000	5,800,000

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Standard Chartered PLC, 7.50%, 144A		
(United Kingdom) ^a		
Swedbank AB, 6.00% (Sweden)	4,800,000	4,832,400
UBS Group AG, 6.875% (Switzerland)	2,200,000	2,244,202
UBS Group AG, 7.00% (Switzerland)	2,400,000	2,524,200
UBS Group AG, 7.125% (Switzerland)	6,300,000	6,491,753
UBS Group AG, 7.125% (Switzerland)	7,400,000	7,655,796
		202,367,937

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

		Principal Amount/	
		Shares	Value
ELECTRIC	0.6%		
INTEGRATED ELECTRIC	0.2%		
Southern California Edison			
Co., 6.25%, Series E		1,500,000	\$ 1,666,875
REGULATED ELECTRIC	0.4%		
Southern Co./The, 5.50%,			
due 3/15/57, Series B		2,575,000	2,606,441
			4,273,316
FINANCIAL	2.8%		
DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL SERVICES	1.3%		
National Rural Utilities			
Cooperative Finance Corp.,			
5.25%, due 4/20/46		3,780,000	3,944,925
State Street Corp., 5.25%,		-,,	-,- ,
Series F		5,152,000	5,293,680
		-, - ,	9,238,605
INVESTMENT			-,,
BANKER/BROKER	1.5%		
Charles Schwab Corp./The,			
7.00%		9,785,000	11,179,363
TOTAL FINANCIAL		, ,	20,417,968
INDUSTRIALS DIVERSIFIED			•
MANUFACTURING	3.9%		
General Electric Co.,			
5.00%, Series D		27,550,000	28,623,072
INSURANCE	37.0%		
LIFE/HEALTH INSURANCE	7.8%		
MetLife, 5.25%, Series C		6,156,000	6,248,340
MetLife Capital Trust IV,			
7.875%, due 12/15/37,			
144A ^a		11,300,000	13,678,650
MetLife Capital Trust X,			
9.25%, due 4/8/38, 144Aa		8,300,000	11,308,750
Prudential Financial,			
5.625%, due 6/15/43		17,808,000	18,520,320
Prudential Financial,			
5.875%, due 9/15/42		6,907,000	7,252,350
			57,008,410
LIFE/HEALTH			
INSURANCE FOREIGN	19.1%		

Aegon NV, 2.29%, (\$100		
Par Value) (FRN)		
(Netherlands)	20,985,000	15,174,421
CNP Assurances, 3.129%,		
(FRN) (EUR) (France)	5,000,000	4,710,611
Dai-ichi Life Insurance Co.		
Ltd., 4.00%, 144A		
(Japan) ^a	12,000,000	11,190,000
Dai-ichi Life Insurance Co.		
Ltd., 5.10%, 144A		
(Japan) ^a	5,100,000	5,208,375
	See accompanying notes to financial statements.	
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

		Principal Amount/ Shares	Value
Demeter BV (Swiss Re			
Ltd.), 5.625%, due 8/15/52			
(Netherlands)		4,600,000	\$ 4,602,098
Demeter BV (Swiss Re			
Ltd.), 5.75%, due 8/15/50		0.400.000	0.400.070
(Netherlands)		9,400,000	9,466,270
Fukoku Mutual Life			
Insurance Co., 5.00% (Japan)		2,000,000	2,006,380
ING Capital Funding Trust		2,000,000	2,000,300
III, 4.598%, Series 9 (FRN)			
(Netherlands)		19,280,000	19,207,700
La Mondiale Vie, 7.625%		.0,200,000	.0,201,7.00
(France)		12,050,000	12,757,937
Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance		, ,	, ,
Co., 5.20%, due 10/20/45,			
144A (Japan) ^a		19,800,000	20,514,285
Nippon Life Insurance Co.,			
4.70%, due 1/20/46,			
144A (Japan)a		16,900,000	16,963,375
Nippon Life Insurance Co.,			
5.10%, due 10/16/44,		7 000 000	7 450 000
144A (Japan) ^a		7,200,000	7,452,000
Sumitomo Life Insurance			
Co., 6.50%, due 9/20/73, 144A (Japan) ^a		9,800,000	10,976,000
144A (Japan)*		9,800,000	140,229,452
MULTI-LINE	0.4%		140,223,432
Nationwide Mutual	0.170		
Insurance Co., 3.253%,			
due 12/15/24, 144A (FRN) ^a		3,125,000	3,083,559
MULTI-LINE FOREIGN	3.6%	, ,	,
Aviva PLC, 8.25% (United			
Kingdom)		9,435,000	9,835,988
AXA SA, 0.536%, (FRN)			
(EUR) (France)		5,000,000	3,533,747
AXA SA, 6.463%, 144A			
(France) ^a		7,902,000	7,788,369
ING Groep N.V., 6.875%		F 000 000	F 000 700
(Netherlands)		5,200,000	5,238,709
			26,396,813

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PROPERTY CASUALTY	1.4%		
Liberty Mutual Group,			
7.00%, due 3/7/37, 144Aa		2,000,000	1,785,000
Liberty Mutual Group,			
7.80%, due 3/7/37, 144A ^a		7,503,000	8,459,633
			10,244,633
PROPERTY			
CASUALTY FOREIGN	1.7%		
QBE Insurance Group Ltd.,			
6.75%, due 12/2/44			
(Australia)		8,155,000	8,599,447
,	See accompanying	notes to financial statements.	
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

		Principal Amount/ Shares	Value
QBE Insurance Group Ltd.,			
5.875%, due 6/17/46,			
Series EMTN (Australia)		4,000,000	\$ 4,038,632
REINSURANCE FOREIGN	3.0%		12,638,079
Aquarius + Investments	J.0 /6		
PLC, 6.375%, due 9/1/24			
(Ireland)		3,505,000	3,681,908
Aquarius + Investments		47.000.000	40.404.405
PLC, 8.25% (Ireland)		17,000,000	18,104,405 21,786,313
TOTAL INSURANCE			271,387,259
INTEGRATED			271,007,200
TELECOMMUNICATIONS			
SERVICES	0.9%		
Centaur Funding Corp.,			
9.08%, due 4/21/20, 144A (Cayman Islands) ^a		4,622	5,407,740
Telefonica Europe BV,		4,022	5,407,740
7.625% (EUR)			
(Netherlands)		900,000	1,083,572
			6,491,312
MATERIAL METALS &	0.00/		
MINING BHP Billiton Finance USA	3.0%		
Ltd., 6.25%, due 10/19/75,			
144A (Australia) ^a		3,100,000	3,368,770
BHP Billiton Finance USA			
Ltd., 6.75%, due 10/19/75,		10 700 000	40 707 500
144A (Australia) ^a		16,700,000	18,787,500 22,156,270
PIPELINES	1.4%		22,130,270
Transcanada Trust,	,0		
5.875%, due 8/15/76,			
Series 16-A (Canada)		10,023,000	10,448,978
REAL DIVERSIEIED	0.79/		
ESTATE DIVERSIFIED QCP SNF	0.7%		
West/Central/East/AL REIT			
LLC, 8.125%,			
due 11/1/23, 144A ^a		5,300,000	5,339,750

UTILITIES 4.7% ELECTRIC UTILITIES 0.3%

NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, 7.30%, due 9/1/67,

Series D 1,770,000 1,772,655

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

	Principal Amount/	Value
EL ECTRIC	Shares	Value
ELECTRIC UTILITIES FOREIGN 4.4%		
Emera, 6.75%, due		
6/15/76, Series 16-A		
(Canada)	17,290,000	\$ 18,586,750
Enel SpA, 8.75%, due	,,	,
9/24/73, 144A (Italy) ^a	12,232,000	13,944,480
, , ,		32,531,230
TOTAL UTILITIES		34,303,885
TOTAL PREFERRED SECURITIES CAPITAL SECURITIES		
(Identified		000 551 010
cost \$807,967,715)	Principal	833,551,210
	Amount	
CORPORATE	Autount	
BONDS INSURANCE-PROPERTY		
CASUALTY 0.3%		
Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697%, due 10/15/97,		
144A ^a	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 2,587,824
TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS		
(Identified cost \$2,204,915)		2,587,824
σοσι ψ2,20 4 ,313)	Number of Shares	2,307,024
SHORT-TERM		
INVESTMENTS 1.4%		
MONEY MARKET FUNDS		
State Street Institutional		
Treasury Money Market Fund, Premier Class,		
0.40% ^b	10,000,000	10,000,000
TOTAL SHORT-TERM	10,000,000	10,000,000
INVESTMENTS		
(Identified		
cost \$10,000,000)		10,000,000
TOTAL INVESTMENTS°	138.8%	1,018,553,370
(Identified		

cost \$988,475,138)

LIABILITIES IN EXCESS
OF OTHER ASSETS (38.8) (284,742,408)

NET ASSETS (Equivalent to \$25.45 per share based on 28,830,580 shares of common stock

outstanding) 100.0% \$ 733,810,962

Note: Percentages indicated are based on the net assets of the Fund.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

^a Resale is restricted to qualified institutional investors. Aggregate holdings amounting to \$277,492,381 or 37.8% of the net assets of the Fund, of which 0.0% are illiquid.

b Rate quoted represents the annualized seven-day yield of the fund.

^c Securities held by the Fund are subject to a lien, granted to the lender, to the extent of the borrowing outstanding in connection with the Fund's revolving credit agreement.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

December 31, 2016

Interest rate swap contracts outstanding at December 31, 2016 were as follows:

Clearingh	Notional ouse Amount	Fixed Rate Payable	Floating Rate (resets monthly) Receivablea	Termination Date	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
CME	ouse Amount	i ayabi c	i teceivable*	October	(Depreciation)
Group,				19,	
Inc.	\$60,000,000	1.117%	0.736%	2021	\$ 1,825,112
CME				October	
Group,				19,	
Inc.	90,000,000	1.203%	0.736%	2022	3,466,916
CME				October	
Group,				19,	
Inc.	90,000,000	1.288%	0.736%	2023	4,126,687
					\$ 9,418,715

^a Based on LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate). Represents rates in effect at December 31, 2016.

Forward foreign currency exchange contracts outstanding at December 31, 2016 were as follows:

Counterparty	Contracts to Deliver	In Exchange For	Settlement Date	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Brown		. •	2 4.10	(2 0 p. 00. a.a. 0)
Brothers				
Harriman	EUR21,120,195	USD22,456,111	1/4/17	\$ 223,929
Brown Brothers				
Harriman	GBP 9,232,603	USD11,546,727	1/4/17	168,469
Brown				
Brothers				
Harriman	USD22,272,090	EUR21,120,195	1/4/17	(39,908)
Brown				
Brothers Harriman	USD11,405,958	GBP 9,232,603	1/4/17	(27,700)
Brown	03011,403,936	GDF 9,232,003	1/4/17	(27,700)
Brothers				
Harriman	EUR21,589,345	USD22,799,298	2/2/17	39,656
Brown Brothers	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	, , , , , ,		5 2 , 2 5 2
Harriman	GBP 9,343,264	USD11,549,564	2/2/17	25,915
Hamman	GD1 0,040,204	00D11,040,00 4		\$ 390,361
				, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

The amount of all interest rate swap contracts and forward foreign currency exchange contracts as presented in the tables above are representative of the volume of activity for these derivative types during the year ended December 31, 2016.

Glossary of Portfolio Abbreviations

CME Chicago Mercantile Exchange

EUR Euro Currency

FRN Floating Rate Note

GBP Great British Pound

REIT Real Estate Investment Trust

TruPS Trust Preferred Securities

USD United States Dollar

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS:	
Investments in securities, at value (Identified	
cost \$988,475,138)	\$1,018,553,370
Cash	9,812,309
Cash collateral pledged for interest rate swap	
contracts	6,260,802
Foreign currency, at value (Identified	
cost \$124,109)	125,528
Receivable for:	
Dividends and interest	12,350,585
Investment securities sold	3,573,938
Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign	
currency exchange contracts	457,969
Other assets	3,189
Total Assets	1,051,137,690
LIABILITIES:	
Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign	
currency exchange contracts	67,608
Payable for:	
Credit agreement	315,000,000
Dividends declared	652,796
Investment advisory fees	620,330
Interest expense	411,089
Administration fees	44,309
Directors' fees	507
Variation margin on interest rate swap contracts	352,172
Other liabilities	177,917
Total Liabilities	317,326,728
NET ASSETS	\$ 733,810,962
NET ASSETS consist of:	
Paid-in capital	\$ 687,796,957
Accumulated undistributed net investment	
income	1,122,228
Accumulated undistributed net realized gain	5,014,021
Net unrealized appreciation	39,877,756
	\$ 733,810,962
NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE:	
(\$733,810,962 ÷ 28,830,580 shares	
outstanding)	\$ 25.45
MARKET PRICE PER SHARE	\$ 24.54
MARKET PRICE DISCOUNT TO NET ASSET	
VALUE PER SHARE	(3.58)%

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Investment Income:	
Interest income	\$ 43,099,798
Dividend income	15,121,338
Total Investment Income	58,221,136
Expenses:	, , ,
Investment advisory fees	7,293,951
Interest expense	4,153,065
Administration fees	670,161
Shareholder reporting expenses	97,042
Professional fees	84,936
Custodian fees and expenses	65,497
Directors' fees and expenses	53,438
Stock exchange listing fees	29,550
Transfer agent fees and expenses	20,555
Miscellaneous	35,035
Total Expenses	12,503,230
Net Investment Income (Loss)	45,717,906
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss):	
Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investments	14,354,567
Written option contracts	(1,133,800)
Foreign currency transactions	4,881,330
Interest rate swap contracts	(3,826,599)
Net realized gain (loss)	14,275,498
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments	(7,060,900)
Foreign currency translations	120,050
Interest rate swap contracts	6,370,024
Net change in unrealized appreciation	
(depreciation)	(570,826)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	13,704,672
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting	
from Operations	\$ 59,422,578
See accompanying notes to financial statements.	

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Dec	For the Year Ended cember 31, 2016	Ye	For the ar Ended nber 31, 2015
Change in Net Assets: From Operations:				
Net investment income	\$	45,717,906	\$	48,416,061
(loss) Net realized gain (loss)	φ	14,275,498	φ	3,419,315
~		14,275,496		3,419,313
Net change in				
unrealized appreciation		(EZO 906)	/	10 100 760)
(depreciation)		(570,826)		10,122,768)
Net increase				
(decrease) in net				
assets				
resulting from		FO 400 F70		44 740 000
operations		59,422,578		41,712,608
Dividends and Distributions to S	sharen		,	(10.004.150)
Net investment income		(41,875,924)	(43,264,159)
Net realized gain		(12,383,228)		(8,556,363)
Return of capital				(2,150,324)
Total dividends and				
distributions to				
shareholders		(54,259,152)	(53,970,846)
Total increase				
(decrease) in net				
assets		5,163,426	(12,258,238)
Net Assets:				,
Beginning of year		728,647,536	7	40,905,774
End of year ^a	\$	733,810,962	\$ 7	28,647,536
a Includes accumulated undistri	hutad	, ,		, ,

^a Includes accumulated undistributed net investment income of \$1,122,228 and \$236,911, respectively.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Increase (Decrease) in Cash:			
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting			
from operations	\$	59,422,578	
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets resulting from			
operations to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Purchases of long-term investments	(485,734,616)	
Proceeds from sales and maturities of long-term	,	,	
investments		493,098,079	
Net purchases, sales and maturities of			
short-term investments		(1,200,650)	
Net amortization of premium on investments		2,573,784	
Net increase in dividends and interest receivable			
and other assets		(2,775,377)	
Net increase in cash collateral pledged for		,	
interest rate			
swap contracts		(2,731,314)	
Net increase in interest expense payable,		,	
accrued expenses and			
other liabilities		121,327	
Net increase in payable for variation margin on			
interest rate			
swap contracts		6,797	
Net change in unrealized depreciation on			
investments		7,060,900	
Net change in unrealized appreciation on forward			
foreign currency			
exchange contracts		(106,400)	
Net realized gain on investments		(13,946,154)	
Cash provided by operating activities		55,788,954	
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Dividends and distributions paid		(53,992,992)	
Increase (decrease) in cash		1,795,962	
Cash at beginning of year (including foreign			
currency)		8,141,875	
Cash at end of year (including foreign currency)	\$	9,937,837	
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information and Non-Cash	Act	ivities:	

During the year ended December 31, 2016, interest paid was \$4,056,312.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, as part of an exchange offer from one of the Fund's investments, the Fund received shares of a new security valued at \$35,935,636, resulting in a realized gain of \$408,413.

See accompanying notes to financial statements. 19

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table includes selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and other performance information derived from the financial statements. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto.

Per Share	Fo	or the Year Ende	ed December	31,	July	the Period 27, 2012 ^a hrough
Operating Performance:	2016	2015	2014	2013	Dec	ember 31, 2012
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$25.27	\$25.70	\$25.07	\$ 25.37	\$	23.88
Income (loss) fr	om investmer	nt operations:		·	·	
Net investment income						
(loss)b	1.59	1.68	1.77	1.79		0.59c
Net realized and unrealized						
gain (loss)	0.47	(0.24)	1.03	(0.20)		1.63
Total from investment						
operations	2.06	1.44	2.80	1.59		2.22
Less dividends shareholders from		ons to				
Net	JIII.					
investment						
income	(1.45)	(1.50)	(1.65)	(1.83)		(0.67)
Net realized						
gain	(0.43)	(0.30)	(0.52)	(0.03)		(0.01)
Return of		(0.07)		(0.04)		
capital Total dividends and distributions		(0.07)		(0.04)		
to shareholders	(1.88)	(1.87)	(2.17)	(1.90)		(0.68)
Offering costs charged to paid-in	(1.00)	(1.07)	(2.11)	(1.50)		(0.05)

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capital						
Anti-dilutive effect from the issuance of						
reinvested shares				0.00_{d}		$0.00_{\sf d}$
Anti-dilutive effect from the repurchase						
of shares				0.01		
Net increase (decrease) in net asset						
value	0.18	(0.43)	0.63	(0.30)		1.49
Net asset value, end of period	\$25.45	\$25.27	\$25.70	\$ 25.07	\$	25.37
Market value, end of	***	4.00.70	4.00.00	4.00.00	•	
period	\$24.54	\$22.52	\$22.66	\$22.62	\$	25.04
Total net asset value return ^e	8.89%	6.52%	12.13%	6.80%		9.14% ^f
Total market value returne	17.82%	7.66% See accompanying no	9.57% otes to financial sta	-2.37% atements.		2.89% ^f

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

	For	rthe Year Ende	ed December 3	31,	July	the Period 27, 2012 ^a hrough
Ratios/Supplem Data:	nental 2016	2015	2014	2013		ember 31, 2012
Net assets, end of						
period (in						
millions)	\$733.8	\$728.6	\$740.9	\$722.8	\$	734.5
Ratio of expenses to average daily net						
assets	1.72%	1.61%	1.57%	1.62%		1.39% ^g
Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets (excluding interest						
expense)	1.15%	1.17%	1.14%	1.16%		1.09% ^g
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average daily net						
assets	6.29%	6.53%	6.72%	6.98%		5.57% ^g
Ratio of expenses to average daily managed						
assetsh	1.20%	1.13%	1.11%	1.13%		1.09% ^g
Portfolio turnover rate	48%	47%	47%	40%		23% ^f
Revolving Cred						
Asset coverage ratio for revolving credit						
agreement	333%	331%	335%	329%		333%
Asset coverage	\$3,330	\$3,313	\$3,352	\$3,295	\$	3,332

per \$1,000 for revolving credit agreement

- ^a Commencement of operations.
- ^b Calculation based on average shares outstanding.
- ^c 10.5% of gross income was attributable to dividends paid by GMAC Capital Trust I.
- d Amount is less than \$0.005.
- ^e Total net asset value return measures the change in net asset value per share over the period indicated. Total market value return is computed based upon the Fund's NYSE market price per share and excludes the effects of brokerage commissions. Dividends and distributions are assumed, for purposes of these calculations, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.
- f Not annualized.
- ^g Annualized.
- h Average daily managed assets represent net assets plus the outstanding balance of the revolving credit agreement.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Cohen & Steers Limited Duration Preferred and Income Fund, Inc. (the Fund) was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland on May 1, 2012 and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act) as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is high current income.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The Fund is an investment company and, accordingly, follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 946 Investment Companies. The accounting policies of the Fund are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Portfolio Valuation: Investments in securities that are listed on the NYSE are valued, except as indicated below, at the last sale price reflected at the close of the NYSE on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the mean of the closing bid and ask prices on such day or, if no ask price is available, at the bid price. Forward foreign currency contracts are valued daily at the prevailing forward exchange rate. Centrally cleared interest rate swaps are valued at the price determined by the relevant exchange or clearinghouse. Over-the-counter interest rate swaps are valued utilizing quotes received from a third-party pricing service. Over-the-counter options are valued based upon prices provided by the respective counterparty.

Securities not listed on the NYSE but listed on other domestic or foreign securities exchanges (including NASDAQ) are valued in a similar manner. Securities traded on more than one securities exchange are valued at the last sale price reflected at the close of the exchange representing the principal market for such securities on the business day as of which such value is being determined. If after the close of a foreign market, but prior to the close of business on the day the securities are being valued, market conditions change significantly, certain non-U.S. equity holdings may be fair valued pursuant to procedures established by the Board of Directors.

Readily marketable securities traded in the over-the-counter market, including listed securities whose primary market is believed by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (the investment advisor) to be over-the-counter, are valued on the basis of prices provided by a third-party pricing service or third-party broker-dealers when such prices are believed by the investment advisor, pursuant to delegation by the Board of Directors, to reflect the fair value of such securities.

Fixed-income securities are valued on the basis of prices provided by a third-party pricing service or third-party broker-dealers when such prices are believed by the investment advisor, pursuant to delegation by the Board of Directors, to reflect the fair value of such securities. The pricing services or

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broker-dealers use multiple valuation techniques to determine fair value. In instances where sufficient market activity exists, the pricing services or broker-dealers may utilize a market-based approach through which quotes from market makers are used to determine fair value. In instances where sufficient market activity may not exist or is limited, the pricing services or broker-dealers also utilize proprietary valuation models which may consider market transactions in comparable securities and the various relationships between securities in determining fair value and/or characteristics such as benchmark yield curves, option-adjusted spreads, credit spreads, estimated default rates, coupon rates, anticipated timing of principal repayments, underlying collateral, and other unique security features which are then used to calculate the fair values.

Short-term debt securities with a maturity date of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at their closing net asset value.

The policies and procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors delegate authority to make fair value determinations to the investment advisor, subject to the oversight of the Board of Directors. The investment advisor has established a valuation committee (Valuation Committee) to administer, implement and oversee the fair valuation process according to the policies and procedures approved annually by the Board of Directors. Among other things, these procedures allow the Fund to utilize independent pricing services, quotations from securities and financial instrument dealers and other market sources to determine fair value.

Securities for which market prices are unavailable, or securities for which the investment advisor determines that the bid and/or ask price or a counterparty valuation does not reflect market value, will be valued at fair value, as determined in good faith by the Valuation Committee, pursuant to procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. Circumstances in which market prices may be unavailable include, but are not limited to, when trading in a security is suspended, the exchange on which the security is traded is subject to an unscheduled close or disruption or material events occur after the close of the exchange on which the security is principally traded. In these circumstances, the Fund determines fair value in a manner that fairly reflects the market value of the security on the valuation date based on consideration of any information or factors it deems appropriate. These may include, but are not limited to, recent transactions in comparable securities, information relating to the specific security and developments in the markets.

The Fund's use of fair value pricing may cause the net asset value of Fund shares to differ from the net asset value that would be calculated using market quotations. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security may be materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security.

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would expect to receive upon the sale of an investment or expect to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the

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investment or liability. The hierarchy of inputs that are used in determining the fair value of the Fund's investments is summarized below.

- Level 1 guoted prices in active markets for identical investments
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities may or may not be an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

For movements between the levels within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund has adopted a policy of recognizing the transfer at the end of the period in which the underlying event causing the movement occurred. Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers into or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy. There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 securities as of December 31, 2016.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2016 in valuing the Fund's investments carried at value:

		Takal	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Investments	i	Other Significant Observable Inputs	Significa Unobserv Inputs	able
Preferred		Total	(Level 1)		(Level 2)	(Level	3)
Securities							
\$25 Par							
Value:	•	50.070.500	A. 54.044.005		4 7 200 27 5	•	
Banks	\$	58,278,500	\$ 51,241,625		\$ 7,036,875	\$	
Other		114 105 000	114 105 000				
Industries		114,135,836	114,135,836				
Preferred Se Capital Secu							
•	IIILIE		05 070 700		202 467 674		
Banks Other		227,741,463	25,273,789		202,467,674		
Industries		605,809,747			605,809,747		
Corporate		005,009,747			005,609,747		
Bonds		2,587,824			2,587,824		
Short-Term		10,000,000			10,000,000		
Investments Other		10,000,000			10,000,000		
Other							

Industries
Total

Investments^a \$1,018,553,370

\$190,651,250

\$827,902,120

\$

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		Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Investments (Level 1)	Sig Obs I	Other gnificant servable Inputs evel 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Interest rate swaps	\$	9,418,715	\$	\$ 9,	418,715	\$
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts		457,969			457,969	
Total Appreciation in Other Financial		437,303				
Instruments ^a	\$	9,876,684	\$	\$ 9,	876,684	\$
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	\$	(67,608)	\$	\$	(67,608)	\$
Total Depreciation in Other Financial	Ψ	(07,000)	Ψ	Ψ	(07,000)	Ψ
Instruments ^a	\$	(67,608)	\$	\$	(67,608)	\$

^a Portfolio holdings are disclosed individually on the Schedule of Investments.

The following is a reconciliation of investments for which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value:

	Preferred
	Securities
	Capital
	Securities
	Banks
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$ 2,923,666
Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	222,725
Transfers out of Level 3a	(3,146,391)
Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$

^a Transfers from Level 3 to Level 2 are due to an increase in market activity (e.g. frequency of trades), which resulted in an increase in available market inputs to determine prices.

Security Transactions and Investment Income: Security transactions are recorded on trade date. Realized gains and losses on investments sold are recorded on the basis of identified cost. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Discounts are accreted and premiums are amortized over the life of the respective securities. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, except for certain

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dividends on foreign securities, which are recorded as soon as the Fund is informed after the ex-dividend date. Distributions from Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) are recorded as ordinary income, net realized capital gains or return of capital based on information reported by the REITs and management's estimates of such amounts based on historical information. These estimates are adjusted when the actual source of distributions is disclosed by the REITs and actual amounts may differ from the estimated amounts.

Options: The Fund may purchase and write exchange-listed and over-the-counter put or call options on securities, stock indices, currencies and other financial instruments for hedging purposes, to enhance portfolio returns and reduce overall volatility.

When the Fund writes (sells) an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is recorded on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a liability. The amount of the liability is subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the current market value of the option written. When an option expires, the Fund realizes a gain on the option to the extent of the premium received. Premiums received from writing options which are exercised or closed are added to or offset against the proceeds or amount paid on the transaction to determine the realized gain or loss. If a put option on a security is exercised, the premium reduces the cost basis of the security purchased by the Fund. If a call option is exercised, the premium is added to the proceeds of the security sold to determine the realized gain or loss. The Fund, as writer of an option, bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the underlying investment. Other risks include the possibility of an illiquid options market or the inability of the counterparties to fulfill their obligations under the contracts.

Put and call options purchased are accounted for in the same manner as portfolio securities. Premiums paid for purchasing options which expire are treated as realized losses. Premiums paid for purchasing options which are exercised or closed are added to the amounts paid or offset against the proceeds on the underlying investment transaction to determine the realized gain or loss when the underlying transaction is executed. The risk associated with purchasing an option is that the Fund pays a premium whether or not the option is exercised. Additionally, the Fund bears the risk of loss of the premium and change in market value should the counterparty not perform under the contract.

At December 31, 2016, the Fund did not have any option contracts outstanding.

Foreign Currency Translation: The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based upon prevailing exchange rates on the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based upon prevailing exchange rates on the respective dates of such transactions. The Fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from fluctuations 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 on investments.

Net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, including gains and losses on forward foreign currency exchange contracts, currency gains or losses realized 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 Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains

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and losses arise from changes in the values of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities, on the date of valuation, resulting from changes in exchange rates. Pursuant to U.S. federal income tax regulations, certain foreign currency gains/losses included in realized and unrealized gains/losses are included in or are a reduction of ordinary income for federal income tax purposes.

Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts: The Fund enters into forward foreign currency exchange contracts to hedge the currency exposure associated with certain of its non-U.S. dollar denominated securities. A forward foreign currency exchange contract is a commitment between two parties to purchase or sell foreign currency at a set price on a future date. The market value of a forward foreign currency exchange contract fluctuates with changes in foreign currency exchange rates. These contracts are marked to market daily and the change in value is recorded by the Fund as unrealized appreciation and/or depreciation on foreign currency translations. Realized gains or losses equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed are included in net realized gain or loss on foreign currency transactions. For federal income tax purposes, the Fund has made an election to treat gains and losses from forward foreign currency exchange contracts as capital gains and losses.

Forward foreign currency exchange contracts involve elements of market risk in excess of the amounts reflected on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Fund bears the risk of an unfavorable change in the foreign exchange rate underlying the contract. Risks may also arise upon entering these contracts from the potential inability of the counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts. In connection with these contracts, securities may be identified as collateral in accordance with the terms of the respective contracts.

Centrally Cleared Interest Rate Swap Contracts: The Fund uses interest rate swaps in connection with borrowing under its revolving credit agreement. The interest rate swaps are intended to reduce interest rate risk by countering the effect that an increase in short-term interest rates could have on the performance of the Fund's shares as a result of the floating rate structure of interest owed pursuant to the revolving credit agreement. When entering into interest rate swaps, the Fund agrees to pay the other party to the interest rate swap (which is known as the counterparty) a fixed rate payment in exchange for the counterparty's agreement to pay the Fund a variable rate payment that was intended to approximate the Fund's variable rate payment obligation on the revolving credit agreement. The payment obligation is based on the notional amount of the swap. Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the use of interest rate swaps could enhance or harm the overall performance of the Fund. Swaps are marked-to-market daily and changes in the value are recorded as unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

Immediately following execution of the swap agreement, the swap agreement is novated to a central counterparty (the CCP) and the Fund's counterparty on the swap agreement becomes the CCP. The Fund is required to interface with the CCP through a broker. Upon entering into a centrally cleared swap, the Fund is required to deposit initial margin with the broker in the form of cash or securities in an amount that varies depending on the size and risk profile of the particular swap. Securities deposited as initial margin are designated on the Schedule of

Investments and cash deposited is recorded on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as cash pledged for centrally cleared swaps. The daily change in valuation of centrally cleared swaps is recorded as a receivable or payable for variation margin in the

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Payments received from or paid to the counterparty, including at termination, are recorded as realized gain (loss) in the Statement of Operations.

Swap agreements involve, to varying degrees, elements of market and counterparty risk, and exposure to loss in excess of the related amounts reflected on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Such risks involve the possibility that there will be no liquid market for these agreements, that the counterparty to the agreements may default on its obligation to perform or disagree as to the meaning of contractual terms in the agreements and that there may be unfavorable changes in interest rates.

Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders: Dividends from net investment income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. Dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared quarterly and paid monthly. Net realized capital gains, unless offset by any available capital loss carryforward, are typically distributed to shareholders at least annually. Dividends and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are automatically reinvested in full and fractional shares of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's Reinvestment Plan, unless the shareholder has elected to have them paid in cash.

On December 6, 2016, the Board of the Directors of the Fund approved the implementation of a managed distribution policy in accordance with exemptive relief issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission. This policy gives the Fund greater flexibility to realize long-term capital gains throughout the year and to distribute those gains on a more regular basis to shareholders. Therefore, regular monthly distributions throughout the year may include a portion of estimated realized long-term capital gains, along with net investment income, short-term capital gains and return of capital, which is not taxable. In accordance with the relief, the Fund is required to adhere to certain conditions in order to distribute long-term capital gains during the year. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund paid distributions from both net investment income and net realized capital gain.

Income Taxes: It is the policy of the Fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, if such qualification is in the best interest of the shareholders, by complying with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies, and by distributing substantially all of its taxable earnings to its shareholders. Also, in order to avoid the payment of any federal excise taxes, the Fund will distribute substantially all of its net investment income and net realized gains on a calendar year basis. Accordingly, no provision for federal income or excise tax is necessary. Dividend and interest income from holdings in non-U.S. securities is recorded net of non-U.S. taxes paid. Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on federal and applicable state income tax returns as well as its tax positions in non-U.S. jurisdictions in which it trades for all open tax years and has concluded that as of December 31, 2016, no additional provisions for income tax are required in the Fund's financial statements. The Fund's tax positions for the tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, state departments of revenue and by foreign tax authorities.

Note 2. Investment Advisory Fees, Administration Fees and Other Transactions with Affiliates

Investment Advisory Fees: The investment advisor serves as the Fund's investment advisor pursuant to an investment advisory agreement (the investment advisory agreement). Under the terms of the investment advisory agreement, the investment advisor provides the Fund with day-to-day

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investment decisions and generally manages the Fund's investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors.

For the services provided to the Fund, the investment advisor receives a fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, at the annual rate of 0.70% of the average daily managed assets of the Fund. Managed assets are equal to the net assets plus the amount of any borrowings, used for leverage, outstanding.

Administration Fees: The Fund has entered into an administration agreement with the investment advisor under which the investment advisor performs certain administrative functions for the Fund and receives a fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, at the annual rate of 0.05% of the average daily managed assets of the Fund. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund incurred \$520,997 in fees under this administration agreement.

Additionally, the Fund pays State Street Bank and Trust Company as co-administrator under a fund accounting and administration agreement.

Directors' and Officers' Fees: Certain directors and officers of the Fund are also directors, officers and/or employees of the investment advisor. The Fund does not pay compensation to directors and officers affiliated with the investment advisor except for the Chief Compliance Officer, who received compensation from the investment advisor, which was reimbursed by the Fund, in the amount of \$12,522 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Note 3. Purchases and Sales of Securities

Purchases and sales of securities, excluding short-term investments, for the year ended December 31, 2016, totaled \$485,734,616 and \$496,142,769, respectively.

Transactions in written option contracts during the year ended December, 2016, were as follows:

	Number	
	of Contracts	Premiums
Written option contracts outstanding at		
December 31, 2015		\$
Option contracts written	55	586,000
Option contracts terminated in closing		
transactions	(55)	(586,000)
Written option contracts outstanding at		
December 31, 2016		\$
	29	

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Note 4. Derivative Investments

The following tables present the value of derivatives held at December 31, 2016 and the effect of derivatives held during the year ended December 31, 2016, along with the respective location in the financial statements. The volume of activity for written option contracts for the year ended

December 31, 2016 is summarized in Note 3.

Statement o	f Accete and Liabi	litios				
Statement of Assets and Liabilities						
		Assets		bilities		
Derivatives	Location	Fair Value	Location	Fair Value		
Interest Rate	e Risk:					
Interest rate swap contracts		\$	Payable for variation margin on interest rate swap contracts	\$9,418,715a		
Foreign Exc	hange Risk:	·		, , , ,		
Forward foreign currency						
exchange	Unrealized		Unrealized			
contractsb	appreciation	457,969	depreciation	67,608		
a Amount represents the cumulative appreciation/depreciation on interest rate swap contracts as reported on the Schedule of Investments. The Statement of Assets and						

^b Forward foreign currency exchange contracts executed with Brown Brothers Harriman are not subject to a master netting arrangement or another similar agreement.

Liabilities only reflects the current day variation margin payable to the broker.

Statement of Op	erations		
Derivatives Interest Rate Ris	Location sk:	Realized Gain (Loss)	Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Interest rate			
swap	Net Realized and		
contracts	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	\$(3,826,599)	\$ 6,370,024
Foreign Exchang	ge Risk:		
Forward			
foreign			
currency			
exchange	Net Realized and		
contracts	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	5,033,999	106,400

Written

option Net Realized and

contracts Unrealized Gain (Loss) (1,133,800)

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Note 5. Income Tax Information

The tax character of dividends and distributions paid was as follows:

For the Year Ended December 31

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	2016	2015
Ordinary income	\$42,208,137	\$43,264,159
Long-term capital gain	12,051,015	8,556,363
Return of capital		2,150,324
Total dividends and		
distributions	\$54,259,152	\$53,970,846

As of December 31, 2016, the tax-basis components of accumulated earnings, the federal tax cost and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of securities held were as follows:

Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$986,179,085
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 39,372,895
Gross unrealized depreciation	(6,998,610)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ 32,374,285
Undistributed long-term capital gain	\$ 3,647,648

As of December 31, 2016, the Fund had temporary book/tax differences primarily attributable to wash sales on portfolio securities and certain fixed income securities and permanent book/tax differences primarily attributable to foreign currency transactions, differing treatment of interest rate swaps and certain fixed income securities. To reflect reclassifications arising from the permanent differences, paid-in capital was credited \$2,287,982, accumulated undistributed net realized gain was credited \$668,683 and accumulated undistributed net investment income was charged \$2,956,665. Net assets were not affected by this reclassification.

Note 6. Capital Stock

The Fund is authorized to issue 250 million shares of common stock at a par value of \$0.001 per share.

During the years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Fund did not issue shares of common stock for the reinvestment of dividends.

On December 6, 2016, the Board of Directors approved the continuation of the delegation of its authority to management to effect repurchases, pursuant to management's discretion and subject to market conditions and investment considerations, of up to 10% of the Fund's common shares outstanding (Shares Repurchase Program) from January 1, 2017, through the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

During the years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Fund did not effect any repurchases.

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Note 7. Borrowings

The Fund has entered into a \$315,000,000 revolving credit agreement (the credit agreement) with State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street). The Fund pays a monthly financing charge which is calculated based on the used portion of the credit agreement and a LIBOR-based rate. The Fund also pays a fee of 0.20% per annum on the unused portion of the credit agreement. The credit agreement has a 360-day evergreen provision whereby State Street may terminate this agreement upon 360 days' notice, but the Fund may terminate on 30 days' notice to State Street. Securities held by the Fund are subject to a lien, granted to State Street, to the extent of the borrowing outstanding in connection with the Fund's revolving credit agreement. If the Fund fails to meet certain requirements, or maintain other financial covenants required under the credit agreement, the Fund may be required to repay immediately, in part or in full, the loan balance outstanding under the credit agreement, necessitating the sale of portfolio securities at potentially inopportune times.

As of December 31, 2016, the Fund had outstanding borrowings of \$315,000,000 at a current rate of 1.6%. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund borrowed an average daily balance of \$315,000,000 at a weighted average borrowing cost of 1.3%.

Note 8. Other Risks

Preferred Securities Risk: Preferred securities are subject to credit risk, which is the risk that a security will decline in price, or the issuer of the security will fail to make dividend, interest or principal payments when due, because the issuer experiences a decline in its financial status. Preferred securities are also subject to interest rate risk and may decline in value because of changes in market interest rates. The Fund may be subject to a greater risk of rising interest rates than would normally be the case in an environment of low interest rates and the effect of potential government fiscal policy initiatives and resulting market reaction to those initiatives. In addition, an issuer may be permitted to defer or omit distributions. Preferred securities are also generally subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure. During periods of declining interest rates, an issuer may be able to exercise an option to redeem (call) its issue at par earlier than scheduled, and the Fund may be forced to reinvest in lower yielding securities. Certain preferred securities may be substantially less liquid than many other securities, such as common stocks. Generally, preferred security holders have no voting rights with respect to the issuing company unless certain events occur. Certain preferred securities may give the issuers special redemption rights allowing the securities to be redeemed prior to a specified date if certain events occur, such as changes to tax or securities laws.

Duration Risk: Duration is a mathematical calculation of the average life of a fixed-income or preferred security that serves as a measure of the security's price risk to changes in interest rates (or yields). Securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate (or yield) changes than securities with shorter durations. Duration differs from maturity in that it considers potential changes to interest rates, and a security's coupon payments, yield, price and par value and call features, in addition to the amount of time until the security matures. Various techniques may be used to shorten or lengthen the Fund's duration. The duration of

a security will be expected to change over time with changes in market factors and time to maturity.

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Concentration Risk: Because the Fund invests at least 25% of its net assets in the financials sector, it will be more susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting this sector, such as changes in interest rates, loan concentration and competition. In addition, the Fund will also be subject to the risks of investing in the individual industries and securities that comprise the financials sector, including the bank, diversified financials, real estate (including REITs) and insurance industries. To the extent that the Fund focuses its investments in other sectors or industries, such as (but not limited to) energy, industrials, utilities, pipelines, health care and telecommunications, the Fund will be subject to the risks associated with these particular sectors and industries. These sectors and industries may be adversely affected by, among others, changes in government regulation, world events and economic conditions.

Credit and Below-Investment-Grade Securities Risk: Preferred securities may be rated below investment grade or may be unrated. Below-investment-grade securities, or equivalent unrated securities, which are commonly known as "high-yield bonds" or "junk bonds," generally involve greater volatility of price and risk of loss of income and principal, and may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions than higher grade securities. It is reasonable to expect that any adverse economic conditions could disrupt the market for lower-rated securities, have an adverse impact on the value of those securities and adversely affect the ability of the issuers of those securities to repay principal and interest on those securities.

Contingent Capital Securities Risk: Contingent capital securities (sometimes referred to as "CoCos") are debt or preferred securities with loss absorption characteristics built into the terms of the security, for example a mandatory conversion into common stock of the issuer under certain circumstances, such as the issuer's capital ratio falling below a certain level. Since the common stock of the issuer may not pay a dividend, investors in these instruments could experience a reduced income rate, potentially to zero, and conversion would deepen the subordination of the investor, hence worsening the investor's standing in a bankruptcy. Some CoCos provide for a reduction in the value or principal amount of the security under such circumstances. In addition, most CoCos are considered to be high yield or "junk" securities and are therefore subject to the risks of investing in below investment-grade securities.

Liquidity Risk: Liquidity risk is the risk that particular investments of the Fund may become difficult to sell or purchase. The market for certain investments may become less liquid or illiquid due to adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer or due to adverse market or economic conditions. In addition, dealer inventories of certain securities, which provide an indication of the ability of dealers to engage in "market making," are at, or near, historic lows in relation to market size, which has the potential to increase price volatility in the fixed income markets in which the Fund invests. Federal banking regulations may also cause certain dealers to reduce their inventories of certain securities, which may further decrease the Fund's ability to buy or sell such securities. As a result of this decreased liquidity, the Fund may have to accept a lower price to sell a security, sell other securities to raise cash, or give up an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on performance. Further, transactions in less liquid or illiquid securities may entail transaction

costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities.

Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities Risk: The Fund directly purchases securities of foreign issuers. Risks of investing in foreign securities, include currency risks, future political and economic developments

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and possible imposition of foreign withholding taxes on income or proceeds payable on the securities. In addition, there may be less publicly available information about a foreign issuer than about a domestic issuer, and foreign issuers may not be subject to the same accounting, auditing and financial recordkeeping standards and requirements as domestic issuers. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. issuers.

Foreign Currency Risk: Although the Fund will report its NAV and pay dividends in U.S. dollars, foreign securities often are purchased with and make any dividend and interest payments in foreign currencies. Therefore, the Fund's investments in foreign securities will be subject to foreign currency risk, which means that the Fund's NAV could decline solely as a result of changes in the exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. Certain foreign countries may impose restrictions on the ability of issuers of foreign securities to make payment of principal, dividends and interest to investors located outside the country, due to blockage of foreign currency exchanges or otherwise. The Fund may, but is not required to, engage in various investments that are designed to hedge the Fund's foreign currency risks, and such investments are subject to the risks described under "Derivatives and Hedging Transactions Risk" below.

Leverage Risk: The use of leverage is a speculative technique and there are special risks and costs associated with leverage. The net asset value of the Fund's shares may be reduced by the issuance and ongoing costs of leverage. So long as the Fund is able to invest in securities that produce an investment yield that is greater than the total cost of leverage, the leverage strategy will produce higher current net investment income for the shareholders. On the other hand, to the extent that the total cost of leverage exceeds the incremental income gained from employing such leverage, shareholders would realize lower net investment income. In addition to the impact on net income, the use of leverage will have an effect of magnifying capital appreciation or depreciation for shareholders. Specifically, in an up market, leverage will typically generate greater capital appreciation than if the Fund were not employing leverage. Conversely, in down markets, the use of leverage will generally result in greater capital depreciation than if the Fund had been unlevered. To the extent that the Fund is required or elects to reduce its leverage, the Fund may need to liquidate investments. including under adverse economic conditions which may result in capital losses potentially reducing returns to shareholders. There can be no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful during any period in which it is employed.

Derivatives and Hedging Transactions Risk: The Fund's use of derivatives, including for the purpose of hedging interest rate or foreign currency risks, presents risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in traditional securities. Among the risks presented are counterparty risk, financial leverage risk, liquidity risk, over-the-counter (OTC) trading risk and tracking risk. The use of derivatives can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the underlying asset, index or rate, which may be magnified by certain features of the derivatives.

Options Risk: Gains on options transactions depend on the Advisor's ability to predict correctly the direction of stock prices, indexes, interest rates, and other economic factors, and

unanticipated changes may cause poorer overall performance for the Fund than if it had not engaged in such transactions. A rise in the value of the security or index underlying a call option written by the Fund exposes the Fund to possible loss or loss of opportunity to realize appreciation in the value of any portfolio securities underlying

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or otherwise related to the call option. By writing a put option, the Fund assumes the risk of a decline in the underlying security or index. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when the Fund seeks to close out an option position, and for certain options not traded on an exchange no market usually exists. Trading could be interrupted, for example, because of supply and demand imbalances arising from a lack of either buyers or sellers, or an options exchange could suspend trading after the price has risen or fallen more than the maximum specified by the exchange.

Although the Fund may be able to offset to some extent any adverse effects of being unable to liquidate an option position, that Fund may experience losses in some cases as a result of such inability, may not be able to close its position and, in such an event would be unable to control its losses.

Geopolitical Risk: Occurrence of global events similar to those in recent years, such as war, country instability, infectious disease epidemics, market instability, debt crises and downgrades, the potential exit of a country from its respective union and related geopolitical events may result in market volatility and may leave long lasting impacts on both the U.S. and worldwide financial markets. Additionally, those events, as well as other changes in foreign and domestic political and economic conditions could adversely affect individual issuers or related groups of issuers, securities markets, interest rates, secondary trading, credit ratings, inflation, investor sentiment and other factors affecting the value of the Fund's investments. The June 2016 vote in the United Kingdom (UK) calling for the exit of the UK from the European Union (referred to as Brexit), may cause uncertainty and thus adversely impact financial results of the Fund and the global financial markets. An economic recession in the UK, or in a European Union member country, may have significant adverse economic effect on the economies of the affected country and its trading partners, which may include some or all of the European countries in which the Fund invests. The strengthening of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies may, among other things, adversely affect the Fund's investments denominated in non-U.S. dollar currencies. The Fund does not know how long the securities markets may be affected by similar events and cannot predict the effects of similar events in the future on the U.S. or global securities markets.

Regulatory Risk: The U.S. government has proposed and adopted multiple regulations that could have a long-lasting impact on the Fund and on the mutual fund industry in general. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) proposed rules governing the use of derivatives by registered investment companies, the Department of Labor's (DOL) final rule on conflicts of interest on fiduciary investment advice, as well as the SEC's final rules and amendments to modernize the reporting and disclosure (Modernization) could, among other things, restrict and/or increase the cost of the Fund's ability to engage in transactions and/or increase overall expenses of the Fund. In addition, Congress, various exchanges and regulatory and self-regulatory authorities domestic and foreign have undertaken reviews of options and futures trading in light of market volatility. Among the actions that have been taken or proposed to be taken are new limits and reporting requirements for speculative positions, new or more stringent daily price fluctuation limits for futures and options transactions, and increased margin requirements for various types of futures transactions. While the full extent of all of these regulations is still unclear, these regulations and actions

may adversely affect the instruments in which the Fund invests and its ability to execute its investment strategy.

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Note 9. Other

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent on claims that may be made against the Fund in the future and, therefore, cannot be estimated; however, based on experience, the risk of material loss from such claims is considered remote.

Note 10. New Accounting Guidance

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued a new Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-15, "Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230), a consensus of the FASB's Emerging Issues Task Force" (ASU 2016-15). ASU 2016-15 is intended to reduce diversity in practice in how certain transactions are classified in the statement of cash flows. The issues addressed in ASU 2016-15 are: debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs, settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments, contingent consideration payments made after a business combination, proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims, proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance policies, including bank-owned life insurance policies, distributions received from equity method investments, beneficial interests in securitization transactions; and, separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle. ASU 2016-15 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017.

In November 2016, the FASB issued a new Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-18, "Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230), Restricted Cash, a consensus of the FASB's Emerging Issues Task Force" (ASU 2016-18). ASU 2016-18 requires that a statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. Therefore, amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents should be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows. The amendments in ASU 2016-18 do not provide a definition of restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. ASU 2016-18 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017.

In October 2016, the SEC issued a new rule, *Investment Company Reporting Modernization*, which, among other provisions, amends Regulation S-X to require standardized, enhanced disclosures, particularly related to derivatives, in investment company financial statements. Compliance with the rule is effective for financial statements filed with the SEC on or after August 1, 2017.

Management is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this guidance will have on the Fund's financial statements and does not expect any impact to the Fund's net assets or results of operations.

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Note 11. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events and transactions occurring after December 31, 2016 through the date that the financial statements were issued, and has determined that no additional disclosure in the financial statements is required.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of the Cohen & Steers Limited Duration Preferred and Income Fund, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, and the related statements of operations, of changes in net assets and of cash flows and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Cohen & Steers Limited Duration Preferred and Income Fund, Inc. (the, "Fund") as of December 31, 2016, 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 periods indicated, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities as of December 31, 2016 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP New York, New York February 27, 2017

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS

(Periods ended December 31, 2016) (Unaudited)

Based on N	let Asset Value	Based on	Market Value
	Since Inception		Since Inception
One Year	(7/27/12)	One Year	(7/27/12)
8.89%	9.85%	17.82%	7.83%

The performance data quoted represent past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return will vary and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate and shares, if sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Performance results reflect the effect of leverage from utilization of borrowings under a revolving credit agreement. Current total returns of the Fund can be obtained by visiting our website at cohenandsteers.com. The Fund's returns assume the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

TAX INFORMATION 2016 (Unaudited)

Pursuant to the Jobs and Growth Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, the Fund designates qualified dividend income of \$39,439,849. Additionally, 44.26% of the ordinary dividends qualified for the dividends received deduction available to corporations. Also, the Fund designates a long-term capital gain distribution of \$11,985,410 at the 20% maximum rate and \$65,605 at the 25% maximum rate. The Fund also designates a short-term capital gain distribution of \$332,213.

REINVESTMENT PLAN

The Fund has a dividend reinvestment plan commonly referred to as an "opt-out" plan (the Plan). Each common shareholder who participates in the Plan will have all distributions of dividends and capital gains (Dividends) automatically reinvested in additional common shares by Computershare as agent (the Plan Agent). Shareholders who elect not to participate in the Plan will receive all Dividends in cash paid by check mailed directly to the shareholder of record (or if the shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to the nominee) by the Plan Agent, as dividend disbursing agent. Shareholders whose common shares are held in the name of a broker or nominee should contact the broker or nominee to determine whether and how they may participate in the Plan.

The Plan Agent serves as agent for the shareholders in administering the Plan. After the Fund declares a Dividend, the Plan Agent will, as agent for the shareholders, either: (i) receive the cash payment and use it to buy common shares in the open market, on the NYSE or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts or (ii) distribute newly issued common shares of the Fund on behalf of the participants.

The Plan Agent will receive cash from the Fund with which to buy common shares in the open market if, on the Dividend payment date, the net asset value (NAV) per share exceeds the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions on that date. The Plan Agent will receive the Dividend in newly issued common shares of the Fund if, on the

Dividend payment date, the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions equals or exceeds the NAV per share of the Fund on that date. The number of shares to be issued will be computed at a per share rate equal to the greater of (i) the NAV or (ii) 95% of the closing market price per share on the payment date.

If the market price per share is less than the NAV on a Dividend payment date, the Plan Agent will have until the last business day before the next ex-dividend date for the common stock, but in no event more than 30 days after the Dividend payment date (as the case may be, the Purchase Period), to invest the Dividend amount in shares acquired in open market purchases. If at the close of business on any day during the Purchase Period on which NAV is calculated the NAV equals or is less than the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions, the Plan Agent will cease making open market purchases and the uninvested portion of such Dividends shall be filled through the issuance of new shares of common stock from the Fund at the price set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph.

Participants in the Plan may withdraw from the Plan upon notice to the Plan Agent. Such withdrawal will be effective immediately if received not less than ten days prior to a Dividend record date; otherwise, it will be effective for all subsequent Dividends. If any participant elects to have the Plan Agent sell all or part of his or her shares and remit the proceeds, the Plan Agent is authorized to deduct a \$15.00 fee plus \$0.10 per share brokerage commissions.

The Plan Agent's fees for the handling of reinvestment of Dividends will be paid by the Fund. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of Dividends. The automatic reinvestment of Dividends will not relieve participants of any income tax that may be payable or required to be withheld on such Dividends.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan. All correspondence concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Agent at 800-432-8224.

OTHER INFORMATION

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 800-330-7348, (ii) on our website at cohenandsteers.com or (iii) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's (the SEC) website at http://www.sec.gov. In addition, the Fund's proxy voting record for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available by August 31 of each year (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 800-330-7348 or (ii) on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 800-330-7348 or (ii) on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. In addition, the Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800-SEC-0330.

Please note that distributions paid by the Fund to shareholders are subject to recharacterization for tax purposes and are taxable up to the amount of the Fund's investment company taxable income and net realized gains. Distributions in excess of the Fund's net investment company taxable income and net realized gains are a return of capital distributed from the Fund's assets. To the extent this occurs, the Fund's shareholders of

record will be notified of the estimated amount of capital returned to shareholders for each such distribution and this information will also be available at cohenandsteers.com. The final tax treatment of all distributions is reported to shareholders on their 1099-DIV forms, which are mailed after the close of each calendar year. Distributions of capital decrease the Fund's total assets

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and, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the Fund's expense ratio. In addition, in order to make these distributions, the Fund may have to sell portfolio securities at a less than opportune time.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Rule 23c-1 under the 1940 Act that the Fund may purchase, from time to time, shares of its common stock in the open market.

Benchmark Change

On January 26, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Fund approved a change in the Fund's blended benchmark from 75% BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Capital Securities Index and 25% BofA Merrill Lynch 7% Constrained Adjustable Rate Preferred Securities Index to 70% BofA Merrill Lynch US IG Institutional Capital Securities Index, 20% BofA Merrill Lynch 7% Constrained Adjustable Rate Preferred Securities Index and 10% Bloomberg Barclays Developed Market USD Contingent Capital Index, effective February 1, 2017.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors approves all significant agreements between the Fund and persons or companies furnishing services to it, including the Fund's agreements with its investment advisor, administrator, co-administrator, custodian and transfer agent. The management of the Fund's day-to-day operations is delegated to its officers, the investment advisor, administrator and co-administrator, subject always to the investment objective and policies of the Fund and to the general supervision of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors and officers of the Fund and their principal occupations during at least the past five years are set forth below. The statement of additional information (SAI) includes additional information about fund directors and is available, without charge, upon request by calling 800-330-7348.

Name, Addressosition(s) and Held Year of With Term of Birth ¹ Fund Office ² Interested Directors ⁴	Principal Occupation During At Least The Past 5 Years (Including Other Directorships Held)	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by I Director (Including the Fund)	
Robert Directoldntil H. Chairmalext Steers Election 1953 of	Chief Executive Officer of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (CSCM) and its parent, Cohen & Steers, Inc. (CNS) since 2014. Prior to that, Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of CSCM since 2003 and CNS since 2004. Prior to that, Chairman of CSCM; Vice President of Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC.	22	Since 1991
Joseph Directoldntil M. Next Harvey Election 1963 of Directors (table continued on next	President and Chief Investment Officer of CSCM (since 2003) and President of CNS (since 2004). Prior to that, Senior Vice President and Director of Investment Research of CSCM.	22	Since 2014

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Name, Addrestosition(s) and Held Year of With Term of Birth ¹ Fund Office ² Disinterested	Principal Occupation During At Least The Past 5 Years (Including Other Directorships Held)	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Fund)	Length of Time
Directors			
Michael Directoldntil G. Next Clark Election 1965 of Directors	From 2006 to 2011, President and Chief Executive Officer of DWS Funds and Managing Director of Deutsche Asset Management.	22	Since 2011
Bonnie Directoldntil Cohen Next 1942 Election of Directors	Consultant. Board Member, DC Public Library Foundation since 2012, President since 2014; Board member, Telluride Mountain Film Festival since 2010; Trustee, H. Rubenstein Foundation since 1996; Trustee, District of Columbia Public Libraries from 2004 to 2014.	22	Since 2001
George DirectolUntil Grossman Next 1953 Election of Directors (table continued on nex	Attorney-at-law. t page)	22	Since 1993

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Name,		Principal Occupation	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen	
Addressosition	(s)	During At Least	-	ength
and Held Year of With Birth ¹ Fund Dean Direct Junkans 1959	Next Election of	The Past 5 Years (Including Other Directorships Held) C.F.A.; Adjunct Professor and Executive-In-Residence, Bethel University since 2015; Chief Investment Officer at Wells Fargo Private Bank from 2004 to 2014 and Chief Investment Officer of the Wealth, Brokerage and Retirement group at Wells Fargo & Company from 2011 to 2014; Former member and Chair, Claritas Advisory Committee at the CFA Institute from 2013 to 2015; Board Member and Investment Committee member, Bethel University Foundation since 2010; Formerly, Corporate Executive Board Member of the National Chief Investment Officers Circle, 2010 to 2015; Formerly, Member of the Board of Governors of the University of Wisconsin Foundation, River Falls, 1996 to 2004; U.S. Army	Director (Including the Fund) 22	
Richard Director E. Kroon 1942	Next Election of Directors	Veteran, Gulf War. Former member of Investment Committee, Monmouth University since 2004 to 2016; Former Director, Retired Chairman and Managing Partner of Sprout Group venture capital funds, then an affiliate of Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette Securities Corporation from 1981 to 2001; Formerly, Director of the National Venture Capital Association from 1997 to 2000, and Chairman for the year 2000.	22	Since 2004
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Name, Addressosition(s) and Held Year of With Term of Birth¹ Fund Office² Gerald Directoldntil J. Next Maginnis Election 1955 of Directors	Principal Occupation During At Least The Past 5 Years (Including Other Directorships Held) Philadelphia Office Managing Partner, KPMG LLP from 2006 to 2015; Partner in Charge, KPMG Pennsylvania Audit Practice from 2002 to 2008; President, Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) from 2014 to 2015; member, PICPA Board of Directors from June 2012 to June	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by L Director (Including the Fund)	
Jane F. Directoldntil Magpiong Next	2016; member, Council of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA); member, Board of Trustees of AICPA Foundation. President, Untap Potential since 2013; Board Member, Crespi High School since 2014; Senior	22	Since 2015
1960 Election of	Managing Director, TIAA-CREF, from 2011 to 2013; National Head of Wealth Management, TIAA-CREF, from 2008 to 2011; and prior to that, President, Bank of America Private Bank from 2005 to 2008.		2013
Richard Directolontil	Private Investor. Member, Montgomery County,	22	Since
J. Next	Maryland Department of Corrections Volunteer		2001
Norman Election 1943 of Directors	Corps. since 2010; Liaison for Business Leadership, Salvation Army World Service Organization (SAWSO) since 2010; Advisory Board Member, The Salvation Army since 1985; Prior thereto, Investment Representative of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter from 1966 to 2000.		
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			Number of	
			Funds	
			Within	
			Fund	
			Complex	
Name,		Principal Occupation	Overseer	
Addressosition(s	s)	During At Least	by	Length
and Held		The Past 5 Years	Director	
Year of With	Term of	(Including Other	(Including	
Birth ¹ Fund	Office ²	Directorships Held)	the Fund	•
Frank Directo		Visiting Professor of Accounting and Director of the	22	Since
	Next	Center for Accounting Education at Howard		2004
	Election	University School of Business since 2004; Board		
	of	member and member of Audit Committee		
	Directors	(Chairman from 2007 to 2012) and Human		
		Resources and Compensation Committee		
		Member, Pepco Holdings, Inc. (electric utility) from		
		2004 to 2014; Formerly, Mid-Atlantic Area		
		Managing Partner for Assurance Services at		
		KPMG LLP and Managing Partner of its		
		Washington, DC offices from 1995 to 2003.		0.
C. Directo		Member of The Board of Trustees of Manhattan	22	Since
	Next	College, Riverdale, New York from 2004 to 2014;		2004
,	Election	Formerly, Director of closed-end fund management		
=	of	for the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE)		
		where he worked from 1979 to 2004.		
' The address	tor each c	lirector is 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.		

² On March 12, 2008, the Board of Directors adopted a mandatory retirement policy stating a Director must retire from the Board on December 31st of the year in which he or she turns 75 years of age.

³ The length of time served represents the year in which the Director was first elected or appointed to any fund in the Cohen & Steers fund complex.

⁴ "Interested person", as defined in the 1940 Act, of the Fund because of affiliation with CSCM (Interested Directors).

The officers of the Fund (other than Messrs. Steers and Harvey, whose biographies are provided above), their address, their year of birth and their principal occupations for at least the past five years are set forth below.

Name, Address and Year of	Position(s) Held		Length of Time
Birth ¹	With Fund	Principal Occupation During At Least the Past 5 Years	Served ²
Adam	President	Chief Operating Officer of CSCM since 2003 and CNS since	Since
M.	and Chief nExecutive	2004.	2005
1964	Officer		
William	Vice	Executive Vice President of CSCM since 2014. Prior to that,	Since
F.	President	Senior Vice President of CSCM since 2003.	2003
Scapell 1968			
Elaine	Vice	Senior Vice President of CSCM since 2014. Prior to that, Vice	Since
	NRkas ident	President of CSCM since 2003.	2015
1973			
Tina M.	,	Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel of	Since
Payne 1974	and Chief Legal Officer	CSCM since 2010.	2007
James	Chief	Executive Vice President of CSCM since 2014. Prior to that,	Since
	aFinancial	Senior Vice President of CSCM since 2006.	2006
1966	Officer		
Albert	Treasurer	Vice President of CSCM since 2015. Prior to that, Director of	Since
Laskaj 1977		Legg Mason & Co. since 2013. Vice President of Legg Mason from 2008 to 2013 and Treasurer of certain mutual funds since	2015
1377		2010.	
Lisa D.	Chief	Executive Vice President of CSCM since 2015. Prior to that,	Since
Phelan	Compliance	Senior Vice President of CSCM since 2008. Chief Compliance	2006
1968	Officer	Officer of CSCM, the Cohen & Steers funds, Cohen & Steers	
		Asia Limited and CSSL since 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.	
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¹ The address of each officer is 280 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

² Officers serve one-year terms. The length of time served represents the year in which the officer was first elected as an officer of any fund in the Cohen & Steers fund complex. All of the officers listed above are officers of one or more of the other funds in the complex.

Cohen & Steers Privacy Policy

Facts Why?	What Does Cohen & Steers Do With Your Personal Information? Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.
What?	The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include: • Social Security number and account balances • Transaction history and account transactions • Purchase history and wire transfer instructions
How?	All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons Cohen & Steers chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information For our everyday business purposes such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or reports to credit bureaus	Does Cohen & Steers share? Yes	Can you limit this sharing? No
For our marketing purposes to offer our products and services to you	Yes	No
For joint marketing with other financial companies	No	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes information about your transactions and experiences	No	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes information about your creditworthiness	No	We don't share
For our affiliates to market to you	No	We don't share
For non-affiliates to market to you	No	We don't share
Questions? Call 800.330.7348		Silait

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Cohen & Steers Privacy Policy (Continued)

Who we are Who is providing this notice?

Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., Cohen & Steers Asia Limited, Cohen & Steers Japan, LLC, Cohen & Steers UK Limited, Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC, Cohen & Steers Private Funds and Cohen & Steers Open and Closed-End Funds (collectively, Cohen & Steers).

What we do How does Cohen & Steers protect my personal information?

To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings. We restrict access to your information to those employees who need it to perform their jobs, and also require companies that provide services on our behalf to protect your information.

How does Cohen & Steers collect my personal information?

We collect your personal information, for example, when you:

- Open an account or buy securities from us
- Provide account information or give us your contact information
- Make deposits or withdrawals from your account

We also collect your personal information from other companies.

Why can't I limit all sharing?

- Federal law gives you the right to limit only:
 sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes information about your creditworthiness
- affiliates from using your information to market to you
- sharing for non-affiliates to market to you

State law and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.

Definitions

Affiliates

Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

• Cohen & Steers does not share with affiliates.

Non-affiliates

Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can

be financial and nonfinancial companies.

• Cohen & Steers does not share with non-affiliates.

Joint marketing

A formal agreement between non-affiliated financial companies that

together market financial products or services to you.

• Cohen & Steers does not jointly market.

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Cohen & Steers Investment Solutions

COHEN & STEERS REAL ASSETS FUND

- Designed for investors seeking total return and the maximization of real returns during inflationary environments by investing primarily in real assets
- Symbols: RAPAX, RAPCX, RAPIX, RAPRX, RAPZX

COHEN & STEERS INSTITUTIONAL GLOBAL REALTY SHARES

- Designed for institutional investors seeking total return, investing primarily in global real estate securities
- · Symbol: GRSIX

COHEN & STEERS GLOBAL REALTY SHARES

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in global real estate equity securities
 - Symbols: CSFAX, CSFCX, CSSPX, GRSRX, CSFZX

COHEN & STEERS REALTY SHARES

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in U.S. real estate securities
- Symbol: CSRSX

COHEN & STEERS REAL ESTATE SECURITIES FUND

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in U.S. real estate securities
- Symbols: CSEIX, CSCIX, CSDIX, CIRRX, CSZIX

COHEN & STEERS INSTITUTIONAL REALTY SHARES

- Designed for institutional investors seeking total return, investing primarily in U.S. real estate securities
- Symbol: CSRIX

COHEN & STEERS INTERNATIONAL REALTY FUND

• Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in international (non-U.S.) real estate securities

Symbols: IRFAX, IRFCX, IRFIX, IRFRX, IRFZX

COHEN & STEERS ACTIVE COMMODITIES STRATEGY FUND

- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of exchange-traded commodity future contracts and other commodity-related derivative instruments
- Symbols: CDFAX, CDFCX, CDFIX, CDFRX, CDFZX

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- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in global infrastructure securities
 - Symbols: CSUAX, CSUCX, CSUIX, CSURX, CSUZX

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- Designed for investors seeking total return, investing primarily in midstream energy master limited partnership (MLP) units and related stocks
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- Designed for investors seeking high current income and capital preservation by investing in low-duration preferred and other income securities issued by U.S. and non-U.S. companies
- Symbols: LPXAX, LPXCX, LPXIX, LPXRX, LPXZX

COHEN & STEERS PREFERRED SECURITIES AND INCOME FUND

- Designed for investors seeking total return (high current income and capital appreciation), investing primarily in preferred and debt securities issued by U.S. and non-U.S. companies
- Symbols: CPXAX, CPXCX, CPXIX, CPRRX, CPXZX

COHEN & STEERS DIVIDEND VALUE FUND

- Designed for investors seeking long-term growth of income and capital appreciation, investing primarily in dividend paying common stocks and preferred stocks
- Symbols: DVFAX, DVFCX, DVFIX, DVFRX, DVFZX

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- Designed for investors who seek a relatively low-cost passive approach for investing in a portfolio of global real estate equity securities of companies in a specified index
- · Symbol: GRI

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- Designed for investors who seek a relatively low-cost passive approach for investing in a portfolio of U.S. real estate equity securities of companies in a specified index
 - · Symbol: ICF

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Item 2. Code of Ethics.

The Registrant has adopted an Amended and Restated Code of Ethics that applies to its Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer. The Code of Ethics was in effect during the reporting period. The Registrant amended the Code of Ethics during the reporting period to expand on how covered officers should handle conflicts of interest. The Registrant has not granted any waiver, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the Code of Ethics as described in Form N-CSR during the reporting period. A current copy of the Code of Ethics is available on the Registrant s website at https://www.cohenandsteers.com/assets/content/uploads/Code_of_Ethics_for_Principal_Executive_and_Principal_Financial_Officers_of_the_Funds.pdf. Upon request, a copy of the Code of Ethics can be obtained free of charge by calling 800-330-7348 or writing to the Secretary of the Registrant, 280 Park Avenue, 10th floor, New York, NY 10017.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

The registrant s board has determined that Michael G. Clark, Gerald J. Maginnis and Frank K. Ross, each a member of the board s audit committee, are each an audit committee financial expert. Mr. Clark, Mr. Maginnis and Mr. Ross are each independent, as such term is defined in Form N-CSR.

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

(a) (d) Aggregate fees billed to the registrant for the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the registrant s principal accountant were as follows:

	2016	2015
Audit Fees	\$ 47,700	\$ 47,700
Audit-Related Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tax Fees	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600
All Other Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0

Tax fees were billed in connection with tax compliance services, including the preparation and review of federal and state tax returns and the computation of corporate and franchise tax amounts.

(e)(1) The registrant s audit committee is required to pre-approve audit and non-audit services performed for the registrant by the principal accountant. The audit committee also is required to pre-approve non-audit services performed by the registrant s principal accountant for the registrant s investment advisor (not including any sub-advisor whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment advisor) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant s investment advisor that provides ongoing services to the registrant, if the engagement for services relates directly to the

operations and financial reporting of the registrant.

The audit committee may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members who are independent members of the board of directors of the registrant. The member or members to whom such authority is delegated shall report any pre-approval decisions to the audit committee at its next scheduled meeting. The audit committee may not delegate its responsibility to pre-approve services to be performed by the registrant s principal accountant to the investment advisor.

- (e)(2) No services included in (b) (d) above were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraphs (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the aggregate fees billed by the registrant s principal accountant for non-audit services rendered to the registrant and for non-audit services rendered to the registrant s investment advisor (not including any sub-advisor whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment advisor) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant s investment advisor that provides ongoing services to the registrant were:

	2016	2015
Registrant	\$ 6,600 \$	6,600
Investment Advisor	\$ 0 \$	0

(h) The registrant s audit committee considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant s investment advisor (not including any sub-advisor whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment advisor) and/or to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the registrant s investment advisor that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not required to be pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X was compatible with maintaining the principal accountant s independence.

Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.

The registrant has a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The members of the committee are Frank K. Ross (chairman), Michael G. Clark, Bonnie Cohen, George Grossman and Gerald J. Maginnis.

Item 6. Schedule of Investments.

Included in Item 1 above.

Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

The registrant has delegated voting of proxies in respect of portfolio holdings to Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth below.

COHEN & STEERS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

STATEMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE VOTING OF SECURITIES

This statement sets forth the policies and procedures that Cohen & Steers, Inc. and its affiliated advisors (Cohen & Steers , we or us) follow in exercising voting rights with respect to securities held in its client portfolios. All proxy-voting rights that are exercised by Cohen & Steers shall be subject to this Statement of Policy and Procedures.

A. General Proxy Voting Guidelines

Objectives

Voting rights are an important component of corporate governance. Cohen & Steers has three overall objectives in exercising voting rights:

- <u>Responsibility</u>. Cohen & Steers shall seek to ensure that there is an effective means in place to hold companies accountable for their actions. While management must be accountable to its board, the board must be accountable to a company s shareholders. Although accountability can be promoted in a variety of ways, protecting shareholder voting rights may be among our most important tools.
- <u>Rationalizing Management and Shareholder Concerns</u>. Cohen & Steers seeks to ensure that the interests of a company s management and board are aligned with those of the company s shareholders. In this respect, compensation must be structured to reward the creation of shareholder value.
- <u>Shareholder Communication</u>. Since companies are owned by their shareholders, Cohen & Steers seeks to ensure that management effectively communicates with its owners about the company s business operations and financial performance. It is only with effective communication that shareholders will be able to assess the performance of management and to make informed decisions on

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General Principles

In exercising voting rights, Cohen & Steers shall conduct itself in accordance with the general principles set forth below.

• The ability to exercise a voting right with respect to a security is a valuable right and, therefore, must be viewed as part of the asset itself.

- In exercising voting rights, Cohen & Steers shall engage in a careful evaluation of issues that may materially affect the rights of shareholders and the value of the security.
- Consistent with general fiduciary principles, the exercise of voting rights shall always be conducted with reasonable care, prudence and diligence.
- In exercising voting rights on behalf of clients, Cohen & Steers shall conduct itself in the same manner as if Cohen & Steers were the constructive owner of the securities.
- To the extent reasonably possible, Cohen & Steers shall participate in each shareholder voting opportunity.
- Voting rights shall not automatically be exercised in favor of management-supported proposals.
- Cohen & Steers, and its officers and employees, shall never accept any item of value in consideration of a favorable proxy voting decision.

General Guidelines

Set forth below are general guidelines that Cohen & Steers shall follow in exercising proxy voting rights:

- <u>Prudence</u>. In making a proxy voting decision, Cohen & Steers shall give appropriate consideration to all relevant facts and circumstances, including the value of the securities to be voted and the likely effect any vote may have on that value. Since voting rights must be exercised on the basis of an informed judgment, investigation shall be a critical initial step.
- <u>Third Party Views</u>. While Cohen & Steers may consider the views of third parties, Cohen & Steers shall never base a proxy voting decision solely on the opinion of a third party. Rather, decisions shall be based on a reasonable and good faith determination as to how best to maximize shareholder value.

• <u>Shareholder Value</u> . Just as the decision whether to purchase or sell a security is a matter of
judgment, determining whether a specific proxy resolution will increase the market value of a security
is a matter of judgment as to which informed parties may differ. In determining how a proxy vote may
affect the economic value of a security, Cohen & Steers shall consider both short-term and long-term
views about a company s business and prospects, especially in light of our projected holding period on
the stock (e.g., Cohen & Steers may discount long-term views on a short-term holding).

Specific Guidelines

Uncontested Director Elections

Votes on director nominees should be made on a case-by-case basis using a mosaic approach, where all factors are considered in director elections and where no single issue is deemed to be determinative. For example, a nominee s experience and business judgment may be critical to the long-term success of the portfolio company, notwithstanding the fact that he or she may serve on the board of more than four public companies. In evaluating nominees, we consider the following factors:

- Whether the nominee attended less than 75 percent of the board and committee meetings without a valid excuse for the absences;
- Whether the nominee is an inside or affiliated outside director and sits on the audit, compensation, or nominating committees and/or the full board serves as the audit, compensation, or nominating committee or the company does not have one of these committees;
- Whether the board ignored a significant shareholder proposal that was approved by a majority of the votes cast in the previous year;
- Whether the board, without shareholder approval, to our knowledge instituted a new poison pill plan, extended an existing plan, or adopted a new plan upon the expiration of an existing plan during the past year;
- Whether the nominee is the Chairman or CEO of a publicly-traded company who serves on more than two public boards;
- Whether the nominee serves on more than four public company boards;
- If the nominee is an incumbent director, the length of tenure taking into account tenure limits recommended in local corporate governance codes(1);
- Whether the nominee has a material related party transaction or is believed by us to have a material conflict of interest with the portfolio company;
- Whether the nominee (or the overall board) in our view has a record of making poor corporate or strategic decisions or has demonstrated an overall lack of good business judgment;
- Material failures of governance, stewardship, risk oversight(2), or fiduciary responsibilities at the company

- Whether the nominee serves on the audit committee where there is evidence (such as audit reports or reports mandated under the Sarbanes Oxley Act) that there exists material weaknesses in the company s internal controls;
- Whether the nominee serves on the compensation committee if that director was present at the time of the grant of backdated options or options the pricing or the timing of which we believe

⁽¹⁾ For example, in the UK, independent directors of publicly traded companies with tenure exceeding nine years are reclassified as non-independent unless the company can explain why they remain independent.

⁽²⁾ Examples of failure of risk oversight include, but are not limited to: bribery; large or serial fines from regulatory bodies; significant adverse legal judgments or settlements; hedging of company stock by the employees or directors of a company; or significant pledging of company stock in the aggregate by the officers and directors of a company.

may have been manipulated to provide additional benefits to executives;
• Failure to replace management as appropriate; and
• Egregious actions related to a director s service on other boards that raise substantial doubt about his or her ability to effectively oversee management and serve the best interests of shareholders at any company.
Proxy Access
We recognize the importance of shareholder access to the ballot process as a means to ensure that boards do not become self-perpetuating and self-serving. However, we are also aware that some proposals may promote certain interest groups and could be disruptive to the nomination process. We vote on a case-by-case basis considering the proxy access terms in light of a company is specific circumstances and we may support proxy access proposals when management and boards have display a lack of shareholder accountability. Director candidates nominated pursuant to proxy access will be considered in accordance with the contested election guidelines below.
Proxy Contests
Director Nominees in a Contested Election
By definition, this type of board candidate or slate runs for the purpose of seeking a significant change in corporate policy or control. Therefore, the economic impact of the vote in favor of or in opposition to that director or slate must be analyzed using a higher standard such as is normally applied to changes in control. Criteria for evaluating director nominees as a grou or individually should also include: the underlying reason why the new slate (or individual director) is being proposed; performance; compensation; corporate governance provisions and takeover activity; criminal activity; attendance at meetings investment in the company; interlocking directorships; inside, outside and independent directors; number of other board seats and other experience. It is impossible to have a general policy regarding director nominees in a contested election.
Reimbursement of Proxy Solicitation Expenses
Decisions to provide full reimbursement for dissidents waging a proxy contest should be made on a case-by-case basis. In the absence of compelling reasons, Cohen & Steers will generally not support such proposals.

Ratification of Auditors

We vote for proposals to ratify auditors, auditor remuneration and/or proposals authorizing the board to fix audit fees, unless:

- an auditor has a financial interest in or association with the company, and is therefore not independent;
- there is reason to believe that the independent auditor has rendered an opinion that is neither accurate nor indicative of the company s financial position;
- the name of the proposed auditor and/or fees paid to the audit firm are not disclosed by the

company in a timely manner prior to the meeting;
• the auditors are being changed without explanation; or
• fees paid for non-audit related services are excessive and/or exceed limits set in local best practice recommendations or law.
In circumstances where fees for non-audit services include fees related to significant one-time capital structure events; initial public offerings; bankruptcy emergence, and spinoffs; and the company makes public disclosure of the amount and nature of those fees, then such fees may be excluded from the non-audit fees considered in determining whether non-audit related fee are excessive.
We vote on a case-by-case basis on auditor rotation proposals. Criteria for evaluating the rotation proposal include, but are not limited to: tenure of the audit firm; establishment and disclosure of a renewal process whereby the auditor is regularly evaluated for both audit quality and competitive price; length of the rotation period advocated in the proposal; and any significant audit related issues.
Generally, we vote against auditor indemnification and limitation of liability; however we recognize there may be situations where indemnification and limitations on liability may be appropriate.
Takeover Defenses
While we recognize that a takeover attempt can be a significant distraction for the board and management to deal with, the simple fact is that the possibility of a corporate takeover keeps management focused on maximizing shareholder value. As result, Cohen & Steers opposes measures that are designed to prevent or obstruct corporate takeovers because they can entrench current management. The following are our guidelines on change of control issues:
Shareholder Rights Plans

We acknowledge that there are arguments for and against shareholder rights plans, also known as poison pills. Companies

should put their case for rights plans to shareholders.

We review on a case-by-case basis management proposals to ratify a poison pill. We generally look for shareholder friendly features including a two- to three-year sunset provision, a permitted bid provision and a 20 percent or higher flip-in provision
Greenmail
We vote for proposals to adopt anti-greenmail charter or bylaw amendments or otherwise restrict a company s ability to mak greenmail payments.
Unequal Voting Rights
Generally, we vote against dual-class recapitalizations as they offer an effective way for a firm to thwart hostile takeovers by

concentrating voting power in the hands of management or other insiders. We support the one-share, one-vote principle for

voting.

Classified Boards
We generally vote in favor of shareholder proposals to declassify a board of directors, although we acknowledge that a classified board may be in the long-term best interests of the shareholders of a company in certain situations, such as continuity of a strong board and management team or for certain types of companies. In voting on shareholder proposals to declassify a board of directors, we evaluate all facts and circumstances surrounding such proposal, including whether: (i) the current management and board have a track record of making good corporate or strategic decisions, (ii) the shareholder proposing the de-classification has an agenda in making such proposal that may be at odds with the long-term best interests of the shareholders of the company, or (iii) it would be in the best interests of the company to thwart a shareholder s attempt to control the board of directors.
Cumulative Voting
Having the ability to cumulate our votes for the election of directors that is, cast more than one vote for a director about whom they feel strongly generally increases shareholders rights to effect change in the management of a corporation.

whom they feel strongly generally increases shareholders rights to effect change in the management of a corporation. However, we acknowledge that cumulative voting promotes special candidates who may not represent the interests of all, or even a majority, of shareholders. In voting on proposals to institute cumulative voting, we therefore evaluate all facts and circumstances surrounding such proposal and we generally vote against cumulative voting where the company has good corporate governance practices in place, including majority voting for board elections and de-classified boards.

Shareholder Ability to Call Special Meeting

Cohen & Steers votes on a case-by-case basis for shareholder proposals requesting companies to amend their governance documents (bylaws and/or charter) in order to allow shareholders to call special meetings.

Shareholder Ability to Act by Written Consent

We generally vote against proposals to allow or facilitate shareholder action by written consent. The requirement that all shareholders be given notice of a shareholders meeting and matters to be discussed therein seems to provide a reasonable protection of minority shareholder rights.

Shareholder Ability to Alter the Size of the Board

We generally vote for proposals that seek to fix the size of the board and vote against proposals that give management the ability to alter the size of the board without shareholder approval. While we recognize the importance of such proposals, we are however also aware that these proposals are sometimes put forth in order to promote the agenda(s) of certain special interest groups and could be disruptive to the management of the company.

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Miscellaneous Board Provisions
Board Committees
Boards should delegate key oversight functions, such as responsibility for audit, nominating and compensation issues, to independent committees. The chairman and members of any committee should be clearly identified in the annual report. Any committee should have the authority to engage independent advisors where appropriate at the company s expense.

Audit, nominating and compensation committees should consist solely of non-employee directors, who are independent of

Independent Chairman
We review on a case-by-case basis proposals requiring that the chairman s position be filled by an independent director, taking into consideration the company s current board leadership and governance structure; company performance, and any other factors that may be applicable.
Separate Chairman and CEO Role
We will generally vote for proposals looking to separate the CEO and Chairman roles. We do acknowledge, however, that under certain circumstances, it may be reasonable for the CEO and Chairman roles to be held by a single person.
Lead Directors and Executive Sessions
In cases where the CEO and Chairman roles are combined or the Chairman is not independent, we will vote for the appointment of a lead independent director and for regular executive sessions (board meetings taking place without the CEO/Chairman present).
Majority of Independent Directors
We vote for proposals that call for the board to be composed of a majority of independent directors. We believe that a majority of independent directors can be an important factor in facilitating objective decision making and enhancing accountability to shareholders.
Independent Committees
We vote for shareholder proposals requesting that the board s audit, compensation, and nominating committees consist exclusively of independent directors.
Stock Ownership Requirements
We support measures requiring senior executives to hold a minimum amount of stock in a company (often expressed as a percentage of annual compensation), which may include restricted stock or restricted stock units.

Director and Officer Indemnification and Liability Protection
We generally support indemnification provisions that are consistent with the local jurisdiction in which the company has bee formed. We vote in favor of proposals providing indemnification for directors and officers with respect to acts conducted in the normal course of business. We also vote in favor of proposals that expand coverage for directors and officers where, despite an unsuccessful legal defense, the director or officer acted in good faith and in the best interests of the company and the director or officers legal expenses are covered. We vote against proposals that would expand indemnification beyond coverage of legal expenses to coverage of acts, such as gross negligence, that are more serious violations of fiduciary obligations.
Board Size
We generally vote for proposals to limit the size of the board to 15 members or less.

Majority Vote Standard
We generally vote for proposals asking for the board to initiate the appropriate process to amend the company s governance documents (charter or bylaws) to provide that director nominees shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the majority of votes cast at an annual meeting of shareholders
Supermajority Vote Requirements
We generally support proposals that seek to lower super-majority voting requirements
Disclosure of Board Nominees
We generally vote against the election of directors at companies if the names of the director nominees are not disclosed in a timely manner prior to the meeting. However, we recognize that companies in certain emerging markets may have a legitimate reason for not disclosing nominee names. In such a rare case, if a company discloses a legitimate reason why such nominee names should not be disclosed, we may vote for the nominees even if nominee names are not disclosed in a timely manner.
Disclosure of Board Compensation
We generally vote against the election of directors at companies if the compensation paid to such directors is not disclosed in a timely manner prior to the meeting. However, we recognize that companies in certain emerging markets may have a legitimate reason for not disclosing such compensation information. In such a rare case, if a company discloses a legitimate reason why such compensation should not be disclosed, we may vote for the nominees even if compensation is not disclosed in a timely manner.
Miscellaneous Governance Provisions
Confidential Voting
We vote for shareholder proposals requesting that companies adopt confidential voting, use independent tabulators, and use independent inspectors of election as long as the proposals include clauses for proxy contests as follows: in the case of a

contested election, management should be permitted to request that the dissident group honor its confidential voting policy. If the dissidents agree, the policy remains in place. If the dissidents do not agree, the confidential voting policy is waived.

We also vote for management proposals to adopt confidential voting.
Bundled Proposals
We review on a case-by-case basis bundled or conditioned proxy proposals. In the case of items that are conditioned upon each other, we examine the benefits and costs of the packaged items. In instances where the joint effect of the conditioned items is not in shareholders best interests, we vote against the proposals. If the combined effect is positive, we support suc proposals. In the case of bundled director proposals, we will vote for the entire slate only if we would have otherwise voted for each director on an individual basis.
Date/Location of Meeting
We vote against shareholder proposals to change the date or location of the shareholders meeting. No one site will meet the needs of all shareholders.

Adjourn Meeting if Votes are Insufficient.
Open-end requests for adjournment of a shareholder meeting generally will not be supported. However, where management specifically states the reason for requesting an adjournment and the requested adjournment is necessary to permit a proposal that would otherwise be supported under this policy to be carried out, the adjournment request will be supported.
Disclosure of Shareholder Proponents
We vote for shareholder proposals requesting that companies disclose the names of shareholder proponents. Shareholders may wish to contact the proponents of a shareholder proposal for additional information.
Other Business
Cohen & Steers will generally vote against proposals to approve other business where we cannot determine the exact nature of the proposal to be voted on.
Capital Structure
Increase Additional Common Stock
We generally vote for increases in authorized shares, provided that the increase is not greater than three times the number of shares outstanding and reserved for issuance (including shares reserved for stock-related plans and securities convertible into common stock, but not shares reserved for any poison pill plan).
Votes generally are cast in favor of proposals to authorize additional shares of stock except where the proposal:
creates a blank check preferred stock; or
• establishes classes of stock with superior voting rights.

Blank Check Preferred Stock

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Votes generally are cast in opposition to management proposals authorizing the creation of new classes of preferred stock with unspecific voting, conversion, distribution and other rights, and management proposals to increase the number of authorized blank check preferred shares. We may vote in favor of this type of proposal when we receive assurances to our reasonable satisfaction that (i) the preferred stock was authorized by the board for the use of legitimate capital formation purposes and not for anti-takeover purposes, and (ii) no preferred stock will be issued with voting power that is disproportionate to the economic interests of the preferred stock. These representations should be made either in the proxy statement or in a separate letter from the company to Cohen & Steers.

Pre-emptive Rights

We believe that the governance and regulation of public equity markets allow for adequate shareholder protection against dilution. Further, we believe that companies should have more flexibility to issue shares without costly and time constraining rights offerings. As such, we do not believe that pre-emptive rights are necessary and as such, we generally vote for the issuance of equity shares without pre-emptive rights. On a limited basis, we will vote for shareholder pre-emptive rights where such pre-emptive rights are necessary, taking into account the best interests of the company s shareholders.

We acknowledge that international local practices typically call for shareholder pre-emptive rights when a company seeks authority to issue shares (e.g., UK authority for the issuance of only up to 5% of outstanding shares without pre-emptive rights). While we would prefer that companies be permitted to issue shares without pre-emptive rights, in deference to international local practices, we will approve issuance requests with pre-emptive rights.
Dual Class Capitalizations
Because classes of common stock with unequal voting rights limit the rights of certain shareholders, we vote against adoption of a dual or multiple class capitalization structure.
Restructurings/Recapitalizations
We review proposals to increase common and/or preferred shares and to issue shares as part of a debt restructuring plan on a case-by-case basis. In voting, we consider the following issues:
• dilution how much will ownership interest of existing shareholders be reduced, and how extreme will dilution to any future earnings be?
• change in control will the transaction result in a change in control of the company?
• bankruptcy generally, approve proposals that facilitate debt restructurings unless there are clear signs of self-dealing or other abuses.
Share Repurchase Programs
Boards may institute share repurchase or stock buy-back programs for a number of reasons. Cohen & Steers will generally vote in favor of such programs where the repurchase would be in the long-term best interests of shareholders, and where the company is not thought to be able to use the cash in a more useful way.
Targeted Share Placements

These shareholder proposals ask companies to seek stockholder approval before placing 10% or more of their voting stock with a single investor. The proposals are typically in reaction to the placement by various companies of a large block of their voting stock in an ESOP, parent capital fund or with a single friendly investor, with the aim of protecting themselves against a hostile tender offer. These proposals are voted on a case-by-case basis after reviewing the individual situation of the company

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Executive Compensation (Say on Pay)

Votes regarding shareholder say on pay are determined on a case-by-case basis. Generally, we believe that executive compensation should be tied to the long-term performance of the executive and the company both in absolute and relative to the peer group. We therefore monitor the compensation practices of portfolio companies to determine whether compensation to these executives is commensurate to the company s total shareholder return (TSR) (*i.e.*, we generally expect companies that pay their executives at the higher end of the pay range to also be performing commensurately well).

Further, pay elements that are not directly based on performance are generally evaluated on a case-by-case basis considering the context of a company s overall pay program and demonstrated pay-for-performance philosophy. The following list highlights certain negative pay practices that carry significant weight in this overall consideration and may result in adverse vote recommendations:

- Repricing or replacing of underwater stock options/SARS without prior shareholder approval (including cash buyouts and voluntary surrender of underwater options);
- Excessive perquisites or tax gross-ups;
- New or extended agreements that provide for:
- Change in Control (CIC) payments exceeding 3 times base salary and bonus;
- CIC severance payments without involuntary job loss or substantial diminution of duties (single or modified single triggers);
- CIC payments with excise tax gross-ups (including modified gross-ups).

Also, we generally vote for shareholder proposals that seek additional disclosure of executive and director pay information.

Frequency of Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation (Say When on Pay)

We generally vote for annual advisory votes on compensation as we note that executive compensation is also evaluated on an annual basis by the company s compensation committee.

Stock-based Incentive Plans

Votes with respect to compensation plans should be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on a combination of certain plan features and equity grant practices, where positive factors may counterbalance negative factors, and vice versa, as evaluated in three pillars:

- **Plan Cost:** The total estimated cost of the company s equity plans relative to industry/market cap peers, measured by the company s estimated Shareholder Value Transfer (SVT) in relation to peers and considering both:
- SVT based on new shares requested plus shares remaining for future grants, plus outstanding

unvested/unexercised grants; and

• SVT based only on new shares requested plus shares remaining for future grants.

Plan Features:

- Automatic single-triggered award vesting upon CIC;
- Discretionary vesting authority;
- Liberal share recycling on various award types;
- Minimum vesting period for grants made under the plan.

• Grant Practices:

- The company s three year burn rate relative to its industry/market cap peers;
- Vesting requirements in most recent CEO equity grants (3-year look-back);
- The estimated duration of the plan based on the sum of shares remaining available and the new shares requested, divided by the average annual shares granted in the prior three years;

- The proportion of the CEO s most recent equity grants/awards subject to performance conditions;
- Whether the company maintains a claw-back policy;
- Whether the company has established post exercise/vesting share-holding requirements.

We will generally vote against the plan proposal if the combination of factors indicates that the plan is not, overall, in the shareholders interest, or if any of the following apply:

- Awards may vest in connection with a liberal CIC;
- The plan would permit repricing or cash buyout of underwater options without shareholder approval;
- The plan is a vehicle for problematic pay practices or a pay-for-performance disconnect; or
- Any other plan features that are determined to have a significant negative impact on shareholder interests.

Approval of Cash or Cash-and-Stock Bonus Plans

We vote for cash or cash-and-stock bonus plans to exempt the compensation from limits on deductibility under the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Reload/Evergreen Features

We will generally vote against plans that enable the issuance of reload options and that provide an automatic share replenishment (evergreen) feature.

Golden Parachutes

In general, the guidelines call for voting against golden parachute plans because they impede potential takeovers that shareholders should be free to consider. In particular, we oppose the use of employment contracts that result in cash grants of greater than three times annual compensation (salary and bonus) and generally withhold our votes at the next shareholder meeting for directors who to our knowledge approved golden parachutes.

Voting on Golden Parachutes in an Acquisition, Merger, Consolidation, or Proposed Sale

We vote on a case-by-case basis on proposals to approve the company s golden parachute compensation. Features that may lead to a vote against include:

- Potentially excessive severance payments (cash grants of greater than three times annual compensation (salary and bonus));
- Agreements that include excessive excise tax gross-up provisions;
- Single trigger payments that will happen immediately upon a change in control, including cash payment and such items as the acceleration of performance-based equity despite the failure to achieve performance measures;
- Single-trigger vesting of equity based on a definition of change in control that requires only shareholder approval of the transaction (rather than consummation);

• Recent amendments or other changes that may make packages so attractive as to influence merger agreements that may not be in the best interests of shareholders;
• In the case of a substantial gross-up from pre-existing/grandfathered contract: the element that triggered the gross-up (<i>i.e.</i> , option mega-grants at low point in stock price, unusual or outsized payments in cash or equity made or negotiated prior to the merger); or
• The company s assertion that a proposed transaction is conditioned on shareholder approval of the golden parachute advisory vote.
401(k) Employee Benefit Plans
We vote for proposals to implement a 401(k) savings plan for employees.
Employee Stock Purchase Plans
We support employee stock purchase plans, although we generally believe the discounted purchase price should be at least 85% of the current market price.
Option Expensing
We vote for shareholder proposals to expense fixed-price options.
Vesting
We believe that restricted stock awards normally should vest over at least a two-year period.
Option Repricing

Stock options generally should not be re-priced, and never should be re-priced without shareholder approval. In addition, companies should not issue new options, with a lower strike price, to make up for previously issued options that are substantially underwater. Cohen & Steers will vote against the election of any slate of directors that, to its knowledge, has

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authorized a company to re-price or replace underwater options during the most recent year without shareholder approval.
Stock Holding Periods
Generally vote against all proposals requiring executives to hold the stock received upon option exercise for a specific period
of time.
Transferable Stock Options
Review on a case-by-case basis proposals to grant transferable stock options or otherwise permit the transfer of outstanding stock options, including cost of proposal and alignment with shareholder interests.
Recoup Bonuses
We generally vote for shareholder proposals to recoup incentive bonuses or other incentive payments made to senior
executives if it is later determined that fraud, misconduct, or negligence significantly contributed to a restatement of financial results that led to the awarding of incentive compensation.

Incorporation
Reincorporation Outside of the United States
Generally, we will vote against companies looking to reincorporate outside of the U.S.
Voting on State Takeover Statutes
We review on a case-by-case basis proposals to opt in or out of state takeover statutes (including control share acquisition statutes, control share cash-out statutes, freezeout provisions, fair price provisions, stakeholder laws, poison pill endorsements, severance pay and labor contract provisions, anti-greenmail provisions, and disgorgement provisions). In voting on these shareholder proposals, we evaluate all facts and circumstances surrounding such proposal, including whether the shareholder proposing such measure has an agenda in making such proposal that may be at odds with the long-term best interests of the company or whether it would be in the best interests of the company to thwart a shareholder s attempt to control the board of directors.
Voting on Reincorporation Proposals
Proposals to change a company s state of incorporation are examined on a case-by-case basis. In making our decision, we review management s rationale for the proposal, changes to the charter/bylaws, and differences in the state laws governing the companies.
Mergers and Corporate Restructurings
Mergers and Acquisitions
Votes on mergers and acquisitions should be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account factors including the following: anticipated financial and operating benefits; offer price (cost vs. premium); prospects of the combined companies; how the deal was negotiated; and changes in corporate governance and their impact on shareholder rights.

We vote against proposals that require a super-majority of shareholders to approve a merger or other significant business

combination.

Nonfinancial Effects of a Merger or Acquisition

Some companies have proposed a charter provision which specifies that the board of directors may examine the nonfinancial effect of a merger or acquisition on the company. This provision would allow the board to evaluate the impact a proposed change in control would have on employees, host communities, suppliers and/or others. We generally vote against proposals to adopt such charter provisions. We feel it is the directors fiduciary duty to base decisions solely on the financial interests of the shareholders.

Corporate Restructuring

Votes on corporate restructuring proposals, including minority squeezeouts, leveraged buyouts, going private proposals, spin-offs, liquidations, and asset sales, should be considered on a case-by-case basis In evaluating these proposals and determining our votes, we are singularly focused on meeting our goal of maximizing long-term shareholder value.

Spin-offs
Votes on spin-offs should be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the tax and regulatory advantages, planned use of sale proceeds, market focus, and managerial incentives.
Asset Sales
Votes on asset sales should be made on a case-by-case basis after considering the impact on the balance sheet/working capital, value received for the asset, and potential elimination of diseconomies.
Liquidations
Votes on liquidations should be made on a case-by-case basis after reviewing management s efforts to pursue other alternatives, appraisal value of assets, and the compensation plan for executives managing the liquidation.
Appraisal Rights
We vote for proposals to restore, or provide shareholders with, rights of appraisal. Rights of appraisal provide shareholders who are not satisfied with the terms of certain corporate transactions the right to demand a judicial review in order to determine a fair value for their shares.
Changing Corporate Name
We vote for changing the corporate name.
Shareholder Rights
Our position on the rights of shareholders is as follows:

- Shareholders should be given the opportunity to exercise their rights. Notification of opportunities for the exercise of voting rights should be given in good time.
- Shareholders are entitled to submit questions to company management.
- Minority shareholders should be protected as far as possible from the exercise of voting rights by majority shareholders.
- Shareholders are entitled to hold company management as well as the legal person or legal entity accountable for any action caused by the company or company management for which the company, company management or legal entity should bear responsibility.

Environmental and Social Issues

We recognize that the companies in which we invest can enhance shareholder value and long-term profitability by adopting policies and procedures that promote corporate social and environmental responsibility. Because of the diverse nature of environmental and social shareholder proposals and the myriad ways companies deal with them, these proposals should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

All such proposals are scrutinized based on whether they contribute to the creation of shareholder value, are reasonable and relevant, and provide adequate disclosure of key issues to shareholders. When evaluating social and environmental shareholder proposals, we consider the following factors (in the order of importance as set forth below):

- The financial implications of the proposal, including whether adoption of the proposal is likely to have significant economic benefit for the company, such that shareholder value is enhanced or protected by the adoption of the proposal;
- Whether the issues presented are more appropriately/effectively dealt with through governmental or company-specific action, as many social and environmental issues are more properly the province of government and broad regulatory action;
- Whether the subject of the proposal is best left to the discretion of the board;
- Whether the company has already responded in some appropriate manner to the request embodied in the proposal;
- Whether the information requested concerns business issues that relate to a meaningful percentage of the company s business as measured by sales, assets, and earnings;
- The degree to which the company s stated position on the issues raised in the proposal could affect its reputation or sales, or leave it vulnerable to a boycott or selective purchasing;
- Whether implementation of the proposal s request would achieve the proposal s objectives;
- Whether the requested information is available to shareholders either from the company or from a publicly available source; and
- Whether providing this information would reveal proprietary or confidential information that would place the company at a competitive disadvantage.

Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Investment Companies.

Information pertaining to the portfolio managers of the registrant, as of March 9, 2017, is set forth below.

William F. Scapell

Executive vice president of C&S since 2014. Prior to that, senior vice president of C&S since 2003.

- Vice President
- Portfolio manager since inception

Elaine Zaharis-Nikas

Senior vice president of C&S since 2014. Prior to that, vice president of C&S since 2003.

- Vice president
- Portfolio manager since inception

C&S utilizes a team-based approach in managing the registrant. Mr. Scapell and Ms. Zaharis-Nikas direct and supervise the execution of the registrant s investment strategy, and lead and guide the other members of the team.

Each portfolio manager listed above manages other investment companies and/or investment vehicles and accounts in addition to the registrant. The following tables show, as of December 31, 2016, the number of other accounts each portfolio manager managed in each of the listed categories and the total assets in the other accounts managed within each category.

		Number of accounts	Total assets
Wi	lliam F. Scapell		
•	Registered investment companies	9	\$ 13,733,937,046
•	Other pooled investment vehicles	5	\$ 11,813,578,925
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•	Other accounts	13	\$ 1,955,178,905

Ela	ine Zaharis-Nikas	Number of accounts	Total assets
•	Registered investment companies	6	\$ 10,075,131,787
•	Other pooled investment vehicles	3	\$ 535,501,770
•	Other accounts	11	\$ 1,507,488,127

<u>Share Ownership.</u> The following table indicates the dollar range of securities of the registrant owned by the registrant s portfolio managers as of December 31, 2016:

	Dollar Range of Securities Owned
William F. Scapell	\$10,000 \$50,000
Elaine Zaharis-Nikas	None

Conflicts of Interest. It is possible that conflicts of interest may arise in connection with the portfolio manager s management of the registrant s investments on the one hand and the investments of other accounts or vehicles for which the portfolio managers are responsible on the other. For example, a portfolio manager may have conflicts of interest in allocating management time, resources and investment opportunities among the registrant and the other accounts or vehicles he advises. In addition, due to differences in the investment strategies or restrictions among the registrant and the other accounts, a portfolio manager may take action with respect to another account that differs from the action taken with respect to the registrant.

In some cases, another account managed by a portfolio manager may provide more revenue to the Advisor. While this may appear to create additional conflicts of interest for the portfolio manager in the allocation of management time, resources and investment opportunities, the Advisor strives to ensure that portfolio managers endeavor to exercise their discretion in a manner that is equitable to all interested persons. In this regard, in the absence of specific account-related impediments (such as client-imposed restrictions or lack of available cash), it is the policy of the Advisor to allocate investment ideas pro rata to all accounts with the same primary investment objective.

In addition, certain of the portfolio managers may from time to time manage one or more accounts on behalf of the Advisor and its affiliated companies (the CNS Accounts). Certain securities held and traded in the CNS Accounts also may be held and traded in one or more client

accounts. It is the policy of the Advisor however not to put the interests of the CNS Accounts ahead of the interests of client accounts. The Advisor may aggregate orders of client accounts with those of the CNS Accounts; however, under no circumstances will preferential treatment be given to the CNS Accounts. For all orders involving the CNS Accounts, purchases or sales will be allocated prior to trade placement, and orders that are only partially filled will be allocated across all accounts in proportion to the shares each account, including the CNS Accounts, was designated to receive prior to trading. As a result, it is expected that the CNS Accounts will receive the same average price as other accounts included in the aggregated order. Shares will not be allocated or re-allocated to the CNS Accounts after trade execution or after the average price is known. In the event so few shares of an order are executed that a pro-rata allocation is not practical, a rotational system of allocation may be used; however, the CNS Accounts will never be part of that rotation or receive shares of a partially filled order other than on a pro-rata basis.

Because certain CNS Accounts are managed with a cash management objective, it is possible that a security will be sold out of the CNS Accounts but continue to be held for one or more client accounts. In situations when this occurs, such security will remain in a client account only if the portfolio manager, acting in its reasonable judgment and consistent with its fiduciary duties, believes this is appropriate for, and consistent with the objectives and profile of, the client account.

<u>C&S Compensation Structure.</u> Compensation of C&S s portfolio managers and other investment professionals has three primary components: (1) a base salary, (2) an annual cash bonus and (3) long-term stock-based compensation consisting generally of restricted stock units of C&S s parent, CNS. C&S s investment professionals, including the portfolio managers, also receive certain retirement, insurance and other benefits that are broadly available to all of its employees. Compensation of C&S s investment professionals is reviewed primarily on an annual basis. Cash bonuses, stock-based compensation awards, and adjustments in base salary are typically paid or put into effect in the January following the fiscal year-end of CNS.

Method to Determine Compensation. The Advisor compensates its portfolio managers based primarily on the total return performance of funds and accounts managed by the portfolio manager versus appropriate peer groups or benchmarks. C&S uses a variety of benchmarks to evaluate each portfolio managers performance for compensation purposes, including the BofA Merill Lynch Capital Securities Index, the BofA Merrill Lynch 1-5 Year US Corporate Index and other broad based indexes based on the asset classes managed by each portfolio manager. In evaluating the performance of a portfolio manager, primary emphasis is normally placed on one- and three-year performance, with secondary consideration of performance over longer periods of time. Performance is evaluated on a pre-tax and pre-expense basis. In addition to rankings within peer groups of funds on the basis of absolute performance, consideration may also be given to risk-adjusted performance. For funds and accounts with a primary investment objective of high current income, consideration will also be given to the fund s and account s success in achieving this objective. For portfolio managers responsible for multiple funds and accounts, investment performance is evaluated on an aggregate basis. The Advisor has two funds or accounts with performance-based advisory fees. Portfolio managers are also evaluated on the basis of their success in managing their dedicated team of analysts. Base compensation for portfolio managers of the Advisor varies in line with the portfolio manager s seniority and position with the firm.

Salaries, bonuses and stock-based compensation are also influenced by the operating performance of the Advisor and CNS.

While the annual salaries of the Advisor's portfolio managers are fixed, cash bonuses and stock based compensation may fluctuate significantly from year to year, based on changes in manager performance and other factors.
Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.
None.
Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.
There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant s Board implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to this Item.
Item 11. Controls and Procedures.
(a) The registrant s principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this Form N-CSR was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission s rules and forms, based upon such officers evaluation of these controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report.
(b) There were no changes in the registrant s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant s internal control over financial reporting.
Item 12. Exhibits.
(a)(1) Not Applicable.
(a)(2) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(a)(3) Not Applicable.

(b) Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a- 2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(c) Registrant $\,$ s notices to shareholders pursuant to Registrant $\,$ s exemptive order granting an exemption from Section 19(b) of the 1940 Act and Rule 19b-1 thereunder regarding distributions pursuant to the Registrant $\,$ s Managed Distribution Plan.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

COHEN & STEERS LIMITED DURATION PREFERRED AND INCOME FUND, INC.

By: /s/ Adam M. Derechin

Name: Adam M. Derechin

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 9, 2017

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Adam M. Derechin

Name: Adam M. Derechin

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ James Giallanza

Name: James Giallanza
Title: Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: March 9, 2017