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UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 X
POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO.

AND/OR

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE
INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
AMENDMENT NO. 5 X
(CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX OR BOXES)

EATON VANCE LIMITED DURATION INCOME FUND

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER)

THE EATON VANCE BUILDING, 255 STATE STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF PROPOSED PUBLIC OFFERING: As soon as practicable after
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If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

| TITLE OF SECURITIES BEING REGISTERED | AMOUNT BEING REGISTERED (1) | PROPOSED MAXIMUM OFFERING PRICE PER UNIT (1) | PROPOSED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE OFFERING PRICE (1) |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, \$0.01 par value | 38,000 | \$25,000 | \$950,000,000 |

- (1) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee, pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933.
- (2) Includes Shares that may be offered to the Underwriters pursuant to an option to cover over-allotments.
- (3) A registration fee of \$80.90 was previously paid.

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(a) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATES AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(a), MAY DETERMINE.

The information in this Prospectus is incomplete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This Prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities, and we are not soliciting offers to buy these securities, in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS Subject to completion July 21, 2003

\$950,000,000

EATON VANCE LIMITED
DURATION INCOME FUND

7,600 SHARES, SERIES A

7,600 SHARES, SERIES B

7,600 SHARES, SERIES C

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7,600 SHARES, SERIES D

7,600 SHARES, SERIES E

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AUCTION PREFERRED SHARES
LIQUIDATION PREFERENCE \$25,000 PER SHARE

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES. Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund (the "Fund") is a newly organized, diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is to provide a high level of current income. The Fund may, as a secondary objective, also seek capital appreciation to the extent consistent with its primary goal of high current income.

PORTFOLIO CONTENTS. The Fund pursues its objectives by investing its assets primarily in three distinct investment categories: 1) mortgage-backed securities that are issued, backed or otherwise guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities or that are issued by private issuers ("MBS"); 2) senior, secured floating rate loans made to corporate and other business entities ("Senior Loans"); and 3) corporate bonds that are of below "investment grade" quality ("Non-Investment Grade Bonds"). Non-Investment Grade Bonds, commonly referred to as "junk bonds," are bonds that are rated below investment grade by each of the national rating agencies who cover the security, or, if unrated, are determined to be of comparable quality by the Adviser. Standard & Poor's Ratings Group ("S&P") and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") consider securities rated below BBB- to be below investment grade and Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") considers securities rated below Baa3 to be below investment grade. Senior Loans in which the Fund invests are also typically of below investment grade quality. There is no limitation on the percentage of the Fund's assets that may be allocated to each of these investment categories; provided that, under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 25% of its total assets in each category.

INVESTMENT ADVISER. The Fund's investment adviser is Eaton Vance Management ("Eaton Vance" or the "Adviser"). As of June 30, 2003, Eaton Vance and its subsidiaries managed approximately \$62.7 billion on behalf of funds, institutional clients and individuals. (continued on inside cover page)

INVESTING IN APS INVOLVES CERTAIN RISKS, INCLUDING THAT THE FUND MAY INVEST SUBSTANTIAL PORTIONS OF ITS ASSETS IN BELOW INVESTMENT GRADE QUALITY SECURITIES WITH SPECULATIVE CHARACTERISTICS. SEE "INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND RISKS--RISK CONSIDERATIONS."

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ("SEC") NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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| | PRICE TO PUBLIC | SALES LOAD | PROCEEDS |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| Per Share | \$ 25,000 | \$ 250 | \$ |
| Total | \$ 950,000,000 | \$9,500,000 | \$ |

(1) Plus accumulated dividends, if any, from the date the Auction Preferred Shares are issued, but before offering expenses payable by the Fund estimated to be \$581,855. The Fund and Adviser have agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. See "Underwriting."

The Underwriters are offering the Auction Preferred Shares subject to various conditions. The Underwriters expect to deliver the APS in book-entry form, through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company to purchasers on or about July 1, 2003.

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Capitalized terms not otherwise defined are defined in the Glossary that appears at the end of this Prospectus. The APS are offered at a price per share of \$25,000 subject to a sales load of \$250 per share.

Dividends on the APS of the Fund offered hereby will be cumulative from the Date of Original Issue and payable commencing on the dates specified below (an "Initial Dividend Payment Date") and, generally, on a weekly basis thereafter on the days specified below, subject to certain exceptions. The cash dividend rate (the "Applicable Rate") on the APS for the Initial Dividend Period on such dates will be the per annum rate specified below:

| INITIAL DIVIDEND PAYMENT DATE | NORMAL WEEKLY PAYMENT DAY | INITIAL APPLICABLE |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
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|---------------|-----------|
| Series A..... | Monday |
| Series B..... | Tuesday |
| Series C..... | Wednesday |
| Series D..... | Thursday |
| Series E..... | Friday |

The APS will not be registered on any stock exchange or on any automated quotation system. APS may only be bought or sold through an order at an auction with or through a broker-dealer that has entered into an agreement with the auction agent of the Fund, or in a secondary market that may be maintained by certain broker-dealers. These broker-dealers are not required to maintain this market and it may not provide you with liquidity. An increase in the level of interest rates, particularly during any Special Dividend Period that is a Long Term Dividend Period as discussed in "Description of APS--Dividends and dividend periods--General," likely will have an adverse effect on the secondary market price of the APS, and a selling shareholder may sell APS between Auctions at a price per share of less than \$25,000.

Each prospective purchaser should review carefully the detailed information regarding the Auction Procedures which appears in this Prospectus and the Fund's Statement of Additional Information and should note that (i) an Order constitutes an irrevocable commitment to hold, purchase or sell APS based upon the results of the related Auction, (ii) the Auctions will be conducted through telephone communications, (iii) settlement for purchases and sales will be on the Business Day following the Auction and (iv) ownership of APS will be maintained in book-entry form by or through the Securities Depository. In certain circumstances, holders of APS may be unable to sell their APS in an Auction and thus may lack liquidity of investment. The APS may only be transferred pursuant to a Bid or a Sell Order placed in an Auction through a Broker-Dealer to the Auction Agent or in the secondary market, if any.

This Prospectus sets forth concisely information you should know before investing in the APS. Please read and retain this Prospectus for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information for the Fund dated July , 2003 has been filed with the SEC and can be obtained without charge by calling 1-800-225-6265 or by writing to the Fund. The table of contents to the Statement of Additional Information is located at page 50 of this Prospectus. This Prospectus incorporates by reference the entire Statement of Additional Information of the Fund. The Statement of Additional Information is available along with other Fund-related materials at the SEC's internet web site (<http://www.sec.gov>). The Fund's address is The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109 and its telephone number is 1-800-225-6265.

The APS do not represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. The Fund has not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. The Fund is not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information appearing in this Prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this Prospectus.

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Prospectus summary

This is only a summary. You should review the more detailed information contained in this Prospectus and in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information.

THE FUND

Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund (the "Fund") is a recently organized, diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on March 12, 2003. The Fund has registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Fund's principal office is located at The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, and its telephone number is 1-800-225-6265. The Fund commenced operations on May 30, 2003 upon the closing of an initial public offering of its common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Shares"). The Common Shares of the Fund are traded on the American Stock Exchange ("AMEX") under the symbol "EVV." In connection with the initial

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public offering of the Fund's Common Shares, the underwriters were granted an option to purchase additional shares to cover over-allotments.

Certain of the capitalized terms used in this Prospectus are defined in the Glossary that appears at the end of this Prospectus.

THE OFFERING

The Fund is offering, pursuant to this Prospectus, preferred shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share, which have been designated Auction Preferred Shares, Series A, Series B, Series C, Series D and Series E (collectively, the "APS"). Issuance of the APS represents the leveraging financing contemplated in connection with the offering of the Common Shares of the Fund.

The Fund is offering 7,600 Auction Preferred Shares, Series A, 7,600 Auction Preferred Shares, Series B, 7,600 Auction Preferred Shares, Series C, 7,600 Auction Preferred Shares, Series D and 7,600 Auction Preferred Shares, Series E, at a purchase price of \$25,000 per share plus accumulated dividends, if any, from the Date of Original Issue. The APS are being offered through a group of underwriters (collectively, the "Underwriters") led by UBS Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated. See "Underwriting".

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Fund's investment objective is to provide a high level of current income. The Fund may, as a secondary objective, also seek capital appreciation to the extent consistent with its investment objective of high current income. The Fund pursues its objectives by investing its assets primarily in three distinct investment categories: 1) mortgage-backed securities that are issued, backed or otherwise guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities or that are issued by private issuers ("MBS"); 2) senior, secured floating rate loans made to corporate and other business entities ("Senior Loans"); and 3) corporate bonds of below "investment grade" quality ("Non-Investment Grade Bonds"). Non-Investment Grade Bonds, commonly referred to as "junk bonds," are bonds that are rated below investment grade by each of the national rating agencies who cover the security, or, if unrated, are determined to be of comparable quality by the Adviser. Standard & Poor's Ratings Group ("S&P") and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") consider securities rated below BBB-- to be below investment grade and Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") considers securities rated below Baa3 to be below investment grade. Senior Loans in which the Fund invests are also typically of below investment grade quality. The Adviser has broad discretion to allocate the Fund's assets among the three principal asset classes; provided that, under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in each principal investment category.

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Under normal market conditions, the Adviser expects to maintain a duration of between two and four years (including the effect of anticipated leverage). Initially, the Fund is expected to have a duration of approximately three years (including the effect of anticipated leverage). This duration policy may only be changed following provision of 60 days' prior notice to shareholders. In comparison to maturity (which is the date on which a debt instrument ceases and the issuer is obligated to repay the principal amount), duration is a measure of the price volatility of a debt instrument as a result of changes in market rates

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of interest, based on the weighted average timing of the instrument's expected principal and interest payments. Duration differs from maturity in that it considers a security's yield, coupon payments, principal payments and call features in addition to the amount of time until the security finally matures. As the value of a security changes over time, so will its duration. Prices of securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate changes than securities with shorter durations. In general, a portfolio of securities with a longer duration can be expected to be more sensitive to interest rate changes than a portfolio with a shorter duration.

A team of Eaton Vance investment professionals is responsible for the overall management of the Fund's investments as well as allocations among the Fund's three principal investment categories. Individual members of this team with specialized experience are responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management within each of the Fund's three main asset classes. The Fund's investments are actively managed, and securities may be bought or sold on a daily basis. The Adviser attempts to manage yield through timely trading.

The Adviser's staff monitors the credit quality and price of securities held by the Fund, as well as other securities that are available to the Fund. Under normal market conditions, the Fund expects to maintain a weighted average portfolio credit quality of investment grade (which is at least BBB- as determined by S&P or Fitch, Baa3 as determined by Moody's or, if unrated, determined to be of comparable quality by the Adviser). For this purpose, when a security is rated by more than one of these rating agencies, the Adviser generally will use the highest rating. Within this general guideline, the Fund may invest in individual securities of any credit quality. Although the Adviser considers ratings when making investment decisions, it performs its own credit and investment analysis and does not rely primarily on the ratings assigned by the rating services. In evaluating the quality of a particular security, whether rated or unrated, the Adviser will normally take into consideration, among other things, the issuer's financial resources and operating history, its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, the ability of its management, its debt maturity schedules and borrowing requirements, and relative values based on anticipated cash flow, interest and asset coverage, and earnings prospects. The Adviser will attempt to reduce the risks of investing in lower rated or unrated debt instruments through active portfolio management, credit analysis and attention to current developments and trends in the economy and the financial markets. When purchasing and selling MBS, the Adviser focuses on the expected principal payments on an MBS as well as current and anticipated market conditions.

The Fund will only invest in U.S. dollar denominated securities. The Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets in U.S. dollar denominated securities of non-United States issuers. The Fund's investments may have significant exposure to certain sectors of the economy and thus may react differently to political or economic developments than the market as a whole.

The Fund may purchase or sell derivative instruments (which derive their value from another instrument, security or index) only for risk management purposes, such as hedging against fluctuations in securities prices or interest rates; diversification purposes; or changing the duration of the Fund. Transactions in derivative instruments may include the purchase or sale of futures contracts on securities, indices and other financial instruments, credit-linked notes, tranches of collateralized loan obligations, options on futures contracts, and exchange-traded and over-the-counter options on securities or indices, and interest rate, total return and credit default swaps. Guidelines of any rating organization that rates any Preferred Shares issued by the Fund may limit the Fund's ability to engage in such transactions.

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INVESTMENT ADVISER AND ADMINISTRATOR

Eaton Vance, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Eaton Vance Corp., is the Fund's investment adviser and administrator. See "Management of the Fund." As of June 30, 2003, Eaton and its subsidiaries managed approximately \$62.7 billion on behalf of funds, institutional clients and individuals.

RISK FACTORS SUMMARY

Risk is inherent in all investing. Therefore, before investing in the Fund you should consider certain risks carefully. The primary risks of investing in APS are:

- + If an auction fails you may not be able to sell some or all of your APS;
- + Because of the nature of the market for APS, you may receive less than the price you paid for your shares if you sell them outside of the auction, especially when market interest rates are rising;
- + A rating agency could downgrade APS, which could affect liquidity;
- + The Fund may be forced to redeem your APS to meet regulatory or rating agency requirements or may elect to redeem your APS in certain circumstances;
- + In extraordinary circumstances, the Fund may not earn sufficient income from its investments to pay dividends;
- + If long-term interest rates rise, the value of the Fund's investment portfolio will decline, reducing the asset coverage for its APS;
- + If an issuer of an obligation in which the Fund invests is downgraded or defaults, there may be a negative impact on the income and/or asset value of the Fund's portfolio; and
- + The Fund's investments in Non-Investment Grade Bonds are predominantly speculative because of the credit risk of their issuers. While offering a greater potential opportunity for capital appreciation and higher yields, Non-Investment Grade Bonds typically entail greater potential price volatility and may be less liquid than higher-rated securities. Issuers of Non-Investment Grade Bonds are more likely to default on their payments of interest and principal owed to the Fund, and such defaults will reduce the Fund's net asset value and income distributions. The prices of these lower rated obligations are more sensitive to negative developments than higher rated securities. Adverse business conditions, such as a decline in the issuer's revenues or an economic downturn, generally lead to a higher non-payment rate. In addition, a security may lose significant value before a default occurs as the market adjusts to expected higher non-payment rates.

For additional general risks of investing in APS of the Funds, see "Investment objectives, policies and risks--Risk considerations."

TRADING MARKET

APS are not listed on an exchange. Instead, you may buy or sell APS at an auction that normally is held weekly by submitting orders to a broker-dealer that has entered into an agreement with the auction agent and the Fund (a

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"Broker-Dealer"), or to a broker-dealer that has entered into a separate agreement with a Broker-Dealer. In addition to the auctions, Broker-Dealers and other broker-dealers may maintain a secondary trading market in APS outside of auctions, but may discontinue this activity at any time. There is no assurance that a secondary market will develop, or if it does develop, that it will provide shareholders with liquidity. You may transfer APS outside of auctions only to or through a Broker-Dealer, or a broker-dealer that has entered into a separate agreement with a Broker-Dealer.

The table below shows the first auction date for each series of APS of the Fund and the day on which each subsequent auction will normally be held for each such series. The first auction date for each series of APS of the Fund will be the Business Day before the dividend payment date for the initial

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dividend period for each such series. The start date for subsequent dividend periods normally will be the Business Day following the auction date unless the then-current dividend period is a Special Dividend Period, or the day that normally would be the auction date or the first day of the subsequent dividend period is not a Business Day.

| | FIRST AUCTION DATE | SUBSEQUENT AUCTION |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Series A..... | | |
| Series B..... | | |
| Series C..... | | |
| Series D..... | | |
| Series E..... | | |

DIVIDENDS AND DIVIDEND PERIODS

The table below shows the dividend rate for the initial dividend period of the APS offered in this Prospectus. For subsequent dividend periods, APS shares will pay dividends based on a rate set at auctions, normally held weekly. In most instances dividends are also paid weekly, on the day following the end of the dividend period. The rate set at auction will not exceed the Maximum Rate. See "The Auction--Auction procedures."

Finally the table below shows the numbers of days of the initial dividend period for the APS. Subsequent dividend periods generally will be 7 days. The dividend payment date for Special Dividend Periods of more than 28 days will be set out in the notice designating a Special Dividend Period. See "Description of APS--Dividends and dividend periods."

| INITIAL | DATE OF ACCUMULATION | DIVIDEND PAYMENT DATE FOR INITIAL | SUBSEQUENT DIVIDEND | NUMBER OF DAYS OF INITIAL |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
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| | DIVIDEND RATE | OF INITIAL RATE | DIVIDEND PERIOD | PAYMENT DATE | DIVIDEND PERIOD |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| ----- | | | | | |
| Series A..... | % | | | | |
| Series B..... | % | | | | |
| Series C..... | % | | | | |
| Series D..... | % | | | | |
| Series E..... | % | | | | |

TAXATION

Dividends paid with respect to APS should constitute dividends for federal income tax purposes to the extent attributable to the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits. For a further discussion of the tax treatment of dividends paid by the Fund see "Taxes--General." Corporate holders of the APS generally will not be entitled to the dividends received deduction for these dividends. Distributions of net capital gain, to the extent so designated, will be treated as long-term capital gains.

REDEMPTION

Although the Fund will not ordinarily redeem APS, it may be required to redeem APS if, for example, the Fund does not meet an asset coverage ratio required by law or in order to correct a failure to meet a rating agency guideline in a timely manner. See "Description of APS--Redemption--Mandatory redemption." The Fund voluntarily may redeem APS in certain circumstances. See "Description of APS--Redemption--Optional redemption."

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LIQUIDATION PREFERENCE

The liquidation preference of the APS of each series is \$25,000 per share, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared). See "Description of APS--Liquidation rights."

RATING

Shares of APS of the Fund will be issued with a credit quality rating of AAA from both Moody's and Fitch. The Fund may at some future time look to have its APS rated by additional or substitute rating agencies. Because the Fund is required to maintain at least two ratings, it must own portfolio securities of sufficient value with adequate credit quality to meet the rating agency's guidelines. See "Description of APS--Rating agency guidelines and asset coverage."

VOTING RIGHTS

The 1940 Act requires that the holders of APS and any other Preferred Shares of the Fund, voting as a separate class, have the right to elect at least two Trustees of the Fund at all times and to elect a majority of the Trustees at any time when two years' dividends on the APS or any other Preferred Shares are

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unpaid. The holders of APS and any other Preferred Shares of the Fund will vote as a separate class on certain other matters as required under the Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust ("Declaration of Trust") and the 1940 Act. See "Description of APS--Voting rights" and "Certain provisions of the Declaration of Trust."

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Financial highlights

Information contained in the tables below under the headings "Income (loss) from operations" and "Ratios/Supplemental data" shows the unaudited operating performance of the Fund from the commencement of the Fund's investment operations on May 30, 2003 until June 30, 2003. Since the Fund commenced operations on May 30, 2003, the tables cover approximately five weeks of operations, during which a substantial portion of the Fund's assets were invested in high-quality, short-term debt securities. Accordingly, the information presented may not provide a meaningful picture of the Fund's operating performance.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

| | PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2003 (1) (2) |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| ----- | |
| Net asset value--Beginning of period(3)..... | \$ 19.100 |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS | |
| Net investment income..... | \$ 0.058 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain..... | \$ 0.104 |
| | ----- |
| Total income from operations..... | \$ 0.162 |
| | ----- |
| Common share offering costs..... | \$ (0.012) |
| | ----- |
| Net asset value--End of period..... | \$ 19.250 |
| | ----- |
| Market value--End of period..... | \$ 20.000 |
| | ----- |
| Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value(4)..... | 0.78% |
| | ----- |
| Total Investment Return on Market Value(4)..... | 4.71% |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA+ | |
| Net assets, end of period (000's omitted)..... | \$2,040,677 |
| Ratios (As a percentage of average daily net assets):..... | |
| Net expenses..... | 0.61%(5) |
| Net investment income..... | 3.44%(5) |
| Portfolio Turnover..... | 43% |

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- + The operating expenses of the Fund reflect a reduction of the investment adviser fee and a reimbursement of expenses by the Adviser. Had such action not been taken, the ratios and net investment income per share would have been as follows:

| | | |
|---|----|----------|
| Ratios (As a percentage of average daily net assets): | | |
| Expenses..... | | 0.81%(5) |
| Net investment income..... | | 3.24%(5) |
| Net investment income per share..... | \$ | 0.055 |

- (1) For the period from the start of business, May 30, 2003, to June 30, 2003.
- (2) Computed using average common shares outstanding.
- (3) Net asset value at beginning of period reflects the deduction of the sales load of \$0.90 per share paid by the shareholder from the \$20.00 offering price.
- (4) Total investment return on net asset value is calculated assuming a purchase at the offering price of \$20.00 less the sales load of \$0.90 per share paid by the shareholder on the first day and a sale at the net asset value on the last day of the period reported. Total investment return on market value is calculated assuming a purchase at the offering price of \$20.00 less the sales load of \$0.90 per share paid by the shareholder on the first day and a sale at the current market price on the last day of the period reported. Total investment return on net asset value and total investment return on market value are not computed on an annualized basis.
- (5) Annualized.

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The Fund

Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund (the "Fund") is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on March 12, 2003. The Fund has registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Fund's principal office is The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, and its telephone number is 1-800-225-6265.

The Fund commenced operations on May 30, 2003 upon the closing of an initial public offering of shares of its common shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par value (the "Common Shares"). The proceeds of such offering were \$1,927,900,000 after the payment of offering expenses. In connection with the initial public

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offering of the Fund's Common Shares, the underwriters were granted an option to purchase, at a price of \$20.00 per Common Share, 13,000,000 additional Common Shares to cover over-allotments. On June 27, 2003, the underwriters partially exercised the over-allotment option and purchased 5,000,000 Common Shares. Additionally, on July 11, 2003, the underwriters again partially exercised the over-allotment option and purchased an additional 5,000,000 Common Shares.

Certain of the capitalized terms used in this Prospectus are defined in the Glossary that appears at the end of this Prospectus.

Use of proceeds

The net proceeds of this offering will be approximately \$939,918,145 after the payment of the sales load and expected offering costs. See "Underwriting." The Fund will invest the net proceeds of the offering in accordance with its investment objective and policies stated below. It is presently anticipated that the Fund will be able to invest substantially all of the net proceeds in obligations that meet those investment objectives and policies during a period estimated not to exceed three months from the completion of the offering of the APS depending on market conditions and the availability of appropriate securities. Pending such investment, the proceeds may be invested in high quality, short-term debt securities.

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Capitalization

The following table sets forth the unaudited capitalization of the Fund as of June 30, 2003 as if the Common Shares of the Fund purchased by the Underwriters pursuant to their over-allotment option on June 27, 2003 ("Over-allotment Common Shares") had been issued on that date and as adjusted to give effect to the issuance of the APS offered hereby.

| | ACTUAL | AS ADJUSTED |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | (unaudited) | (unaudited) |
| Preferred shares, par value, \$0.01 per share (no shares issued; 38,000, as adjusted, at \$25,000 per share liquidation preference)..... | \$ -- | \$ 950,000,000 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| Common Shares, par value, \$0.01 per share (106,005,000 shares issued and outstanding)..... | \$ 1,060,050 | \$ 1,060,050 |
| Capital in excess of par value attributable to Common Shares..... | 2,022,431,860 | 2,012,350,005 |
| Net undistributed investment income..... | 5,862,920 | 5,862,920 |
| Net accumulated realized gain (loss)..... | 709,571 | 709,571 |
| Net unrealized appreciation on investments..... | 10,612,950 | 10,612,950 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net Assets..... | \$2,040,677,351 | \$2,030,595,496 |

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Portfolio composition

As of June 30, 2003, the following table indicates the approximate percentage of the Fund's portfolio invested in long-term and short-term obligations. Also included in these tables is other information with respect to the composition of the Fund's investment portfolio as of the same date.

(91.5% long-term; 8.1% short-term)

| S&P(1) | MOODY'S(1) | FITCH(1) | NUMBER OF ISSUES | VALUE | PERCENT |
|---------|------------------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------------|---------|
| AAA | Aaa | AAA | 163 | \$ 857,621,575 | 40% |
| BBB | Baa | BBB | 4 | 11,834,565 | 1% |
| BB | Ba | BB | 84 | 381,669,490 | 18% |
| B | B | B | 136 | 631,621,604 | 29% |
| CCC | Caa | CCC | 17 | 44,072,938 | 2% |
| Unrated | | | 8 | 43,199,823 | 2% |
| | Cash and cash equivalents... | | -- | 184,149,903 | 8% |
| | | | | ----- | --- |
| | Total..... | | 412 | \$2,154,169,898 | 100% |
| | | | | ===== | === |

(1) Ratings: Using the higher of S&P's, Moody's or Fitch's ratings on the Fund's investments. S&P and Fitch rating categories may be modified further by a plus (+) or minus (-) in AA, A, BBB, BB, B, and CCC ratings. Moody's rating categories may be modified further by a 1, 2 or 3 in Aa, A, Baa, Ba, B, and Caa ratings.

Investment objectives, policies and risks

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The Fund's investment objective is to provide a high level of current income. The Fund may, as a secondary objective, also seek capital appreciation to the extent consistent with its investment objective of high current income. The Fund pursues its objectives by investing its assets primarily in three distinct investment categories: 1) mortgage backed securities that are issued, backed or otherwise guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities or that are issued by private issuers ("MBS"); 2) senior, secured floating rate

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loans made to corporate and other business entities ("Senior Loans"); and 3) corporate bonds of below "investment grade" quality ("Non-Investment Grade Bonds"). Non-Investment Grade Bonds, commonly referred to as "junk bonds," are bonds that are rated below investment grade by each of the national rating agencies who cover the security, or, if unrated, are determined to be of comparable quality by the Adviser. Standard & Poor's Ratings Group ("S&P") and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") consider securities rated below BBB- to be below investment grade and Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") considers securities rated below Baa3 to be below investment grade. Senior Loans in which the Fund invests are also typically of below investment grade quality. The Adviser has broad discretion to allocate the Fund's assets among the three principal asset classes; provided that, under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 25% of its assets in each principal investment category.

PRIMARY INVESTMENT POLICIES

GENERAL COMPOSITION OF THE FUND

A team of Eaton Vance investment professionals is responsible for the overall management of the Fund's investments as well as allocations among the Fund's three principal investment categories. Individual members of this team with specialized expertise are responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management within each of the Fund's three main asset classes. The Fund's investments are actively managed, and securities may be bought or sold on a daily basis. The Adviser attempts to manage yield through timely trading.

Under normal market conditions, the Adviser expects to maintain a duration of between two and four years (including the effect of anticipated leverage). Initially, the Fund is expected to have a duration of approximately three years (including the effect of anticipated leverage). This duration policy may only be changed following provision of 60 days' prior notice to shareholders. In comparison to maturity (which is the date on which a debt instrument ceases and the issuer is obligated to repay the principal amount), duration is a measure of the price volatility of a debt instrument as a result in changes in market rates of interest, based on the weighted average timing of the instrument's expected principal and interest payments. Duration differs from maturity in that it considers a security's yield, coupon payments, principal payments and call features in addition to the amount of time until the security finally matures. As the value of a security changes over time, so will its duration. Prices of securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate changes than securities with shorter durations. In general, a portfolio of securities with a longer duration can be expected to be more sensitive to interest rate changes than a portfolio with a shorter duration.

The Adviser's staff monitors the credit quality and the price of securities held by the Fund, as well as other securities that are available to the Fund. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 25% of its portfolio in MBS that are expected to be of the highest quality (generally AAA as determined by S&P or Fitch, Aaa as determined by Moody's, or, if unrated determined to be of comparable quality by the Adviser) and at least 25% of its portfolio in each of Non-Investment Grade Bonds and Senior Loans (many of which are of below investment grade quality). Under normal market conditions, the Fund will structure and seek to maintain its portfolio of high quality MBS and lower

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quality Non-Investment Grade Bond and Senior Loans in such a manner so that the Fund has an average dollar weighted portfolio quality of investment grade (which is BBB- as determined by S&P or Fitch, Baa as determined by Moody's, or, if

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unrated determined to be of comparable quality by the Adviser). Within this general guideline, the Fund may invest in securities of any credit quality. In order to maintain compliance with this policy, the Fund's holdings of Non-Investment Grade Bonds and Senior Loans of below investment grade quality generally will be offset by investments in MBS of the highest quality. The extremely high credit quality of the MBS will substantially raise the average portfolio credit quality on a dollar-weighted basis. In addition, to the extent necessary to maintain compliance with this weighted average portfolio credit policy, the Fund will focus its investments in Non-Investment Grade Bonds and Senior Loans on such issues that are rated in the higher tiers of the non-investment grade range (including in the category just below investment grade, which is in the BB range as determined by S&P or Fitch, Ba as determined by Moody's, or if unrated determined to be of comparable quality by the Adviser). Finally, although the Fund may invest in securities of any quality, to the extent necessary to comply with its weighted average portfolio credit policy, the Fund will avoid investing significant portions of its assets in the lower tiers of the non-investment grade category. For purposes of the Fund's policy on credit quality, when a security is rated by more than one of these rating agencies, the Adviser generally will use the highest rating. The Fund will monitor and adjust its portfolio on an ongoing basis in order to remain in compliance with this credit quality policy.

A "barbell" portfolio such as the Fund that achieves a weighted average investment grade credit quality by investing substantially in below investment grade securities and very high quality securities involves certain risk characteristics that differ from fixed income securities with credit ratings equivalent to the portfolio average or from a portfolio of similar average quality consisting mostly of securities of a quality near this average. Most notably, the Fund's portfolio will contain a higher percentage of assets of lower quality that each individually involve a higher degree of credit risk and may be considered to be speculative in nature. For a description of these risk characteristics, see "Investment objectives, policies and risks--Primary investment policies--Non-Investment Grade Bonds."

Although the Adviser considers ratings when making investment decisions, it performs its own credit and investment analysis and does not rely primarily on the ratings assigned by the rating services. In evaluating the quality of a particular security, whether rated or unrated, the Adviser will normally take into consideration, among other things, the issuer's financial resources and operating history, its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, the ability of its management, its debt maturity schedules and borrowing requirements, and relative values based on anticipated cash flow, interest and asset coverage, and earnings prospects. The Adviser will attempt to reduce the risks of investing in lower rated or unrated debt instruments through active portfolio management, credit analysis and attention to current developments and trends in the economy and the financial markets. When purchasing and selling MBS, the Adviser focuses on the expected principal payments on an MBS as well as current and anticipated market conditions.

Subject to its obligation on a portfolio wide basis to remain in ongoing compliance with the weighted average portfolio credit policy discussed above, the Fund is not required to dispose of a security in the event that a rating agency downgrades its assessment of the credit characteristics of a particular issue or withdraws its assessment. In determining whether to retain or sell such a security, Eaton Vance may consider such factors as Eaton Vance's assessment of the credit quality of the issuers of such security, the price at which such security could be sold and the rating, if any, assigned to such security by other Rating Agencies.

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The Fund will only invest in U.S. dollar denominated securities. The Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets in U.S. dollar denominated securities of non-United States issuers. The Fund's investments may

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have significant exposure to certain sectors of the economy and thus may react differently to political or economic developments than the market as a whole.

MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES

The Fund invests only in MBS that are backed by a guarantee of the U.S. Government (or one of its agencies or instrumentalities), although certain of these instruments may be privately issued. MBS represent participation interests in pools of fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgage loans. Unlike conventional debt obligations, MBS provide monthly payments derived from the monthly interest and principal payments (including any prepayments) made by the individual borrowers on the pooled mortgage loans. The Adviser currently expects to invest primarily in MBS that include mortgage loans that have had a history of refinancing opportunities (so called "seasoned MBS"). The Adviser typically considers MBS with mortgages which have been outstanding for ten years or more to be seasoned MBS. Seasoned MBS tend to have a higher collateral to debt ratio than other MBS because a greater percentage of the underlying debt has been repaid and the collateral property may have appreciated in value. The Adviser may discontinue the practice of focusing on seasoned MBS at any time. The Adviser expects that under current market conditions many of the MBS held by the Fund will be premium bonds acquired at prices that exceed their par or principal value.

The mortgage loans underlying MBS are generally subject to a greater rate of principal prepayments in a declining interest rate environment and to a lesser rate of principal prepayments in an increasing interest rate environment, although the Fund's investment in seasoned MBS mitigates this risk. Under certain interest and prepayment rate scenarios, the Fund may fail to recover the full amount of its investment in MBS, notwithstanding any direct or indirect governmental or agency guarantee. Because faster than expected prepayments must usually be invested in lower yielding securities, MBS are less effective than conventional bonds in "locking in" a specified interest rate. Additionally, the value of Fund assets may be adversely affected by fluctuations in interest rates underlying the MBS held by the Fund. In a rising interest rate environment, a declining prepayment rate will extend the average life of many MBS, which in turn would lengthen the duration of the Fund's portfolio. This possibility is often referred to as extension risk. Extending the average life of a mortgage-backed security increases the risk of depreciation due to future increases in market interest rates, although investing in seasoned MBS helps mitigate this extension risk. MBS that are purchased at a premium generate current income that exceeds market rates for comparable investments but tend to decrease in value as they mature, which may cause a resulting decrease in the Fund's net asset value.

The Fund may also invest in classes of collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs") and various other MBS. In choosing among CMO classes, the Adviser will evaluate the total income potential of each class and other factors. See "Additional investment practices--Securitized interests."

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Certain government agencies or instrumentalities, such as GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC provide a guarantee as to timely payment of principal and interest for MBS each entity issues but may or may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government.

SENIOR LOANS

Senior Loans hold the most senior position in the capital structure of a business entity (the "Borrower"), are typically secured with specific collateral and have a claim on the assets and/or stock of the Borrower that is senior to that held by subordinated debt holders and stockholders of the Borrower. The proceeds of Senior Loans primarily are used to finance leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, mergers, acquisitions, stock repurchases, refinancings and to finance internal growth and for other corporate purposes. Senior Loans typically have rates of interest which are redetermined either daily, monthly, quarterly or semi-annually by reference to a base lending rate, plus a premium or credit spread. These base lending rates are primarily the London-Interbank Offered Rate

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("LIBOR"), and secondarily the prime rate offered by one or more major United States banks (the "Prime Rate") and the certificate of deposit ("CD") rate or other base lending rates used by commercial lenders. The Senior Loans held by the Fund will have a dollar-weighted average period until the next interest rate adjustment of approximately 90 days or less. In the experience of the Adviser over the last decade, because of prepayments the average life of Senior Loans has been two to four years.

The Fund may also purchase unsecured loans, other floating rate debt securities such as notes, bonds and asset-backed securities (such as special purpose trusts investing in bank loans), credit-linked notes, tranches of collateralized loan obligations, investment grade fixed income debt obligations and money market instruments, such as commercial paper.

Senior Loans and other floating-rate debt instruments are subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal. Such non-payment would result in a reduction of income to the Fund, a reduction in the value of the investment and a potential decrease in the net asset value of the Fund. There can be no assurance that the liquidation of any collateral securing a loan would satisfy the Borrower's obligation in the event of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal payments, or that such collateral could be readily liquidated. In the event of bankruptcy of a Borrower, the Fund could experience delays or limitations with respect to its ability to realize the benefits of the collateral securing a Senior Loan. The collateral securing a Senior Loan may lose all or substantially all of its value in the event of bankruptcy of a Borrower. Some Senior Loans are subject to the risk that a court, pursuant to fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws, could subordinate such Senior Loans to presently existing or future indebtedness of the Borrower or take other action detrimental to the holders of Senior Loans including, in certain circumstances, invalidating such Senior Loans or causing interest previously paid to be refunded to the Borrower. If interest were required to be refunded, it could negatively affect the Fund's performance.

Many Senior Loans in which the Fund will invest may not be rated by a rating agency, will not be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission and will not be listed on any national securities exchange. The amount of public information available with respect to

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Senior Loans will generally be less extensive than that available for registered or exchange listed securities. In evaluating the creditworthiness of Borrowers, the Adviser will consider, and may rely in part, on analyses performed by others. Borrowers may have outstanding debt obligations that are rated below investment grade by a rating agency. Many of the Senior Loans in the Fund have been assigned ratings below investment grade by independent rating agencies. In the event Senior Loans are not rated, they are likely to be the equivalent of below investment grade quality. Because of the protective features of Senior Loans, the Adviser believes that Senior Loans tend to have more favorable loss recovery rates as compared to more junior types of below investment grade debt obligations. The Adviser does not view ratings as the determinative factor in its investment decisions and relies more upon its credit analysis abilities than upon ratings.

No active trading market may exist for some loans and some loans may be subject to restrictions on resale. A secondary market may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods, which may impair the ability to realize full value and thus cause a material decline in the Fund's net asset value. During periods of limited supply and liquidity of Senior Loans, the Fund's yield may be lower.

When interest rates decline, the value of the Fund invested in fixed-rate obligations can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of the Fund invested in fixed-rate obligations can be expected to decline. Although changes in prevailing interest rates can be expected to cause some fluctuations in the value of Senior Loans (due to the fact that floating rates on Senior Loans only reset periodically), the value of Senior Loans is substantially less sensitive to changes in market interest rates

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than fixed-rate instruments. As a result, the Adviser expects the Fund's policy of investing a portion of its assets in floating-rate Senior Loans will make the Fund less volatile and less sensitive to changes in market interest rates than if the Fund invested exclusively in fixed-rate obligations. Similarly, a sudden and significant increase in market interest rates may cause a decline in the value of these investments and in the Fund's net asset value. Other factors (including, but not limited to, rating downgrades, credit deterioration, a large downward movement in stock prices, a disparity in supply and demand of certain securities or market conditions that reduce liquidity) can reduce the value of Senior Loans and other debt obligations, impairing the Fund's net asset value.

The Fund may purchase and retain in its portfolio a Senior Loan where the Borrower has experienced, or may be perceived to be likely to experience, credit problems, including involvement in or recent emergence from bankruptcy reorganization proceedings or other forms of debt restructuring. Such investments may provide opportunities for enhanced income as well as capital appreciation. At times, in connection with the restructuring of a Senior Loan either outside of bankruptcy court or in the context of bankruptcy court proceedings, the Fund may determine or be required to accept equity securities or junior debt securities in exchange for all or a portion of a Senior Loan.

Senior Loan assignments and participations. The Fund expects to primarily purchase Senior Loans by assignment from a participant in the original syndicate of lenders or from subsequent assignees of such interests. The Fund may also purchase participations in the original syndicate making Senior Loans. Such indebtedness may be secured or unsecured. Loan participations typically

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represent direct participations in a loan to a corporate borrower, and generally are offered by banks or other financial institutions or lending syndicates. The Fund may participate in such syndications, or can buy part of a loan, becoming a part lender. When purchasing loan participations, the Fund assumes the credit risk associated with the corporate borrower and may assume the credit risk associated with an interposed bank or other financial intermediary. The participation interests in which the Fund intends to invest may not be rated by any nationally recognized rating service. Given the current structure of the markets for loan participations and assignments, the Fund expects to treat these securities as illiquid.

Senior Loan valuation. The Adviser uses an independent pricing service to value most loans and other debt securities at their market value. The Adviser may use the fair value method to value loans or other securities if market quotations for them are not readily available or are deemed unreliable, or if events occurring after the close of a securities market and before the Fund values its assets would materially affect net asset value.

NON-INVESTMENT GRADE BONDS

As indicated above, Non-Investment Grade Bonds are those rated lower than investment grade (i.e., bonds rated lower than Baa3 by Moody's and lower than BBB- by S&P and Fitch) or are unrated and of comparable quality as determined by the Adviser. Non-Investment Grade Bonds rated BB and Ba have speculative characteristics, while lower rated Non-Investment Grade Bonds are predominantly speculative.

The Fund may hold securities that are unrated or in the lowest rating categories (rated C by Moody's or D by S&P or Fitch). Bonds rated C by Moody's are regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing. Bonds rated D by S&P or Fitch are in payment default or a bankruptcy petition has been filed and debt service payments are jeopardized. In order to enforce its rights with defaulted securities, the Fund may be required to retain legal counsel and/or a financial adviser. This may increase the Fund's operating expenses and adversely affect net asset value.

The credit quality of most securities held by the Fund reflects a greater than average possibility that adverse changes in the financial condition of an issuer, or in general economic conditions, or both,

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may impair the ability of the issuer to make payments of interest and principal. The inability (or perceived inability) of issuers to make timely payment of interest and principal would likely make the values of securities held by the Fund more volatile and could limit the Fund's ability to sell its securities at favorable prices. In the absence of a liquid trading market for securities held by it, the Fund may have difficulties determining the fair market value of such securities.

Although the Adviser considers security ratings when making investment decisions, it performs its own credit and investment analysis and does not rely primarily on the ratings assigned by the rating services. In evaluating the quality of a particular security, whether rated or unrated, the Adviser will normally take into consideration, among other things, the issuer's financial resources and operating history, its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, the ability of its management, its debt maturity schedules and borrowing

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requirements, and relative values based on anticipated cash flow, interest and asset coverage, and earnings prospects. Because of the greater number of investment considerations involved in investing in high yield, high risk bonds, the achievement of the Fund's objectives depends more on the Adviser's judgment and analytical abilities than would be the case if the Fund invested primarily in securities in the higher rating categories. While the Adviser will attempt to reduce the risks of investing in lower rated or unrated securities through active Fund management, diversification, credit analysis and attention to current developments and trends in the economy and the financial markets, there can be no assurance that a broadly diversified Fund of such securities would substantially lessen the risks of defaults brought about by an economic downturn or recession. In recent years, issuances of Non-Investment Grade Bonds by companies in various sectors has increased. Accordingly, the Fund's investments may have significant exposure to certain sectors of the economy and thus may react differently to political or economic developments than the market as a whole.

The Fund's high yield securities may have fixed or variable principal payments and all types of interest rate and dividend payment and reset terms, including fixed rate, adjustable rate, zero coupon, contingent, deferred, and payment in kind features.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT PRACTICES

OTHER GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

U.S. Government securities include (1) U.S. Treasury obligations, which differ in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance: U.S. Treasury bills (maturities of one year or less), U.S. Treasury notes (maturities of one year to ten years) and U.S. Treasury bonds (generally maturities of greater than ten years) and (2) obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities which are supported by any of the following: (a) the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, (b) the right of the issuer to borrow an amount limited to a specific line of credit from the U.S. Treasury, (c) discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase certain obligations of the U.S. Government agency or instrumentality or (d) the credit of the agency or instrumentality. The Fund may also invest in any other security or agreement collateralized or otherwise secured by U.S. Government securities. Agencies and instrumentalities of the U.S. Government include but are not limited to: Federal Land Banks, Federal Financing Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, FHLMC, FNMA, GNMA, Student Loan Marketing Association, United States Postal Service, Small Business Administration, Tennessee Valley Authority and any other enterprise established or sponsored by the U.S. Government. Because the U.S. Government generally is not obligated to provide support to its instrumentalities, the Fund will invest in obligations issued by these instrumentalities only if the Adviser determines that the credit risk with respect to such obligations is minimal.

The principal of and/or interest on certain U.S. Government securities which may be purchased by the Fund could be increased or diminished as a result of changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to

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the value of foreign currencies. The value of such portfolio securities may be affected favorably by changes in the exchange rate between foreign currencies

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and the U.S. dollar.

SECURITIZED INTERESTS

The Fund may invest in certain asset-backed securities as discussed below. Asset-backed securities are payment claims that are securitized in the form of negotiable paper that is issued by a financing company (generically called a Special Purpose Vehicle or "SPV"). These securitized payment claims are, as a rule, corporate financial assets brought into a pool according to specific diversification rules. The SPV is a company founded solely for the purpose of securitizing these claims and its only asset is the risk arising out of this diversified asset pool. On this basis, marketable securities are issued which, due to the diversification of the underlying risk, generally represent a lower level of risk than the original assets. The redemption of the securities issued by the SPV takes place at maturity out of the cash flow generated by the collected claims. Asset-backed securities may be issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, or by non-governmental issuers.

CMOs. The CMO classes in which the Fund may invest include sequential and parallel pay CMOs, including planned amortization class and target amortization class securities. CMOs are debt securities issued by either the U.S. government (or one of its agencies or instrumentalities) or private issuers. The key feature of the CMO structure is the prioritization of the cash flows from a pool of mortgages among the several classes of CMO holders, thereby creating a series of obligations with varying rates and maturities appealing to a wide range of investors. CMOs generally are secured by an assignment to a trustee under the indenture pursuant to which the bonds are issued of collateral consisting of a pool of mortgages. Payments with respect to the underlying mortgages generally are made to the trustee under the indenture. CMOs are issued in two or more classes or series with varying maturities and stated rates of interest determined by the issuer. Senior CMO classes will typically have priority over residual CMO classes as to the receipt of principal and/or interest payments on the underlying mortgages. Because the interest and principal payments on the underlying mortgages are not passed through to holders of CMOs, CMOs of varying maturities may be secured by the same pool of mortgages, the payments on which are used to pay interest to each class and to retire successive maturities in sequence. CMOs are designed to be retired as the underlying mortgages are repaid. In the event of sufficient early prepayments on such mortgages, the class or series of CMO first to mature generally will be retired prior to maturity. Therefore, although in most cases the issuer of CMOs will not supply additional collateral in the event of such prepayments, there will be sufficient collateral to secure CMOs that remain outstanding. Currently, the Adviser will consider privately issued CMOs or other mortgage-backed securities as possible investments for the Fund only when the mortgage collateral is insured, guaranteed or otherwise backed by the U.S. Government or one or more of its agencies or instrumentalities (e.g., insured by the Federal Housing Administration or Farmers Home Administration or guaranteed by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs or consisting in whole or in part of U.S. Government securities).

Collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs"). The Fund may invest in CDOs. A CDO is a structured credit security issued by a special purpose entity that was created to reapportion the risk and return characteristics of a pool of assets. The assets, typically non-investment grade bonds, leveraged loans, and other asset-backed obligations, are used as collateral supporting the various debt and equity tranches issued by the special purpose entity. CDOs operate similarly to CMOs and CLOs and are subject to the same inherent risks.

Collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"). A CLO is a type of CDO that invests primarily in leveraged loans as collateral underlying the obligations of the special purpose entity. CLOs operate similarly to CMOs and are subject to the same inherent risks.

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MORTGAGE ROLLS

The Fund may enter into mortgage "dollar rolls" in which the Fund sells mortgage-backed securities for delivery in the current month and simultaneously contracts to repurchase substantially similar (same type, coupon and maturity) securities on a specified future date. During the roll period, the Fund forgoes principal and interest paid on the mortgage-backed securities. The Fund is compensated by the difference between the current sales price and the lower forward price for the future purchase (often referred to as the "drop") as well as by the interest earned on the cash proceeds of the initial sales. A "covered roll" is a specific type of dollar roll for which there is an offsetting cash position or a cash equivalent security position which matures on or before the forward settlement date of the dollar roll transaction. The Fund will only enter into covered rolls. Covered rolls are not treated as a borrowing or other senior security and will be excluded from the calculation of the Fund's borrowings and other senior securities.

CREDIT-LINKED NOTES

The Fund may invest in credit-linked notes ("CLN"). A CLN is a derivative instrument. It is a synthetic obligation between two or more parties where the payment of principal and/or interest is based on the performance of some obligation (a reference obligation). In addition to credit risk of the reference obligation and interest rate risk, the buyer/seller of the CLN is subject to counterparty risk.

COMMERCIAL PAPER

Commercial paper represents short-term unsecured promissory notes issued in bearer form by corporations such as banks or bank holding companies and finance companies. The rate of return on commercial paper may be linked or indexed to the level of exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and a foreign currency or currencies.

WHEN-ISSUED SECURITIES AND FORWARD COMMITMENTS

Securities may be purchased on a "forward commitment" or "when-issued" basis (meaning securities are purchased or sold with payment and delivery taking place in the future) in order to secure what is considered to be an advantageous price and yield at the time of entering into the transaction. However, the yield on a comparable security when the transaction is consummated may vary from the yield on the security at the time that the forward commitment or when-issued transaction was made. From the time of entering into the transaction until delivery and payment is made at a later date, the securities that are the subject of the transaction are subject to market fluctuations. In forward commitment or when-issued transactions, if the seller or buyer, as the case may be, fails to consummate the transaction the counterparty may miss the opportunity of obtaining a price or yield considered to be advantageous. Forward commitment or when-issued transactions may be expected to occur a month or more before delivery is due. However, no payment or delivery is made until payment is received or delivery is made from the other party to the transaction. Forward commitment or when-issued transactions are not entered into for the purpose of investment leverage.

ILLIQUID SECURITIES

The Fund may invest in securities for which there is no readily available trading market or are otherwise illiquid. Illiquid securities include securities legally restricted as to resale, such as commercial paper issued pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and securities eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A thereunder. Section 4(2) and Rule 144A

securities may, however, be treated as liquid by the Adviser pursuant to procedures adopted by the Board, which require consideration of factors such as trading activity, availability of market quotations and number of dealers willing to purchase the security. If the Fund invests in Rule 144A securities, the level of portfolio illiquidity may be increased to the extent that eligible buyers become uninterested in purchasing such securities.

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It may be difficult to sell such securities at a price representing the fair value until such time as such securities may be sold publicly. Where registration is required, a considerable period may elapse between a decision to sell the securities and the time when it would be permitted to sell. Thus, the Fund may not be able to obtain as favorable a price as that prevailing at the time of the decision to sell. The Fund may also acquire securities through private placements under which it may agree to contractual restrictions on the resale of such securities. Such restrictions might prevent their sale at a time when such sale would otherwise be desirable.

SWAPS

Swap contracts may be purchased or sold to hedge against fluctuations in securities prices, interest rates or market conditions, to change the duration of the overall portfolio, or to mitigate default risk. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties, which returns are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested at a particular interest rate or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index.

Interest Rate Swaps. The Fund will enter into interest rate and total return swaps only on a net basis, i.e., the two payment streams are netted out, with the Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest (e.g., an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments). The Fund will only enter into interest rate swaps on a net basis. If the other party to an interest rate swap defaults, the Fund's risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that the Fund is contractually entitled to receive. The net amount of the excess, if any, of the Fund's obligations over its entitlements will be maintained in a segregated account by the Fund's custodian. The Fund will not enter into any interest rate swap unless the claims-paying ability of the other party thereto is considered to be investment grade by the Adviser. If there is a default by the other party to such a transaction, the Fund will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. These instruments are traded in the over-the-counter market.

The Fund may use interest rate swaps for risk management purposes only and not as a speculative investment and would typically use interest rate swaps to shorten the average interest rate reset time of the Fund's holdings. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interests (e.g., an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments). The use of interest rate swaps is a highly specialized activity which involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. If the Adviser is incorrect in its forecasts of market values, interest rates and other applicable factors, the investment performance of the Fund would be unfavorably affected.

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Total Return Swaps. As stated above, the Fund will enter into total return swaps only on a net basis. Total return swaps are contracts in which one party agrees to make payments of the total return from the underlying asset(s) which may include securities, baskets of securities, or securities indices during the specified period, in return for payments equal to a fixed or floating rate of interest or the total return from other underlying asset(s).

Credit Default Swaps. The Fund may enter into credit default swap contracts for risk management purposes, including diversification. When the Fund is the buyer of a credit default swap contract, the Fund is entitled to receive the par (or other agreed-upon) value of a referenced debt obligation from the counterparty to the contract in the event of a default by a third party, such as a U.S. or foreign corporate issuer, on the debt obligation. In return, the Fund would pay the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default has occurred. If no default occurs, the Fund would have spent the stream of payments and received no benefit from the contract. When the Fund is the seller of a credit default swap contract, it receives the stream of

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payments but is obligated to pay upon default of the referenced debt obligation. As the seller, the Fund would effectively add leverage to its portfolio because, in addition to its total net assets, the Fund would be subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap. The Fund will segregate assets in the form of cash and cash equivalents in an amount equal to the aggregate market value of the credit default swaps of which it is the seller, marked to market on a daily basis. These transactions involve certain risks, including the risk that the seller may be unable to fulfill the transaction.

FUTURES AND OPTIONS ON FUTURES

The Fund may purchase and sell various kinds of financial futures contracts and options thereon to seek to hedge against changes in interest rates or for other risk management purposes. Futures contracts may be based on various debt securities and securities indices. Such transactions involve a risk of loss or depreciation due to unanticipated adverse changes in securities prices, which may exceed the Fund's initial investment in these contracts. The Fund will only purchase or sell futures contracts or related options in compliance with the rules of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. These transactions involve transaction costs. There can be no assurance that Eaton Vance's use of futures will be advantageous to the Fund. Rating agency guidelines on any Preferred Shares issued by the Fund may limit use of these transactions.

SECURITIES LENDING

The Fund may seek to earn income by lending portfolio securities to broker-dealers or other institutional borrowers. As with other extensions of credit, there are risks of delay in recovery or even loss of rights in the securities loaned if the borrower of the securities fails financially. In the judgment of the Adviser, the loans will be made only to organizations whose credit quality or claims paying ability is considered to be at least investment grade and when the expected returns, net of administrative expenses and any finders' fees, justifies the attendant risk. Securities loans currently are required to be secured continuously by collateral in cash, cash equivalents (such as money market instruments) or other liquid securities held by the custodian and maintained in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned. The financial condition of the borrower will be monitored by the Adviser on an ongoing basis.

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BORROWINGS

The Fund may borrow money to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act as interpreted, modified or otherwise permitted by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time. The Fund may from time to time borrow money to add leverage to the portfolio. The Fund may also borrow money for temporary administrative purposes.

REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements. Under a reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund temporarily transfers possession of a portfolio instrument to another party, such as a bank or broker-dealer, in return for cash. At the same time, the Fund agrees to repurchase the instrument at an agreed upon time (normally within seven days) and price, which reflects an interest payment. The Fund may enter into such agreements when it is able to invest the cash acquired at a rate higher than the cost of the agreement, which would increase earned income.

When the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, any fluctuations in the market value of either the securities transferred to another party or the securities in which the proceeds may be invested would affect the market value of the Fund's assets. As a result, such transactions may increase fluctuations in the market value of the Fund's assets. While there is a risk that large fluctuations in the market value of the Fund's assets could affect net asset value, this risk is not significantly increased by entering into reverse repurchase agreements, in the opinion of the Adviser. Because reverse repurchase agreements may be considered to be the practical equivalent of borrowing funds, they constitute a

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form of leverage. Such agreements will be treated as subject to investment restrictions regarding "borrowings." If the Fund reinvests the proceeds of a reverse repurchase agreement at a rate lower than the cost of the agreement, entering into the agreement will lower the Fund's yield.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Fund cannot accurately predict its portfolio turnover rate, but the annual turnover rate may exceed 100% (excluding turnover of securities having a maturity of one year or less). A high turnover rate (100% or more) necessarily involves greater expenses to the Fund and may result in a realization of net short-term capital gains. The Fund may engage in active short-term trading to benefit from yield disparities among different issues of securities or among the markets for fixed income securities of different countries, to seek short-term profits during periods of fluctuating interest rates, or for other reasons. Such trading will increase the Fund's rate of turnover and may increase the incidence of net short-term capital gains which, upon distribution by the Fund, are taxable to Fund Shareholders as ordinary income.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Risk is inherent in all investing. Investing in any investment company security involves risk, including the risk that you may receive little or no return on your investment or even that you may lose part or all of your investment. Therefore, before investing you should consider carefully the following risks that you assume when you invest in APS.

INTEREST RATE RISK

The Fund issues APS, which pay dividends based on short-term interest rates, and

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uses the proceeds to buy obligations, which pay interest based on longer-term yields. Longer-term bond obligation yields are typically, although not always, higher than short-term interest rates. Both long-term and short-term interest rates may fluctuate. If short-term interest rates rise, APS rates may rise such that the amount of dividends paid to APS holders exceeds the income from the portfolio securities purchased with the proceeds from the sale of APS. Because income from the Fund's entire investment portfolio (not just the portion purchased with the proceeds of the APS offering) is available to pay APS dividends, however, APS dividend rates would need to greatly exceed the Fund's net portfolio income before the Fund's ability to pay APS dividends would be jeopardized. If long-term rates rise, the value of the Fund's investment portfolio will decline, reducing the amount of assets serving as asset coverage for the APS.

AUCTION RISK

Holders of APS may not be able to sell APS at an Auction if the auction fails; that is, if there are more APS offered for sale than there are buyers for those APS. Also, if a hold order is placed at an auction (an order to retain APS) only at a specified rate, and that bid rate exceeds the rate set at the Auction, the APS will not be retained. Finally, if you elect to buy or retain APS without specifying a rate below which you would not wish to continue to hold those APS, and the auction sets a below market rate, you may receive a lower rate of return on your APS than the market rate. See "Description of APS" and "The Auction--Auction procedures."

SECONDARY MARKET RISK

It may not be possible to sell APS between auctions or it may only be possible to sell them for a price of less than \$25,000 per share plus any accumulated dividends. If the Fund has designated a Special Dividend Period (a dividend period of more than 7 days), changes in interest rates could affect the price of APS sold in the secondary market. Broker-dealers may maintain a secondary trading market in the APS outside of Auctions; however, they have no obligation to do so and there can be no assurance that a secondary market for the APS will develop or, if it does develop, that it will provide holders

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with a liquid trading market (i.e., trading will depend on the presence of willing buyers and sellers and the trading price is subject to variables to be determined at the time of the trade by the broker-dealers). The APS will not be registered on any stock exchange or on any automated quotation system. An increase in the level of interest rates, particularly during any Long Term Dividend Period, likely will have an adverse effect on the secondary market price of the APS, and a selling Shareholder may sell APS between Auctions at a price per share of less than \$25,000. Accrued APS dividends, however, should at least partially compensate for the increased market interest rate.

RATINGS AND ASSET COVERAGE RISK

While Moody's and Fitch assign a rating of "AAA" to the APS, the ratings do not eliminate or necessarily mitigate the risks of investing in APS. A rating agency could downgrade APS, which may make APS less liquid at an Auction or in the secondary market, although the downgrade would probably result in higher dividend rates. If a rating agency downgrades APS of the Fund, the Fund will alter its portfolio or redeem APS. The Fund may voluntarily redeem APS under certain circumstances. A preferred stock rating is an assessment of the capacity and willingness of an issuer to pay preferred stock obligations. The ratings on the Preferred Shares are not recommendations to purchase, hold, or sell those shares, inasmuch as the ratings do not comment as to market price or suitability

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for a particular investor. The rating agency guidelines described above also do not address the likelihood that an owner of the Preferred Shares will be able to sell such shares in an auction or otherwise. See "Description of APS--Rating agency guidelines and asset coverage" for a description of the asset maintenance tests the Fund must meet.

INCOME RISK

The income investors receive from the Fund is based primarily on the interest it earns from its investments, which can vary widely over the short- and long-term. If long-term interest rates drop, the Fund's income available over time to make dividend payments with respect to APS could drop as well if the Fund purchases securities with lower interest coupons.

CALL AND OTHER REINVESTMENT RISKS

If interest rates fall, it is possible that issuers of callable bonds with high interest coupons will "call" (or prepay) their bonds before their maturity date. If a call were exercised by the issuer during a period of declining interest rates, the Fund is likely to replace such called security with a lower yielding security. Similar risks exist when the Fund invests the proceeds from matured or traded obligations at market interest rates that are below the Fund's current earnings rate.

CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the risk that one or more investments in the Fund's portfolio will decline in price, or fail to pay interest or principal when due, because the issuer of the obligation experiences a decline in its financial status. In general, lower rated bonds carry a greater degree of risk that the issuer will lose its ability to make interest and principal payments, which could have a negative impact on the Fund's net asset value or dividends. Securities rated in the fourth highest category are considered investment grade but they also may have some speculative characteristics.

Changes in the credit quality of the issuers of obligations held by the Fund will affect the principal value of (and possibly the income earned on) such obligations. In addition, the value of such securities are affected by changes in general economic conditions and business conditions affecting the relevant economic sectors. Changes by Rating Agencies in their ratings of a security and in the ability of the issuer to make payments of principal and interest may also affect the value of the Fund's investments. The amount of information about the financial condition of an issuer of obligations may not be as extensive as that made available by corporations whose securities are publicly traded.

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If rating agencies lower their ratings of investments in the Fund's portfolio, the value of those investments could decline, which could jeopardize the rating agencies' ratings of the APS. Because the primary source of income for the Fund is the interest and principal payments on the obligations in which it invests, any default by an issuer of an obligation could have a negative impact on the Fund's ability to pay dividends on the APS and could result in the redemption of some or all of the APS.

LIQUIDITY RISK

At times, a portion of the Fund's assets may be invested in securities as to which the Fund, by itself or together with other accounts managed by Eaton Vance and its affiliates, holds a major portion of all of such securities. The secondary market for some such obligations is less liquid than that for more widely traded obligations. No established resale market exists for certain of

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the obligations in which the Fund may invest. The Fund has no limitation on the amount of its assets that may be invested in securities which are not readily marketable or are subject to restrictions on resale. In certain situations, the Fund could find it more difficult to sell such securities at desirable times and/or prices.

INFLATION RISK

Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from investment will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of the APS and distributions thereon can decline. In an inflationary period, however, it is expected that, through the Auction process, APS dividend rates would increase, tending to offset the risk.

MARKET DISRUPTION

The terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001 had a disruptive effect on the securities markets. The Fund cannot predict the effects of similar events in the future on the U.S. economy. These terrorist attacks and related events, including the war in Iraq, have led to increased short-term market volatility and may have long-term effects on U.S. and world economies and markets. A similar disruption of the financial markets could impact interest rates, auctions, secondary trading, ratings, credit risk, inflation and other factors relating to the Preferred Shares. In particular, Non-Investment Grade Bonds and Senior Loans tend to be more volatile than higher rated fixed income securities so that these events and any actions resulting from them may have a greater impact on the prices and volatility on Non-Investment Grade Bonds and Senior Loans than on higher rated fixed income securities.

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Management of the Fund

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The management of the Fund, including general supervision of the duties performed by the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement (as defined below), is the responsibility of the Fund's Board under the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the 1940 Act.

THE ADVISER

Eaton Vance acts as the Fund's investment adviser under an Investment Advisory Agreement (the "Advisory Agreement"). The Adviser's principal office is located at The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, MA 02109. Eaton Vance, its affiliates and predecessor companies have been managing assets of individuals and institutions since 1924 and of investment companies since 1931. Eaton Vance (or its affiliates) currently serves as the investment adviser to investment companies and various individual and institutional clients with combined assets under management of approximately \$62.7 billion as of June 30, 2003. Eaton Vance is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Eaton Vance Corp., a publicly-held holding company, which through its subsidiaries and affiliates engages primarily in investment management, administration and marketing activities.

Under the general supervision of the Fund's Board, the Adviser will carry out the investment and reinvestment of the assets of the Fund, will furnish continuously an investment program with respect to the Fund, will determine which securities should be purchased, sold or exchanged, and will implement such determinations. The Adviser will furnish to the Fund investment advice and

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office facilities, equipment and personnel for servicing the investments of the Fund. The Adviser will compensate all Trustees and officers of the Fund who are members of the Adviser's organization and who render investment services to the Fund, and will also compensate all other Adviser personnel who provide research and investment services to the Fund. In return for these services, facilities and payments, the Fund has agreed to pay the Adviser as compensation under the Advisory Agreement a fee in the amount of 0.75% of the average weekly gross assets of the Fund. Gross assets of the Fund shall be calculated by deducting accrued liabilities of the Fund not including the amount of any Preferred Shares outstanding or the principal amount of any indebtedness for money borrowed. During periods in which the Fund is using leverage, the fees paid to Eaton Vance for investment advisory services will be higher than if the Fund did not use leverage because the fees paid will be calculated on the basis of the Fund's gross assets, including proceeds from any borrowings and from the issuance of Preferred Shares.

Thomas E. Faust Jr. (Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of Eaton Vance), Susan Schiff, Scott H. Page, Payson F. Swaffield, Michael Weilheimer and other Eaton Vance investment professionals comprise the investment team responsible for the overall management of the Fund's investments as well as allocations among the Fund's three principal investment categories. The following individual members of this team are responsible for the day-to-day management with each of the Fund's three main asset classes:

MBS. Ms. Schiff is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's MBS strategy. Ms. Schiff, has been an Eaton Vance portfolio manager since 1991, and is a Vice President of Eaton Vance. Among other portfolios, she currently manages Eaton Vance Government Obligations Fund, a registered open-end fund, which employs an investment strategy primarily focused on MBS. As of June 30, 2003, this fund had assets of approximately \$1.94 billion.

Senior Loans. Mr. Page and Mr. Swaffield are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's Senior Loan strategy. Among other portfolios, Mr. Page and Mr. Swaffield have each been

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Eaton Vance portfolio managers since 1996, and are Vice Presidents of Eaton Vance. They currently co-manage Eaton Vance Prime Rate Reserves, a registered closed-end interval fund, Eaton Vance Classic Senior Floating-Rate Fund, a registered closed-end interval fund, Eaton Vance Floating-Rate Fund, a registered open-end fund, Eaton Vance Floating-Rate High Income Fund, a registered open-end fund, and Eaton Vance Senior Income Trust, a registered closed-end fund listed on the New York Stock Exchange, all of which employ investment strategies primarily focused on Senior Loans. As of June 30, 2003, these funds had combined assets of approximately \$5.5 billion. See "Additional investment information and restrictions--Litigation involving Eaton Vance" in the SAI for further information.

Non-Investment Grade Bonds. Mr. Weilheimer is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's Non-Investment Grade Bond strategy. Mr. Weilheimer has been an Eaton Vance portfolio manager since 1996, and is a Vice President of Eaton Vance. Among other portfolios, he currently co-manages Eaton Vance High Income Fund, a registered open-end fund, and Eaton Vance Income Fund of Boston, a registered open-end fund, both of which employ investment strategies primarily focused on Non-Investment Grade Bonds. As of June 30, 2003, these funds had combined assets of approximately \$2.26 billion.

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The Fund and the Adviser have adopted a Code of Ethics relating to personal securities transactions. The Code permits Adviser personnel to invest in securities (including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund) for their own accounts, subject to certain pre-clearance, reporting and other restrictions and procedures contained in such Code.

Eaton Vance serves as administrator of the Fund but currently receives no compensation for providing administrative services to the Fund. Under an Administration Agreement with the Fund ("Administration Agreement"), Eaton Vance is responsible for managing the business affairs of the Fund, subject to the supervision of the Fund's Board. Eaton Vance will furnish to the Fund all office facilities, equipment and personnel for administering the affairs of the Fund. Eaton Vance's administrative services include recordkeeping, preparation and filing of documents required to comply with federal and state securities laws, supervising the activities of the Fund's custodian and transfer agent, providing assistance in connection with the Trustees' and shareholders' meetings, providing service in connection with any repurchase offers and other administrative services necessary to conduct the Fund's business.

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Description of APS

The following is a brief description of the terms of the APS. This description does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the Fund's Declaration of Trust and Amended By-Laws, including the provisions thereof establishing the APS. The Fund's Declaration of Trust and the form of Amended By-Laws establishing the terms of the APS have been filed as exhibits to or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus is a part. The Amended By-Laws for the Fund may be found in Appendix B to the Fund's Statement of Additional Information.

GENERAL

The Declaration of Trust authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest with preference rights, including Preferred Shares, having a par value of \$0.01 per share, in one or more series, with rights as determined by the Board of Trustees, by action of the Board of Trustees without the approval of the Shareholders. The Fund's Amended By-Laws currently authorize the number of shares of APS of each series set forth below in "Description of Capital Structure." The APS will have a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared). See "Description of APS--Liquidation rights."

The APS of each series will rank on parity with shares of any other series of APS and with shares of other series of Preferred Shares of the Fund, as to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation. All shares of APS carry one vote per share on all matters on which such shares are entitled to be voted. APS, when issued, will be fully paid and, subject to matters discussed in "Certain provisions of the Declaration of Trust," non-assessable and have no preemptive, conversion or cumulative voting rights. The APS will not be convertible into Common Shares or other capital stock of the Fund, and the holders thereof will have no preemptive, or cumulative voting rights.

DIVIDENDS AND DIVIDEND PERIODS

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After the Initial Dividend Period, each Subsequent Dividend period for the APS will generally consist of seven days (a "7-Day Dividend Period"); provided, however, that prior to any Auction, the Fund may elect, subject to certain limitations described herein, upon giving notice to holders thereof, a Special Dividend Period as discussed below. The holders of the APS of the Fund will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by that Fund's Board of Trustees, out of funds legally available therefor, cumulative cash dividends on their APS, at the Applicable Rate determined as set forth below under "Determination of Dividend Rate," payable on the dates set forth below. Dividends on the APS of the Fund so declared and payable shall be paid in preference to and in priority over any dividends declared and payable on the Fund's Common Shares.

Dividends on the APS will accumulate from the date on which the Fund originally issues the APS (the "Date of Original Issue") and will be payable on the APS on the dates described below. Dividends on the APS with respect to the Initial Dividend Period shall be payable on the Initial Dividend Payment Date. Following the Initial Dividend Payment Date, dividends on the APS will be payable, at the option of the Fund, either (i) with respect to any 7-Day Dividend Period and any Short Term Dividend Period of 28 or fewer days, on the day next succeeding the last day thereof or (ii) with respect to any Short Term Dividend Period of more than 28 days and with respect to any Long Term Dividend Period, monthly on the first Business Day of each calendar month during such Short Term Dividend Period or Long Term Dividend Period and on the day next succeeding the last day thereof (each such date referred to in clause (i) or (ii) being referred to herein as a "Normal Dividend Payment Date"),

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except that if such Normal Dividend Payment Date is not a Business Day, the Dividend Payment Date shall be the first Business Day next succeeding such Normal Dividend Payment Date. Although any particular Dividend Payment Date may not occur on the originally scheduled date because of the exceptions discussed above, the next succeeding Dividend Payment Date, subject to such exceptions, will occur on the next following originally scheduled date. If for any reason a Dividend Payment Date cannot be fixed as described above, then the Board of Trustees shall fix the Dividend Payment Date. The Board of Trustees by resolution prior to authorization of a dividend by the Board of Trustees may change a Dividend Payment Date if such change does not adversely affect the contract rights of the holders of APS set forth in the Amended By-Laws. The Initial Dividend Period, 7-Day Dividend Periods and Special Dividend Periods are hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Dividend Periods." Each dividend payment date determined as provided above is hereinafter referred to as a "Dividend Payment Date."

Prior to each Dividend Payment Date, the Fund is required to deposit with the Auction Agent sufficient funds for the payment of declared dividends. The Fund does not intend to establish any reserves for the payment of dividends.

Each dividend will be paid to the record holder of the APS, which holder is expected to be the nominee of the Securities Depository. See "The Auctions--General--Securities Depository." The Securities Depository will credit the accounts of the Agent Members of the Existing Holders in accordance with the Securities Depository's normal procedures which provide for payment in same-day funds. The Agent Member of an Existing Holder will be responsible for holding or disbursing such payments on the applicable Dividend Payment Date to such Existing Holder in accordance with the instructions of such Existing Holder. Dividends in arrears for any past Dividend Period may be declared and paid at any time, without reference to any regular Dividend Payment Date, to the nominee

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of the Securities Depository. Any dividend payment made on the APS first shall be credited against the earliest declared but unpaid dividends accumulated with respect to such shares.

Holders of the APS will not be entitled to any dividends, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of full cumulative dividends except as described under "Non-payment period; late charge" below. No interest will be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the APS which may be in arrears.

The amount of cash dividends per share of APS payable (if declared) on the Initial Dividend Payment Date, each Dividend Payment Date of a 7-Day Dividend Period and each Dividend Payment Date of each Short Term Dividend Period shall be computed by multiplying the Applicable Rate for such Dividend Period by a fraction, the numerator of which will be the number of days in such Dividend Period or part thereof that such share was outstanding and for which dividends are payable on such Dividend Payment Date and the denominator of which will be 360, multiplying the amount so obtained by \$25,000, and rounding the amount so obtained to the nearest cent. During any Long Term Dividend Period, the amount of cash dividends per share of APS payable (if declared) on any Dividend Payment Date shall be computed by multiplying the Applicable Rate for such Dividend Period by a fraction, the numerator of which will be such number of days in such part of such Dividend Period that such share was outstanding and for which dividends are payable on such Dividend Payment Date and the denominator of which will be 360, multiplying the amount so obtained by \$25,000, and rounding the amount so obtained to the nearest cent.

NOTIFICATION OF DIVIDEND PERIOD

With respect to each Dividend Period that is a Special Dividend Period, the Fund, at its sole option and to the extent permitted by law, by telephonic and written notice (a "Request for Special Dividend Period") to the Auction Agent and to each Broker-Dealer, may request that the next succeeding Dividend Period for the APS will be a number of days (other than seven), evenly divisible by seven,

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and not fewer than seven nor more than 364 in the case of a Short Term Dividend Period or one whole year or more but not greater than five years in the case of a Long Term Dividend Period, specified in such notice, provided that the Fund may not give a Request for Special Dividend Period of greater than 28 days (and any such request shall be null and void) unless, for any Auction occurring after the initial Auction, Sufficient Clearing Bids were made in the last occurring Auction and unless full cumulative dividends and any amounts due with respect to redemptions prior to such date have been paid in full. Such Request for Special Dividend Period, in the case of a Short Term Dividend Period, shall be given on or prior to the second Business Day but not more than seven Business Days prior to an Auction Date for the APS and, in the case of a Long Term Dividend Period, shall be given on or prior to the second Business Day but not more than 28 days prior to an Auction Date for the APS. Upon receiving such Request for Special Dividend Period, the Broker-Dealers jointly shall determine whether, given the factors set forth below, it is advisable that the Fund issue a Notice of Special Dividend Period as contemplated by such Request for Special Dividend Period and the Optional Redemption Price of the APS during such Special Dividend Period and the Specific Redemption Provisions and shall give the Fund and the Auction Agent written notice (a "Response") of such determination by no later than the second Business Day prior to such Auction Date. In making such determination, the Broker-Dealers will consider (i) existing short-term and long-term market rates

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and indices of such short-term and long-term rates, (ii) existing market supply and demand for short-term and long-term securities, (iii) existing yield curves for short-term and long-term securities comparable to the APS, (iv) industry and financial conditions which may affect the APS, (v) the investment objective of the Fund and (vi) the Dividend Periods and dividend rates at which current and potential beneficial holders of the APS would remain or become beneficial holders.

If the Broker-Dealers shall not give the Fund and the Auction Agent a Response by such second Business Day or if the Response states that given the factors set forth above it is not advisable that the Fund give a Notice of Special Dividend Period for the APS, the Fund may not give a Notice of Special Dividend Period in respect of such Request for Special Dividend Period. In the event the Response indicates that it is advisable that the Fund give a Notice of Special Dividend Period for the APS, the Fund, by no later than the second Business Day prior to such Auction Date, may give a notice (a "Notice of Special Dividend Period") to the Auction Agent, the Securities Depository and each Broker-Dealer, which notice will specify (i) the duration of the Special Dividend Period, (ii) the Optional Redemption Price as specified in the related Response and (iii) the Specific Redemption Provisions, if any, as specified in the related Response. The Fund also shall provide a copy of such Notice of Special Dividend Period to Moody's and Fitch. The Fund shall not give a Notice of Special Dividend Period, and, if such Notice of Special Dividend Period shall have been given already, shall give telephonic and written notice of its revocation (a "Notice of Revocation") to the Auction Agent, each Broker-Dealer, and the Securities Depository on or prior to the Business Day prior to the relevant Auction Date if (x) either the 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage is not satisfied or the Fund shall fail to maintain Moody's Eligible Assets or Fitch Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value at least equal to the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, on each of the two Valuation Dates immediately preceding the Business Day prior to the relevant Auction Date on an actual basis and on a pro forma basis giving effect to the proposed Special Dividend Period (using as a pro forma dividend rate with respect to such Special Dividend Period the dividend rate which the Broker-Dealers shall advise the Fund is an approximately equal rate for securities similar to the APS with an equal dividend period), (y) sufficient funds for the payment of dividends payable on the immediately succeeding Dividend Payment Date have not been irrevocably deposited with the Auction Agent by the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the related Auction Date or (z) the Broker-Dealers jointly advise the Fund that, after consideration of the factors listed above, they have concluded that it is advisable to give a Notice of Revocation. The Fund also shall provide a copy of such Notice of Revocation to Moody's and Fitch. If the Fund is prohibited from giving a Notice of Special Dividend Period as a result of the factors

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enumerated in clause (x), (y) or (z) above or if the Fund gives a Notice of Revocation with respect to a Notice of Special Dividend Period, the next succeeding Dividend Period for that series will be a 7-Day Dividend Period. In addition, in the event Sufficient Clearing Bids are not made in any Auction or an Auction is not held for any reason, the next succeeding Dividend Period will be a 7-Day Dividend Period, and the Fund may not again give a Notice of Special Dividend Period (and any such attempted notice shall be null and void) until Sufficient Clearing Bids have been made in an Auction with respect to a 7-Day Dividend Period.

DETERMINATION OF DIVIDEND RATE

The dividend rate on the APS during the period from and including the Date of

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Original Issue for the APS to but excluding the Initial Dividend Payment Date for the APS (the "Initial Dividend Period") will be the rate per annum set forth on the inside cover page hereof. Commencing on the Initial Dividend Payment Date for the APS, the Applicable Rate on the APS for each Subsequent Dividend Period, which Subsequent Dividend Period shall be a period commencing on and including a Dividend Payment Date and ending on and including the calendar day prior to the next Dividend Payment Date (or last Dividend Payment Date in a Dividend Period if there is more than one Dividend Payment Date), shall be equal to the rate per annum that results from the Auction with respect to such Subsequent Dividend Period. The Initial Dividend Period and Subsequent Dividend Period for the APS is referred to herein as a "Dividend Period." Cash dividends shall be calculated as set forth above under "Dividends--General."

NON-PAYMENT PERIOD; LATE CHARGE

A Non-Payment Period will commence if the Fund fails to (i) declare, prior to the close of business on the second Business Day preceding any Dividend Payment Date, for payment on or (to the extent permitted as described below) within three Business Days after such Dividend Payment Date to the persons who held such shares as of 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Business Day preceding such Dividend Payment Date, the full amount of any dividend on the APS payable on such Dividend Payment Date or (ii) deposit, irrevocably in trust, in same-day funds, with the Auction Agent by 12:00 noon, New York City time, (A) on such Dividend Payment Date the full amount of any cash dividend on such shares (if declared) payable on such Dividend Payment Date or (B) on any redemption date for the APS called for redemption, the Mandatory Redemption Price per share of such APS or, in the case of an optional redemption, the Optional Redemption Price per share. Such Non-Payment Period will consist of the period commencing on and including the aforementioned Dividend Payment Date or redemption date, as the case may be, and ending on and including the Business Day on which, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, all unpaid cash dividends and unpaid redemption prices shall have been so deposited or otherwise shall have been made available to the applicable holders in same-day funds, provided that a Non-Payment Period for the APS will not end unless the Fund shall have given at least five days' but no more than 30 days' written notice of such deposit or availability to the Auction Agent, the Securities Depository and all holders of the APS of such series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the failure by the Fund to deposit funds as provided for by clauses (ii) (A) or (ii) (B) above within three Business Days after any Dividend Payment Date or redemption date, as the case may be, in each case to the extent contemplated below, shall not constitute a "Non-Payment Period." The Applicable Rate for each Dividend Period for the APS of any series, commencing during a Non-Payment Period, will be equal to the Non-Payment Period Rate; and each Dividend Period commencing after the first day of, and during, a Non-Payment Period shall be a 7-Day Dividend Period. Any dividend on the APS due on any Dividend Payment Date for such shares (if, prior to the close of business on the second Business Day preceding such Dividend Payment Date, the Fund has declared such dividend payable on such Dividend Payment Date to the persons who held such shares as of 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Business Day preceding such Dividend Payment Date) or redemption price with respect to such shares not paid to such persons when due may be paid to

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such persons in the same form of funds by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on any of the first three Business Days after such Dividend Payment Date or due date, as the case may be, provided that such amount is accompanied by a late charge calculated for such period of non-payment at the Non-Payment Period Rate applied to the amount of such non-payment based on the actual number of days comprising such period divided by 360. In the case of a willful failure of the Fund to pay

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a dividend on a Dividend Payment Date or to redeem any APS on the date set for such redemption, the preceding sentence shall not apply and the Applicable Rate for the Dividend Period commencing during the Non-Payment Period resulting from such failure shall be the Non-Payment Period Rate. For the purposes of the foregoing, payment to a person in same-day funds on any Business Day at any time will be considered equivalent to payment to that person in New York Clearing House (next-day) funds at the same time on the preceding Business Day, and any payment made after 12:00 noon, New York City time, on any Business Day shall be considered to have been made instead in the same form of funds and to the same person before 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the next Business Day.

The Non-Payment Period Rate initially will be 275% of the applicable Reference Rate, provided that the Board of Trustees of the Fund shall have the authority to adjust, modify, alter or change from time to time the initial Non-Payment Period Rate if the Board of Trustees of the Fund determines and Moody's and Fitch (or any Substitute Rating Agency in lieu of Moody's and Fitch in the event such party shall not rate the APS) advises the Fund in writing that such adjustment, modification, alteration or change will not adversely affect its then-current rating on the APS.

RESTRICTIONS ON DIVIDENDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not declare dividends or make other distributions on Common Shares or purchase any such shares if, at the time of the declaration, distribution or purchase, as applicable (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage (as defined in the 1940 Act) with respect to the outstanding APS would be less than 200% (or such other percentage as in the future may be required by law). Under the Code, the Fund must, among other things, distribute each year at least 90% of the sum of its investment company taxable income and certain other income in order to maintain its qualification for tax treatment as a regulated investment company. The foregoing limitations on dividends, other distributions and purchases in certain circumstances may impair the Fund's ability to maintain such qualification. See "Taxes."

Upon any failure to pay dividends on the APS for two years or more, the holders of the APS will acquire certain additional voting rights. See "Voting rights" below.

For so long as any APS are outstanding, the Fund will not declare, pay or set apart for payment any dividend or other distribution (other than a dividend or distribution paid in shares of, or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase, Common Shares or other stock, if any, ranking junior to the APS as to dividends or upon liquidation) in respect of Common Shares or any other stock of the Fund ranking junior to or on a parity with the APS as to dividends or upon liquidation, or call for redemption, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any Common Shares or shares of any other such junior stock (except by conversion into or exchange for stock of the Fund ranking junior to APS as to dividends and upon liquidation) or any such parity stock (except by conversion into or exchange for stock of the Fund ranking junior to or on a parity with APS as to dividends and upon liquidation), unless (A) immediately after such transaction, the Fund would have Moody's Eligible Assets and Fitch Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, and the 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage (see "Rating agency guidelines and asset coverage" and "Redemption" below) would be satisfied, (B) full cumulative dividends on the APS due on or prior to the date of the transaction have been declared and paid or shall have been declared and sufficient funds for the payment thereof deposited with the Auction

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Agent, and (C) the Fund has redeemed the full number of APS required to be redeemed by any provision for mandatory redemption contained in the Amended By-Laws.

REDEMPTION

MANDATORY REDEMPTION

The Fund will be required to redeem, out of funds legally available therefor, at the Mandatory Redemption Price per share, the APS to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act and Massachusetts law, on a date fixed by the Board of Trustees, if the Fund fails to maintain Moody's Eligible Assets or Fitch Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Basic Maintenance Amount or to satisfy the 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage and such failure is not cured on or before the APS Basic Maintenance Cure Date or the 1940 Act Cure Date (herein collectively referred to as a "Cure Date"), as the case may be.

"Mandatory Redemption Price" of APS means \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) to the date fixed for redemption. Any such redemption will be limited to the lesser number of APS necessary to restore the Discounted Value or the 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage, as the case may be, or the maximum number that can be redeemed with funds legally available under the Declaration of Trust and applicable law.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

To the extent permitted under the 1940 Act and under Massachusetts law, upon giving a Notice of Redemption, as provided below, the Fund, at its option, may redeem the APS, in whole or in part, out of funds legally available therefor, at the Optional Redemption Price per share on any Dividend Payment Date; provided that no APS may be redeemed at the option of the Fund during (a) the Initial Dividend Period with respect to the APS or (b) a Non-Call Period to which such share is subject. "Optional Redemption Price" means \$25,000 per share of APS plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) to the date fixed for redemption plus any applicable redemption premium, if any, attributable to the designation of a Premium Call Period. The Fund has the authority to redeem the APS for any reason and may redeem all or part of the outstanding APS if it anticipates that the Fund's leveraged capital structure will result in a lower rate of return to holders of Common Shares for any significant period of time than that obtainable if the Common Shares were unleveraged.

Notwithstanding the provisions for redemption described above, no APS shall be subject to optional redemption (i) unless all dividends in arrears on all remaining outstanding APS, and all capital shares of the Fund ranking on a parity with the APS with respect to the payment of dividends or upon liquidation, have been or are being contemporaneously paid or declared and set aside for payment and (ii) if redemption thereof would result in the Fund's failure to maintain Moody's Eligible Assets and Fitch Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Basic Maintenance Amount; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prevent the purchase or acquisition of all outstanding APS of such series pursuant to a successful completion of an otherwise lawful purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to, and accepted by, holders of all outstanding APS of such series.

LIQUIDATION RIGHTS

Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Fund, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of APS will be entitled to receive, out of the assets of the Fund available for distribution to shareholders, before any distribution or payment is made upon any Common Shares or any other shares of beneficial interest of the Fund ranking junior in right of payment upon liquidation of APS, \$25,000 per share together with the amount of any dividends accumulated but unpaid (whether or not earned or declared) thereon to the date of distribution, and after such payment the holders of APS will

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be entitled to no other payment. If such assets of the Fund shall be insufficient to make the full liquidation payment on outstanding APS and liquidation payments on any other outstanding class or series of Preferred Shares of the Fund ranking on a parity with the APS as to payment upon liquidation, then such assets will be distributed among the holders of APS and the holders of shares of such other class or series ratably in proportion to the respective preferential amounts to which they are entitled. After payment of the full amount of liquidation distribution to which they are entitled, the holders of APS will not be entitled to any further participation in any distribution of assets by the Fund. A consolidation, merger or share exchange of the Fund with or into any other entity or entities or a sale, whether for cash, shares of stock, securities or properties, of all or substantially all or any part of the assets of the Fund shall not be deemed or construed to be a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Fund.

RATING AGENCY GUIDELINES AND ASSET COVERAGE

The Fund will be required to satisfy two separate asset maintenance requirements under the terms of the Amended By-Laws. These requirements are summarized below.

1940 ACT APS ASSET COVERAGE

The Fund will be required under the Amended By-Laws to maintain, with respect to the APS, as of the last Business Day of each month in which any APS are outstanding, asset coverage of at least 200% with respect to senior securities which are beneficial interests in the Fund, including the APS (or such other asset coverage as in the future may be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities which are beneficial interests of a closed-end investment company as a condition of paying dividends on its common shares) ("1940 Act APS Asset Coverage"). If the Fund fails to maintain 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage and such failure is not cured as of the last Business Day of the following month (the "1940 Act Cure Date"), the Fund will be required under certain circumstances to redeem certain of the APS. See "Redemption" below.

The 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage immediately following the issuance of APS offered hereby (after giving effect to the deduction of the sales load and offering expenses for the APS) computed using the Fund's net assets as of June 30, 2003 and assuming the Over-allotment Common Shares and the APS had been issued as of such date will be as follows:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|------|
| Value of Fund assets less liabilities | | | |
| not | \$2,980,595,496 | = | 314% |
| constituting senior securities | ----- | | |
| ----- | | | |
| Senior securities representing | \$ 950,000,000 | | |
| indebtedness | | | |
| plus liquidation value of APS | | | |

APS BASIC MAINTENANCE AMOUNT

The Fund intends that, so long as APS are outstanding, the composition of its portfolio will reflect guidelines established by Moody's and Fitch in connection with the Fund's receipt of a rating for such shares on or prior to their Date of Original Issue of at least AAA from Moody's and Fitch. Fitch and Moody's, which

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are rating agencies, issue ratings for various securities reflecting the perceived creditworthiness of such securities. The guidelines described below have been developed by Fitch and Moody's in connection with issuances of asset-backed and similar securities, including debt obligations and variable rate preferred shares, generally on a case-by-case basis through discussions with the issuers of these securities. The guidelines are designed to ensure that assets underlying outstanding debt or preferred shares will be varied sufficiently and will be of sufficient quality and amount to justify investment grade ratings. The guidelines do not have the force of law but have been adopted by the Fund in order to satisfy current requirements necessary for Moody's and Fitch to issue the above-described ratings for APS, which ratings generally are relied upon by institutional investors in purchasing such securities. The guidelines provide a set of tests for portfolio composition and asset

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coverage that supplement (and in some cases are more restrictive than) the applicable requirements under the 1940 Act.

The Fund intends to maintain a Discounted Value for its portfolio at least equal to the APS Basic Maintenance Amount. Both Moody's and Fitch have established guidelines for determining Discounted Value. These guidelines define eligible portfolio assets ("Moody's Eligible Assets" and "Fitch Eligible Assets"). To the extent any particular portfolio holding does not satisfy these guidelines, all or a portion of such holding's value will not be included in the calculation of Discounted Value of the Fund's portfolio assets. The Moody's and Fitch guidelines do not impose any limitations on the percentage of Fund assets that may be invested in holdings not eligible for inclusion in the calculation of the Discounted Value of the Fund's portfolio. The amount of such assets included in the portfolio of the Fund at any time may vary depending upon the rating, diversification and other characteristics of eligible assets included in the portfolio, although it is not anticipated in the normal course of business the value of such assets will exceed 20% of the Fund's total assets. The APS basic maintenance amount includes the sum of (a) the aggregate liquidation preference of APS then outstanding and (b) certain accrued and projected payment obligations of the Fund.

Upon any failure to maintain the required aggregate Discounted Value, the Fund will seek to alter the composition of its portfolio to retain a Discounted Value at least equal to the APS Basic Maintenance Amount on or prior to the APS Basic Maintenance Cure Date, thereby incurring additional transaction costs and possible losses and/or gains on dispositions of portfolio securities. To the extent any such failure is not cured in a timely manner, the APS will be subject to mandatory redemption. See "Description of APS--Redemption." The APS Basic Maintenance Amount includes the sum of (i) the aggregate liquidation value of APS then outstanding and (ii) certain accrued and projected payment obligations of the Fund.

The Fund may, but is not required to, adopt any modifications to these guidelines that hereafter may be established by Moody's and Fitch. Failure to adopt any such modifications, however, may result in a change in the ratings described above or a withdrawal of ratings altogether. In addition, any rating agency providing a rating for the APS, at any time, may change or withdraw any such rating. As set forth in the Amended By-Laws, the Fund's Board of Trustees, without shareholder approval, may modify certain definitions or restrictions that have been adopted by the Fund pursuant to the rating agency guidelines, provided the Board of Trustees has obtained written confirmation from Moody's or Fitch that any such change would not impair the ratings then assigned by Moody's

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or Fitch to the APS as applicable.

As recently described by Moody's and Fitch, a preferred shares rating is an assessment of the capacity and willingness of an issuer to pay preferred shares obligations. The ratings on the APS are not recommendations to purchase, hold or sell APS, inasmuch as the ratings do not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor, nor do the rating agency guidelines described above address the likelihood that a holder of APS will be able to sell such shares in an Auction. The ratings are based on current information furnished to Moody's and Fitch by the Fund and the Adviser and information obtained from other sources. The ratings may be changed, suspended or withdrawn as a result of changes in, or the unavailability of, such information. The Common Shares have not been rated by a rating agency.

A rating agency's guidelines will apply to the Fund's APS only so long as such agency is rating such shares. The Fund will pay certain fees to each rating agency that rates the Fund's APS.

VOTING RIGHTS

Except as otherwise indicated in this Prospectus and except as otherwise required by applicable law, holders of APS of the Fund will be entitled to one vote per share on each matter submitted to a vote

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of shareholders and will vote together with holders of Common Shares and other Preferred Shares of that Fund as a single class.

In connection with the election of the Fund's Trustees, holders of the APS and any other Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class, shall be entitled at all times to elect two of the Fund's Trustees, and the remaining Trustees will be elected by holders of Common Shares and APS and any other Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class. In addition, if at any time dividends on outstanding APS shall be unpaid in an amount equal to at least two full years' dividends thereon or if at any time holders of any shares of Preferred Shares are entitled, together with the holders of APS, to elect a majority of the Trustees of the Fund under the 1940 Act, then the number of Trustees constituting the Board of Trustees automatically shall be increased by the smallest number that, when added to the two Trustees elected exclusively by the holders of APS and any other Preferred Shares as described above, would constitute a majority of the Board of Trustees as so increased by such smallest number, and at a special meeting of shareholders which will be called and held as soon as practicable, and at all subsequent meetings at which Trustees are to be elected, the holders of the APS and any other Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class, will be entitled to elect the smallest number of additional Trustees that, together with the two Trustees which such holders in any event will be entitled to elect, constitutes a majority of the total number of Trustees of the Fund as so increased. The terms of office of the persons who are Trustees at the time of that election will continue. If the Fund thereafter shall pay, or declare and set apart for payment in full, all dividends payable on all outstanding APS and any other Preferred Shares for all past Dividend Periods, the additional voting rights of the holders of APS and any other Preferred Shares as described above shall cease, and the terms of office of all of the additional Trustees elected by the holders of APS and any other Preferred Shares (but not of the Trustees with respect to whose election the holders of Common Shares were entitled to vote or the two Trustees the holders of APS and any other Preferred Shares have the right to elect in any event) will terminate automatically.

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The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding APS and any other Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class, will be required to (i) authorize, create or issue any class or series of shares ranking prior to the APS or any other series of Preferred Shares with respect to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets on liquidation; provided, however, that no vote is required to authorize the issuance of another class of Preferred Shares which are substantially identical in all respects to the APS or (ii) amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Declaration of Trust or the Amended By-Laws, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to adversely affect any of the contract rights expressly set forth in the Declaration of Trust or the Amended By-Laws of holders of APS or any other Preferred Shares. To the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, in the event shares of more than one series of APS are outstanding, the Fund shall not approve any of the actions set forth in clause (i) or (ii) which adversely affects the contract rights expressly set forth in the Declaration of Trust of a holder of shares of a series of APS differently than those of a holder of shares of any other series of APS without the affirmative vote of at least a majority of votes entitled to be cast by holders of APS of each series adversely affected and outstanding at such time (each such adversely affected series voting separately as a class). The Board of Trustees, however, without shareholder approval, may amend, alter or repeal any or all of the various rating agency guidelines described herein in the event the Fund receives confirmation from the rating agencies that any such amendment, alteration or repeal would not impair the ratings then assigned to the APS. Unless a higher percentage is provided for under "Certain provisions in the Declaration of Trust," the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding APS and any other Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class, will be required to approve any plan of reorganization (including bankruptcy proceedings) adversely affecting such shares or any action requiring a vote of security holders under Section 13(a) of the 1940 Act including, among other things, changes in the Fund's investment objective or changes in the investment restrictions described as

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fundamental policies under "Investment objectives and policies." The class vote of holders of APS and any other Preferred Shares described above in each case will be in addition to a separate vote of the requisite percentage of Common Shares and APS and any other Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class, necessary to authorize the action in question.

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply to the APS if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote otherwise would be required shall be effected, such shares shall have been (i) redeemed or (ii) called for redemption and sufficient funds shall have been deposited in trust to effect such redemption.

The Auctions

GENERAL

Holders of the APS will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends on their shares when, as and if declared by the Board of Trustees of the Fund, out of the funds legally available therefor, on the Initial Dividend Payment Date with respect to the Initial Dividend Period and, thereafter, on each Dividend Payment Date with respect to a Subsequent Dividend Period (generally a period of seven days subject to certain exceptions set forth under "Description of

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APS--Dividends and Dividend Periods--General") at the rate per annum equal to the Applicable Rate for each such Dividend Period.

The provisions of the Amended By-Laws establishing the terms of the APS offered hereby will provide that the Applicable Rate for each Dividend Period after the Initial Dividend Period therefor will be equal to the rate per annum that the Auction Agent advises has resulted on the Business Day preceding the first day of such Dividend Period due to implementation of the auction procedures set forth in the Amended By-Laws (the "Auction Procedures") in which persons determine to hold or offer to purchase or sell the APS. The Amended Bylaws, which contain the Auction Procedures, are attached as Appendix B to the Fund's Statement of Additional Information. Each periodic operation of such procedures with respect to the APS is referred to hereinafter as an "Auction." If, however, the Fund should fail to pay or duly provide for the full amount of any dividend on or the redemption price of the APS called for redemption, the Applicable Rate for the APS will be determined as set forth under "Description of APS--Dividends and Dividend Periods--Determination of dividend rate."

AUCTION AGENT AGREEMENT

The Fund will enter into an agreement (the "Auction Agent Agreement") with Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas ("Auction Agent" and together with any successor bank or trust company or other entity entering into a similar agreement with the Fund, the "Auction Agent"), which provides, among other things, that the Auction Agent will follow the Auction Procedures for the purpose of determining the Applicable Rate for the APS. The Fund will pay the Auction Agent compensation for its services under the Auction Agent Agreement.

The Auction Agent may terminate the Auction Agent Agreement upon notice to the Fund, which termination may be no earlier than 60 days following delivery of such notice. If the Auction Agent resigns, the Fund will use its best efforts to enter into an agreement with a successor Auction Agent containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the Auction Agent Agreement. The Fund may terminate the Auction Agent Agreement, provided that prior to such termination the Fund shall have entered into such an agreement with respect thereto with a successor Auction Agent.

In addition to serving as the Auction Agent, Auction Agent will be the transfer agent, registrar, dividend disbursing agent and redemption agent for the APS. The Auction Agent, however, will serve

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merely as the agent of the Fund, acting in accordance with the Fund's instructions, and will not be responsible for any evaluation or verification of any matters certified to it.

BROKER-DEALER AGREEMENTS

The Auctions require the participation of one or more broker-dealers. The Auction Agent will enter into agreements with UBS Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC with respect to the Fund and may enter into similar agreements (collectively, the "Broker-Dealer Agreements") with one or more other broker-dealers (collectively, the "Broker-Dealers") selected by the Fund, which provide for the participation of such Broker-Dealers in Auctions. A Broker-Dealer Agreement may be terminated by the Auction Agent or a Broker-Dealer on five days' notice to the other party, provided that the Broker-Dealer Agreement with UBS Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated may

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not be terminated without the prior written consent of the Fund, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld.

The Auction Agent after each Auction will pay a service charge from funds provided by the Fund to each Broker-Dealer on the basis of the purchase price of APS placed by such Broker-Dealer at such Auction. The service charge (i) for any 7-Day Dividend Period shall be payable at the annual rate of 0.25% of the purchase price of the APS placed by such Broker-Dealer in any such Auction and (ii) for any Special Dividend Period shall be determined by mutual consent of the Fund and any such Broker-Dealer or Broker-Dealers and shall be based upon a selling concession that would be applicable to an underwriting of fixed or variable rate preferred shares with a similar final maturity or variable rate dividend period, respectively, at the commencement of the Dividend Period with respect to such Auction. For the purposes of the preceding sentence, the APS will be placed by a Broker-Dealer if such shares were (i) the subject of Hold Orders deemed to have been made by Beneficial Owners that were acquired by such Beneficial Owners through such Broker-Dealer or (ii) the subject of the following Orders submitted by such Broker-Dealer: (A) a Submitted Bid of a Beneficial Owner that resulted in such Beneficial Owner continuing to hold such shares as a result of the Auction, (B) a Submitted Bid of a Potential Beneficial Owner that resulted in such Potential Beneficial Owner purchasing such shares as a result of the Auction or (C) a Submitted Hold Order.

The Broker-Dealer Agreements provide that a Broker-Dealer may submit Orders in Auctions for its own account, unless the Fund notifies all Broker-Dealers that they no longer may do so; provided that Broker-Dealers may continue to submit Hold Orders and Sell Orders. If a Broker-Dealer submits an Order for its own account in any Auction of APS, it may have knowledge of Orders placed through it in that Auction and therefore have an advantage over other Bidders, but such Broker-Dealer would not have knowledge of Orders submitted by other Broker-Dealers in that Auction.

SECURITIES DEPOSITORY

The Depository Trust Company initially will act as the Securities Depository for the Agent Members with respect to the APS. One or more registered certificates for all of the shares of each series of APS initially will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of the Securities Depository. The certificate will bear a legend to the effect that such certificate is issued subject to the provisions restricting transfers of the APS contained in the Amended By-Laws. Cede & Co. initially will be the holder of record of all APS, and Beneficial Owners will not be entitled to receive certificates representing their ownership interest in such shares. The Securities Depository will maintain lists of its participants and will maintain the positions (ownership interests) of the APS held by each Agent Member, whether as the Beneficial Owner thereof for its own account or as nominee for the Beneficial Owner thereof. Payments made by the Fund to holders of APS will be duly made by making payments to the nominee of the Securities Depository.

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AUCTION PROCEDURES

The following is a brief summary of the procedures to be used in conducting Auctions. This summary is qualified by reference to the Amended By-Laws set forth in Appendix B to the Fund's Statement of Additional Information.

AUCTION DATE

An Auction to determine the Applicable Rate for the APS offered hereby for each

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Dividend Period for such shares (other than the Initial Dividend Period therefor) will be held on the last Business Day preceding the first day of such Dividend Period, which first day is also the Dividend Payment Date for the preceding Dividend Period (the date of each Auction being referred to herein as an "Auction Date").

The Auction Date and the first day of the related Dividend Period (both of which must be Business Days) need not be consecutive calendar days. See "Description of APS--Dividends and Dividend Periods" for information concerning the circumstances under which a Dividend Payment Date may fall on a date other than the days specified above, which may affect the Auction Date.

ORDERS BY BENEFICIAL OWNERS, POTENTIAL BENEFICIAL OWNERS, EXISTING HOLDERS AND POTENTIAL HOLDERS

On or prior to each Auction Date for a series of APS:

- (a) each Beneficial Owner may submit to its Broker-Dealer by telephone orders ("Orders") with respect to a series of APS as follows:
 - (i) Hold Order--indicating the number of outstanding APS, if any, that such Beneficial Owner desires to continue to hold without regard to the Applicable Rate for the next Dividend Period for such shares;
 - (ii) Bid--indicating the number of outstanding APS, if any, that such Beneficial Owner desires to continue to hold, provided that the Applicable Rate for the next Dividend Period for such shares is not less than the rate per annum then specified by such Beneficial Owner; and/or
 - (iii) Sell Order--indicating the number of outstanding APS, if any, that such Beneficial Owner offers to sell without regard to the Applicable Rate for the next Dividend Period for such shares; and
- (b) Broker-Dealers will contact customers who are Potential Beneficial Owners of APS to determine whether such Potential Beneficial Owners desire to submit Bids indicating the number of APS which they offer to purchase provided that the Applicable Rate for the next Dividend Period for such shares is not less than the rates per annum specified in such Bids.

A Beneficial Owner or a Potential Beneficial Owner placing an Order, including a Broker-Dealer acting in such capacity for its own account, is hereinafter referred to as a "Bidder" and collectively as "Bidders." Any Order submitted by a Beneficial Owner or a Potential Beneficial Owner to its Broker-Dealer, or by a Broker-Dealer to the Auction Agent, prior to the Submission Deadline on any Auction Date shall be irrevocable.

In an Auction, a Beneficial Owner may submit different types of Orders with respect to APS then held by such Beneficial Owner, as well as Bids for additional APS. For information concerning the priority given to different types of Orders placed by Beneficial Owners, see "Submission of Orders by Broker-Dealers to Auction Agent" below.

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The Maximum Applicable Rate for the APS will be the Applicable Percentage of the Reference Rate. The Auction Agent will round each applicable Maximum Applicable Rate to the nearest one-thousandth (0.001) of one percent per annum, with any

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such number ending in five ten-thousandths of one percent being rounded upwards to the nearest one-thousandth (0.001) of one percent. The Auction Agent will not round the applicable Reference Rate as part of its calculation of the Maximum Applicable Rate.

The Maximum Applicable Rate for the APS will depend on the credit rating or ratings assigned to such shares. The Applicable Percentage will be determined based on (i) the credit ratings assigned on such date to such shares by Moody's and Fitch (or if either shall not make such rating available, the equivalent of such rating by a Substitute Rating Agency), and (ii) whether the Fund has provided notification to the Auction Agent prior to the Auction establishing the Applicable Rate for any dividend that net capital gains or other taxable income will be included in such dividend on the APS as follows:

| FITCH CREDIT RATINGS | MOODY'S CREDIT RATINGS | APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE OF REFERENCE RATE |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| AA- or higher | Aa3 or above | 150% |
| A- to A+ | A3 to A1 | 160 |
| BBB- to BBB+ | Baa3 to Baa1 | 250 |
| Below BBB- | Below Baa3 | 275 |

There is no minimum Applicable Rate in respect of any Dividend Period.

The Fund will take all reasonable action necessary to enable Moody's and Fitch to provide a rating for the APS. If Moody's or Fitch shall not make such a rating available, the Underwriters or their affiliates and successors, after consultation with the Fund, will select another rating agency (a "Substitute Rating Agency") to act as a Substitute Rating Agency.

Any Bid by a Beneficial Owner specifying a rate per annum higher than the Maximum Applicable Rate will be treated as a Sell Order, and any Bid by a Potential Beneficial Owner specifying a rate per annum higher than the Maximum Applicable Rate will not be considered. See "Determination of Sufficient Clearing Bids, Winning Bid Rate and Applicable Rate" and "Acceptance and rejection of Submitted Bids and Submitted Sell Orders and allocation of Shares."

Neither the Fund nor the Auction Agent will be responsible for a Broker-Dealer's failure to comply with the foregoing. A Broker-Dealer also may hold APS in its own account as a Beneficial Owner. A Broker-Dealer thus may submit Orders to the Auction Agent as a Beneficial Owner or a Potential Beneficial Owner and therefore participate in an Auction as an Existing Holder or Potential Holder on behalf of both itself and its customers. Any Order placed with the Auction Agent by a Broker-Dealer as or on behalf of a Beneficial Owner or a Potential Beneficial Owner will be treated in the same manner as an Order placed with a Broker-Dealer by a Beneficial Owner or a Potential Beneficial Owner. Similarly, any failure by a Broker-Dealer to submit to the Auction Agent an Order in respect of any APS held by it or its customers who are Beneficial Owners will be treated in the same manner as a Beneficial Owner's failure to submit to its Broker-Dealer an Order in respect of APS held by it, as described in the next paragraph. Inasmuch as a Broker-Dealer participates in an Auction as an Existing Holder or a Potential Holder only to represent the interests of a Beneficial Owner or Potential Beneficial Owner, whether it be its customers or itself, all discussion herein relating to the consequences of an Auction for Existing Holders and Potential Holders also applies to the underlying beneficial ownership interests represented thereby. For information concerning the priority given to different types of Orders placed by Existing Holders, see "Submission of Orders by Broker-Dealers to Auction Agent." Each purchase or sale in an

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Auction will be settled on the Business Day next

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succeeding the Auction Date at a price per share equal to \$25,000. See "Notification of results; settlement."

If one or more Orders covering in the aggregate all of the outstanding APS held by a Beneficial Owner are not submitted to the Auction Agent prior to the Submission Deadline, either because a Broker-Dealer failed to contact such Beneficial Owner or otherwise, the Auction Agent shall deem a Hold Order (in the case of an Auction relating to a Dividend Period of 91 days or less) and a Sell Order (in the case of an Auction relating to a Special Dividend Period of longer than 91 days) to have been submitted on behalf of such Beneficial Owner covering the number of outstanding the APS held by such Beneficial Owner and not subject to Orders submitted to the Auction Agent.

If all of the outstanding APS are subject to Submitted Hold Orders, the Dividend Period next succeeding the Auction automatically shall be the same length as the immediately preceding Dividend Period, and the Applicable Rate for the next Dividend Period for all the APS will be 60% of the Reference Rate on the date of the applicable Auction.

For the purposes of an Auction, the APS for which the Fund shall have given notice of redemption and deposited moneys therefor with the Auction Agent in trust or segregated in an account at the Fund's custodian bank for the benefit of the Auction Agent, as set forth under "Description of APS--Redemption," will not be considered as outstanding and will not be included in such Auction. Pursuant to the Amended By-Laws of the Fund, the Fund will be prohibited from reissuing and its affiliates (other than the Underwriter) will be prohibited from transferring (other than to the Fund) any APS they may acquire. Neither the Fund nor any affiliate of the Fund (other than the Underwriter) may submit an Order in any Auction, except that an affiliate of the Fund that is a Broker-Dealer may submit an Order.

SUBMISSION OF ORDERS BY BROKER-DEALERS TO AUCTION AGENT

Prior to 1:30 p.m., New York City time, on each Auction Date, or such other time on the Auction Date as may be specified by the Auction Agent (the "Submission Deadline"), each Broker-Dealer will submit to the Auction Agent in writing all Orders obtained by it for the Auction to be conducted on such Auction Date, designating itself (unless otherwise permitted by the Fund) as the Existing Holder or Potential Holder in respect of the APS subject to such Orders. Any Order submitted by a Beneficial Owner or a Potential Beneficial Owner to its Broker-Dealer, or by a Broker-Dealer to the Auction Agent, prior to the Submission Deadline on any Auction Date, shall be irrevocable.

If the rate per annum specified in any Bid contains more than three figures to the right of the decimal point, the Auction Agent will round such rate per annum up to the next highest one-thousandth (0.001) of 1%. If one or more Orders of an Existing Holder are submitted to the Auction Agent and such Orders cover in the aggregate more than the number of outstanding APS held by such Existing Holder, such Orders will be considered valid in the following order of priority:

- (i) any Hold Order will be considered valid up to and including the number of outstanding APS held by such Existing Holder, provided that if more than one Hold Order is submitted by such Existing Holder and the number of APS subject to such Hold Orders exceeds the number of outstanding APS held by such Existing Holder, the number of APS

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subject to each of such Hold Orders will be reduced pro rata so that such Hold Orders, in the aggregate, will cover exactly the number of outstanding APS held by such Existing Holder;

- (ii) any Bids will be considered valid, in the ascending order of their respective rates per annum if more than one Bid is submitted by such Existing Holder, up to and including the excess of the number of outstanding APS held by such Existing Holder over the number of outstanding APS subject to any Hold Order referred to in clause (i) above (and if more than one Bid submitted by such Existing Holder specifies the same rate per annum and together they cover

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more than the remaining number of shares that can be the subject of valid Bids after application of clause (i) above and of the foregoing portion of this clause (ii) to any Bid or Bids specifying a lower rate or rates per annum, the number of shares subject to each of such Bids will be reduced pro rata so that such Bids, in the aggregate, cover exactly such remaining number of outstanding shares); and the number of outstanding shares, if any, subject to Bids not valid under this clause (ii) shall be treated as the subject of a Bid by a Potential Holder; and

- (iii) any Sell Order will be considered valid up to and including the excess of the number of outstanding APS held by such Existing Holder over the sum of the number of APS subject to Hold Orders referred to in clause (i) above and the number of APS subject to valid Bids by such Existing Holder referred to in clause (ii) above; provided that, if more than one Sell Order is submitted by any Existing Holder and the number of APS subject to such Sell Orders is greater than such excess, the number of APS subject to each of such Sell Orders will be reduced pro rata so that such Sell Orders, in the aggregate, will cover exactly the number of APS equal to such excess.

If more than one Bid of any Potential Holder is submitted in any Auction, each Bid submitted in such Auction will be considered a separate Bid with the rate per annum and number of APS therein specified.

DETERMINATION OF SUFFICIENT CLEARING BIDS, WINNING BID RATE AND APPLICABLE RATE
Not earlier than the Submission Deadline for each Auction, the Auction Agent will assemble all Orders submitted or deemed submitted to it by the Broker-Dealers (each such "Hold Order," "Bid" or "Sell Order" as submitted or deemed submitted by a Broker-Dealer hereinafter being referred to as a "Submitted Hold Order," a "Submitted Bid" or a "Submitted Sell Order," as the case may be, or as a "Submitted Order") and will determine the excess of the number of outstanding APS over the number of outstanding APS subject to Submitted Hold Orders (such excess being referred to as the "Available APS") and whether Sufficient Clearing Bids have been made in such Auction. Sufficient Clearing Bids will have been made if the number of outstanding APS that are the subject of Submitted Bids of Potential Holders with rates per annum not higher than the Maximum Applicable Rate equals or exceeds the number of outstanding shares that are the subject of Submitted Sell Orders (including the number of shares subject to Bids of Existing Holders specifying rates per annum higher than the Maximum Applicable Rate). If Sufficient Clearing Bids have been made, the Auction Agent will determine the lowest rate per annum specified in the Submitted Bids (the "Winning Bid Rate") which would result in the number of shares subject to Submitted Bids specifying such rate per annum or a lower rate

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per annum being at least equal to the available APS. If Sufficient Clearing Bids have been made, the Winning Bid Rate will be the Applicable Rate for the next Dividend Period for the APS then outstanding. If Sufficient Clearing Bids have not been made (other than because all outstanding APS are the subject of Submitted Hold Orders), the Dividend Period next following the Auction automatically will be a 7-Day Dividend Period, and the Applicable Rate for such Dividend Period will be equal to the Maximum Applicable Rate.

If Sufficient Clearing Bids have not been made, Beneficial Owners that have Submitted Sell Orders will not be able to sell in the Auction all, and may not be able to sell any, of the APS subject to such Submitted Sell Orders. See "Acceptance and rejection of Submitted Bids and Submitted Sell Orders and allocation of Shares." Thus, under some circumstances, Beneficial Owners may not have liquidity of investment.

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ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION OF SUBMITTED BIDS AND SUBMITTED SELL ORDERS AND ALLOCATION OF SHARES

Based on the determinations described under "Determination of Sufficient Clearing Bids, Winning Bid Rate and Applicable Rate" and subject to the discretion of the Auction Agent to round, the Auction Procedures include a pro rata allocation of shares for purchase and sale, which may result in an Existing Holder continuing to hold or selling or a Potential Holder purchasing, a number of shares of a series of APS that is fewer than the number of shares of such series specified in its Order. To the extent the allocation procedures have that result, Broker-Dealers that have designated themselves as Existing Holders or Potential Holders in respect of customer Orders will be required to make appropriate pro rata allocations among their respective customers. See the Fund's Amended By-Laws set forth in Appendix B to the Fund's Statement of Additional Information.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS; SETTLEMENT

The Auction Agent will advise each Broker-Dealer who submitted a Bid or Sell Order in an Auction whether such Bid or Sell Order was accepted or rejected in whole or in part and of the Applicable Rate for the next Dividend Period for the related APS by telephone at approximately 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Auction Date for such Auction. Each such Broker-Dealer that submitted an Order for the account of a customer then will advise such customer whether such Bid or Sell Order was accepted or rejected, will confirm purchases and sales with each customer purchasing or selling APS as a result of the Auction and will advise each customer purchasing or selling APS to give instructions to its Agent Member of the Securities Depository to pay the purchase price against delivery of such shares or to deliver such shares against payment therefor as appropriate.

In accordance with the Securities Depository's normal procedures, on the day after each Auction Date, the transactions described above will be executed through the Securities Depository, and the accounts of the respective Agent Members at the Securities Depository will be debited and credited as necessary to effect the purchases and sales of APS as determined in such Auction. Purchasers will make payment through their Agent Members in same-day funds to the Securities Depository against delivery through their Agent Members; the Securities Depository will make payment in accordance with its normal procedures, which now provide for payment in same-day funds. If the procedures of the Securities Depository applicable to APS shall be changed to provide for payment in next-day funds, then purchasers may be required to make payment in next-day funds. If the certificates for the APS are not held by the Securities Depository or its nominee, payment will be made in same-day funds to the Auction

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Agent against delivery of such certificates.

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The following is a simplified example of how a typical Auction works. Assume that the Fund has 1,000 outstanding APS and three current holders. The three current holders and three potential holders submit orders through Broker-Dealers at the Auction:

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|-------------------------|--|--|
| Current Holder A..... | Owns 500 shares, wants to sell all 500 shares if Applicable Rate is less than 2.1% | Bid order of 2.1% rate 500 shares |
| Current Holder B..... | Owns 300 shares, wants to hold | Hold Order--will take Applicable Rate |
| Current Holder C..... | Owns 200 shares, wants to sell all 200 shares if Applicable Rate is less than 1.9% | Bid order of 1.9% rate 200 shares |
| Potential Holder D..... | Wants to buy 200 shares | Places order to buy at 2.0% |
| Potential Holder E..... | Wants to buy 300 shares | Places order to buy at 1.9% |
| Potential Holder F..... | Wants to buy 200 shares | Places order to buy at 2.1% |

The lowest dividend rate that will result in all 1,000 APS continuing to be held is 2.0% (the offer by D). Therefore, the Applicable Rate will be 2.0%. Current Holders B and C will continue to own their shares. Current Holder A will sell its shares because A's dividend rate bid was higher than the Applicable Rate. Potential Holder D will buy 200 shares and Potential Holder E will buy 300 shares because their bid rates were at or below the Applicable Rate. Potential Holder F will not buy shares because its bid rate was above the Applicable Rate.

SECONDARY MARKET TRADING AND TRANSFER OF APS

The Broker-Dealers may maintain a secondary trading market in the APS outside of Auctions; however, they have no obligation to do so and there can be no assurance that a secondary market for the APS will develop or, if it does develop, that it will provide holders with a liquid trading market (i.e., trading will depend on the presence of willing buyers and sellers and the trading price is subject to variables to be determined at the time of the trade by the Broker-Dealers). The APS will not be registered on any stock exchange or on any automated quotation system. An increase in the level of interest rates, particularly during any Long-Term Dividend Period, likely will have an adverse effect on the secondary market price of the APS, and a selling shareholder may sell APS between Auctions at a price per share of less than \$25,000.

Taxes

GENERAL

The Fund intends to elect and to qualify for the special tax treatment afforded regulated investment companies ("RICs") under the Code. As long as the Fund so qualifies, in any taxable year in which it distributes at least 90% of the sum of its investment company taxable income (consisting generally of taxable net investment income, net short-term capital gain and net realized gains from

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certain hedging transactions) and certain other income the Fund (but not its shareholders) will not be subject to federal income tax to the extent that it distributes its investment company taxable income and net capital gain (the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss). The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of such income and gain each year.

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The APS will constitute stock of the Fund, and distributions by the Fund with respect to its APS (other than distributions in redemption of APS that are treated as exchanges of stock under Section 302(b) of the Code) thus will constitute dividends to the extent of that Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits as calculated for federal income tax purposes. It is possible, however, that the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") might take a contrary position, asserting, for example, that the APS constitute debt of the Fund. If this position were upheld, the discussion of the treatment of distributions below would not apply. Instead, distributions by the Fund to holders of APS would constitute interest, whether or not they exceeded the earnings and profits of the Fund, would be included in full in the income of the recipient and would be taxed as ordinary income. Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, counsel to the Fund, believes that such a position, if asserted by the IRS, would be unlikely to prevail if the issue were properly litigated.

Distributions of any taxable net investment income and net short-term capital gain will be taxable as ordinary income. Distributions of the Fund's net capital gain, if any, will be taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gains, regardless of the length of time they held their shares. Distributions, if any, in excess of the Fund's earnings and profits will first reduce the adjusted tax basis of a holder's shares and, after that basis has been reduced to zero, will constitute capital gains to the shareholder (assuming the shares are held as a capital asset).

Dividends and other distributions declared by the Fund in October, November or December of any year and payable to shareholders of record on a date in any of those months will be deemed to have been paid by the Fund and received by the shareholders on December 31 of that year if the distributions are paid by the Fund during the following January. Accordingly, those distributions will be taxed to shareholders for the year in which that December 31 falls.

The Fund will inform shareholders of the source and tax status of all distributions promptly after the close of each calendar year. The IRS has taken the position that if a RIC has more than one class of shares, it may designate distributions made to each class in any year as consisting of no more than that class's proportionate share of particular types of income for that year, including ordinary income and net capital gain. A class's proportionate share of a particular type of income for a year is determined according to the percentage of total dividends paid by the RIC during that year to the class. Accordingly, the Fund intends to designate a portion of its distributions as capital gain dividends in compliance with the IRS position.

Although the matter is not free from doubt, due to the absence of direct regulatory or judicial authority, in the opinion of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, counsel to the Fund, under current law the manner in which the Fund intends to allocate items of ordinary income and net capital gain among the Fund's Common Shares and APS will be respected for federal income tax purposes. It is possible that the IRS could disagree with counsel's opinion and attempt to reallocate the Fund's net capital gain or other taxable income.

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If at any time when APS are outstanding the Fund does not meet the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act, the Fund will be required to suspend distributions to holders of Common Shares until the asset coverage is restored. See "Description of APS--Dividends and Dividend Periods--Restrictions on Dividends and other payments." Such a suspension may prevent the Fund from distributing at least 90% of the sum of its investment company taxable income and certain other income and may, therefore, jeopardize the Fund's qualification for taxation as a RIC. Upon any failure to meet the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act, the Fund, in its sole discretion, may redeem APS in order to maintain or restore the requisite asset coverage and avoid the adverse consequences to the Fund and its shareholders of failing to qualify for treatment as a RIC. See "Description of APS--Redemption." There can be no assurance, however, that any such action would achieve that objective.

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Certain of the Fund's investment practices are subject to special Code provisions that, among other things, may defer the use of certain losses of the Fund and affect the holding period of securities held by the Fund and the character of the gains or losses realized by the Fund. These provisions may also require the Fund to recognize income or gain without receiving cash with which to make distributions in the amounts necessary to satisfy the requirements for maintaining RIC status and for avoiding income and excise taxes. The Fund will monitor its transactions and may make certain tax elections in order to mitigate the effect of these rules and prevent disqualification of the Fund as a RIC.

Under the recently enacted "Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003" (the "Tax Act"), the U.S. federal income tax rate on long-term capital gains recognized by individuals has been reduced to 15% (or 5% for individuals in the 10% or 15% tax brackets), and "qualified dividend income" received by individuals from certain domestic and foreign corporations will also be taxed at this reduced capital gains tax rate. The reduced long-term capital gains tax rate will apply to capital gains realized by shareholders who sell common shares of the Fund that they have held for more than one year. The reduced rates, which do not apply to short-term capital gains, generally apply to long-term capital gains from sales or exchanges recognized on or after May 6, 2003 (and to Fund distributions of such gain), and will cease to apply for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. Distributions from the Fund designated as capital gain dividends should be eligible for the reduced rate applicable to long-term capital gains. Ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund would be eligible to be treated by Fund shareholders as qualified dividend income taxed at the reduced capital gains rate to the extent that some portion of the Fund's dividends were attributable to such qualified dividend income received by the Fund and to the extent that the Fund were to designate such portion as qualified dividend income. Because the Fund intends to invest primarily in MBS, Senior Loans and Non-Investment Grade Bonds, however, the Fund does not expect to receive qualified dividend income and, therefore, ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund generally are not expected to be eligible for the reduced rates applicable to qualified dividend income.

SALES OF APS

The sale of APS (including transfers in connection with a redemption or repurchase of APS) will be a taxable transaction for federal income tax purposes. A selling shareholder generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount received and the holder's adjusted tax basis in the APS. If the APS are held as a capital asset, the gain or loss will be a capital gain or loss and will be long-term if the APS have been held for more

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than one year. Any loss realized on a disposition of APS held for six months or less will be treated as a long-term, rather than a short-term, capital loss to the extent of any capital gain distributions received with respect to those APS. A shareholder's holding period for APS is suspended for any periods during which the shareholder's risk of loss is diminished as a result of holding one or more other positions in substantially similar or related property, or through certain options, sales contracts or short sales. Any loss realized on a sale or exchange of APS will be disallowed to the extent those APS are replaced by other APS within a period of 61 days beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the date of disposition of the original APS. In that event, the basis of the replacement APS will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

BACKUP WITHHOLDING

The Fund is required to withhold a percentage of all taxable dividends, capital gain distributions and repurchase proceeds payable to any individuals and certain other non-corporate shareholders who do not provide the Fund with a correct taxpayer identification number. Such withholding from taxable dividends and capital gain distributions is also required for such shareholders who fail to provide certain certifications or otherwise are subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld from payments made to a shareholder may be refunded or

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credited against the shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS.

Description of capital structure

The Fund is an unincorporated business trust established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by an Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated March 12, 2003 ("Declaration of Trust"). The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees of the Fund may authorize separate classes of shares of beneficial interest. The Trustees of the Fund have authorized an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest stock, par value \$0.01 per share, all of which shares were initially classified as Common Shares. The Declaration of Trust also authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest with preference rights, including Preferred Shares, having a par value of \$0.01 per share, in one or more series, with rights as determined by the Board of Trustees, by action of the Board of Trustees without the approval of the Shareholders. For a description of the APS, see "Description of APS." The following table shows the amount of (i) shares authorized, (ii) shares held by the Fund for its own account and (iii) shares outstanding, for each class of authorized securities of the Fund as of July 11, 2003.

| TITLE OF CLASS | AMOUNT AUTHORIZED | AMOUNT HELD BY FUND FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT | AMOUNT HELD FUND FOR ITS ACCOUNT | AMOUNT OUTSTANDING (EXCLUSIVE OF AMOUNT HELD BY FUND FOR ITS ACCOUNT) |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Common Shares..... | Unlimited | -0- | 111,005,000 | |
| Auction Preferred Shares | | | | |

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|---------------|-------|-----|-----|
| Series A..... | 7,600 | -0- | -0- |
| Series B..... | 7,600 | -0- | -0- |
| Series C..... | 7,600 | -0- | -0- |
| Series D..... | 7,600 | -0- | -0- |
| Series E..... | 7,600 | -0- | -0- |

Holders of Common Shares are entitled to share equally in dividends declared by a Board of Trustees payable to holders of Common Shares and in the net assets of the Fund available for distribution to holders of Common Shares after payment of the preferential amounts payable to holders of any outstanding Preferred Shares. Neither holders of Common Shares nor holders of Preferred Shares have pre-emptive or conversion rights and Common Shares are not redeemable. Upon liquidation of the Fund, after paying or adequately providing for the payment of all liabilities of the Fund and the liquidation preference with respect to any outstanding Preferred Shares, and upon receipt of such releases, indemnities and refunding agreements as they deem necessary for their protection, the Trustees may distribute the remaining assets of the Fund among the holders of the Common Shares. The Declaration of Trust provides that Shareholders are not liable for any liabilities of the Fund, requires inclusion of a clause to that effect in every agreement entered into by the Fund and indemnifies shareholders against any such liability. Although shareholders of an unincorporated business trust established under Massachusetts law, in certain limited circumstances, may be held personally liable for the obligations of the Fund as though they were general partners, the provisions of the Declaration of Trust described in the foregoing sentence make the likelihood of such personal liability remote.

Holders of Common Shares are entitled to one vote for each share held and will vote with the holders of any outstanding APS or other Preferred Shares on each matter submitted to a vote of holders of Common Shares, except as described under "Description of APS--Voting rights."

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DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each share held. The Common Shares, APS and any other Preferred Shares do not have cumulative voting rights, which means that the holders of more than 50% of the Common Shares, APS and any other Preferred Shares voting for the election of Trustees can elect all of the Trustees standing for election by such holders, and, in such event, the holders of the remaining Common Shares, APS and any other Preferred Shares will not be able to elect any of such Trustees.

So long as any APS or any other Preferred Shares are outstanding, holders of Common Shares will not be entitled to receive any dividends of or other distributions from the Fund, unless at the time of such declaration, (1) all accrued dividends on Preferred Shares or accrued interest on borrowings has been paid and (2) the value of the Fund's total assets (determined after deducting the amount of such dividend or other distribution), less all liabilities and indebtedness of the Fund not represented by senior securities, is at least 300% of the aggregate amount of such securities representing indebtedness and at least 200% of the aggregate amount of securities representing indebtedness plus the aggregate liquidation value of the outstanding Preferred Shares (expected to equal the aggregate original purchase price of the outstanding Preferred Shares plus redemption premium, if any, together with any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon, whether or not earned or declared and on a cumulative basis). In addition to the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Fund is required to comply with other asset coverage requirements as a condition of the Fund obtaining a rating of the Preferred Shares from a rating agency. These requirements include

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an asset coverage test more stringent than under the 1940 Act. See "Description of APS--Dividends and Dividend Periods--Restrictions on Dividends and other payments."

The Fund will send unaudited reports at least semi-annually and audited financial statements annually to all of its shareholders.

The Common Shares of the Fund commenced trading on the AMEX on May 28, 2003. At July 11, 2003, the net asset value per share of Common Shares and the closing price per share of Common Shares on the AMEX were \$19.28, and \$19.99, respectively.

PREFERRED SHARES

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund is permitted to have outstanding more than one series of Preferred Shares as long as no single series has priority over another series as to the distribution of assets of the Fund or the payment of dividends. Neither holders of Common Shares nor holders of Preferred Shares have pre-emptive rights to purchase any APS or any other Preferred Shares that might be issued. It is anticipated that the net asset value per share of the APS will equal its original purchase price per share plus accumulated dividends per share.

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Certain provisions of the Declaration of Trust

ANTI-TAKEOVER PROVISIONS IN THE DECLARATION OF TRUST

The Declaration of Trust includes provisions that could have the effect of limiting the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund or to change the composition of its Board, and could have the effect of depriving holders of Common Shares of an opportunity to sell their shares at a premium over prevailing market prices by discouraging a third party from seeking to obtain control of the Fund. These provisions may have the effect of discouraging attempts to acquire control of the Fund, which attempts could have the effect of increasing the expenses of the Fund and interfering with the normal operation of the Fund. The Board is divided into three classes, with the term of one class expiring at each annual meeting of holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares. At each annual meeting, one class of Trustees is elected to a three-year term. This provision could delay for up to two years the replacement of a majority of the Board of Trustees. A Trustee may be removed from office only for cause by a written instrument signed by the remaining Trustees or by a vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the class of shares of the Fund that elected such Trustee and is entitled to vote on the matter.

In addition, the Declaration of Trust requires the favorable vote of the holders of at least 75% of the outstanding shares of each class of the Fund, voting as a class, then entitled to vote to approve, adopt or authorize certain transactions with 5%-or-greater holders of a class of shares and their associates, unless the Board shall by resolution have approved a memorandum of understanding with such holders, in which case normal voting requirements would be in effect. For purposes of these provisions, a 5%-or-greater holder of a class of shares (a "Principal Shareholder") refers to any person who, whether directly or indirectly and whether alone or together with its affiliates and associates, beneficially owns 5% or more of the outstanding shares of any class of beneficial interest of the Fund. The transactions subject to these special approval requirements are: (i) the merger or consolidation of the Fund or any subsidiary of the Fund with or into any Principal Shareholder; (ii) the issuance

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of any securities of the Fund to any Principal Shareholder for cash; (iii) the sale, lease or exchange of all or any substantial part of the assets of the Fund to any Principal Shareholder (except assets having an aggregate fair market value of less than \$1,000,000, aggregating for the purpose of such computation all assets sold, leased or exchanged in any series of similar transactions within a twelve-month period); or (iv) the sale, lease or exchange to the Fund or any subsidiary thereof, in exchange for securities of the Fund, of any assets of any Principal Shareholder (except assets having an aggregate fair market value of less than \$1,000,000, aggregating for the purposes of such computation all assets sold, leased or exchanged in any series of similar transactions within a twelve-month period).

The Board has determined that provisions with respect to the Board and the 75% voting requirements described above, which voting requirements are greater than the minimum requirements under Massachusetts law or the 1940 Act, are in the best interest of holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares generally. Reference should be made to the Declaration of Trust on file with the SEC for the full text of these provisions.

CONVERSION TO OPEN-END FUND

The Fund may be converted to an open-end investment company at any time if approved by the lesser of (i) two-thirds or more of the Fund's then outstanding Common Shares and Preferred Shares (if any), each voting separately as a class, or (ii) more than 50% of the then outstanding Common Shares and Preferred Shares (if any), voting separately as a class if such conversion is recommended by at least 75% of the Trustees then in office. If approved in the foregoing manner, conversion of the Fund could not occur until 90 days after the Shareholders' meeting at which such conversion was approved and would also require at least 30 days' prior notice to all Shareholders. The composition of the Fund's

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CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION OF TRUST

portfolio likely would prohibit it from complying with regulations of the SEC applicable to open-end investment companies. Accordingly, conversion likely would require significant changes in the Fund's investment policies and liquidation of a substantial portion of its relatively illiquid portfolio. Conversion of the Fund to an open-end investment company also would require the redemption of any outstanding Preferred Shares and could require the repayment of borrowings. The Board believes, however, that the closed-end structure is desirable, given the Fund's investment objective and policies. Investors should assume, therefore, that it is unlikely that a Board would vote to convert the Fund to an open-end investment company.

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Underwriting

The underwriters named below (the "Underwriters"), acting through UBS Securities LLC, 299 Park Avenue, New York, New York, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, 4 World Financial Center, New York, New York as lead managers and A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC as their representatives (together with the lead managers, the "Representatives"), have severally agreed, subject to the terms and conditions of the Underwriting

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Agreement with the Fund and the Adviser, to purchase from the Fund the number of APS set forth below their respective names. The Underwriters are committed to purchase and pay for all of the Fund's APS if any are purchased.

| UNDERWRITERS | NUMBER OF SHARES |
|--|------------------|
| UBS Securities LLC..... | |
| Citigroup Global Markets Inc. | |
| Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated..... | |
| A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. | |
| Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC..... | |

The Underwriters have advised the Fund that they propose initially to offer the APS of the Fund to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this Prospectus, and to certain dealers at such price less a concession not in excess of \$ _____ per share. The Underwriters may allow, and such dealers may reallow, a discount not in excess of \$ _____ per share to other dealers. After the initial public offering, the public offering price, concession and discount may be changed. Investors must pay for any APS purchased on or before July _____, 2003.

The Underwriters will act in Auctions as Broker-Dealers as set forth under "The Auctions--General--Broker-Dealer Agreements" and will be entitled to fees for services as Broker-Dealers as set forth therein. The Underwriters also may provide information to be used in ascertaining the Reference Rate.

The Fund anticipates that the Representatives and certain other Underwriters may from time to time act as brokers and dealers in connection with the execution of the Fund's portfolio transactions after they have ceased to be principal underwriters of the Fund under the 1940 Act and, subject to certain conditions, may act as such brokers while they are principal underwriters.

In connection with this offering, certain of the Underwriters or selected dealers may distribute prospectuses electronically.

The Fund and the Adviser have agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Shareholder Servicing Agent, custodian and transfer agent

Pursuant to a shareholder servicing agreement ("Shareholder Servicing Agreement") between UBS Securities LLC (the "Shareholder Servicing Agent") and Eaton Vance, the Shareholder Servicing Agent will (i) undertake to make public information pertaining to the Fund on an ongoing basis and to communicate to investors and prospective investors the Fund's features and benefits (including periodic seminars or conference calls, responses to questions from current or prospective shareholders and specific shareholder contact where appropriate); (ii) make available to investors and prospective investors market price, net asset value, yield and other information regarding the Fund, if reasonably obtainable, for the purpose of maintaining the visibility of the Fund in the investor community; (iii) at

the request of Eaton Vance, provide certain economic research and statistical information and reports, if reasonably obtainable, on behalf of the Fund, and consult with representatives and Trustees of the Fund in connection therewith, which information and reports shall include: (a) statistical and financial market information with respect to the Fund's market performance and (b) comparative information regarding the Fund and other closed-end management investment companies with respect to (1) the net asset value of their respective shares, (2) the respective market performance of the Fund and such other companies and (3) other relevant performance indicators; and (iv) at the request of Eaton Vance, provide information to and consult with the Board with respect to applicable modifications to dividend policies or capital structure, repositioning or restructuring of the Fund, conversion of the Fund to an open-end management investment company, liquidation or merger; provided, however, that under the terms of the Shareholder Servicing Agreement, the Shareholder Servicing Agent is not obligated to render any opinions, valuations or recommendations of any kind or to perform any such similar services. For these services, Eaton Vance will pay the Shareholder Servicing Agent a fee computed weekly and payable quarterly equal on an annual basis up to 0.10% of the Fund's average weekly gross assets. Under the terms of the Shareholder Servicing Agreement, the Shareholder Servicing Agent is relieved from liability to Eaton Vance for any act or omission in the course of its performances under the Shareholder Servicing Agreement in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct by the Shareholder Servicing Agent. The Shareholder Servicing Agreement will continue so long as the Advisory Agreement remains in effect between the Fund and the Adviser or any successor in interest or affiliate of the Adviser, as and to the extent that such Advisory Agreement is renewed periodically in accordance with the 1940 Act.

Investors Bank & Trust Company ("IBT"), 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA 02116 is the custodian of the Fund and will maintain custody of the securities and cash of the Fund. IBT maintains the Fund's general ledger and computes net asset value per share at least weekly. IBT also attends to details in connection with the sale, exchange, substitution, transfer and other dealings with the Fund's investments, and receives and disburses all funds. IBT also assists in preparation of shareholder reports and the electronic filing of such reports with the SEC.

PFPC Inc., P.O. Box 43027, Providence, RI 02940-3027 is the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent of the Fund.

Legal opinions

Certain legal matters in connection with the APS will be passed upon for the Fund by Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, Boston, Massachusetts, and for the Underwriters by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Illinois), Chicago, Illinois and its affiliated entities. Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Illinois) and its affiliated entities may rely as to certain matters of Massachusetts law on the opinion of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP.

Independent auditors

Deloitte & Touche LLP, Boston, Massachusetts, are the independent auditors for the Fund and will audit the Fund's financial statements.

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Additional information

The Prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information do not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement that the Fund has filed with the SEC. The complete Registration Statement may be obtained from the SEC upon payment of the fee prescribed by its rules and regulations. The Statement of Additional Information can be obtained without charge by calling 1-800-225-6265.

Statements contained in this Prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to are not necessarily complete, and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus forms a part, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

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The Fund's privacy policy

The Fund is committed to ensuring your financial privacy. This notice is being sent to comply with privacy regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Fund has in effect the following policy with respect to nonpublic personal information about its customers:

- Only such information received from you, through application forms or otherwise, and information about your Fund transactions will be collected.
- None of such information about you (or former customers) will be disclosed to anyone, except as permitted by law (which includes disclosure to employees necessary to service your account).
- Policies and procedures (including physical, electronic and procedural safeguards) are in place that are designed to protect the confidentiality of such information.

For more information about the Fund's privacy policies call 1-800-262-1122.

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Glossary

"7-Day Dividend Period" means a Dividend Period consisting of seven days.

"1940 Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from time to time.

"1940 Act APS Asset Coverage" has the meaning set forth on page 30 of this Prospectus.

"1940 Act Cure Date" has the meaning set forth on page 30 of this Prospectus.

"Adviser" means Eaton Vance Management.

"Agent Member" means the member of the Securities Depository that will act on behalf of a Beneficial Owner of one or more APS or on behalf of a Potential Beneficial Owner.

"Alternate Treasury Bill Rate" on any date means the Interest Equivalent of the yield as calculated by reference to the arithmetic average of the bid price quotations of the actively traded Treasury Bill with a maturity most nearly comparable to the length of the related Dividend Period, as determined by bid price quotations as of any time on the Business Day immediately preceding such date, obtained from at least three recognized primary U.S. Government securities dealers selected by the Auction Agent.

"Amended By-Laws" means the By-laws of the Fund, as amended July 9, 2003, specifying the powers, preferences and rights of the APS. The Fund's Amended By-Laws are contained in Appendix B to the Fund's Statement of Additional Information.

"Applicable Percentage" has the meaning set forth on page 36 of this Prospectus.

"Applicable Rate" means the rate per annum at which cash dividends are payable on APS for any Dividend Period.

"APS" means the Auction Preferred Shares with a par value of \$0.01 per share and a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share, plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared), of the Fund.

"APS Basic Maintenance Amount" has the meaning set forth on pages 30 and 31 of this Prospectus.

"APS Basic Maintenance Cure Date" has the meaning set forth on page 29 of this Prospectus.

"Auction" means a periodic operation of the Auction Procedures.

"Auction Agent" means Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, unless and until another commercial bank, trust company or other financial institution appointed by a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Fund or a duly authorized committee thereof enters into an agreement with each to follow the Auction Procedures for the purpose of determining the Applicable Rate and to act as transfer agent, registrar, dividend disbursing agent and redemption agent for the APS.

"Auction Agent Agreement" means the agreement entered into between the Fund and

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the Auction Agent which provides, among other things, that the Auction Agent will follow the Auction Procedures for the purpose of determining the Applicable Rate.

"Auction Date" has the meaning set forth on page 35 of this Prospectus.

"Auction Procedures" means the procedures for conducting Auctions set forth in Section 10 of the Fund's Amended By-Laws contained in Appendix B to the Fund's Statement of Additional Information.

"Available APS" has the meaning specified in Paragraph 10(d)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

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"Beneficial Owner" means a customer of a Broker-Dealer who is listed on the records of that Broker-Dealer (or if applicable, the Auction Agent) as a holder of APS or a Broker-Dealer that holds APS for its own account.

"Bid" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(b)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

"Bidder" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(b)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

"Board of Trustees" or "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Fund.

"Broker-Dealer" means any broker-dealer, or other entity permitted by law to perform the functions required of a Broker-Dealer in the Auction Procedures, that has been selected by the Fund and has entered into a Broker-Dealer Agreement with the Auction Agent that remains effective.

"Broker-Dealer Agreement" means an agreement entered into between the Auction Agent and a Broker-Dealer, including UBS Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC pursuant to which such Broker-Dealer agrees to follow the Auction Procedures.

"Business Day" means a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading and which is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banks in New York City are authorized or obligated by law to close.

"Cede & Co." means the nominee of DTC, and in whose name the shares of APS initially will be registered.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Common Shares" means the Common Shares, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Fund.

"Date of Original Issue" means, with respect to each APS, the date on which such share first is issued by the Fund.

"Declaration of Trust" means the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Fund.

"Discounted Value" of any asset of each means with respect to a Moody's Eligible Asset and Fitch Eligible Asset, the quotient of the market value thereof divided by the applicable Moody's Discount Factor and Fitch Discount Factor.

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"Dividend Payment Date" has the meaning set forth on page 25 of this Prospectus.

"Dividend Periods" has the meaning set forth on page 25 of this Prospectus.

"DTC" means The Depository Trust Company.

"Eligible Assets" means Moody's Eligible Assets and Fitch Eligible Assets.

"Existing Holder" means a Broker-Dealer or any such other person as may be permitted by the Fund that is listed as the holder of record of APS in the records of the Auction Agent.

"Fitch" means Fitch Ratings or its successors.

"Fitch Eligible Assets" has the meaning set forth on page 31 of this Prospectus.

"Fund" means each Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund, a Massachusetts business trust that is the issuer of APS.

"Hold Order" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(b)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

"IBT" means Investors Bank & Trust Company, the custodian of the Fund's assets.

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"Initial Dividend Payment Date" has the meaning set forth on the inside cover page of this Prospectus.

"Initial Dividend Period" means, with respect to the APS, the period from and including the Date of Original Issue to but excluding the Initial Dividend Payment Date of the APS.

"IRS" means the Internal Revenue Service.

"Long Term Dividend Period" has the meaning set forth on page 26 of this Prospectus.

"Mandatory Redemption Price" has the meaning set forth on page 29 of this Prospectus.

"Marginal Tax Rate" means the maximum marginal federal income tax rate applicable to an individual's or a corporation's ordinary income, whichever is greater.

"Maximum Applicable Rate" has the meaning specified under "The Auction--Orders by Beneficial Owners, Potential Beneficial Owners, Existing Holders and Potential Holders" in this Prospectus.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or its successors.

"Moody's Eligible Assets" has the meaning set forth on page 31 of this Prospectus.

"Non-Call Period" has the meaning set forth under "Specific Redemption Provisions" below.

"Non-Payment Period" has the meaning set forth on page 27 of this Prospectus.

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"Non-Payment Period Rate" has the meaning set forth on page 28 of this Prospectus.

"Notice of Revocation" has the meaning set forth on page 26 of this Prospectus.

"Notice of Special Dividend Period" has the meaning set forth on page 26 of this Prospectus.

"Optional Redemption Price" has the meaning set forth on page 29 of this Prospectus.

"Order" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(b)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

"Potential Beneficial Owner" means a customer of a Broker-Dealer or a Broker-Dealer that is not a Beneficial Owner of APS but that wishes to purchase such shares, or that is a Beneficial Owner that wishes to purchase additional APS.

"Potential Holder" means any Broker-Dealer or any such other person as may be permitted by the Fund, including any Existing Holder, who may be interested in acquiring APS (or, in the case of an Existing Holder, additional APS).

"Preferred Shares" means preferred shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Fund.

"Premium Call Period" has the meaning set forth under "Specific Redemption Provisions" below.

"Reference Rate" means, with respect to a Dividend Period, the applicable "AA" Composite Commercial Paper Rate.

"Request for Special Dividend Period" has the meaning set forth on page 25 of this Prospectus.

"Response" has the meaning set forth on page 26 of this Prospectus.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's, or its successors.

"Securities Depository" means The Depository Trust Company and its successors and assigns or any successor securities depository selected by the Fund that agrees to follow the procedures required to be followed by such securities depository in connection with the APS.

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"Sell Order" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(b)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

"Short Term Dividend Period" has the meaning set forth on page 26 of this Prospectus.

"Special Dividend Period" has the meaning set forth on page 19 of this Prospectus.

"Specific Redemption Provisions" means, with respect to a Special Dividend Period, either, or any combination of, (i) a period (a "Non-Call Period")

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determined by the Board of Trustees of the Fund, after consultation with the Auction Agent and the Broker-Dealers, during which the APS subject to such Dividend Period shall not be subject to redemption at the option of the Fund and (ii) a period (a "Premium Call Period"), consisting of a number of whole years and determined by the Board of Trustees of the Fund, after consultation with the Auction Agent and the Broker-Dealers, during each year of which the APS subject to such Dividend Period shall be redeemable at the Fund's option at a price per share equal to \$25,000 plus accumulated but unpaid dividends plus a premium expressed as a percentage of \$25,000, as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Fund after consultation with the Auction Agent and the Broker-Dealers.

"Submission Deadline" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(a)(x) of the Auction Procedures.

"Submitted Bid" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(d)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

"Submitted Hold Order" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(d)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

"Submitted Order" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(d)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

"Submitted Sell Order" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(d)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

"Subsequent Dividend Period" means each Dividend Period after the Initial Dividend Period.

"Substitute Rating Agency" and "Substitute Rating Agencies" shall mean a nationally recognized statistical rating organization or two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, respectively, selected by UBS Warburg LLC, or its respective affiliates and successors, after consultation with the Fund, to act as a substitute rating agency or substitute rating agencies, as the case may be, to determine the credit ratings of the APS.

"Sufficient Clearing Bids" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(d)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

"U.S. Treasury Bill Rate" on any date means (i) the Interest Equivalent of the rate on the actively traded Treasury Bill with a maturity most nearly comparable to the length of the related Dividend Period, as such rate is made available on a discount basis or otherwise by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in its Composite 3:30 p.m. Quotations for U.S. Government Securities report for such Business Day, or (ii) if such yield as so calculated is not available, the Alternate Treasury Bill Rate on such date.

"U.S. Treasury Note Rate" on any date means (i) the yield as calculated by reference to the bid price quotation of the actively traded, current coupon Treasury Note with a maturity most nearly comparable to the length of the related Dividend Period, as such bid price quotation is published on the Business Day immediately preceding such date by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in its Composite 3:30 p.m. Quotations for U.S. Government Securities report for such Business Day, or (ii) if such yield as so calculated is not available, the Alternate Treasury Note Rate on such date. "Alternate Treasury Note Rate" on any date means the yield as calculated by reference to the arithmetic average of the bid price quotations of the actively traded, current coupon Treasury Note with a maturity most nearly comparable to the length of the related Dividend Period, as determined by the bid price quotations as of any time on the Business Day immediately preceding such date, obtained from at least three recognized primary U.S. Government securities dealers selected by the Auction Agent.

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"Valuation Date" means, for purposes of determining whether the Fund is maintaining the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, each Business Day commencing with July , 2003.

"Winning Bid Rate" has the meaning specified in Subsection 10(d)(i) of the Auction Procedures.

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[EATON VANCE LOGO]

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Subject to completion July 21, 2003

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
, 2003

EATON VANCE LIMITED DURATION INCOME FUND

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THIS STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ("SAI") IS NOT A PROSPECTUS AND IS AUTHORIZED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ONLY IF PRECEDED OR ACCOMPANIED BY THE PROSPECTUS OF EATON VANCE LIMITED DURATION INCOME FUND (THE "FUND") DATED , 2003, AS SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME, WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. THIS SAI SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUCH PROSPECTUS, A COPY OF WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED WITHOUT CHARGE BY CONTACTING YOUR FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY OR CALLING THE FUND AT 1-800-225-6265.

THE INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE AND MAY BE CHANGED. THESE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE SOLD UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IS EFFECTIVE. THIS STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, WHICH IS NOT A PROSPECTUS, IS NOT AN OFFER TO SELL THESE SECURITIES AND IS NOT SOLICITING AN OFFER TO BUY THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE WHERE THE OFFER OR SALE IS NOT PERMITTED.

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Capitalized terms used in this SAI and not otherwise defined have the meanings given them in the Fund's Prospectus.

Additional investment information and restrictions

Primary investment strategies are described in the Prospectus. The following is a description of the various investment policies that may be engaged in, whether as a primary or secondary strategy, and a summary of certain attendant risks. Eaton Vance may not buy any of the following instruments or use any of the following techniques unless it believes that doing so will help to achieve the Fund's investment objectives.

MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES

GENERAL

The Fund's investments in mortgage-backed securities may include conventional mortgage pass-through securities, floating rate mortgage-backed securities and certain classes of multiple class CMOs (as described below). Mortgage-backed securities differ from bonds in that the principal is paid back by the borrower over the length of the loan rather than returned in a lump sum at maturity.

Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA") Certificates and Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") Mortgage-Backed Certificates are mortgage-backed securities representing part ownership of a pool of mortgage loans. GNMA loans -- issued by lenders such as mortgage bankers, commercial banks and savings and loan associations -- are either insured by the Federal Housing Administration or guaranteed by the Veterans Administration. A "pool" or group of such mortgages is assembled and, after being approved by GNMA, is offered to investors through securities dealers. Once such pool is approved by GNMA, the timely payment of interest and principal on the Certificates issued representing such pool is guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. FNMA, a federally chartered corporation owned entirely by private stockholders, purchases both conventional and federally insured or guaranteed residential mortgages from various entities, including savings and loan associations, savings banks, commercial banks, credit unions and mortgage bankers, and packages pools of such mortgages in the form of pass-through securities generally called FNMA Mortgage-Backed Certificates, which are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by FNMA but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. GNMA Certificates and FNMA Mortgage-Backed Certificates are called "pass-through" securities because a pro rata share of both regular interest and principal payments, as well as unscheduled early prepayments, on the underlying mortgage pool is passed through monthly to the holder of the Certificate (i.e., the Fund). The Fund may purchase GNMA Certificates, FNMA Mortgage-Backed Certificates and various other mortgage-backed securities on a when-issued basis subject to certain limitations and requirements.

The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC"), a corporate instrumentality of the U.S. Government created by Congress for the purposes of increasing the availability of mortgage credit for residential housing, issues participation certificates ("PCs") representing undivided interest in FHLMC'S mortgage portfolio. While FHLMC guarantees the timely payment of interest and ultimate collection of the principal of its PCs, its PCs are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. FHLMC PCs differ from GNMA Certificates in that the mortgages underlying the PCs are monthly "conventional" mortgages rather than mortgages insured or guaranteed by a federal agency or instrumentality. However, in several other respects, such as the monthly pass-through of interest and principal (including unscheduled prepayments) and the unpredictability of future unscheduled prepayments on the underlying mortgage pools, FHLMC PCs are similar to GNMA Certificates.

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While it is not possible to accurately predict the life of a particular issue of a mortgage-backed "pass-through" security held by the Fund, the actual life of any such security is likely to be substantially less than the average final maturities of the mortgage loans underlying the security. This is because

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unscheduled early prepayments of principal on the security owned by the Fund will result from the prepayment, refinancings or foreclosure of the underlying mortgage loans in the mortgage pool. The Fund, when the monthly payments (which may include unscheduled prepayments) on such a security are passed through to it, may be able to reinvest them only at a lower rate of interest. Because of the regular scheduled payments of principal and the early unscheduled prepayments of principal, the mortgage-backed "pass-through" security is less effective than other types of obligations as a means of "locking-in" attractive long-term interest rates. As a result, this type of security may have less potential for capital appreciation during periods of declining interest rates than other U.S. Government securities of comparable maturities, although many issues of mortgage-backed "pass-through" securities may have a comparable risk of decline in market value during periods of rising interest rates. If such a security has been purchased by the Fund at a premium above its par value, both a scheduled payment of principal and an unscheduled prepayment of principal, which would be made at par, will accelerate the realization of a loss equal to that portion of the premium applicable to the payment or prepayment. If such a security has been purchased by the Fund at a discount from its par value, both a scheduled payment of principal and an unscheduled prepayment of principal will increase current returns and will accelerate the recognition of income, which, when distributed to Fund shareholders, will be taxable as ordinary income.

COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS ("CMOS")

The CMO classes in which the Fund may invest include sequential and parallel pay CMOs, including planned amortization class and target amortization class securities. CMOs are debt securities issued by the FHLMC and by financial institutions and other mortgage lenders which are generally fully collateralized by a pool of mortgages held under an indenture. The key feature of the CMO structure is the prioritization of the cash flows from a pool of mortgages among the several classes of CMO holders, thereby creating a series of obligations with varying rates and maturities appealing to a wide range of investors. CMOs generally are secured by an assignment to a trustee under the indenture pursuant to which the bonds are issued of collateral consisting of a pool of mortgages. Payments with respect to the underlying mortgages generally are made to the trustee under the indenture. Payments of principal and interest on the underlying mortgages are not passed through to the holders of the CMOs as such (that is, the character of payments of principal and interest is not passed through and therefore payments to holders of CMOs attributable to interest paid and principal repaid on the underlying mortgages do not necessarily constitute income and return of capital, respectively, to such holders), but such payments are dedicated to payment of interest on and repayment of principal of the CMOs. CMOs are issued in two or more classes or series with varying maturities and stated rates of interest determined by the issuer. Senior CMO classes will typically have priority over residual CMO classes as to the receipt of principal and/or interest payments on the underlying mortgages. Because the interest and principal payments on the underlying mortgages are not passed through to holders of CMOs, CMOs of varying maturities may be secured by the same pool of mortgages, the payments on which are used to pay interest to each class and to retire successive maturities in sequence. CMOs are designed to be retired as the underlying mortgages are repaid. In the event of sufficient early prepayments on

such mortgages, the class or series of CMO first to mature generally will be retired prior to maturity. Therefore, although in most cases the issuer of CMOs will not supply additional collateral in the event of such prepayments, there will be sufficient collateral to secure CMOs that remain outstanding. Currently, the Adviser will consider privately issued CMOs or other mortgage-backed securities as possible investments for the Fund only when the mortgage collateral is insured, guaranteed or otherwise backed by the U.S. Government or one or more of its agencies or instrumentalities (e.g., insured by the Federal Housing Administration or Farmers Home Administration or guaranteed by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs or consisting in whole or in part of U.S. Government securities).

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RISKS OF CERTAIN MORTGAGE-BACKED AND INDEXED SECURITIES

Although not mortgage-backed securities, index amortizing notes and other callable securities are subject to extension risk resulting from the issuer's failure to exercise its option to call or redeem the notes before their stated maturity date. The residual classes of CMOs are subject to both prepayment and extension risk.

Other types of floating rate derivative debt securities present more complex types of interest rate risks. For example, range floaters are subject to the risk that the coupon will be reduced to below market rates if a designated interest rate floats outside of a specified interest rate band or collar. Dual index or yield curve floaters are subject to depreciation in the event of an unfavorable change in the spread between two designated interest rates. The market values of currency-linked securities may be very volatile and may decline during periods of unstable currency exchange rates.

SENIOR LOANS

STRUCTURE OF SENIOR LOANS

A Senior Loan is typically originated, negotiated and structured by a U.S. or foreign commercial bank, insurance company, finance company or other financial institution (the "Agent") for a group of loan investors ("Loan Investors"). The Agent typically administers and enforces the Senior Loan on behalf of the other Loan Investors in the syndicate. In addition, an institution, typically but not always the Agent, holds any collateral on behalf of the Loan Investors.

Senior Loans primarily include senior floating rate loans to corporations and secondarily institutionally traded senior floating rate debt obligations issued by an asset-backed pool, and interests therein. Loan interests primarily take the form of assignments purchased in the primary or secondary market. Loan interests may also take the form of participation interests in a Senior Loan. Such loan interests may be acquired from U.S. or foreign commercial banks, insurance companies, finance companies or other financial institutions who have made loans or are Loan Investors or from other investors in loan interests.

The Fund typically purchases "Assignments" from the Agent or other Loan Investors. The purchaser of an Assignment typically succeeds to all the rights and obligations under the Loan Agreement of the assigning Loan Investor and becomes a Loan Investor under the Loan Agreement with the same rights and obligations as the assigning Loan Investor. Assignments may, however, be arranged through private negotiations between potential assignees and potential assignors, and the rights and obligations acquired by the purchaser of an Assignment may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning Loan Investor.

The Fund also may invest in "Participations." Participations by the Fund in a Loan Investor's portion of a Senior Loan typically will result in the Fund having a contractual relationship only with such Loan Investor, not with the Borrower. As a result, the Fund may have the right to receive payments of principal, interest and any fees to which it is entitled only from the Loan Investor selling the Participation and only upon receipt by such Loan Investor of such payments from the Borrower. In connection with purchasing Participations, the Fund generally will have no right to enforce compliance by the Borrower with the terms of the loan agreement, nor any rights with respect to any funds acquired by other Loan Investors through set-off against the Borrower and the Fund may not directly benefit from the collateral supporting the Senior Loan in which it has purchased the Participation. As a result, the Fund may assume the credit risk of both the Borrower and the Loan Investor selling the Participation. In the event of the insolvency of the Loan Investor selling a Participation, the Fund may be treated as a general creditor of such Loan Investor. The selling Loan Investors and other persons interpositioned between such Loan Investors and the Fund with respect to such Participations will likely conduct their principal business activities in the banking, finance and financial services industries. Persons engaged in such industries may be more susceptible to, among other things, fluctuations in interest rates, changes in the Federal Open Market Committee's monetary policy, governmental

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regulations concerning such industries and concerning capital raising activities generally and fluctuations in the financial markets generally.

The Fund will only acquire Participations if the Loan Investor selling the Participation, and any other persons interpositioned between the Fund and the Loan Investor, at the time of investment has outstanding debt or deposit obligations rated investment grade (BBB or A-3 or higher by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group ("S&P") or Baa or P-3 or higher by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or comparably rated by another nationally recognized rating agency) or determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. Securities rated Baa by Moody's have speculative characteristics. Long-term debt rated BBB by S&P is regarded by S&P as having adequate capacity to pay interest and repay principal and debt rated Baa by Moody's is regarded by Moody's as a medium grade obligation, i.e., it is neither highly protected nor poorly secured. Commercial paper rated A-3 by S&P indicates that S&P believes such obligations exhibit adequate protection parameters but that adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation and issues of commercial paper rated P-3 by Moody's are considered by Moody's to have an acceptable ability for repayment of senior short-term obligations. The effect of industry characteristics and market compositions may be more pronounced. Indebtedness of companies whose creditworthiness is poor involves substantially greater risks, and may be highly speculative. Some companies may never pay off their indebtedness, or may pay only a small fraction of the amount owed. Consequently, when investing in indebtedness of companies with poor credit, the Fund bears a substantial risk of losing the entire amount invested.

LOAN COLLATERAL

In order to borrow money pursuant to a Senior Loan, a Borrower will frequently, for the term of the Senior Loan, pledge collateral, including but not limited to, (i) working capital assets, such as accounts receivable and inventory; (ii) tangible fixed assets, such as real property, buildings and equipment; (iii) intangible assets, such as trademarks and patent rights (but excluding

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goodwill); and (iv) security interests in shares of stock of subsidiaries or affiliates. In the case of Senior Loans made to non-public companies, the company's shareholders or owners may provide collateral in the form of secured guarantees and/or security interests in assets that they own. In many instances, a Senior Loan may be secured only by stock in the Borrower or its subsidiaries. Collateral may consist of assets that may not be readily liquidated, and there is no assurance that the liquidation of such assets would satisfy fully a Borrower's obligations under a Senior Loan.

CERTAIN FEES PAID TO THE FUND

In the process of buying, selling and holding Senior Loans, the Fund may receive and/or pay certain fees. These fees are in addition to interest payments received and may include facility fees, commitment fees, amendment fees, commissions and prepayment penalty fees. When the Fund buys a Senior Loan it may receive a facility fee and when it sells a Senior Loan it may pay a facility fee. On an ongoing basis, the Fund may receive a commitment fee based on the undrawn portion of the underlying line of credit portion of a Senior Loan. In certain circumstances, the Fund may receive a prepayment penalty fee upon the prepayment of a Senior Loan by a Borrower. Other fees received by the Fund may include covenant waiver fees and covenant modification fees.

BORROWER COVENANTS

A Borrower must comply with various restrictive covenants contained in a loan agreement or note purchase agreement between the Borrower and the holders of the Senior Loan (the "Loan Agreement"). Such covenants, in addition to requiring the scheduled payment of interest and principal, may include restrictions on dividend payments and other distributions to stockholders, provisions requiring the Borrower to maintain specific minimum financial ratios, and limits on total debt. In addition, the Loan Agreement may contain a covenant requiring the Borrower to prepay the Loan with any free cash flow. Free cash flow is generally defined as net cash flow after scheduled debt service

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payments and permitted capital expenditures, and includes the proceeds from asset dispositions or sales of securities. A breach of a covenant which is not waived by the Agent, or by the Loan Investors directly, as the case may be, is normally an event of acceleration; i.e., the Agent, or the Loan Investors directly, as the case may be, has the right to call the outstanding Senior Loan. The typical practice of an Agent or a Loan Investor in relying exclusively or primarily on reports from the Borrower to monitor the Borrower's compliance with covenants may involve a risk of fraud by the Borrower. In the case of a Senior Loan in the form of a Participation, the agreement between the buyer and seller may limit the rights of the holder to vote on certain changes which may be made to the Loan Agreement, such as waiving a breach of a covenant. However, the holder of the Participation will, in almost all cases, have the right to vote on certain fundamental issues such as changes in principal amount, payment dates and interest rate.

ADMINISTRATION OF LOANS

In a typical Senior Loan the Agent administers the terms of the Loan Agreement. In such cases, the Agent is normally responsible for the collection of principal and interest payments from the Borrower and the apportionment of these payments to the credit of all institutions which are parties to the Loan Agreement. The Fund will generally rely upon the Agent or an intermediate participant to receive and forward to the Fund its portion of the principal and interest payments on the Senior Loan. Furthermore, unless under the terms of a Participation Agreement the Fund has direct recourse against the Borrower, the

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Fund will rely on the Agent and the other Loan Investors to use appropriate credit remedies against the Borrower. The Agent is typically responsible for monitoring compliance with covenants contained in the Loan Agreement based upon reports prepared by the Borrower. The seller of the Senior Loan usually does, but is often not obligated to, notify holders of Senior Loans of any failures of compliance. The Agent may monitor the value of the collateral and, if the value of the collateral declines, may accelerate the Senior Loan, may give the Borrower an opportunity to provide additional collateral or may seek other protection for the benefit of the participants in the Senior Loan. The Agent is compensated by the Borrower for providing these services under a Loan Agreement, and such compensation may include special fees paid upon structuring and funding the Senior Loan and other fees paid on a continuing basis. With respect to Senior Loans for which the Agent does not perform such administrative and enforcement functions, the Fund will perform such tasks on its own behalf, although a collateral bank will typically hold any collateral on behalf of the Fund and the other Loan Investors pursuant to the applicable Loan Agreement.

A financial institution's appointment as Agent may usually be terminated in the event that it fails to observe the requisite standard of care or becomes insolvent, enters Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") receivership, or, if not FDIC insured, enters into bankruptcy proceedings. A successor Agent would generally be appointed to replace the terminated Agent, and assets held by the Agent under the Loan Agreement should remain available to holders of Senior Loans. However, if assets held by the Agent for the benefit of the Fund were determined to be subject to the claims of the Agent's general creditors, the Fund might incur certain costs and delays in realizing payment on a Senior Loan, or suffer a loss of principal and/or interest. In situations involving intermediate participants similar risks may arise.

PREPAYMENTS

Senior Loans will usually require, in addition to scheduled payments of interest and principal, the prepayment of the Senior Loan from free cash flow, as defined above. The degree to which Borrowers prepay Senior Loans, whether as a contractual requirement or at their election, may be affected by general business conditions, the financial condition of the Borrower and competitive conditions among Loan Investors, among others. As such, prepayments cannot be predicted with accuracy. Upon a prepayment, either in part or in full, the actual outstanding debt on which the Fund derives interest income will be reduced. However, the Fund may receive both a prepayment penalty fee from the

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prepaying Borrower and a facility fee upon the purchase of a new Senior Loan with the proceeds from the prepayment of the former. Prepayments generally will not materially affect the Fund's performance because the Fund typically is able to reinvest prepayments in other Senior Loans that have similar yields and because receipt of such fees may mitigate any adverse impact on the Fund's yield.

OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING SENIOR LOANS

From time to time the Adviser and its affiliates may borrow money from various banks in connection with their business activities. Such banks may also sell interests in Senior Loans to or acquire them from the Fund or may be intermediate participants with respect to Senior Loans in which the Fund owns interests. Such banks may also act as Agents for Senior Loans held by the Fund.

The Fund may acquire interests in Senior Loans which are designed to provide temporary or "bridge" financing to a Borrower pending the sale of identified

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assets or the arrangement of longer-term loans or the issuance and sale of debt obligations. The Fund may also invest in Senior Loans of Borrowers that have obtained bridge loans from other parties. A Borrower's use of bridge loans involves a risk that the Borrower may be unable to locate permanent financing to replace the bridge loan, which may impair the Borrower's perceived creditworthiness.

The Fund will be subject to the risk that collateral securing a loan will decline in value or have no value. Such a decline, whether as a result of bankruptcy proceedings or otherwise, could cause the Senior Loan to be undercollateralized or unsecured. In most credit agreements there is no formal requirement to pledge additional collateral. In addition, the Fund may invest in Senior Loans guaranteed by, or secured by assets of, shareholders or owners, even if the Senior Loans are not otherwise collateralized by assets of the Borrower; provided, however, that such guarantees are fully secured. There may be temporary periods when the principal asset held by a Borrower is the stock of a related company, which may not legally be pledged to secure a Senior Loan. On occasions when such stock cannot be pledged, the Senior Loan will be temporarily unsecured until the stock can be pledged or is exchanged for or replaced by other assets, which will be pledged as security for the Senior Loan. However, the Borrower's ability to dispose of such securities, other than in connection with such pledge or replacement, will be strictly limited for the protection of the holders of Senior Loans and, indirectly, Senior Loans themselves.

If a Borrower becomes involved in bankruptcy proceedings, a court may invalidate the Fund's security interest in the loan collateral or subordinate the Fund's rights under the Senior Loan to the interests of the Borrower's unsecured creditors or cause interest previously paid to be refunded to the Borrower. If a court required interest to be refunded, it could negatively affect the Fund's performance. Such action by a court could be based, for example, on a "fraudulent conveyance" claim to the effect that the Borrower did not receive fair consideration for granting the security interest in the loan collateral to the Fund. For Senior Loans made in connection with a highly leveraged transaction, consideration for granting a security interest may be deemed inadequate if the proceeds of the Loan were not received or retained by the Borrower, but were instead paid to other persons (such as shareholders of the Borrower) in an amount which left the Borrower insolvent or without sufficient working capital. There are also other events, such as the failure to perfect a security interest due to faulty documentation or faulty official filings, which could lead to the invalidation of the Fund's security interest in loan collateral. If the Fund's security interest in loan collateral is invalidated or the Senior Loan is subordinated to other debt of a Borrower in bankruptcy or other proceedings, the Fund would have substantially lower recovery, and perhaps no recovery on the full amount of the principal and interest due on the Loan.

The Fund may acquire warrants and other equity securities as part of a unit combining a Senior Loan and equity securities of a Borrower or its affiliates. The acquisition of such equity securities will only be incidental to the Fund's purchase of a Senior Loan. The Fund may also acquire equity securities or debt securities (including non-dollar denominated debt securities) issued in exchange for a Senior Loan

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or issued in connection with the debt restructuring or reorganization of a Borrower, or if such acquisition, in the judgment of the Adviser, may enhance the value of a Senior Loan or would otherwise be consistent with the Fund's investment policies.

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DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION FINANCING

The Fund may invest in debtor-in-possession financing (commonly called "DIP financings"). DIP financings are arranged when an entity seeks the protections of then bankruptcy court under chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. These financings allow the entity to continue its business operations while reorganizing under chapter 11. Such financings are senior liens on unencumbered security (i.e., security not subject to other creditors claims. There is a risk that the entity will not emerge from chapter 11 and be forced to liquidate its assets under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. In such event, the Fund's only recourse will be against the property securing the DIP financing.

LITIGATION INVOLVING EATON VANCE

On October 15, 2001, an amended consolidated complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts against four Eaton Vance closed-end interval funds (the "Interval Funds"); their Trustees and certain officers of the Interval Funds; Eaton Vance, the Interval Funds' administrator; Boston Management and Research, the Interval Funds' investment adviser; and Eaton Vance Corp., the parent of Eaton Vance and Boston Management and Research. The Complaint, framed as a class action, alleges that for the period between May 25, 1998 and March 5, 2001, the Interval Funds' assets were incorrectly valued and certain matters were not properly disclosed, in violation of the federal securities laws. The Complaint seeks unspecified damages. The named defendants believe that the Complaint is without merit and are vigorously contesting the lawsuit. Eaton Vance believes that the lawsuit is not likely to have a material adverse affect on its ability to render services to the Fund.

REGULATORY CHANGES

To the extent that legislation or state or federal regulators that regulate certain financial institutions impose additional requirements or restrictions with respect to the ability of such institutions to make loans, particularly in connection with highly leveraged transactions, the availability of Senior Loans for investment may be adversely affected. Further, such legislation or regulation could depress the market value of Senior Loans.

CREDIT QUALITY

Many Senior Loans in which the Fund may invest are of below investment grade credit quality. Accordingly, these Senior Loans are subject to similar or identical risks and other characteristics described below in relation to Non-Investment Grade Bonds.

NON-INVESTMENT GRADE BONDS

Investments in Non-Investment Grade Bonds generally provide greater income and increased opportunity for capital appreciation than investments in higher quality securities, but they also typically entail greater price volatility and principal and income risk, including the possibility of issuer default and bankruptcy. Non-Investment Grade Bonds are regarded as predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to meet principal and interest payments. Debt securities in the lowest investment grade category also may be considered to possess some speculative characteristics by certain rating agencies. In addition, analysis of the creditworthiness of issuers of Non-Investment Grade Bonds may be more complex than for issuers of higher quality securities.

Non-Investment Grade Bonds may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions than investment grade securities. A projection of an economic downturn or of a period of rising interest rates, for example, could cause a decline in Non-Investment

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Grade Bond prices because the advent of recession could lessen the ability of an issuer to make principal and interest payments on its debt obligations. If an issuer of Non-Investment Grade Bonds defaults, in addition to risking payment of all or a portion of interest and principal, the Fund may incur additional expenses to seek recovery. In the case of Non-Investment Grade Bonds structured as zero-coupon, step-up or payment-in-kind securities, their market prices will normally be affected to a greater extent by interest rate changes, and therefore tend to be more volatile than securities which pay interest currently and in cash. Eaton Vance seeks to reduce these risks through diversification, credit analysis and attention to current developments in both the economy and financial markets.

The secondary market on which Non-Investment Grade Bonds are traded may be less liquid than the market for investment grade securities. Less liquidity in the secondary trading market could adversely affect the net asset value of the Shares. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the values and liquidity of Non-Investment Grade Bonds, especially in a thinly traded market. When secondary markets for Non-Investment Grade Bonds are less liquid than the market for investment grade securities, it may be more difficult to value the securities because such valuation may require more research, and elements of judgment may play a greater role in the valuation because there is no reliable, objective data available. During periods of thin trading in these markets, the spread between bid and asked prices is likely to increase significantly and the Fund may have greater difficulty selling these securities. The Fund will be more dependent on Eaton Vance's research and analysis when investing in Non-Investment Grade Bonds. Eaton Vance seeks to minimize the risks of investing in all securities through in-depth credit analysis and attention to current developments in interest rate and market conditions.

A general description of the ratings of securities by S&P, Fitch and Moody's is set forth in Appendix A to this Statement of Additional Information. Such ratings represent these rating organizations' opinions as to the quality of the securities they rate. It should be emphasized, however, that ratings are general and are not absolute standards of quality. Consequently, debt obligations with the same maturity, coupon and rating may have different yields while obligations with the same maturity and coupon may have the same yield. For these reasons, the use of credit ratings as the sole method of evaluating Non-Investment Grade Bonds can involve certain risks. For example, credit ratings evaluate the safety or principal and interest payments, not the market value risk of Non-Investment Grade Bonds. Also, credit rating agencies may fail to change credit ratings in a timely fashion to reflect events since the security was last rated. Eaton Vance does not rely solely on credit ratings when selecting securities for the Fund, and develops its own independent analysis of issuer credit quality.

In the event that a rating agency or Eaton Vance downgrades its assessment of the credit characteristics of a particular issue, the Fund is not required to dispose of such security. In determining whether to retain or sell a downgraded security, Eaton Vance may consider such factors as Eaton Vance's assessment of the credit quality of the issuer of such security, the price at which such security could be sold and the rating, if any, assigned to such security by other rating agencies. However, analysis of the creditworthiness of issuers of Non-Investment Grade Bonds may be more complex than for issuers of high quality debt securities.

OTHER INVESTMENTS

FIXED INCOME SECURITIES

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Fixed income securities include preferred, preference and convertible securities, equipment lease certificates, equipment trust certificates and conditional sales contracts. Preference stocks are stocks that have many characteristics of preferred stocks, but are typically junior to an existing class of preferred stocks. Equipment lease certificates are debt obligations secured by leases on equipment (such as railroad cars, airplanes or office equipment), with the issuer of the certificate being the owner and lessor of the equipment. Equipment trust certificates are debt obligations secured by an interest in

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property (such as railroad cars or airplanes), the title of which is held by a trustee while the property is being used by the borrower. Conditional sales contracts are agreements under which the seller of property continues to hold title to the property until the purchase price is fully paid or other conditions are met by the buyer.

Fixed-rate bonds may have a demand feature allowing the holder to redeem the bonds at specified times. These bonds are more defensive than conventional long-term bonds (protecting to some degree against a rise in interest rates) while providing greater opportunity than comparable intermediate term bonds, since they may be retained if interest rates decline. Acquiring these kinds of bonds provides the contractual right to require the issuer of the bonds to purchase the security at an agreed upon price, which right is contained in the obligation itself rather than in a separate agreement or instrument. Since this right is assignable only with the bond, it will not be assigned any separate value.

Certain securities may permit the issuer at its option to "call," or redeem, the securities. If an issuer were to redeem securities during a time of declining interest rates, the Fund may not be able to reinvest the proceeds in securities providing the same investment return as the securities redeemed.

The rating assigned to a security by a rating agency does not reflect assessment of the volatility of the security's market value or of the liquidity of an investment in the securities. Credit ratings are based largely on the issuer's historical financial condition and the rating agency's investment analysis at the time of rating, and the rating assigned to any particular security is not necessarily a reflection of the issuer's current financial condition. Credit quality in the high yield, high risk bond market can change from time to time, and recently issued credit ratings may not fully reflect the actual risks posed by a particular high yield security. In addition to lower rated securities, the Fund also may invest in higher rated securities. For a description of corporate bond ratings, see Appendix A.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements (the purchase of a security coupled with an agreement to resell at a higher price) with respect to its permitted investments. In the event of the bankruptcy of the other party to a repurchase agreement, the Fund might experience delays in recovering its cash. To the extent that, in the meantime, the value of the securities the Fund purchased may have decreased, the Fund could experience a loss. Repurchase agreements which mature in more than seven days will be treated as illiquid. The Fund's repurchase agreements will provide that the value of the collateral underlying the repurchase agreement will always be at least equal to the repurchase price, including any accrued interest earned on the agreement, and will be marked to market daily.

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ZERO COUPONS BONDS

Zero coupon bonds are debt obligations which do not require the periodic payment of interest and are issued at a significant discount from face value. The discount approximates the total amount of interest the bonds will accrue and compound over the period until maturity at a rate of interest reflecting the market rate of the security at the time of issuance. The Fund is required to accrue income from zero coupon bonds on a current basis, even though it does not receive that income currently in cash and the Fund is required to distribute its income for each taxable year. Thus, the Fund may have to sell other investments to obtain cash needed to make income distributions.

INDEXED SECURITIES

The Fund may invest in securities that fluctuate in value with an index. Such securities generally will either be issued by the U.S. Government or one of its agencies or instrumentalities or, if privately issued, collateralized by mortgages that are insured, guaranteed or otherwise backed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities. The interest rate or, in some cases, the principal payable at the maturity of an indexed security may change positively or inversely in relation to one or more interest rates, financial indices, securities prices or other financial indicators ("reference prices"). An indexed security may be leveraged to the extent that the magnitude of any change in the interest

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rate or principal payable on an indexed security is a multiple of the change in the reference price. Thus, indexed securities may decline in value due to adverse market changes in reference prices. Because indexed securities derive their value from another instrument, security or index, they are considered derivative debt securities, and are subject to different combinations of prepayment, extension, interest rate and/or other market risks.

SHORT SALES

The Fund may utilize short sales for hedging purposes. A short sale is affected by selling a security which the Fund does not own, or, if the Fund does own the security, is not to be delivered upon consummation of the sale. The Fund may engage in short sales "against the box" (i.e., short sales of securities the Fund already owns) for hedging purposes. If the price of the security in the short sale decreases, the Fund will realize a profit to the extent that the short sale price for the security exceeds the market price. If the price of the security increases, the Fund will realize a loss to the extent that the market price exceeds the short sale price. Selling securities short runs the risk of losing an amount greater than the initial investment therein.

Purchasing securities to close out the short position can itself cause the price of the securities to rise further, thereby exacerbating the loss. Short-selling exposes the Fund to unlimited risk with respect to that security due to the lack of an upper limit on the price to which an instrument can rise. Although the Fund reserves the right to utilize short sales, the Adviser is under no obligation to utilize shorts at all.

FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

The Fund may invest up to 5% of its total assets in U.S. dollar denominated securities of non-U.S. issuers. Because foreign companies are not subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. companies, there may be less publicly available information about a foreign company than about a domestic

company. Volume and liquidity in most foreign debt markets is less than in the United States and securities of some foreign companies are less liquid and more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies. There is generally less government supervision and regulation of securities exchanges, broker-dealers and listed companies than in the United States. Mail service between the United States and foreign countries may be slower or less reliable than within the United States, thus increasing the risk of delayed settlements of portfolio transactions or loss of certificates for portfolio securities. Payment for securities before delivery may be required. In addition, with respect to certain foreign countries, there is the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, political or social instability, or diplomatic developments which could affect investments in those countries. Moreover, individual foreign economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position. Foreign securities markets, while growing in volume and sophistication, are generally not as developed as those in the United States, and securities of some foreign issuers (particularly those located in developing countries) may be less liquid and more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies.

American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), European Depositary Receipts (EDRs) and Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs) may be purchased. ADRs, EDRs and GDRs are certificates evidencing ownership of shares of a foreign issuer and are alternatives to directly purchasing the underlying foreign securities in their national markets and currencies. However, they continue to be subject to many of the risks associated with investing directly in foreign securities. These risks include foreign exchange risk as well as the political and economic risks of the underlying issuer's country. ADRs, EDRs and GDRs may be sponsored or unsponsored. Unsponsored receipts are established without the participation of the issuer. Unsponsored receipts may involve higher expenses, they may not pass-through voting or other shareholder rights, and they may be less liquid.

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OPTIONS

Call options may be purchased to provide exposure to increases in the market (e.g., with respect to temporary cash positions) or to hedge against an increase in the price of securities or other investments that the Fund intends to purchase or has sold short. Similarly, put options may be purchased for speculative purposes or to hedge against a decrease in the market generally or in the price of securities or other investments held by the Fund. Buying options may reduce the Fund's returns, but by no more than the amount of the premiums paid for the options.

The Fund may write covered call options (i.e., where the Fund owns the security or other investment that is subject to the call) to enhance returns when the Adviser perceives that the option premium offered is in excess of the premium that the Adviser would expect to be offered under existing market conditions, or if the exercise price of the option is in excess of the price that the Adviser expects the security or other underlying investment to reach during the life of the option. Writing covered call options may limit the Fund's gain on portfolio investments if the option is exercised because the Fund will have to sell the underlying investments below the current market price. Purchasing and writing put and call options are highly specialized activities and entail greater than ordinary market risks.

SECURITIES LENDING

As described in the Prospectus, the Fund may lend a portion of its portfolio

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securities to broker-dealers or other institutional borrowers. Loans will be made only to organizations whose credit quality or claims paying ability is considered by the Adviser to be at least investment grade. All securities loans will be collateralized on a continuous basis by cash or U.S. government securities having a value, marked to market daily, of at least 100% of the market value of the loaned securities. The Fund may receive loan fees in connection with loans that are collateralized by securities or on loans of securities for which there is special demand. The Fund may also seek to earn income on securities loans by reinvesting cash collateral in MBS or other securities consistent with its investment objective and policies, seeking to invest at rates that are higher than the "rebate" rate that it normally will pay to the borrower with respect to such cash collateral. Any such reinvestment will be subject to the investment policies, restrictions and risk considerations described in the Prospectus and in this Statement of Additional Information.

Securities loans may result in delays in recovering, or a failure of the borrower to return, the loaned securities. The defaulting borrower ordinarily would be liable to the Fund for any losses resulting from such delays or failures, and the collateral provided in connection with the loan normally would also be available for that purpose. Securities loans normally may be terminated by either the Fund or the borrower at any time. Upon termination and the return of the loaned securities, the Fund would be required to return the related cash or securities collateral to the borrower and it may be required to liquidate longer term portfolio securities in order to do so. To the extent that such securities have decreased in value, this may result in the Fund realizing a loss at a time when it would not otherwise do so. The Fund also may incur losses if it is unable to reinvest cash collateral at rates higher than applicable rebate rates paid to borrowers and related administrative costs. These risks are substantially the same as those incurred through investment leverage, and will be subject to the investment policies, restrictions and risk considerations described in the Prospectus and in this Statement of Additional Information.

The Fund will receive amounts equivalent to any interest or other distributions paid on securities while they are on loan, and the Fund will not be entitled to exercise voting or other beneficial rights on loaned securities. The Fund will exercise its right to terminate loans and thereby regain these rights whenever the Adviser considers it to be in the Fund's interest to do so, taking into account the related loss of reinvestment income and other factors.

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SHORT-TERM TRADING

Securities may be sold in anticipation of market decline (a rise in interest rates) or purchased in anticipation of a market rise (a decline in interest rates) and later sold. In addition, a security may be sold and another purchased at approximately the same time to take advantage of what the Adviser believes to be a temporary disparity in the normal yield relationship between the two securities. Yield disparities may occur for reasons not directly related to the investment quality of particular issues or the general movement of interest rates, such as changes in the overall demand for or supply of various types of fixed income securities or changes in the investment objectives of investors.

TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

The Fund may invest temporarily in cash or cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are highly liquid, short-term securities such as commercial paper, certificates of deposit, short-term notes and short-term U.S. Government obligations.

INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

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The following investment restrictions of the Fund are designated as fundamental policies and as such cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities, which as used in this SAI means the lesser of (a) 67% of the shares of the Fund present or represented by proxy at a meeting if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares are present or represented at the meeting or (b) more than 50% of outstanding shares of the Fund. As a matter of fundamental policy the Fund may not:

- (1) Borrow money, except as permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"). The 1940 Act currently requires that any indebtedness incurred by a closed-end investment company have an asset coverage of at least 300%;
- (2) Issue senior securities, as defined in the 1940 Act, other than (i) preferred shares which immediately after issuance will have asset coverage of at least 200%, (ii) indebtedness which immediately after issuance will have asset coverage of at least 300%, or (iii) the borrowings permitted by investment restriction (1) above. The 1940 Act currently defines "senior security" as any bond, debenture, note or similar obligation or instrument constituting a security and evidencing indebtedness, and any stock of a class having priority over any other class as to distribution of assets or payment of dividends. Debt and equity securities issued by a closed-end investment company meeting the foregoing asset coverage provisions are excluded from the general 1940 Act prohibition on the issuance of senior securities;
- (3) Purchase securities on margin (but the Fund may obtain such short-term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases and sales of securities). The purchase of investment assets with the proceeds of a permitted borrowing or securities offering will not be deemed to be the purchase of securities on margin;
- (4) Underwrite securities issued by other persons, except insofar as it may technically be deemed to be an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933 in selling or disposing of a portfolio investment;
- (5) Make loans to other persons, except by (a) the acquisition of loan interests, debt securities and other obligations in which the Fund is authorized to invest in accordance with its investment objectives and policies, (b) entering into repurchase agreements, and (c) lending its portfolio securities;
- (6) Purchase or sell real estate, although it may purchase and sell securities which are secured by interests in real estate and securities of issuers which invest or deal in real estate. The Fund reserves the freedom of action to hold and to sell real estate acquired as a result of the ownership of securities;

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- (7) Purchase or sell physical commodities or contracts for the purchase or sale of physical commodities. Physical commodities do not include futures contracts with respect to securities, securities indices or other financial instruments; and
- (8) With respect to 75% of its total assets, invest more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of a single issuer or purchase more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of a single issuer, except obligations

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issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities and except securities of other investment companies; or invest more 25% or more of its total assets in any single industry (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities).

The Fund may borrow money as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes, including the payment of dividends and the settlement of securities transactions which otherwise might require untimely dispositions of Fund securities. The 1940 Act currently requires that the Fund have 300% asset coverage with respect to all borrowings other than temporary borrowings.

For purposes of construing restriction (8), securities of the U.S. Government, its agencies, or instrumentalities are not considered to represent industries. Municipal obligations backed by the credit of a governmental entity are also not considered to represent industries.

The Fund has adopted the following nonfundamental investment policy which may be changed by the Board without approval of the Fund's shareholders. As a matter of nonfundamental policy, the Fund may not make short sales of securities or maintain a short position, unless at all times when a short position is open it either owns an equal amount of such securities or owns securities convertible into or exchangeable, without payment of any further consideration, for securities of the same issue as, and equal in amount to, the securities sold short.

Upon the Board's approval, the Fund may invest more than 10% of its total assets in one or more other management investment companies (or may invest in affiliated investment companies) to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act and rules thereunder.

Whenever an investment policy or investment restriction set forth in the Prospectus or this SAI states a maximum percentage of assets that may be invested in any security or other asset or describes a policy regarding quality standards, such percentage limitation or standard shall be determined immediately after and as a result of the Fund's acquisition of such security or asset. Accordingly, any later increase or decrease resulting from a change in values, assets or other circumstances or any subsequent rating change made by a rating service (or as determined by the Adviser if the security is not rated by a rating agency) will not compel the Fund to dispose of such security or other asset. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Fund must always be in compliance with the borrowing policies set forth above.

As described in the Prospectus, under normal market circumstances, the Fund expects to maintain a weighted average portfolio credit quality of investment grade. In determining the average credit quality of the Fund, Eaton Vance intends to use a methodology, based structurally on the S&P or Moody's rating system (or both) described in Appendix A to this SAI, which assumes a linear relationship in the credit quality ratings for ratings between C and AAA (Aaa). Securities with a rating below C will not be assigned any value in the calculation of average credit quality. For the purpose of determining the Fund's average credit quality, when a security is rated by more than one nationally recognized statistical rating agency, the Adviser generally will use the highest rating available. Within this general guideline, the Fund may invest in individual securities of any credit quality. The Fund's holdings of Non-Investment Grade Bonds and Senior Loans with lower credit ratings generally will be offset by MBS with very high credit ratings. A "barbell" portfolio of lower rated and higher rated securities may have risk characteristics that differ from fixed income securities with credit ratings equivalent to the portfolio average.

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Trustees and officers

The Trustees of the Fund are responsible for the overall management and supervision of the affairs of the Fund. The Trustees and officers of the Fund are listed below. Except as indicated, each individual has held the office shown or other offices in the same company for the last five years. The "noninterested Trustees" consist of those Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Fund, as that term is defined under the 1940 Act. The business address of each Trustee and officer is The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. As used in this SAI, "EVC" refers to Eaton Vance Corp., "EV" refers to Eaton Vance, Inc., "BMR" refers to Boston Management and Research, and "EVD" refers to Eaton Vance Distributors Inc. EVC and EV are the corporate parent and trustee, respectively, of Eaton Vance and BMR.

| NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH | POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND | TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE | PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS | NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE(1) | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|----|
| INTERESTED TRUSTEES | | | | | |
| Jessica M. Bibliowicz 11/28/59 | Trustee(2) | Since 4/8/03 Three Years | President and Chief Executive Officer of National Financial Partners (financial services company) (since April 1999). President and Chief Operating Officer of John A. Levin & Co. (registered investment adviser) (July 1997 to April 1999) and a Director of Baker, Fentress & Company which owns John A. Levin & Co. (July 1997 to April 1999). Ms. Bibliowicz is an interested person because of her affiliation with a brokerage firm. | 194 | No |
| James B. Hawkes 11/9/41 | Trustee(2) and Vice President | Since 3/12/03 Three Years | Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of BMR, Eaton Vance, EVC and EV; Director of EV and EVC; Vice President and Director of EVD. Trustee and/or officer of 194 registered investment companies in the Eaton Vance Fund Complex. Mr. | 194 | Di |

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Hawkes is an interested person because of his positions with BMR, Eaton Vance, EVC and EV, which are affiliates of the Fund.

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| NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH | POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND | TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE | PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS | NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE(1) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| NON INTERESTED TRUSTEES | | | | |
| Samuel L. Hayes, III(A) 2/23/35 | Trustee(3) | Since 4/8/03 Three Years | Jacob H. Schiff Professor of Investment Banking Emeritus, Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration. | 194 |
| William H. Park 9/19/47 | Trustee(4) | Since 6/16/03 Three Years | President and Chief Executive Officer, Prizm Capital Management, LLC (investment management firm) (since 2002). Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, United Asset Management Corporation (a holding company owning institutional investment management firms) (1982-2001). | 194 |
| Ronald A. Pearlman 7/10/40 | Trustee(4) | Since 6/16/03 Three Years | Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center (since 1999). Tax Partner, Covington & Burling, Washington, DC (1991-2000). | 194 |
| Norton H. Reamer(A) 9/21/35 | Trustee(3) | Since 4/8/03 Three Years | President, Unicorn Corporation (an investment and financial advisory services company) (since September 2000). Chairman, Hellman, Jordan Management Co., Inc. (an investment | 194 |

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management company)
 (since November 2000).
 Advisory Director of
 Berkshire Capital
 Corporation (investment
 banking firm) (since
 June 2002). Formerly,
 Chairman of the Board,
 United Asset Management
 Corporation (a holding
 company owning
 institutional
 investment management
 firms) and Chairman,
 President and Director,
 UAM Funds (mutual
 funds).

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| NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH | POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND | TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE | PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST FIVE YEARS | NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE(1) | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|----|
| Lynn A. Stout 9/14/57 | Trustee (4) | Since 4/8/03 Three Years | Professor of Law, University of California at Los Angeles School of Law (since July 2001). Formerly, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center. | 194 | No |

- (1) Includes both master and feeder funds in master-feeder structure.
 (2) Class I Trustees whose term expires in 2004.
 (3) Class II Trustees whose term expires in 2005.
 (4) Class III Trustees whose term expires in 2006.
 (A) Auction Preferred Share Trustee.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS WHO ARE NOT TRUSTEES

| NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH | POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND | TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE | PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS DURING PAST FIVE |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Thomas E. Faust Jr. 5/31/58 | President | Since 3/12/03 | Executive Vice President of Eaton Vance BMR, EVC and EV; Chief Investment Officer |

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| | | | Eaton Vance and BMR and Director of B |
| | | | Chief Executive Officer of Belair Cap |
| | | | Fund LLC, Belcrest Capital Fund LLC, |
| | | | Capital Fund LLC; Belpport Capital Fun |
| | | | and Belrose Capital Fund LLC (private |
| | | | investment companies sponsored by Eat |
| | | | Vance). Officer of 54 registered inve |
| | | | companies Managed by Eaton Vance or B |
| James L. O'Connor | Treasurer | Since 3/12/03 | Vice President of BMR, Eaton Vance an |
| 4/1/45 | | | Officer of 116 registered investment |
| | | | companies managed by Eaton Vance or B |
| Alan R. Dynner | Secretary | Since 3/12/03 | Vice President, Secretary and Chief L |
| 10/10/40 | | | Officer of BMR, Eaton Vance, EVD, EV |
| | | | EVC. Officer of 194 registered invest |
| Scott H. Page | Vice President | Since 3/12/03 | companies managed by Eaton Vance or B |
| 11/30/59 | | | Vice President of Eaton Vance and BMR |
| | | | Officer of 14 registered investment |
| Susan Schiff | Vice President | Since 3/12/03 | companies managed by Eaton Vance or B |
| 3/13/61 | | | Vice President of Eaton Vance and BMR |
| | | | Officer of 26 registered investment |
| Payson F. Swaffield | Vice President | Since 3/12/03 | companies managed by Eaton Vance or B |
| 8/13/56 | | | Vice President of Eaton Vance and BMR |
| | | | Officer of 14 registered investment |
| | | | companies managed by Eaton Vance or B |

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| NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH | POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND | TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE | PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS DURING PAST FIV |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Michael W. Weilheimer | Vice President | Since 3/12/03 | Vice President of Eaton Vance and BMR |
| 2/11/61 | | | Officer of 11 registered investment |
| | | | companies managed by Eaton Vance or B |

The Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Fund is comprised of the noninterested Trustees. Ms. Stout currently serves as chairperson of the Governance Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to undertake a periodic review of, and make recommendations with respect to, the Board's performance, Trustee compensation, appointment of new Trustees, identity, duties and composition of the various Board committees, development and maintenance of the Board's membership, structure and operations; policies and procedures adopted or approved by the Board to comply with regulatory requirements that relate to fund governance; and any other matters related to fund governance.

The Trustees will, when a vacancy exists or is anticipated, consider any nominee for Trustee recommended by a shareholder if such recommendation is submitted to the Trustees in writing and contains sufficient background information concerning the individual to enable a proper judgement to be made as to such individual's qualifications.

Messrs. Reamer (Chair), Hayes, Park and Ms. Stout are members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Fund. The Audit Committee's functions

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include making recommendations to the Trustees regarding the selection and performance of the independent accountants, and reviewing matters relative to accounting and auditing practices and procedures, accounting records, and the internal accounting controls, of the Fund, and certain service providers.

Messrs. Hayes (Chair), Park, Pearlman and Reamer are members of the Special Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Fund. The purpose of the Special Committee is to consider, evaluate and make recommendations to the full Board of Trustees concerning (i) all contractual arrangements with service providers to the Fund, including investment advisory, administrative, transfer agency, custodial and fund accounting and distribution services, and (ii) all other matters in which Eaton Vance or its affiliates has any actual or potential conflict of interest with the Fund.

As of the date of this SAI, each of the Committees had held one meeting.

When considering approval of the Advisory Agreement between the Fund and the Adviser, the Special Committee considered, among other things, the following:

- + An independent report comparing the fees and expenses of the Fund;
- + Information on the relevant peer group(s) of funds;
- + The economic outlook and the general investment outlook in the relevant investment markets;
- + Eaton Vance's results and financial condition and the overall organization of the Adviser;
- + Arrangements regarding the distribution of Fund shares;
- + The procedures used to determine the fair value of the Fund's assets;
- + The allocation of brokerage, including allocations to soft dollar brokerage and allocations to firms that sell Eaton Vance fund shares;
- + Eaton Vance's management of the relationship with the custodian, subcustodians and fund accountants;

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- + The resources devoted to Eaton Vance's compliance efforts undertaken on behalf of the funds it manages and the record of compliance with the investment policies and restrictions and with policies on personal securities transactions;
- + The quality nature, cost and character of the administrative and other non-investment management services provided by Eaton Vance and its affiliates;
- + Investment management staffing;
- + Operating expenses (including transfer agency expenses) to be paid to third parties; and
- + Information to be provided to investors, including the Fund's shareholders.

In addition to the factors mentioned above, the Special Committee also reviewed

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the level of the Adviser's profits in respect of the management of the Eaton Vance funds, including the Fund. The noninterested Trustees considered the profits realized by Eaton Vance and its affiliates in connection with the operation of the Fund. The noninterested Trustees also considered Eaton Vance's profit margins in comparison with available industry data.

The Special Committee did not consider any single factor as controlling in determining whether or not to approve the Advisory Agreement. Nor are the items described herein all encompassing of the matters considered by the noninterested Trustees. In assessing the information provided by Eaton Vance and its affiliates, the Special Committee also took into consideration the benefits to shareholders of investing in a fund that is part of large family of funds which provides a large variety of shareholder services.

Based on their consideration of all factors that it deemed material and assisted by the advice of its independent counsel, the Special Committee concluded that the approval of the Advisory Agreement, including the fee structure (described herein) is in the interests of shareholders.

SHARE OWNERSHIP

The following table shows the dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned by each Trustee in the Fund and all Eaton Vance Funds overseen by the Trustee as of December 31, 2002.

| NAME OF TRUSTEE | DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES OWNED IN THE FUND | AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES OWNED IN ALL REGISTERED FUNDS OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE IN THE EATON VANCE FUND COMPLEX |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| INTERESTED TRUSTEES | | |
| Jessica M. Bibliowicz..... | None | \$10,001--\$50,000 |
| James B. Hawkes..... | None | over \$100,000 |
| NONINTERESTED TRUSTEES | | |
| Samuel L. Hayes, III..... | None | over \$100,000 |
| William H. Park*..... | None | None |
| Ronald A. Pearlman*..... | None | None |
| Norton H. Reamer..... | None | over \$100,000 |
| Lynn A. Stout..... | None | \$10,001--\$50,000 |

* Messrs. Park and Pearlman were elected Trustees in 2003, and thus had no beneficial ownership of securities in the Fund or in the Eaton Vance Fund Complex as of December 31, 2002.

As of December 31, 2002, no noninterested Trustee or any of their immediate family members owned beneficially or of record any class of securities of EVC, EVD or any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD.

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During the calendar years ended December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2002, no noninterested Trustee (or their immediate family members) had:

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1. Any direct or indirect interest in Eaton Vance, EVC, EVD or any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD;
2. Any direct or indirect material interest in any transaction or series of similar transactions with (i) the Trust or any Fund; (ii) another fund managed by EVC, distributed by EVD or a person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD; (iii) EVC or EVD; (iv) a person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD; or (v) an officer of any of the above; or
3. Any direct or indirect relationship with (i) the Trust or any Fund; (ii) another fund managed by EVC, distributed by EVD or a person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD; (iii) EVC or EVD; (iv) a person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD; or (v) an officer of any of the above.

During the calendar years ended December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2002, no officer of EVC, EVD or any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD served on the Board of Directors of a company where a noninterested Trustee of the Fund or any of their immediate family members served as an officer.

Trustees of the Fund who are not affiliated with the Adviser may elect to defer receipt of all or a percentage of their annual fees in accordance with the terms of a Trustees Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Trustees' Plan"). Under the Trustees' Plan, an eligible Trustee may elect to have his deferred fees invested by the Fund in the shares of one or more funds in the Eaton Vance Family of Funds, and the amount paid to the Trustees under the Trustees' Plan will be determined based upon the performance of such investments. Deferral of Trustees' fees in accordance with the Trustees' Plan will have a negligible effect on the Fund's assets, liabilities, and net income per share, and will not obligate the Fund to retain the services of any Trustee or obligate the Fund to pay any particular level of compensation to the Trustee. The Fund does not have a retirement plan for its Trustees.

The fees and expenses of the Trustees of the Fund are paid by the Fund. (A Trustee of the Fund who is a member of the Eaton Vance organization receives no compensation from the Fund.) During the Fund's fiscal year ending April 30, 2004, it is anticipated that the Trustees of the Fund will earn the following compensation in their capacities as Trustees. For the year ended December 31, 2002, the Trustees earned the compensation set forth below in their capacities as Trustees from the funds in the Eaton Vance fund complex(1).

| SOURCE OF COMPENSATION | JESSICA M. BIBLIOWICZ | SAMUEL L. HAYES, III | WILLIAM H. PARK | RONALD A. PEARLMAN | NORTON H. REAMER | LYNN A. STOUT |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Fund*..... | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| Fund Complex..... | \$160,000 | \$180,000 | None (3) | None (3) | \$160,000 | \$160,000 |

* Estimated

(1) As of July 18, 2003, the Eaton Vance fund complex consisted of 194 registered investment companies or series thereof.

(2) Includes \$16,000 of deferred compensation.

(3) Messrs. Park and Pearlman were elected as Trustees in 2003, and thus did not receive fees for the period.

PROXY VOTING POLICY. The Board of Trustees of the Fund has adopted a proxy voting policy and procedure (the "Fund Policy"), pursuant to which the Trustees have delegated proxy voting responsibility to the Adviser and adopted the Adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures (the "Policies") which are described below. The Trustees will review the Fund's proxy voting records from time to time and will annually consider approving the Policies for the upcoming year. In the event that

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a conflict of interest arises between the Fund's Shareholders and the Adviser or any of its affiliates or any affiliate of the Fund, the Adviser will generally refrain from voting the proxies related to the companies giving rise to such conflict until it consults with the Board of the Fund except as contemplated under the Fund Policy. The Board's Special Committee will instruct the Adviser on the appropriate course of action.

The Policies are designed to promote accountability of a company's management to its shareholders and to align the interests of management with those shareholders. The Adviser will generally support company management on proposals relating to environmental and social policy issues, on matters regarding the state of organization of the company and routine matters related to corporate administration which are not expected to have a significant economic impact on the company or its shareholders. On all other matters, the Adviser will review each matter on a case-by-case basis and reserves the right to deviate from the Policies' guidelines when it believes the situation warrants such a deviation. The Policies include voting guidelines for matters relating to, among other things, the election of directors, approval of independent auditors, executive compensation, corporate structure and anti-takeover defenses. The Adviser may abstain from voting from time to time where it determines that the costs associated with voting a proxy outweigh the benefits derived from exercising the right to vote.

In addition, the Adviser will monitor situations that may result in a conflict of interest between the Fund's shareholders and the Adviser or any of its affiliates or any affiliate of the Fund by maintaining a list of significant existing and prospective corporate clients. The Adviser's personnel responsible for reviewing and voting proxies on behalf of the Fund will report any proxy received or expected to be received from a company included on that list to members of senior management of the investment adviser identified in the Policies. Such members of senior management will determine if a conflict exists. If a conflict does exist, the proxy will either be voted strictly in accordance with the Policies or the Adviser will seek instruction on how to vote from the Special Committee. Effective August 31, 2004, information on how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the 12 month period ended June 30, 2004 will be available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-262-1122, and (2) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Investment advisory and other services

Eaton Vance, its affiliates and its predecessor companies have been managing assets of individuals and institutions since 1924 and of investment companies since 1931. They maintain a large staff of experienced fixed-income, senior loan and equity investment professionals to service the needs of their clients. The fixed-income group focuses on all kinds of taxable investment-grade and high-yield securities, tax-exempt investment-grade and high-yield securities,

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and U.S. Government securities. The senior loan group focuses on senior floating rate loans, unsecured loans and other floating rate debt securities such as notes, bonds and asset backed securities. The equity group covers stocks ranging from blue chip to emerging growth companies. Eaton Vance and its affiliates act as adviser to a family of mutual funds, and individual and various institutional accounts, including corporations, hospitals, retirement plans, universities, foundations and trusts.

The Fund will be responsible for all of its costs and expenses not expressly stated to be payable by Eaton Vance under the Advisory Agreement or Administration Agreement. Such costs and expenses to be borne by the Fund include, without limitation: custody and transfer agency fees and expenses, including those incurred for determining net asset value and keeping accounting books and records; expenses of pricing and valuation services; the cost of share certificates; membership dues in investment company organizations; expenses of acquiring, holding and disposing of securities and other investments; fees and expenses of registering under the securities laws, stock exchange listing fees and

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governmental fees; rating agency fees and preferred share remarketing expenses; expenses of reports to shareholders, proxy statements and other expenses of shareholders' meetings; insurance premiums; printing and mailing expenses; interest, taxes and corporate fees; legal and accounting expenses; compensation and expenses of Trustees not affiliated with Eaton Vance; expenses of conducting repurchase offers for the purpose of repurchasing Fund shares; and investment advisory and administration fees. The Fund will also bear expenses incurred in connection with any litigation in which the Fund is a party and any legal obligation to indemnify its officers and Trustees with respect thereto, to the extent not covered by insurance.

The Advisory Agreement with the Adviser continues in effect to April 14, 2005 and from year to year so long as such continuance is approved at least annually (i) by the vote of a majority of the noninterested Trustees of the Fund or of the Adviser cast in person at a meeting specifically called for the purpose of voting on such approval and (ii) by the Board of Trustees of the Fund or by vote of a majority of the outstanding interests of the Fund. The Fund's Administration Agreement continues in effect from year to year so long as such continuance is approved at least annually by the vote of a majority of the Fund's Trustees. Each agreement may be terminated at any time without penalty on sixty (60) days' written notice by the Trustees of the Fund or Eaton Vance, as applicable, or by vote of the majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund. Each agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment. Each agreement provides that, in the absence of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of its obligations or duties to the Fund under such agreements on the part of Eaton Vance, Eaton Vance shall not be liable to the Fund for any loss incurred, to the extent not covered by insurance.

Eaton Vance is a business trust organized under Massachusetts law. EV serves as trustee of Eaton Vance. Eaton Vance and EV are subsidiaries of EVC, a Maryland corporation and publicly-held holding company. EVC through its subsidiaries and affiliates engages primarily in investment management, administration and marketing activities. The Directors of EVC are James B. Hawkes, John G. L. Cabot, Thomas E. Faust Jr., Leo I. Higdon, Jr., John M. Nelson, Vincent M. O'Reilly and Ralph Z. Sorenson. All shares of the outstanding Voting Common Stock of EVC are deposited in a voting trust, the voting trustees of which are Messrs. James B. Hawkes, Jeffrey P. Beale, Alan R. Dynner, Thomas E. Faust, Jr.,

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Thomas J. Fetter, Scott H. Page, Duncan W. Richardson, William M. Steul, Payson F. Swaffield, Michael W. Weilheimer and Wharton P. Whitaker (all of whom are officers of Eaton Vance). The voting trustees have unrestricted voting rights for the election of Directors of EVC. All of the outstanding voting trust receipts issued under said voting trust are owned by certain of the officers of BMR and Eaton Vance who are also officers, or officers and Directors of EVC and EV. As indicated under "Trustees and Officers", all of the officers of the Fund (as well as Mr. Hawkes who is also a Trustee) hold positions in the Eaton Vance organization.

EVC and its affiliates and their officers and employees from time to time have transactions with various banks, including the custodian of the Fund, IBT. It is Eaton Vance's opinion that the terms and conditions of such transactions were not and will not be influenced by existing or potential custodial or other relationships between the Fund and such banks.

CODE OF ETHICS

The Adviser and the Fund have adopted a Code of Ethics governing personal securities transactions. Under the Code, Eaton Vance employees may purchase and sell securities (including securities held or eligible for purchase by the Fund) subject to certain pre-clearance and reporting requirements and other procedures.

The Code can be reviewed and copied at the Securities and Exchange Commission's public reference room in Washington, DC (call 1-202-942-8090 for information on the operation of the public reference room); on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>); or, upon

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payment of copying fees, by writing the SEC's public reference section, Washington, DC 20549-0102, or by electronic mail at publicinfo@sec.gov.

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Under the general supervision of the Fund's Board of Trustees, Eaton Vance will carry out the investment and reinvestment of the assets of the Fund, will furnish continuously an investment program with respect to the Fund, will determine which securities should be purchased, sold or exchanged, and will implement such determinations. Eaton Vance will furnish to the Fund investment advice and provide related office facilities and personnel for servicing the investments of the Fund. Eaton Vance will compensate all Trustees and officers of the Fund who are members of the Eaton Vance organization and who render investment services to the Fund, and will also compensate all other Eaton Vance personnel who provide research and investment services to the Fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Under the Administration Agreement, Eaton Vance is responsible for managing the business affairs of the Fund, subject to the supervision of the Fund's Board of Trustees. Eaton Vance will furnish to the Fund all office facilities, equipment and personnel for administering the affairs of the Fund. Eaton Vance will compensate all Trustees and officers of the Fund who are members of the Eaton Vance organization and who render executive and administrative services to the Fund, and will also compensate all other Eaton Vance personnel who perform management and administrative services for the Fund. Eaton Vance's administrative services include recordkeeping, preparation and filing of documents required to comply with federal and state securities laws, supervising the activities of the Fund's custodian and transfer agent, providing assistance in connection with the Trustees and shareholders' meetings, providing services

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in connection with any repurchase offers and other administrative services necessary to conduct the Fund's business.

Determination of net asset value

The net asset value per Share of the Fund is determined no less frequently than weekly, generally on the last day of the week that the New York Stock Exchange (the "Exchange") is open for trading, as of the close of regular trading on the Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m. New York time). The Fund's net asset value per Share is determined by IBT, in the manner authorized by the Trustees of the Fund. Net asset value is computed by dividing the value of the Fund's total assets, less its liabilities by the number of shares outstanding.

The Adviser uses an independent pricing service to value most loans, mortgage-backed securities (other than seasoned mortgage-backed securities) and other debt securities at their market value. Seasoned mortgage-backed securities are valued through the use of an independent matrix pricing system which takes into account bond prices, yield differentials, anticipated prepayment and interest rates provided by dealers. The Adviser may use the fair value method to value loans or other securities if market quotations for them are not readily available or are deemed unreliable, or if events occurring after the close of a securities market and before the Fund values its assets would materially affect net asset value. A security that is fair valued may be valued at a price higher or lower than actual market quotations or the value determined by other funds using their own fair valuation procedures.

The Trustees have approved and monitor the procedures under which Senior Loans are valued. The Adviser and the Valuation Committee may implement new pricing methodologies or expand mark-to-market valuation of Senior Loans in the future, which may result in a change in the Fund's net asset value per share. The Fund's net asset value per share will also be affected by fair value pricing decisions and by changes in the market for Senior Loans. In determining the fair value of a Senior

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Loan, the Adviser will consider relevant factors, data, and information, including: (i) the characteristics of and fundamental analytical data relating to the Senior Loan, including the cost, size, current interest rate, period until next interest rate reset, maturity and base lending rate of the Senior Loan, the terms and conditions of the Senior Loan and any related agreements, and the position of the Senior Loan in the Borrower's debt structure; (ii) the nature, adequacy and value of the collateral, including the Fund's rights, remedies and interests with respect to the collateral; (iii) the creditworthiness of the Borrower, based on an evaluation of its financial condition, financial statements and information about the Borrower's business, cash flows, capital structure and future prospects; (iv) information relating to the market for the Senior Loan, including price quotations for and trading in the Senior Loan and interests in similar Senior Loans and the market environment and investor attitudes towards the Senior Loan and interests in similar Senior Loans; (v) the experience, reputation, stability and financial condition of the Agent and any intermediate participants in the Senior Loan; and (vi) general economic and market conditions affecting the fair value of the Senior Loan. The fair value of each Senior Loan is reviewed and approved by the Adviser's Valuation Committee and the Fund's Trustees.

Non-loan holdings (other than debt securities, including short term obligations) may be valued on the basis of prices furnished by one or more pricing services

which determine prices for normal, institutional-size trading units of such securities using market information, transactions for comparable securities and various relationships between securities which are generally recognized by institutional traders. In certain circumstances, portfolio securities will be valued at the last sale price on the exchange that is the primary market for such securities, or the average of the last quoted bid price and asked price for those securities for which the over-the-counter market is the primary market or for listed securities in which there were no sales during the day. Marketable securities listed on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. The value of interest rate swaps will be based upon a dealer quotation.

Debt securities for which the over-the-counter market is the primary market are normally valued on the basis of prices furnished by one or more pricing services at the mean between the latest available bid and asked prices. OTC options are valued at the mean between the bid and asked prices provided by dealers. Financial futures contracts listed on commodity exchanges and exchange-traded options are valued at closing settlement prices. Short-term obligations having remaining maturities of less than 60 days are valued at amortized cost, which approximates value, unless the Trustees determine that under particular circumstances such method does not result in fair value. As authorized by the Trustees, debt securities (other than short-term obligations) may be valued on the basis of valuations furnished by a pricing service which determines valuations based upon market transactions for normal, institutional-size trading units of such securities. Mortgage-backed "pass-through" securities are valued through use of an independent matrix pricing system applied by the Adviser which takes into account closing bond valuations, yield differentials, anticipated prepayments and interest rates provided by dealers. Securities for which there is no such quotation or valuation and all other assets are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or at the direction of the Fund's Trustees.

Generally, trading in the foreign securities owned by the Fund is substantially completed each day at various times prior to the close of the Exchange. The values of these securities used in determining the net asset value of the Fund generally are computed as of such times. Occasionally, events affecting the value of foreign securities may occur between such times and the close of the New York Stock Exchange which will not be reflected in the computation of the Fund's net asset value (unless the Fund deems that such events would materially affect its net asset value, in which case an adjustment would be made and reflected in such computation).

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Portfolio trading

Decisions concerning the execution of portfolio security transactions, including the selection of the market and the executing firm, are made by the Adviser. The Adviser is also responsible for the execution of transactions for all other accounts managed by it. The Adviser places the portfolio security transactions of the Fund and of all other accounts managed by it for execution with many firms. The Adviser uses its best efforts to obtain execution of portfolio security transactions at prices which are advantageous to the Fund and at reasonably competitive spreads or (when a disclosed commission is being charged) at reasonably competitive commission rates. In seeking such execution, the Adviser will use its best judgment in evaluating the terms of a transaction, and will give consideration to various relevant factors, including without limitation the full range and quality of the executing firm's services, the value of the brokerage and research services provided, the responsiveness of the firm to the Adviser, the size and type of the transaction, the nature and character of the market for the security, the confidentiality, speed and

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certainty of effective execution required for the transaction, the general execution and operational capabilities of the executing firm, the reputation, reliability, experience and financial condition of the firm, the value and quality of the services rendered by the firm in this and other transactions, and the reasonableness of the spread or commission, if any.

The Fund will acquire Senior Loans from major international banks, selected domestic regional banks, insurance companies, finance companies and other financial institutions. In selecting financial institutions from which Senior Loans may be acquired, the Adviser will consider, among other factors, the financial strength, professional ability, level of service and research capability of the institution. While these financial institutions are generally not required to repurchase Senior Loans which they have sold, they may act as principal or on an agency basis in connection with their sale by the Fund.

Other fixed income obligations which may be purchased and sold by the Fund are generally traded in the over-the-counter market on a net basis (i.e., without commission) through broker-dealers or banks acting for their own account rather than as brokers, or otherwise involve transactions directly with the issuers of such obligations. The Fund may also purchase fixed income and other securities from underwriters, the cost of which may include undisclosed fees and concessions to the underwriters.

Transactions on stock exchanges and other agency transactions involve the payment of negotiated brokerage commissions. Such commissions vary among different broker-dealer firms, and a particular broker-dealer may charge different commissions according to such factors as the difficulty and size of the transaction and the volume of business done with such broker-dealer. Transactions in foreign securities often involve the payment of brokerage commissions, which may be higher than those in the United States. There is generally no stated commission in the case of securities traded in the over-the-counter markets, but the price paid or received usually includes an undisclosed dealer markup or markdown.

Although spreads or commissions paid on portfolio security transactions will, in the judgment of the Adviser, be reasonable in relation to the value of the services provided, commissions exceeding those which another firm might charge may be paid to broker-dealers who were selected to execute transactions on behalf of the Adviser's clients in part for providing brokerage and research services to the Adviser.

As authorized in Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, a broker or dealer who executes a portfolio transaction on behalf of the Fund may receive a commission which is in excess of the amount of commission another broker or dealer would have charged for effecting that transaction if the Adviser determines in good faith that such compensation was reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided. This determination may be made on the basis of that particular transaction or on the basis of overall responsibilities which the Adviser and its affiliates have

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for accounts over which they exercise investment discretion. In making any such determination, the Adviser will not attempt to place a specific dollar value on the brokerage and research services provided or to determine what portion of the commission should be related to such services. Brokerage and research services may include advice as to the value of securities, the advisability of investing in, purchasing, or selling securities, and the availability of securities or

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purchasers or sellers of securities; furnishing analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy and the performance of accounts; effecting securities transactions and performing functions incidental thereto (such as clearance and settlement); and the "Research Services" referred to in the next paragraph.

It is a common practice of the investment advisory industry and of the advisers of investment companies, institutions and other investors to receive research, analytical, statistical and quotation services, data, information and other services, products and materials which assist such advisers in the performance of their investment responsibilities ("Research Services") from broker-dealer firms which execute portfolio transactions for the clients of such advisers and from third parties with which such broker-dealers have arrangements. Consistent with this practice, the Adviser receives Research Services from many broker-dealer firms with which the Adviser places the Fund's transactions and from third parties with which these broker-dealers have arrangements. These Research Services include such matters as general economic, political, business and market information, industry and company reviews, evaluations of securities and portfolio strategies and transactions, proxy voting data and analysis services, technical analysis of various aspects of the securities market, recommendations as to the purchase and sale of securities and other portfolio transactions, financial, industry and trade publications, news and information services, pricing and quotation equipment and services, and research oriented computer hardware, software, data bases and services. Any particular Research Service obtained through a broker-dealer may be used by the Adviser in connection with client accounts other than those accounts which pay commissions to such broker-dealer. Any such Research Service may be broadly useful and of value to the Adviser in rendering investment advisory services to all or a significant portion of its clients, or may be relevant and useful for the management of only one client's account or of a few clients' accounts, or may be useful for the management of merely a segment of certain clients' accounts, regardless of whether any such account or accounts paid commissions to the broker-dealer through which such Research Service was obtained. The advisory fee paid by the Fund is not reduced because the Adviser receives such Research Services. The Adviser evaluates the nature and quality of the various Research Services obtained through broker-dealer firms and attempts to allocate sufficient portfolio security transactions to such firms to ensure the continued receipt of Research Services which the Adviser believes are useful or of value to it in rendering investment advisory services to its clients.

The Fund and the Adviser may also receive Research Services from underwriters and dealers in fixed-price offerings, which Research Services are reviewed and evaluated by the Adviser in connection with its investment responsibilities. The investment companies sponsored by the Adviser or its affiliates may allocate trades in such offerings to acquire information relating to the performance, fees and expenses of such companies and other mutual funds, which information is used by the Trustees of such companies to fulfill their responsibility to oversee the quality of the services provided by various entities, including the Adviser, to such companies. Such companies may also pay cash for such information.

Subject to the requirement that the Adviser shall use its best efforts to seek and execute portfolio security transactions at advantageous prices and at reasonably competitive spreads or commission rates, the Adviser is authorized to consider as a factor in the selection of any broker-dealer firm with whom portfolio orders may be placed the fact that such firm has sold or is selling shares of the Fund or of other investment companies sponsored by the Adviser. This policy is not inconsistent with a rule

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of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), which rule provides that no firm which is a member of the NASD shall favor or disfavor the distribution of shares of any particular investment company or group of investment companies on the basis of brokerage commissions received or expected by such firm from any source.

Securities considered as investments for the Fund may also be appropriate for other investment accounts managed by the Adviser or its affiliates. Whenever decisions are made to buy or sell securities by the Fund and one or more of such other accounts simultaneously, the Adviser will allocate the security transactions (including "hot" issues) in a manner which it believes to be equitable under the circumstances. As a result of such allocations, there may be instances where the Fund will not participate in a transaction that is allocated among other accounts. If an aggregated order cannot be filled completely, allocations will generally be made on a pro rata basis. An order may not be allocated on a pro rata basis where, for example: (i) consideration is given to portfolio managers who have been instrumental in developing or negotiating a particular investment; (ii) consideration is given to an account with specialized investment policies that coincide with the particulars of a specific investment; (iii) pro rata allocation would result in odd-lot or de minimis amounts being allocated to a portfolio or other client; or (iv) where the Adviser reasonably determines that departure from a prorata allocation is advisable. While these aggregation and allocation policies could have a detrimental effect on the price or amount of the securities available to the Fund from time to time, it is the opinion of the Trustees of the Fund that the benefits from the Adviser's organization outweigh any disadvantage that may arise from exposure to simultaneous transactions.

Taxes

The following discussion of federal income tax matters is based on the advice of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, counsel to the Fund. The Fund intends to elect to be treated and to qualify each year as a RIC under the Code. Accordingly, the Fund intends to satisfy certain requirements relating to sources of its income and diversification of its assets and to distribute substantially all of its net income and net short-term and long-term capital gains (after reduction by any available capital loss carryforwards) in accordance with the timing requirements imposed by the Code, so as to maintain its RIC status and to avoid paying any federal income or excise tax. To the extent it qualifies for treatment as a RIC and satisfies the above-mentioned distribution requirements, the Fund will not be subject to federal income tax on income paid to its shareholders in the form of dividends or capital gain distributions.

In order to avoid incurring a federal excise tax obligation, the Code requires that the Fund distribute (or be deemed to have distributed) by December 31 of each calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of (i) 98% of its ordinary income for such year and (ii) 98% of its capital gain net income (which is the excess of its realized net long-term capital gain over its realized net short-term capital loss), generally computed on the basis of the one-year period ending on October 31 of such year, after reduction by any available capital loss carryforwards, plus 100% of any ordinary income and capital gain net income from the prior year (as previously computed) that were not paid out during such year and on which the Fund paid no federal income tax. Under current law, provided that the Fund qualifies as a RIC for federal income tax purposes, the Fund should not be liable for any income, corporate excise or franchise tax in The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

If the Fund does not qualify as a RIC for any taxable year, the Fund's taxable income will be subject to corporate income taxes, and all distributions from

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earnings and profits, including distributions of net capital gain (if any), will be taxable to the shareholder as ordinary income. In addition, in order to requalify for taxation as a RIC, the Fund may be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest, and make certain distributions.

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The Fund's investment in zero coupon and certain other securities will cause it to realize income prior to the receipt of cash payments with respect to these securities. Such income will be accrued daily by the Fund and, in order to avoid a tax payable by the Fund, the Fund may be required to liquidate securities that it might otherwise have continued to hold in order to generate cash so that the Fund may make required distributions to its shareholders.

Investments in lower rated or unrated securities may present special tax issues for the Fund to the extent that the issuers of these securities default on their obligations pertaining thereto. The Code is not entirely clear regarding the federal income tax consequences of the Fund's taking certain positions in connection with ownership of such distressed securities.

Any recognized gain or income attributable to market discount on long-term debt obligations (i.e., obligations with a term of more than one year except to the extent of a portion of the discount attributable to original issue discount) purchased by the Fund is taxable as ordinary income. A long-term debt obligation is generally treated as acquired at a market discount if purchased after its original issue at a price less than (i) the stated principal amount payable at maturity, in the case of an obligation that does not have original issue discount or (ii) in the case of an obligation that does have original issue discount, the sum of the issue price and any original issue discount that accrued before the obligation was purchased, subject to a de minimis exclusion.

The Fund's investments in options, futures contracts, hedging transactions, forward contracts (to the extent permitted) and certain other transactions will be subject to special tax rules (including mark-to-market, constructive sale, straddle, wash sale, short sale and other rules), the effect of which may be to accelerate income to the Fund, defer Fund losses, cause adjustments in the holding periods of securities held by the Fund, convert capital gain into ordinary income and convert short-term capital losses into long-term capital losses. These rules could therefore affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders. The Fund may be required to limit its activities in options and futures contracts in order to enable it to maintain its RIC status.

Any loss realized upon the sale or exchange of Fund shares with a holding period of 6 months or less will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any capital gain distributions received with respect to such shares. In addition, all or a portion of a loss realized on a redemption or other disposition of Fund shares may be disallowed under "wash sale" rules to the extent the shareholder acquires other shares of the same Fund (whether through the reinvestment of distributions or otherwise) within the period beginning 30 days before the redemption of the loss shares and ending 30 days after such date. Any disallowed loss will result in an adjustment to the shareholder's tax basis in some or all of the other shares acquired.

Sales charges paid upon a purchase of shares cannot be taken into account for purposes of determining gain or loss on a sale of the shares before the 91st day after their purchase to the extent a sales charge is reduced or eliminated in a

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subsequent acquisition of shares of the Fund (or of another fund) pursuant to the reinvestment or exchange privilege. Any disregarded amounts will result in an adjustment to the shareholder's tax basis in some or all of any other shares acquired.

Dividends and distributions on the Fund's shares are generally subject to federal income tax as described herein to the extent they do not exceed the Fund's realized income and gains, even though such dividends and distributions may economically represent a return of a particular shareholder's investment. Such distributions are likely to occur in respect of shares purchased at a time when the Fund's net asset value reflects gains that are either unrealized, or realized but not distributed. Such realized gains may be required to be distributed even when the Fund's net asset value also reflects unrealized losses. Certain distributions declared in October, November or December and paid in the following January will be taxed to shareholders as if received on December 31 of the year in which they were declared. In addition, certain other distributions made after the close of a taxable year of the

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Fund may be "spilled back" and treated as paid by the Fund (except for purposes of the 4% excise tax) during such taxable year. In such case, Shareholders will be treated as having received such dividends in the taxable year in which the distributions were actually made.

Amounts paid by the Fund to individuals and certain other shareholders who have not provided the Fund with their correct taxpayer identification number ("TIN") and certain certifications required by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") as well as shareholders with respect to whom the Fund has received certain information from the IRS or a broker may be subject to "backup" withholding of federal income tax arising from the Fund's taxable dividends and other distributions as well as the gross proceeds of sales of shares, at a rate of up to 30% for amounts paid during 2003. An individual's TIN is generally his or her social security number. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from payments made to a Shareholder may be refunded or credited against such Shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS.

The foregoing discussion does not address the special tax rules applicable to certain classes of investors, such as tax-exempt entities, foreign investors, insurance companies and financial institutions. Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers with respect to special tax rules that may apply in their particular situations, as well as the state, local, and, where applicable, foreign tax consequences of investing in the Fund.

The Fund will inform Shareholders of the source and tax status of all distributions promptly after the close of each calendar year. The IRS has taken the position that if a RIC has more than one class of shares, it may designate distributions made to each class in any year as consisting of no more than that class's proportionate share of particular types of income for that year, including ordinary income and net capital gain. A class's proportionate share of a particular type of income for a year is determined according to the percentage of total dividends paid by the RIC during that year to the class. Accordingly, the Fund intends to designate apportion of its distributions in capital gain dividends in accordance with the IRS position.

Although the matter is not free from doubt, due to the absence of direct

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regulatory or judicial authority, in the opinion of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, counsel to the Fund, under current law the manner in which the Fund intends to allocate items of ordinary income and net capital gain among the Fund's Common Shares and APS will be respected for federal income tax purposes. It is possible that the IRS could disagree with counsel's opinion and attempt to reallocate the Fund's net capital gain or other taxable income.

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Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers as the state or local tax consequences of investing in the Fund.

Other information

The Fund is an organization of the type commonly known as a "Massachusetts business trust." Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a trust may, in certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for the obligations of the trust. The Declaration of Trust contains an express disclaimer of shareholder liability in connection with the Fund property or the acts, obligations or affairs of the Fund. The Declaration of Trust also provides for indemnification out of the Fund property of any shareholder held personally liable for the claims and liabilities to which a shareholder may become subject by reason of being or having been a shareholder. Thus, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which the Fund itself is

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unable to meet its obligations. The Fund has been advised by its counsel that the risk of any shareholder incurring any liability for the obligations of the Fund is remote.

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees will not be liable for errors of judgment or mistakes of fact or law; but nothing in the Declaration of Trust protects a Trustee against any liability to the Fund or its shareholders to which he would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his office. Voting rights are not cumulative, which means that the holders of more than 50% of the shares voting for the election of Trustees can elect 100% of the Trustees and, in such event, the holders of the remaining less than 50% of the shares voting on the matter will not be able to elect any Trustees.

The Declaration of Trust provides that no person shall serve as a Trustee if shareholders holding two-thirds of the outstanding shares have removed him from that office either by a written declaration filed with the Fund's custodian or by votes cast at a meeting called for that purpose. The Declaration of Trust further provides that the Trustees of the Fund shall promptly call a meeting of the shareholders for the purpose of voting upon a question of removal of any such Trustee or Trustees when requested in writing so to do by the record holders of not less than 10 per centum of the outstanding shares.

The Fund's Prospectus and this SAI do not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement that the Fund has filed with the SEC. The complete Registration Statement may be obtained from the SEC upon payment of the fee prescribed by its Rules and Regulations.

Independent auditors

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Deloitte & Touche LLP, Boston, Massachusetts are the independent auditors for the Fund, providing audit services, tax return preparation, and assistance and consultation with respect to the preparation of filings with the SEC.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustees and Shareholder of
Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund (the "Fund") as of May 6, 2003 and the related statement of operations for the period from March 12, 2003 (date of organization) through May 6, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund as of May 6, 2003, and the result of its operations for the period from March 12, 2003 (date of organization) through May 6, 2003 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Deloitte & Touche LLP
Boston, Massachusetts

May 7, 2003

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Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MAY 6, 2003

ASSETS

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash..... | \$100,000 |
| Offering costs..... | 800,000 |
| Receivable from Adviser..... | 7,500 |
| | ----- |
| Total assets..... | \$907,500 |

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|---|-----------|
| LIABILITIES | ===== |
| Accrued offering costs..... | \$800,000 |
| Accrued organizational costs..... | 7,500 |
| | ----- |
| Total liabilities..... | \$807,500 |
| | ===== |
| Net assets applicable to 5,000 common shares of beneficial interest issued and outstanding..... | \$100,000 |
| | ===== |
| NET ASSET VALUE AND OFFERING PRICE PER SHARE..... | \$ 20.00 |
| | ===== |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

PERIOD FROM MARCH 12, 2003 (DATE OF ORGANIZATION) THROUGH MAY 6, 2003

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| INVESTMENT INCOME..... | \$ -- |
| | ----- |
| EXPENSES | |
| Organization costs..... | \$ 7,500 |
| Expense reimbursement..... | (7,500) |
| | ----- |
| Net expenses..... | \$ -- |
| | ----- |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME..... | \$ -- |
| | ===== |

See notes to financial statements.

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Notes to financial statements

NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION

The Fund was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on March 12, 2003, and has been inactive since that date except for matters relating to its organization and registration as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the sale of 5,000 common shares to Eaton Vance Management, the Fund's Investment Adviser.

Eaton Vance Management, or an affiliate, has agreed to reimburse all organizational costs, estimated at approximately \$7,500.

Eaton Vance Management, or an affiliate, has agreed to pay all offering costs (other than sales loads) that exceed \$0.04 per common share.

The Fund's investment objective is to provide a high level of current income. The Fund may, as a secondary objective, also seek capital appreciation to the extent consistent with its primary goal of high current income.

NOTE 2: ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America which require the

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use of management estimates. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

The Fund's share of offering costs will be recorded within paid in capital as a reduction of the proceeds from the sale of common shares upon the commencement of Fund operations. The offering costs reflected above assume the sale of 20,000,000 common shares.

NOTE 3: INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Fund, the Fund has agreed to pay an investment advisory fee, payable on a monthly basis, at an annual rate of 0.75% of the average weekly gross assets of the Fund. Gross assets of the Fund shall be calculated by deducting accrued liabilities of the Fund not including the amount of any preferred shares outstanding or the principal amount of any indebtedness for money borrowed.

In addition, Eaton Vance has contractually agreed to reimburse the Fund for fees and other expenses in the amount of 0.20% of the average weekly gross assets for the first 5 full years of the Fund's operations, 0.15% of average weekly gross assets in year 6, 0.10% in year 7 and 0.05% in year 8.

NOTE 4: FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

The Fund intends to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable income, including any net realized gain on investments.

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Portfolio of investments (unaudited) as of June 30, 2003

CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES--29.3%

| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|--|---|---------------|
| ----- | | |
| ADVERTISING SERVICES--0.1% | | |
| Vertis, Inc., 9.75%, 4/1/09(1)..... | 1,000 | 1,045,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 1,045,000 |
| | | ===== |
| AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE--0.5% | | |
| Dunlop Stand Aero Holdings, Sr. Notes, 11.875%, 5/15/09..... | 2,500 | 2,700,000 |
| Sequa Corp., Sr. Notes, 8.875%, 4/1/08(1)..... | 5,000 | 5,250,000 |
| Titan Corp., Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.00%, 5/15/11(1)..... | 2,000 | 2,130,000 |
| Vought Aircraft, Inc., Sr. Notes, 8.00%, 7/15/11(1)..... | 1,150 | 1,161,500 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 11,241,500 |
| | | ===== |
| AIRLINES--0.3% | | |
| Delta Air Lines, 7.70%, 12/15/05..... | 6,000 | 5,280,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 5,280,000 |
| | | ===== |
| APPAREL--0.1% | | |

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|---|-------|---------------|
| Phillips Van-Heusen, Sr. Notes, 8.125%, 5/1/13(1)..... | 2,500 | 2,578,125 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 2,578,125 |
| | | ===== |
| AUTO AND PARTS--1.5% | | |
| CSK Auto, Inc., 12.00%, 6/15/06..... | 6,000 | 6,690,000 |
| Dana Corp., 10.125%, 3/15/10..... | 1,000 | 1,107,500 |
| NA United Rentals, Inc., Sr. Notes, 10.75%, 4/15/08(1)..... | 5,000 | 5,487,500 |
| RJ Tower Corp., 12.00%, 6/1/13(1)..... | 5,000 | 4,825,000 |
| TRW Automotive, Inc., Sr. Notes, 9.375%, 2/15/13(1)..... | 2,500 | 2,725,000 |
| TRW Automotive, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 11.00%, 2/15/13(1).... | 6,000 | 6,570,000 |
| United Components, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.375%, 6/15/13(1)..... | 990 | 1,032,075 |
| United Rentals N.A., Inc., 10.75%, 4/15/08 | 2,000 | 2,195,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 30,632,075 |
| | | ===== |
| AUTO MANUFACTURER--0.0% | | |
| General Motors, Sr. Notes, 7.125%, 7/15/13..... | 925 | 919,413 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 919,413 |
| | | ===== |
| BEVERAGES--0.0% | | |
| Le-Natures, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.00%, 6/15/13(1)..... | 930 | 962,550 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 962,550 |
| | | ===== |

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|--|---|---------------|
| ----- | | |
| BROADCASTING AND CABLE--2.0% | | |
| CSC Holdings, Inc., Sr. Notes, 8.125%, 7/15/09..... | 5,000 | 5,187,500 |
| CSC Holdings, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.50%, 5/15/16..... | 4,000 | 4,380,000 |
| Insight Communications, Sr. Disc. Notes, 12.25%, (0% until 2006) 2/15/11..... | 5,460 | 4,559,100 |
| Lodgenet Entertainment, Sr. Sub. Debs., 9.50%, 6/15/13..... | 935 | 963,050 |
| Mediacom LLC/Capital Corp., Sr. Notes, 9.50%, 1/15/13..... | 5,000 | 5,312,500 |
| Muzak Holdings LLC, 9.875%, 3/15/09 | 2,000.... | 1,910,000 |
| Muzak LLC/Muzak Finance, Sr. Notes, 10.00%, 2/15/09(1)..... | 7,365 | 7,751,682 |
| Nexstar Finance Holding LLC, Inc., Sr. Disc. Notes, 0.00%, 4/1/13(1)..... | 1,810 | 1,214,962 |
| Paxson Communications, 10.75%, 7/15/08..... | 5,000 | 5,400,000 |
| Pegasus Satellite, 12.375%, 8/1/06..... | 2,000 | 1,880,000 |
| Pegasus Satellite, Sr. Notes, 11.25%, 1/15/10(1)..... | 2,000 | 1,880,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 40,438,774 |
| | | ===== |
| BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION-MISCELLANEOUS--0.3% | | |
| Dayton Superior Corp., 10.75%, 9/15/08(1)..... | 7,000 | 6,965,000 |

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| | | ----- \$ 6,965,000 ===== |
| BUSINESS SERVICES--0.6% | | |
| MDP Acquisitions/JSG Funding PLC, Sr. Notes, 9.625%, 10/1/12..... | 10,400 | 11,544,000 ----- \$ 11,544,000 ===== |
| BUSINESS SERVICES-MISCELLANEOUS--1.1% | | |
| PCA LLC/PCA Finance Corp., Sr. Notes, 11.875%, 8/1/09..... | 5,000 | 5,475,000 |
| Trico Marine Services, Sr. Notes, 8.875%, 5/15/12..... | 5,750 | 4,973,750 |
| Universal City Development, Sr. Notes, 11.75%, 4/1/10(1).... | 10,500 | 11,576,250 ----- \$ 22,025,000 ===== |
| CHEMICALS--1.1% | | |
| Equistar Chemical, Sr. Notes, 10.625%, 5/1/11(1)..... | 7,000 | 7,210,000 |
| Lyondell Chemical Co., 9.50%, 12/15/08(1)..... | 4,790 | 4,574,450 |
| OM Group, Inc. 9.25%, 12/15/11..... | 10,000 | 9,800,000 ----- \$ 21,584,450 ===== |
| CHEMICALS-SPECIALTY--0.8% | | |
| Huntsman Adventure Materials, 11.00%, 7/15/10(1)..... | 3,815 | 3,986,675 |
| Huntsman International LLC, 9.875%, 3/1/09..... | 6,000 | 6,270,000 |
| IMC Global, Inc., 11.25%, 6/1/11..... | 6,775 | 7,079,875 ----- \$ 17,336,550 ===== |

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|---|---|---|
| ----- | | |
| COMPUTER SERVICES--0.3% | | |
| Cooperative Computing, Sr. Notes, 10.50%, 6/15/11(1)..... | 1,125 | 1,158,750 |
| Digitalnet, Inc., Sr. Notes, 9.00%, 7/15/10(1)..... | 4,190 | 4,190,000 ----- \$ 5,348,750 ===== |
| CONSUMER PRODUCTS--0.2% | | |
| Amscan Holdings, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.875% 12/15/07..... | 3,465 | 3,534,300 ----- \$ 3,534,300 ===== |
| CONTAINERS AND PACKAGING--0.8% | | |
| BWAY Corp., Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.00%, 10/15/10(1)..... | 2,000 | 2,040,000 |
| Crown Holdings SA, 10.875%, 3/1/13(1)..... | 12,500 | 13,687,500 ----- \$ 15,727,500 ===== |

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| ===== | | |
| DISTRIBUTION/WHOLESALE--0.0% | | |
| Aviall, Inc., Sr. Notes, 7.625%, 7/1/11(1)..... | 925 | 942,344 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 942,344 |
| | | ===== |
| DIVERSIFIED MANUFACTURING--0.2% | | |
| Jacuzzi Brands, Inc., 9.625%, 7/1/10(1)..... | 3,465 | 3,560,287 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 3,560,287 |
| | | ===== |
| ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT--0.1% | | |
| Xerox Corp., Sr. Notes, 7.625%, 6/15/13..... | 1,855 | 1,866,594 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 1,866,594 |
| | | ===== |
| ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS--0.3% | | |
| Sanmina-Sci Corp., 10.375%, 1/15/10(1)..... | 5,000 | 5,600,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 5,600,000 |
| | | ===== |
| ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT--0.2% | | |
| Danka Business Systems, Sr. Notes, 11.00% 6/15/10(1)..... | 1,610 | 1,593,900 |
| Hexcel Corp., 9.875%, 10/1/08(1)..... | 1,250 | 1,381,250 |
| Xerox Corp., Sr. Notes, 7.125%, 6/15/10..... | 1,855 | 1,861,956 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 4,837,106 |
| | | ===== |
| ENTERTAINMENT--1.5% | | |
| Carmike Cinemas, 10.375%, 2/1/09..... | 2,475 | 2,611,125 |
| Hollywood Entertainment, 9.625%, 3/15/11..... | 9,000 | 9,888,750 |
| Premier Parks, Inc., Sr. Notes, 9.75%, 6/15/07..... | 2,500 | 2,487,500 |
| Royal Caribbean Cruises, Sr. Notes, 8.75%, 2/2/11..... | 9,200 | 9,798,000 |
| Six Flags, Inc., Sr. Notes, 8.875%, 2/1/10..... | 1,000 | 965,000 |

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|--|---|---------------|
| ----- | | |
| Six Flags, Inc., Sr. Notes, 9.75%, 4/15/13(1)..... | 4,000 | 3,980,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 29,730,375 |
| | | ===== |
| FINANCE--OTHER SERVICES--0.1% | | |
| IOS Capital LLC, Sr. Notes, 7.25%, 6/30/08..... | 1,875 | 1,842,187 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 1,842,187 |
| | | ===== |
| FOODS--0.6% | | |
| B&G Foods, Inc., 9.625%, 8/1/07..... | 4,000 | 4,140,000 |
| Burns Philp Capital, 9.50%, 11/15/10(1)..... | 2,000 | 2,110,000 |

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|---|--------|---------------|
| Burns Philp Capital, Sr. Sub Notes, 10.75%, 2/15/11(1)..... | 2,000 | 2,090,000 |
| Doane Pet Care Company, 10.75%, 3/1/10..... | 2,000 | 2,190,000 |
| Merisant Co., Sr. Sub Notes, 9.50%, 7/15/13(1)..... | 960 | 998,400 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 11,528,400 |
| | | ===== |
| GAMING--0.9% | | |
| Argosy Gaming Co., 10.75%, 6/1/09..... | 2,224 | 2,446,400 |
| Chukchansi EDA, Sr. Notes, 14.50%, 6/15/09(1)..... | 800 | 886,000 |
| Peninsula Gaming LLC, 12.25%, 7/1/06..... | 3,100 | 3,239,500 |
| Penn National Gaming, Inc., 11.125%, 3/1/08..... | 1,000 | 1,112,500 |
| Waterford Gaming LLC, Sr. Notes, 8.625%, 9/15/12(1)..... | 10,000 | 10,550,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 18,234,400 |
| | | ===== |
| HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE--0.2% | | |
| Bally Total Fitness Holdings, Sr. Notes, 10.50% | | |
| 7/15/11(1)..... | 5,000 | 5,025,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 5,025,000 |
| | | ===== |
| HEALTH SERVICES--1.5% | | |
| Alliance Imaging, Sr. Sub Notes, 10.375%, 4/15/11..... | 6,870 | 7,213,500 |
| Pacificare Health System, 10.75%, 6/1/09..... | 6,195 | 7,139,737 |
| Rotech Healthcare, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.50%, 4/1/12..... | 7,550 | 7,795,375 |
| Vanguard Health Systems, 9.75%, 8/1/11..... | 8,000 | 8,000,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 30,148,612 |
| | | ===== |
| HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS--0.0% | | |
| Playtex Products, Inc., 9.375%, 6/1/11..... | 1,000 | 1,005,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 1,005,000 |
| | | ===== |
| LODGING--0.4% | | |
| Host Marriott L.P., 9.50%, 1/15/07..... | 7,000 | 7,560,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 7,560,000 |
| | | ===== |

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|--|---|-----------|
| ----- | | |
| LODGING AND GAMING--1.0% | | |
| Extended Stay America, Sr. Sub Notes, 9.15% 3/15/08..... | 2,000 | 2,097,500 |
| John Q Hamons Hotels/Finance, Series B, 8.875% 5/15/12..... | 3,500 | 3,692,500 |
| Majestic Star LLC, 10.875%, 7/1/06..... | 3,270 | 3,437,588 |
| MTR Gaming Group, 9.75% 4/1/10(1)..... | 2,500 | 2,587,500 |
| Sun International Hotels, Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.875% 8/15/11.... | 4,000 | 4,350,000 |
| Venetian Casino/Las Vegas Sands, 11.00%, 6/15/10..... | 4,000 | 4,530,000 |

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| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 20,695,088 |
| | | ===== |
| MACHINERY--0.6% | | |
| Terex Corp., 10.375%, 4/1/11..... | 9,500 | 10,545,000 |
| Terex Corp., Series D, 8.875%, 4/1/08..... | 1,000 | 1,045,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 11,590,000 |
| | | ===== |
| MANUFACTURING--1.0% | | |
| Avondale Mills Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.25%, 7/1/13(1)..... | 3,700 | 3,709,250 |
| Dresser, Inc., 9.375%, 4/15/11..... | 9,200 | 9,522,000 |
| Oxford Industries Inc., Sr. Notes, 8.875%, 6/1/11(1)..... | 6,500 | 6,857,500 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 20,088,750 |
| | | ===== |
| MANUFACTURING-DIVERSIFIED--0.2% | | |
| Tenneco Automotive, Inc., 10.25%, 7/15/13(1)..... | 3,505 | 3,566,338 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 3,566,338 |
| | | ===== |
| MEDICAL PRODUCTS--0.3% | | |
| Alaris Medical, Inc. Sr. Sub Notes, 7.25%, 7/1/11..... | 645 | 656,288 |
| Medquest, Inc., 11.875%, 8/15/12..... | 6,000 | 6,270,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 6,926,288 |
| | | ----- |
| METALS-INDUSTRIAL--0.1% | | |
| AK Steel Corp., 7.75%, 6/15/12..... | 2,000 | 1,670,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 1,670,000 |
| | | ----- |
| OIL AND GAS-EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES--1.4% | | |
| Dynegy Holdings, Inc., Sr. Notes, 6.875%, 4/1/11..... | 2,945 | 2,488,525 |
| Dynegy Holdings, Inc., Sr. Notes, 7.45%, 7/15/06..... | 760 | 727,700 |
| Dynegy Holdings, Inc., Sr. Notes, 8.125%, 3/15/05..... | 570 | 557,175 |
| El Paso Energy Partners, Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.50% 6/1/10(1).... | 1,500 | 1,612,500 |
| Sonat, Inc., 7.625%, 7/15/11..... | 5,000 | 4,575,000 |
| Transmontaigne, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.125%, 6/1/10(1).... | 3,000 | 3,176,250 |
| Williams Cos., Inc., Sr. Notes, 8.625%, 6/1/10..... | 14,760 | 15,498,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 28,635,150 |
| | | ===== |

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| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|---|---|-----------|
| ----- | | |
| OIL AND GAS-EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION--0.4% | | |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp., Sr. Notes, 8.50%, 3/15/12..... | 5,000 | 5,312,500 |
| Continental Resources, 10.25%, 8/1/08..... | 2,000 | 2,020,000 |

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|---|--------|---------------------------------|
| | | ----- \$ 7,332,500 ===== |
| OIL AND GAS-REFINING--0.4% | | |
| Clark R&M, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.875%, 11/15/07..... | 7,500 | 7,687,500 |
| | | ----- \$ 7,687,500 ===== |
| PAPER AND FOREST PRODUCTS--0.6% | | |
| Georgia-Pacific Corp., Debs, 9.50%, 12/1/11..... | 12,000 | 13,275,000 |
| | | ----- \$ 13,275,000 ===== |
| PRINTING--0.1% | | |
| American Color Graphics, 10.00%, 6/15/10(1)..... | 1,330 | 1,330,000 |
| | | ----- \$ 1,330,000 ===== |
| PUBLISHING--0.4% | | |
| Canwest Media, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.625%, 5/15/11..... | 2,000 | 2,290,000 |
| CBD Media/CBD Finance, Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.625% 6/1/11(1)..... | 4,200 | 4,347,000 |
| Liberty Group Operating, 9.375%, 2/1/08..... | 1,380 | 1,400,700 |
| | | ----- \$ 8,037,700 ===== |
| RETAIL-APPAREL--0.1% | | |
| Mothers Work, Inc., 11.25%, 8/1/10..... | 1,800 | 1,944,000 |
| | | ----- \$ 1,944,000 ===== |
| RETAIL-FOOD--0.1% | | |
| Dominos, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 8.25%, 7/1/11(1)..... | 1,490 | 1,545,875 |
| | | ----- \$ 1,545,875 ===== |
| SEMICONDUCTORS--0.5% | | |
| Amkor Technologies, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.50%, 5/1/09.... | 9,000 | 9,135,000 |
| ON Semiconductor Corp., 12%, 5/15/08..... | 2,000 | 2,030,000 |
| | | ----- \$ 11,165,000 ===== |
| SERVICES--0.2% | | |
| Kindercare Learning Centers, Inc., Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.50%, 2/15/09..... | 5,000 | 5,062,500 |
| | | ----- \$ 5,062,500 ===== |

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| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|----------|---|-------|
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|--|--------|---------------|
| STORAGE--0.0% | | |
| Mobile Mini, Inc., Sr. Notes, 9.50%, 7/1/13(1)..... | 925 | 962,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 962,000 |
| | | ===== |
| TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT--0.1% | | |
| Nortel Networks Ltd., 6.125%, 2/15/06..... | 2,000 | 1,950,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 1,950,000 |
| | | ===== |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS-CELLULAR--0.0% | | |
| Centennial Cellular Communications, Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.75%, 12/15/08..... | 385 | 356,125 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 356,125 |
| | | ===== |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS-SERVICES--0.1% | | |
| Avaya, Inc., 11.125%, 4/1/09..... | 2,000 | 2,200,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 2,200,000 |
| | | ===== |
| TRANSPORT-SERVICES--0.1% | | |
| Offshore Logistic, Sr. Notes, 6.125%, 6/15/13(1)..... | 1,260 | 1,269,450 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 1,269,450 |
| | | ===== |
| TRAVEL SERVICES--0.1% | | |
| Worldspan LP/WS Finance Corp., Sr. Notes, 9.625%, 6/15/11(1)..... | 2,925 | 3,027,375 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 3,027,375 |
| | | ===== |
| UTILITIES--1.1% | | |
| El Paso Corp., Sr. Notes, 7.00%, 5/15/11..... | 11,000 | 10,065,000 |
| Orion Power Holdings, Inc., Sr. Notes, 12.00%, 5/1/10..... | 11,000 | 12,815,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 22,880,000 |
| | | ===== |
| UTILITY-ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION--1.1% | | |
| AES Corp., Sr. Notes, 8.75%, 6/15/08..... | 4,500 | 4,477,500 |
| AES Corp., Sr. Notes, 9.50%, 6/1/09..... | 6,000 | 6,090,000 |
| AES Corp., Sr. Sub. Notes, 10.25%, 7/15/06..... | 3,000 | 2,985,000 |
| Calpine Corp., Sr. Notes, 8.25%, 8/15/05..... | 4,725 | 4,417,875 |
| Calpine Corp., Sr. Notes, 8.50%, 2/15/11..... | 6,315 | 4,767,825 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 22,738,200 |
| | | ===== |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT--0.8% | | |
| Allied Waste, 10.00%, 8/1/09..... | 15,000 | 16,012,500 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 16,012,500 |
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| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|---|---|----------------|
| ----- | | |
| WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SERVICES--2.3% | | |
| American Tower Corp., Sr. Notes, 9.375%, 2/1/09..... | 9,000 | 9,090,000 |
| Centennial Cellular Communications, Sr. Notes 10.125%, 6/15/13(1)..... | 1,880 | 1,870,600 |
| Crown Castle International Corp., Sr. Notes, 10.75%, 8/1/11..... | 5,000 | 5,475,000 |
| Dobson/Sygnnet Communications, Inc., Sr. Notes, 12.25%, 12/15/08..... | 6,000 | 6,450,000 |
| Insight Midwest/Insight Capital, Sr. Notes, 10.50% 11/1/10..... | 5,000 | 5,512,500 |
| Nextel Communications, Inc., Sr. Disc. Notes, 9.95%, 2/15/08..... | 1,500 | 1,575,000 |
| Nextel Communications, Inc., Sr. Notes, 12.00%, 11/1/08..... | 7,500 | 8,100,000 |
| Nextel Partners, Inc., 12.50%, 11/15/09..... | 760 | 858,800 |
| Nextel Partners, Inc., Sr. Notes, 8.125%, 7/1/11(1)..... | 2,085 | 2,090,213 |
| Rural Cellular Corp., Sr. Sub. Notes, 9.75%, 1/15/10..... | 955 | 849,950 |
| Triton PCS, Inc., Sr. Notes, 8.50%, 6/1/13(1)..... | 2,765 | 2,986,200 |
| TSI Telecommunication, Series B, 12.75%, 2/1/09..... | 2,000 | 1,990,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 46,848,263 |
| | | ===== |
| WIRELINE COMMUNICATION SERVICES--0.5% | | |
| Colt Telecom Group PLC, Sr. Disc. Notes, 12.00%, 12/15/06... | 3,000 | 3,045,000 |
| Qwest Services Corp., 13.50%, 12/15/10(1)..... | 7,015 | 7,962,025 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 11,007,025 |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES (IDENTIFIED COST, \$590,222,205)..... | | \$ 598,845,919 |
| | | ===== |
| MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGHS--32.0% | | |
| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.: | | |
| 6.50%, with various maturities to 2025..... | 42,014 | 45,057,722 |
| 7.00%, with various maturities to 2024..... | 53,923 | 58,262,518 |
| 7.13%, with maturity at 2023..... | 3,088 | 3,336,845 |
| 7.50%, with various maturities to 2033..... | 22,850 | 24,857,205 |
| 8.00%, with various maturities to 2030..... | 54,096 | 59,715,721 |
| 8.50%, with various maturities to 2022..... | 17,631 | 19,822,329 |
| 8.75%, with maturity at 2010..... | 627 | 689,796 |
| 9.00%, with various maturities to 2022..... | 2,167 | 2,435,488 |
| 9.50%, with various maturities to 2025..... | 4,281 | 4,859,869 |
| 10.00%, with various maturities to 2020..... | 3,943 | 4,619,261 |
| 10.50%, with various maturities to 2021..... | 4,036 | 4,778,232 |
| 11.00%, with maturity at 2015..... | 355 | 418,557 |
| 11.50%, with various maturities to 2020..... | 617 | 736,257 |
| 12.00%, with maturity at 2019..... | 358 | 435,892 |
| 12.50%, with maturity at 2014..... | 90 | 110,017 |
| 13.00%, with maturity at 2015..... | 954 | 1,186,192 |
| 13.50%, with maturity at 2014..... | 90 | 111,010 |

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| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|---|---|----------------|
| 14.00%, with maturity at 2014..... | 240 | 305,903 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 231,738,814 |
| | | ===== |
| Federal National Mortgage Assn.: | | |
| 6.50%, with various maturities to 2024(2)..... | 53,460 | 57,107,720 |
| 7.00%, with various maturities to 2025..... | 16,761 | 18,090,505 |
| 7.50%, with maturity at 2024..... | 6,576 | 7,174,703 |
| 8.00%, with various maturities to 2024..... | 10,121 | 11,199,535 |
| 8.25%, with various maturities to 2018..... | 476 | 527,828 |
| 8.50%, with maturity at 2023..... | 395 | 442,329 |
| 9.00%, with various maturities to 2026..... | 36,531 | 41,197,514 |
| 9.50%, with various maturities to 2033..... | 8,614 | 9,885,500 |
| 10.00%, with various maturities to 2021..... | 3,524 | 4,124,925 |
| 10.50%, with various maturities to 2025..... | 2,997 | 3,599,069 |
| 11.00%, with various maturities to 2020..... | 1,598 | 1,911,902 |
| 11.25%, with maturity at 2016..... | 384 | 463,742 |
| 11.50%, with various maturities to 2021..... | 7,926 | 9,619,219 |
| 11.75%, with maturity at 2014..... | 92 | 111,900 |
| 12.00%, with various maturities to 2016..... | 1,377 | 1,687,075 |
| 12.50%, with various maturities to 2015..... | 992 | 1,218,700 |
| 13.00%, with various maturities to 2015..... | 943 | 1,170,772 |
| 13.50%, with various maturities to 2017..... | 473 | 602,475 |
| 14.50%, with maturity at 2014..... | 134 | 170,786 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 170,306,199 |
| | | ===== |
| Government National Mortgage Assn.: | | |
| 6.00%, with maturity at 2024..... | 17,646 | 18,682,244 |
| 6.50%, with various maturities to 2024(2)..... | 148,925 | 159,657,770 |
| 7.00%, with maturity at 2022..... | 7,075 | 7,655,948 |
| 8.00%, with various maturities to 2023..... | 18,150 | 20,114,974 |
| 9.00%, with various maturities to 2033..... | 16,294 | 18,410,098 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 224,521,034 |
| | | ===== |
| Collateralized Mortgage Obligations: | | |
| Federal National Mortgage Assn., Series 1993-16, Class Z, 7.50%, due 2023..... | 9,751 | 10,478,620 |
| Federal National Mortgage Assn., Series G93-29, Class Z, 7.00%, due 2023..... | 14,485 | 15,394,420 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 25,873,040 |
| | | ===== |
| TOTAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGHS (IDENTIFIED COST, \$651,262,659)..... | | \$ 652,439,087 |
| | | ===== |

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| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|---|---|----------------|
| U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS--10.1% | | |
| United States Treasury Bond, 12.375%, 5/15/04..... | 184,556 | 202,701,731 |
| United States Treasury Bond, 11.875%, 11/15/03..... | 2,384 | 2,480,757 |
| TOTAL U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS (IDENTIFIED COST, \$205,013,422)..... | | \$ 205,182,488 |

SENIOR, SECURED, FLOATING RATE INTERESTS--25.2%(3)

| BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | VALUE |
|---|---------------------|---------------|
| AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE--0.2% | | |
| United States Defense Industries, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/09..... | 4,495,806 | 4,509,455 |
| | | \$ 4,509,455 |
| AUTOMOBILE--2.3% | | |
| Accuride Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 6/13/07..... | 4,900,000 | 4,918,375 |
| Collins & Aikman, Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/05..... | 1,994,937 | 1,985,211 |
| Federal-Mogul Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 2/24/04..... | 5,626,706 | 5,612,639 |
| HLI Operating Company, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/3/09..... | 6,000,000 | 6,030,000 |
| Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 3/31/06..... | 3,000,000 | 2,977,500 |
| Metaldyne, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/09..... | 2,996,245 | 2,823,961 |
| Tenneco Automotive, Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/06..... | 359,906 | 359,756 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/07..... | 1,349,876 | 1,338,487 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/08..... | 1,349,876 | 1,338,487 |
| The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Term Loan, Maturing 3/31/06..... | 8,000,000 | 7,840,000 |
| TRW Automotive Holdings Corp., Term Loan, Maturing 2/28/10..... | 5,000,000 | 4,995,835 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 2/28/11..... | 5,000,000 | 5,045,835 |
| United Components, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/10..... | 2,000,000 | 2,016,250 |
| | | \$ 47,282,336 |
| BEVERAGE, FOOD, AND TOBACCO--0.9% | | |
| American Seafood Holdings Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 3/31/09..... | 2,455,693 | 2,461,832 |
| Aurora Foods, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 3/31/07..... | 4,987,047 | 4,548,187 |
| Dean Foods Company, Term Loan, Maturing 7/15/08..... | 1,994,962 | 2,005,956 |
| Dr. Pepper/Seven Up Bottling Group, Inc., Term Loan, | | |

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| Maturing 10/7/07..... | 1,994,819 | 1,988,896 |
| Interstate Brands Corporations, Term Loan, Maturing 7/19/07..... | 2,967,519 | 2,963,809 |
| Southern Wine & Spirits of America, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/28/08..... | 4,418,866 | 4,435,437 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 18,404,117 |
| | | ===== |

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| BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | VALUE |
|---|---------------------|---------------|
| ----- | | |
| BROADCASTING & ENTERTAINMENT--2.6% | | |
| Bresnan Communications, LLC, Term Loan, Maturing 9/30/10.... | 6,500,000 | 6,497,290 |
| Charter Communications Operating, LLC., Term Loan, Maturing 3/18/08..... | 15,402,229 | 14,458,842 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 2/2/08..... | 2,404,992 | 2,260,262 |
| DirectTV Holdings, LLC, Term Loan, Maturing 3/6/10..... | 6,000,000 | 6,048,378 |
| Emmis Communication Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 8/31/08..... | 500,000 | 501,042 |
| Falcon Holding Group, L.P., Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/07.... | 997,389 | 908,871 |
| Gray Television, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/10..... | 4,300,000 | 4,322,394 |
| Insight Midwest Holdings, LLC, Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/09..... | 3,500,000 | 3,504,374 |
| Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/11/08..... | 9,500,000 | 9,513,357 |
| Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/09..... | 500,000 | 502,835 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/10..... | 2,500,000 | 2,513,058 |
| Videotron LTEE, Term Loan, Maturing 12/1/09..... | 2,530,758 | 2,512,833 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 53,543,536 |
| | | ===== |
| BUILDINGS AND REAL ESTATE--1.2% | | |
| AIMCO Properties, L.P., Term Loan, Maturing 2/28/04..... | 4,394,456 | 4,399,949 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 5/30/08..... | 5,000,000 | 5,009,375 |
| Interline Brands, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 11/30/09..... | 4,500,000 | 4,516,875 |
| iStar Walden, Term Loan, Maturing 12/30/03..... | 2,500,000 | 2,503,125 |
| NCI Building Systems, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 7/31/08.... | 2,887,500 | 2,900,133 |
| WFP Tower A Co. L.P., Term Loan, Maturing 6/12/06..... | 4,500,000 | 4,497,187 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 23,826,644 |
| | | ===== |
| CARGO TRANSPORT--0.2% | | |
| RailAmerica Transportation Corp., Term Loan, Maturing 5/31/09..... | 5,000,000 | 5,005,625 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 5,005,625 |
| | | ===== |
| CHEMICALS, PLASTICS AND RUBBER--1.2% | | |
| CP Kelco U.S., Inc., | | |

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| Term Loan, Maturing 3/31/08..... | 1,590,508 | 1,590,508 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 9/30/08..... | 531,109 | 531,109 |
| Huntsman Int'l, | | |
| Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/07..... | 3,507,084 | 3,522,428 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/08..... | 3,507,325 | 3,523,399 |
| IMC Global, Inc, Term Loan, Maturing 11/17/06..... | 4,986,665 | 5,008,481 |
| NOVEON, Term Loan, Maturing 09/30/08..... | 473,827 | 474,843 |
| Polymer Group, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/06..... | 10,575,987 | 10,311,588 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 24,962,356 |
| | | ===== |

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| BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | VALUE |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| CONTAINERS, PACKAGING AND GLASS--1.7% | | |
| Berry Plastics Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/10..... | 1,994,962 | 2,005,935 |
| Consolidated Container Holdings LLC, Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/07..... | 2,494,316 | 2,336,344 |
| Crown Cork & Seal Americas, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 9/15/08..... | 15,000,000 | 15,098,445 |
| Owens-Illinois Inc., | | |
| Term Loan, Maturing 4/1/07..... | 7,000,000 | 6,979,581 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 4/1/08..... | 2,000,000 | 2,007,500 |
| Stone Container Corporation, | | |
| Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/09..... | 3,472,404 | 3,480,001 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/10..... | 1,394,712 | 1,399,767 |
| Tekni-Plex, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/08..... | 2,314,375 | 2,282,553 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 35,590,126 |
| | | ===== |
| DIVERSIFIED NATURAL RESOURCES, PRECIOUS METALS, AND MINERALS--0.0% | | |
| Peabody Energy Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 3/21/10..... | 997,500 | 1,006,021 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 1,006,021 |
| | | ===== |
| DIVERSIFIED/CONGLOMERATE MANUFACTURING--0.5% | | |
| Dresser, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 3/31/07..... | 2,000,000 | 2,010,892 |
| JohnsonDiversey, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 11/30/08..... | 1,379,882 | 1,384,482 |
| National Waterworks Holdings, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 11/22/09..... | 989,899 | 1,000,416 |
| Trimas Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/09..... | 5,441,725 | 5,447,575 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 9,843,365 |
| | | ===== |
| DIVERSIFIED/CONGLOMERATE SERVICE--0.1% | | |
| Advanstar Communications Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 11/17/07..... | 1,685,714 | 1,639,357 |
| Iron Mountain Incorporated, Term Loan, Maturing 2/15/08..... | 1,000,000 | 1,005,804 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 2,645,161 |

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| ECOLOGICAL--0.8% | | |
| Allied Waste Industries, Inc., | | |
| Term Loan, Maturing 1/15/09..... | 6,570,711 | 6,620,812 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 1/15/10..... | 9,833,143 | 9,917,138 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 16,537,950 |
| ===== | | |

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|--|-----------|--------------|
| ELECTRONICS--0.1% | | |
| Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing | | |
| 6/19/08..... | 1,000,000 | 1,011,563 |
| Global Imaging Systems, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/25/09... | 500,000 | 499,375 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 1,510,938 |
| ===== | | |

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| BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | VALUE |
|--|---------------------|---------------|
| ----- | | |
| HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, AND CHILDCARE--2.4% | | |
| Alliance Imaging, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/10/08..... | 5,000,000 | 4,851,250 |
| Community Health Systems, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing | | |
| 7/5/10..... | 4,967,487 | 4,957,398 |
| Concentra Managed Care, Inc., | | |
| Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/05..... | 3,324,675 | 3,312,623 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/06..... | 1,662,338 | 1,656,312 |
| Cross Country Healthcare, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing | | |
| 6/5/09..... | 3,250,000 | 3,274,375 |
| DaVita, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 3/31/09..... | 10,473,485 | 10,501,124 |
| FHC Health Systems, Inc., | | |
| Term Loan, Maturing 4/30/05..... | 1,500,000 | 1,410,000 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 4/30/06..... | 1,500,000 | 1,410,000 |
| Fisher Scientific International, LLC, Term Loan, Maturing | | |
| 3/31/10..... | 5,985,000 | 6,020,910 |
| Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing | | |
| 2/21/10..... | 1,995,000 | 2,007,261 |
| Knowledge Learning Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing | | |
| 5/15/10..... | 3,000,000 | 2,973,750 |
| Team Health, Term Loan, Maturing 10/31/08..... | 3,807,593 | 3,752,858 |
| Triad Hospitals Holdings, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing | | |
| 3/31/08..... | 2,712,155 | 2,731,111 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 48,858,972 |
| ===== | | |
| HOME AND OFFICE FURNISHINGS, HOUSEWARES, AND DURABLE | | |
| CONSUMER GOODS--0.3% | | |
| Simmons Company, Term Loan, Maturing 10/30/06..... | 1,000,000 | 1,004,750 |
| Werner Holding Co., Term Loan, Maturing 6/11/09..... | 4,500,000 | 4,559,999 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 5,564,749 |
| ===== | | |

HOTELS, MOTELS, INNS, AND GAMING--0.6%

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| Boyd Gaming Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 6/24/08..... | 1,987,481 | 1,993,940 |
| Extended Stay America, Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/07..... | 2,969,697 | 2,978,182 |
| Penn National Gaming, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/09.... | 4,000,000 | 4,009,500 |
| Vail Resorts, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 12/10/08..... | 4,000,000 | 4,031,252 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 13,012,874 |
| | | ===== |

LEISURE, AMUSEMENT, ENTERTAINMENT--1.5%

| | | |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Cinemark USA, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 3/31/08..... | 498,750 | 502,647 |
| Loews Cineplex Entertainment Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 9/30/06..... | 15,374,811 | 15,293,140 |
| Regal Cinemas Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/09..... | 10,500,000 | 10,591,875 |
| Six Flags Theme Parks Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/09.... | 5,000,000 | 4,994,270 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 31,381,932 |
| | | ===== |

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| BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | VALUE |
|--|---------------------|---------------|
| ----- | | |
| MACHINERY (NON-AGRICULTURAL, NON-CONSTRUCTION, NON-ELECTRONIC)--0.6% | | |
| Coinmach Laundry Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 7/25/09... | 3,666,000 | 3,682,038 |
| Colfax Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 5/30/09..... | 1,875,000 | 1,870,313 |
| Flowserve Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/09..... | 918,796 | 923,390 |
| Thermadyne Holdings Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 3/31/08..... | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 11,475,741 |
| | | ===== |
| OIL AND GAS--1.1% | | |
| Citgo Petroleum Company, Term Loan, Maturing 2/27/06..... | 4,858,379 | 4,991,985 |
| WEG Acquisition, L.P., Term Loan, Maturing 6/17/08..... | 4,100,000 | 4,141,000 |
| Williams Production RMT Company, Term Loan, Maturing 5/30/07..... | 13,500,000 | 13,601,250 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 22,734,235 |
| | | ===== |
| PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION--0.2% | | |
| Laidlaw International, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/19/09.... | 4,455,000 | 4,488,413 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 4,488,413 |
| | | ===== |
| PERSONAL AND NON-DURABLE CONSUMER PRODUCTS (MANUFACTURING ONLY)--0.7% | | |
| AMSCAN Holdings, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/15/07..... | 1,977,500 | 1,997,500 |
| Armkel, LLC, Term Loan, Maturing 3/31/09..... | 547,265 | 550,985 |
| Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 9/30/07..... | 5,870,531 | 5,899,884 |
| Playtex Products, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 5/31/09..... | 2,000,000 | 1,991,250 |
| Rayovac Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 9/30/09..... | 4,012,468 | 4,020,826 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 14,460,445 |

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| PERSONAL, FOOD, AND MISCELLANEOUS--0.3% | | |
| Buffets, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/09..... | 2,593,761 | 2,568,472 |
| Jack in the Box, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 7/22/07..... | 3,486,250 | 3,516,754 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 6,085,226 |
| | | ===== |

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

| BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | VALUE |
|--|---------------------|---------------|
| ----- | | |
| PRINTING AND PUBLISHING--2.1% | | |
| American Media Operations Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 4/1/07..... | 2,493,639 | 2,503,770 |
| Bell Actimedia, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 11/29/10..... | 2,821,422 | 2,847,520 |
| Dex Media, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 11/8/09..... | 6,314,856 | 6,410,709 |
| Hollinger International Publishing, Inc, Term Loan, Maturing 9/30/09..... | 2,977,500 | 3,018,441 |
| Liberty Group Operating, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 4/30/07..... | 5,048,974 | 5,042,663 |
| Moore Holdings U.S.A. Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 3/15/10..... | 8,000,000 | 8,071,248 |
| QwestDex, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 8/30/04..... | 4,250,000 | 4,319,063 |
| R.H. Donnelley Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/10..... | 4,987,469 | 5,080,984 |
| The Reader's Digest Association, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 5/20/07..... | 1,063,503 | 1,055,526 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 5/20/08..... | 5,061,743 | 5,022,874 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 43,372,798 |
| | | ===== |
| RETAIL STORES--0.2% | | |
| CSK Auto, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/20/09..... | 2,750,000 | 2,777,500 |
| Rite Aid Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 4/30/08..... | 2,000,000 | 2,029,000 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 4,806,500 |
| | | ===== |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS--2.7% | | |
| Alec Holdings, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 11/30/06..... | 1,811,133 | 1,806,605 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 11/30/07..... | 1,622,653 | 1,618,596 |
| American Tower, L.P., Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/07..... | 5,984,962 | 6,001,966 |
| Broadwing Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/04..... | 8,039,680 | 8,043,033 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/05..... | 3,402,799 | 3,395,506 |
| Nextel Communications, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/08..... | 6,320,349 | 6,306,981 |
| Term Loan, Maturing 12/30/08..... | 6,320,349 | 6,306,981 |
| Qwest Corporation, Term Loan, Maturing 6/4/07..... | 11,500,000 | 11,638,000 |
| Spectrasite Communications, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 12/31/07..... | 4,682,899 | 4,713,633 |
| Western Wireless, Term Loan, Maturing 9/30/08..... | 4,488,722 | 4,289,934 |
| | | ----- |
| | | \$ 54,121,235 |
| | | ===== |

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| TEXTILES AND LEATHER--0.1% | | |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| St. John Knits International, Inc., Term Loan, Maturing 7/31/07..... | 2,500,000 | 2,504,688 |
| | | \$ 2,504,688 |

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

| BORROWER/TRANCHE DESCRIPTION | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT | VALUE |
|---|---------------------|----------------|
| UTILITIES--0.3% | | |
| Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC, Term Loan, Maturing 6/30/07..... | 2,984,925 | 2,994,563 |
| Pacific Energy Group, LLC, Term Loan, Maturing 7/26/09..... | 3,000,000 | 3,022,500 |
| | | \$ 6,017,063 |
| TOTAL SENIOR, SECURED, FLOATING RATE INTERESTS (IDENTIFIED COST, \$512,908,759)..... | | \$ 513,552,501 |

COMMERCIAL PAPER--1.7%

| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|---|---|---------------|
| Autobahn Funding, 1.45%, 7/1/03..... | 33,097 | 33,097,000 |
| Jefferson Smurfitt, 1.25%, 7/2/03..... | 1,208 | 1,207,958 |
| TOTAL COMMERCIAL PAPER (AT AMORTIZED COST, \$34,304,958)..... | | \$ 34,304,958 |

SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS--6.9%

| SECURITY | PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000'S OMITTED) | VALUE |
|--|---|------------------|
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST TIME-DEPOSIT, 1.37%, 7/1/03..... | 140,832 | 140,832,000 |
| TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (AT AMORTIZED COST, \$140,832,000)..... | | \$ 140,832,000 |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS--105.2% (IDENTIFIED COST, \$2,134,544,003)..... | | \$2,145,156,953 |
| OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES--5.2%..... | | \$ (104,479,602) |

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NET ASSETS--100.0%..... \$2,040,677,351
=====

- (1) Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.
- (2) A portion of this security is on loan at June 30, 2003.
- (3) Senior floating rate interests often require prepayments from excess cash flows or permit the borrower to repay at its election. The degree to which borrowers repay, whether as a contractual requirement or at their election, cannot be predicted with accuracy. As a result, the actual remaining maturity may be substantially less than the stated maturities shown. However, it is anticipated that the senior floating rate interests will have an expected average life of approximately two to four years.

Note: At June 30, 2003, the Trust had unfunded commitments amounting to \$1,875,000 under various revolving credit agreements.

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Financial statements (unaudited)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Investments, at value (identified cost, \$2,134,544,003)... | \$2,145,156,953 |
| Cash..... | 9,012,945 |
| Receivable for investments sold..... | 1,766,044 |
| Receivable from the Investment Adviser..... | 7,500 |
| Interest receivable..... | 19,119,751 |
| | ----- |
| TOTAL ASSETS..... | \$2,175,063,193 |
| | ===== |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Collateral for securities loaned..... | \$ 81,742,000 |
| Payable for investments purchased..... | 51,605,519 |
| Payable to affiliate for Trustees' fees..... | 2,560 |
| Accrued organization costs..... | 7,500 |
| Accrued offering costs..... | 916,094 |
| Accrued expenses..... | 112,169 |
| | ----- |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES..... | \$ 134,385,842 |
| | ===== |
| NET ASSETS FOR 106,005,000 COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING..... | \$2,040,677,351 |
| | ===== |
| SOURCES OF NET ASSETS | |
| Paid-in capital..... | \$2,023,491,910 |
| Accumulated undistributed net realized gain (computed on the basis of identified cost)..... | 709,571 |
| Accumulated undistributed net investment income..... | 5,862,920 |
| Net unrealized appreciation (computed on the basis of | |

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| | |
|---|-----------------|
| identified cost)..... | 10,612,950 |
| | ----- |
| TOTAL..... | \$2,040,677,351 |
| | ===== |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE | |
| (\$2,040,677,351 / 106,005,000 COMMON SHARES ISSUED AND | |
| OUTSTANDING)..... | \$ 19.25 |
| | ===== |

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2003(1)

| | |
|---|--------------|
| INVESTMENT INCOME | |
| Interest..... | \$ 6,629,490 |
| Security lending income..... | 273,014 |
| | ----- |
| TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME..... | \$ 6,902,504 |
| | ===== |
| EXPENSES | |
| Investment adviser fee..... | \$ 1,279,883 |
| Trustee's fees and expenses..... | 2,560 |
| Custodian fee..... | 42,663 |
| Legal and accounting services..... | 21,540 |
| Printing and postage..... | 12,800 |
| Amortization of organization expenses..... | 7,500 |
| Transfer and dividend disbursing agent fees..... | 5,440 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 16,000 |
| | ----- |
| TOTAL EXPENSES..... | \$ 1,388,386 |
| | ===== |
| Deduct-- | |
| Reduction of investment adviser fee..... | \$ 341,302 |
| Expense reimbursement..... | 7,500 |
| | ----- |
| TOTAL EXPENSE REDUCTIONS..... | \$ 348,802 |
| | ===== |
| NET EXPENSES..... | \$ 1,039,584 |
| | ===== |
| NET INVESTMENT INCOME..... | \$ 5,862,920 |
| | ===== |
| REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) | |
| Net realized gain (loss)-- | |
| Investment transactions (identified cost basis)..... | \$ 709,571 |
| | ----- |
| NET REALIZED GAIN..... | \$ 709,571 |
| | ===== |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)-- | |
| Investments (identified cost basis)..... | \$10,612,950 |
| | ----- |
| NET CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)..... | \$10,612,950 |
| | ===== |

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| | |
|---|--------------|
| NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN..... | \$11,322,521 |
| | ===== |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS..... | \$17,185,441 |
| | ===== |

(1) For the period from the start of business, May 30, 2003, to June 30, 2003.

See notes to financial statements.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

| | PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2003 (1) |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| | ----- |
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS | |
| From operations-- | |
| Net investment income..... | \$ 5,862,920 |
| Net realized gain..... | 709,571 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)..... | 10,612,950 |
| | ----- |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS..... | \$ 17,185,441 |
| | ===== |
| Transactions in shares of beneficial interest-- | |
| Proceeds from sale of shares (2)..... | \$2,024,600,000 |
| Offering Cost..... | (1,208,090) |
| | ----- |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS..... | \$2,023,391,910 |
| | ===== |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS..... | \$2,040,577,351 |
| | ===== |
| NET ASSETS | |
| At beginning of period..... | \$ 100,000 |
| | ----- |
| AT END OF PERIOD..... | \$2,040,677,351 |
| | ===== |
| ACCUMULATED UNDISTRIBUTED NET INVESTMENT INCOME INCLUDED IN NET ASSETS | |
| AT END OF PERIOD..... | \$ 5,862,920 |
| | ===== |

(1) For the period from the start of business, May 30, 2003, to June 30, 2003.

(2) Proceeds from sales of shares net of sales load paid of \$95,400,000.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

| | PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2003 (1) (2) |
|---|--|
| Net asset value--beginning of period(3)..... | \$ 19.100 |
| ----- | |
| INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS | |
| Net investment income..... | \$ 0.058 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain..... | 0.104 |
| ----- | |
| TOTAL INCOME FROM OPERATIONS..... | \$ 0.162 |
| ===== | |
| OFFERING COSTS..... | \$ (0.012) |
| ===== | |
| NET ASSET VALUE--END OF PERIOD..... | \$ 19.250 |
| ===== | |
| MARKET VALUE--END OF PERIOD..... | \$ 20.000 |
| ===== | |
| TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN ON NET ASSET VALUE (4)..... | 0.78% |
| ===== | |
| TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN ON MARKET VALUE (4)..... | 4.71% |
| ===== | |
| RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA+ | |
| Net assets, end of period (000's omitted)..... | \$2,040,677 |
| Ratios (as a percentage of average daily net assets): | |
| Net expenses..... | 0.61% (5) |
| Net investment income..... | 3.44% (5) |
| Portfolio turnover..... | 43% |

+ The operating expenses of the Fund reflect a reduction of the investment adviser fee and a reimbursement of expenses by the Adviser. Had such actions not been taken, the ratios and net investment income per share would have been as follows:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Ratios (as a percentage of average daily net assets): | |
| Expenses..... | 0.81% (5) |
| Net investment income..... | 3.24% (5) |
| Net investment income per share..... | \$0.055 |

(1) For the period from the start of business, May 30, 2003, to June 30, 2003.

(2) Computed using average common shares outstanding.

(3) Net asset value at beginning of period reflects the deduction of the sales load of \$0.90 per share paid by the shareholder from the \$20.00 offering price.

(4) Total investment return on net asset value is calculated assuming a purchase at the offering price of \$20.00 less the sales load of \$0.90 per

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share paid by the shareholder on the first day and a sale at the net asset value on the last day of the period reported. Total investment return on market value is calculated assuming a purchase at the offering price of \$20.00 less the sales load of \$0.90 per share paid by the shareholder on the first day and a sale at the current market price on the last day of the period reported. Total investment return on net asset value and total investment return on market value are not computed on an annualized basis.

(5) Annualized.

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Notes to financial statements (unaudited)

1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund (the Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a diversified closed-end management investment company. The Fund, which was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on March 12, 2003, seek to provide a high level of current income consistent with the preservation of capital by investing primarily in, mortgage-backed securities (MBS) issued, backed or otherwise guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities, senior, secured floating rate loans made to corporate and other business entities (Senior Loans), and corporate bonds of below investment grade quality (Non-Investment Grade Bonds). The following is a summary of significant accounting policies of the Fund. The policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

A: INVESTMENT VALUATION

Mortgage backed, pass-through securities are valued using an independent matrix pricing system applied by the adviser which takes into account closing bond valuations, yield differentials, anticipated prepayments and interest rates provided by dealers. Debt securities (other than seasoned mortgage backed, pass-through securities) are normally valued on the basis of valuations furnished by dealers or a pricing service. Certain senior loans are deemed to be liquid if reliable market quotations are readily available for them. Liquid Senior Loans are valued on the basis of prices furnished by a pricing service. Other Senior Loans are valued at fair value by the Fund's investment advisor, Boston Management and Research (BMR), under procedures established by the Trustees as permitted by Section 2(a)(41) of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Such procedures include the consideration of relevant factors, data and information relating to fair value, including (i) the characteristics of and fundamental analytical data relating to the Senior Loan, including the cost, size, current interest rate, period until next interest rate reset, maturity and base lending rate of the Senior Loan, the terms and conditions of the Senior Loan and any related agreements, and the position of the Senior Loan in the Borrower's debt structure; (ii) the nature, adequacy and value of the collateral, including the Fund's rights, remedies and interests with respect to the collateral; (iii) the creditworthiness of the Borrower, based on an evaluation of its financial condition, financial statements and information about the Borrower's business, cash flows, capital structure and future prospects; (iv) information relating to the market for the Senior Loan including price quotations for and trading in the Senior Loan, and interests in similar Senior Loans and the market environment and investor attitudes towards the Senior Loan and interests in similar Senior Loans; (v) the reputation and financial condition of the agent and any intermediate participant in the Senior

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Loan; and (vi) general economic and market conditions affecting the fair value of the Senior Loan. Other portfolio's securities (other than short-term obligations, but including listed issues) may be valued on the basis of prices furnished by one or more pricing services which determine prices for normal, institutional-size trading units of such securities which may use market information, transactions for comparable securities and various relationships between securities which are generally recognized by institutional traders. In certain circumstances, portfolio securities will be valued at the last price on the exchange that is the primary market for such securities, or the last quoted bid price for those securities for which the over-the-counter market is the primary market or for listed securities in which there were no sales during the day. The value of interest rate swaps is determined by changes in the relationship between two rates of interest. Short-term obligations which mature in sixty days or less, are valued at amortized cost, if their original term to maturity when acquired by the Fund was 60 days or less or are valued at amortized cost using their value on the 61st day prior to maturity, if their original term to maturity when acquired by the Fund was more than 60 days, unless in each case this is determined not to represent fair value. Options are valued at last sale price on a U.S. exchange or board of trade or, in the absence of a sale, at the mean between the last bid and asked price. Financial futures contracts listed on commodity exchanges are valued at closing settlement prices. Securities for which there is no such quotation or valuation are valued at fair

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value using methods determined in good faith by or at the direction of the Trustees. Repurchase agreements are valued at cost plus accrued interest. Other portfolio securities for which there are no quotations or valuations are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or on behalf of the Trustees.

B: INCOME

Interest income from Senior Loans is recorded on the accrual basis at the then-current interest rate, while all other interest income is determined on the basis of interest accrued, adjusted for amortization of premium or accretion of discount. Facility fees received are recognized as income over the expected term of the loan. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date for dividends received in cash and/or securities.

C: FEDERAL TAXES

The Fund's policy is to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute to shareholders each year all of its taxable income, including any net realized gain on investments. Accordingly, no provision for federal income or excise tax is necessary.

D: INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Investment transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from such transactions are determined using the specific identification method. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis may be settled a month or more after the transaction date. The securities so purchased are subject to market fluctuations during this period. To the extent that when-issued or delayed delivery purchases are outstanding, the Fund instructs the custodian to segregate assets in a separate account, with a current value at least equal to the amount of its purchase commitments.

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E: OFFERINGS COSTS

Costs incurred by the Fund in connection with the offering of the common shares were recorded as a reduction of capital paid in excess of par applicable to common shares.

F: EXPENSE REDUCTION

Investors Bank & Trust Company (IBT) serves as custodian of the Fund. Pursuant to the custodian agreement, IBT receives a fee reduced by credits which are determined based on the average daily cash balances the Fund maintains with IBT. All significant credit balances used to reduce the Fund's custodian fees are reported as a reduction of expenses on the Statement of Operations.

G: WRITTEN OPTIONS

Upon the writing of a call or a put option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a liability. The amount of the liability is subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the current value of the option written in accordance with the Fund's policies on investment valuations discussed above. Premiums received from writing options which expire are treated as realized gains. Premiums received from writing options which are exercised or are 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 is exercised, the premium reduces the cost basis of the securities purchased by the Fund. The Fund, as writer of an option, may have no control over

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whether the underlying securities may be sold (call) or purchased (put) and, as a result, bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the securities underlying the written option.

H: PURCHASED OPTIONS

Upon the purchase of a call or put option, the premium paid by the Fund is included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as an investment. The amount of the investment is subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the current market value of the option purchased, in accordance with the Fund's policies on investment valuations discussed above. If an option which the Fund has purchased expires on the stipulated expiration date, the Fund will realize a loss in the amount of the cost of the option. If the Fund enters into a closing sale transaction, the Fund will realize a gain or loss, depending on whether the sales proceeds from the closing sale transaction are greater or less than the cost of the option. If a Fund exercises a put option, it will realize a gain or loss from the sale of the underlying security, and the proceeds from such sale will be decreased by the premium originally paid. If the Fund exercises a call option, the cost of the security which the Fund purchases upon exercise will be increased by the premium originally paid. For tax purposes, the Fund's options are generally subject to the mixed straddle rules described in Note 1C, and unrealized gains or losses are recognized on a daily basis.

I: FINANCIAL FUTURES CONTRACTS

Upon entering into a financial futures contract, the Fund is required to deposit an amount (initial margin) either in cash or securities equal to a certain

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percentage of the purchase price indicated in the financial futures contract. Subsequent payments are made or received by the Fund (margin maintenance) each day, dependent on the daily fluctuations in the value of the underlying securities, and are recorded for book purposes as unrealized gains or losses by the Fund.

If the Fund enters into a closing transaction, the Fund will realize, for book purposes, a gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the financial futures contract to sell and the financial futures contract to buy. The Fund's investment in financial futures contracts is designed only to hedge against anticipated future changes in interest rates. Should interest rates move unexpectedly, the Fund may not achieve the anticipated benefits of the financial futures contracts and may realize a loss. For tax purposes, such futures contracts are generally subject to the mixed straddle rules described in Note 1F, and unrealized gains or losses are recognized on a daily basis.

J: REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements. Under such an agreement, the Fund temporarily transfers possession, but not ownership, of a security to a counterparty, in return for cash. At the same time, the Fund agrees to repurchase the security at an agreed-upon price and time in the future. The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements for temporary purposes, such as to fund withdrawals, or for use as hedging instruments where the underlying security is denominated in a foreign currency. As a form of leverage, reverse repurchase agreements may increase the risk of fluctuation in the market value of the Fund's assets or in its yield. Liabilities to counterparties under reverse repurchase agreements are recognized in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the same time at which cash is received by the Fund. The securities underlying such agreements continue to be treated as owned by the Fund and remain in the Fund of Investments. Interest charged on amounts borrowed by the Fund under reverse repurchase agreements is accrued daily.

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K: TOTAL RETURN SWAPS

The Fund may enter into swap agreements to enhance return, to hedge against fluctuations in securities prices or interest rates or as substitution for the purchase or sale of securities. Pursuant to these agreements, the Fund makes monthly payments at a rate equal to a predetermined spread to the one-month LIBOR. In exchange, the Fund receives payments based on the rate of return of a benchmark industry index. During the term of the outstanding swap agreement, changes in the underlying value of the swap are recorded as unrealized gains and losses. Payments received or made at the end of the measurement period are recorded as realized gains and losses. The value of the swap is determined by changes in the relationship between the rate of interest and the benchmark industry index. The Fund is exposed to credit loss in the event of non-performance by the swap counterparty. However, the Fund does not anticipate non-performance by the counterparty. Risk may also arise from the unanticipated movements in value of interest rates or the index.

L: OTHER

Investment transactions are accounted for on the date the securities are purchased or sold. Realized gains and losses are computed based on the specific identification of securities sold.

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M: USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

N: INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The interim financial statements relating to June 30, 2003 and for the period then ended have not been audited by independent certified public accountants, but in the opinion of the Fund's management reflect all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for the fair presentation of the financial statements.

2: DISTRIBUTION TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fund intends to make monthly distributions of net investment income. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. In addition, at least annually, the Funds intend to distribute net capital gain, if any.

3: INVESTMENT ADVISER FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

The investment adviser fee, computed at an annual rate of 0.75% of the Fund's average weekly gross assets, was earned by Eaton Vance Management (EVM), as compensation for management and investment advisory services rendered to the Fund. For the period from the start of business, May 30, 2003, to June 30, 2003 the fee was equivalent to 0.75% (annualized) of the Fund's average weekly gross assets for such period and amounted to \$1,279,883.

In addition, the Adviser has contractually agreed to reimburse the Fund for fees and other expenses in the amount of 0.20% of average weekly gross assets of the Fund for the first five years of the Fund's operations. For the period from the start of business, May 30, 2003, to June 30, 2003 the Investment Adviser waived \$341,302 of its advisory fee.

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Trustees of the Fund that are not affiliated with the Investment Adviser may elect to defer receipt of all or a percentage of their annual fees in accordance with the terms of the Trustees Deferred Compensation Plan. For the period from the start of business, May 30, 2003, to June 30, 2003, no significant amounts have been deferred.

Certain officers and Trustees of the Fund are officers of the above organizations.

4: PURCHASES AND SALES OF INVESTMENTS

Purchases, sales and paydowns of investments, other than short-term obligations, aggregated \$2,419,710,839 and \$456,875,348, respectively.

5: SECURITIES LENDING AGREEMENT

The Fund has established a securities lending agreement with brokers in which the Fund lends portfolio securities to a broker in exchange for collateral

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consisting of either cash or U.S. government securities in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities on loan. Under the agreement, the Fund continues to earn interest on the securities loaned. Collateral received is generally cash, and the Fund invests in cash and receives any interest on the amount invested but it must also pay the broker a loan rebate fee computed as a varying percentage of the collateral received. The loan rebate fee paid by the Fund offsets a portion of the interest income received and amounted to \$9,808 for the period from the start of business, May 30, 2003, to June 30, 2003. At June 30, 2003, the value of the securities loaned and the value of the collateral amounted to \$63,458,039 and \$81,742,000, respectively. In the event of counterparty default, the Fund is subject to potential loss if it is delayed or prevented from exercising its right to dispose of the collateral. The Fund bears risk in the event that invested collateral is not sufficient to meet obligations due on the loans.

6: COMMON SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The Agreement and Declaration of Trust permits the Trustees to issue an unlimited number of full and fractional \$0.01 par value common shares of beneficial interest. Transactions in common shares were as follows:

| | PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED) (1) |
|-------------------|--|
| ----- | |
| Sales..... | 106,005,000 |
| | ----- |
| NET INCREASE..... | 106,005,000 |
| | ===== |

(1) For the period from the start of business, May 30, 2003, to June 20, 2003.

7: FEDERAL INCOME TAX BASIS OF UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)

The cost and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of the investments owned at June 30, 2003, as computed on a federal income tax basis, were as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| AGGREGATE COST..... | \$2,136,574,812 |
| | ===== |
| Gross unrealized appreciation..... | \$ 14,514,018 |
| Gross unrealized depreciation..... | (5,931,877) |
| | ----- |
| NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION..... | \$ 8,582,141 |
| | ===== |

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8: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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The Fund regularly trades in financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of its investing activities to assist in managing exposure to various market risks. These financial instruments include written options and financial futures contracts, and may involve, to a varying degree, elements of risk in excess of the amounts recognized for financial statement purposes. The notional or contractual amounts of these instruments represent the investment the Fund has in particular classes of financial instruments and does not necessarily represent the amounts potentially subject to risk. The measurement of the risks associated with these instruments is meaningful only when all related and offsetting transactions are considered. At June 30, 2003 there were no outstanding obligations under these financial interments.

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APPENDIX A

Description of securities ratings+
Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

LONG-TERM DEBT SECURITIES RATINGS

AAA: Bonds which are rated Aaa are judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as "gilt edged." Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.

AA: Bonds which are rated Aa are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the Aaa group they comprise what are generally known as high grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in Aaa securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long term risk appear somewhat larger than the Aaa securities.

A: Bonds which are rated A possess many favorable investment attributes and are to be considered as upper-medium-grade obligations. Factors giving security to principal and interest are considered adequate, but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment sometime in the future.

BAA: Bonds which are rated Baa are considered as medium-grade obligations (i.e., they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured). Interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time. Such bonds lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact have speculative characteristics as well.

BA: Bonds which are rated Ba are judged to have speculative elements; their future cannot be considered as well-assured. Often the protection of interest and principal payments may be very moderate and thereby not well safeguarded during other good and bad times over the future. Uncertainty of position characterizes bonds in this class.

B: Bonds which are rated B generally lack characteristics of the desirable investment. Assurance of interest and principal payments or of maintenance of other terms of the contract over any long period of time may be small.

CAA: Bonds which are rated Caa are of poor standing. Such issues may be in default or there may be present elements of danger with respect to principal or

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interest.

CA: Bonds which are rated Ca represent obligations which are speculative in a high degree. Such issues are often in default or have other marked shortcomings.

C: Bonds which are rated C are the lowest rated class of bonds, and issues so rated can be regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing.

+ The ratings indicated herein are believed to be the most recent ratings available at the date of this SAI for the securities listed. Ratings are generally given to securities at the time of issuance. While the rating agencies may from time to time revise such ratings, they undertake no obligation to do so, and the ratings indicated do not necessarily represent ratings which would be given to these securities on the date of the Fund's fiscal year end.

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DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES RATINGS

Absence of Rating: Where no rating has been assigned or where a rating has been suspended or withdrawn, it may be for reasons unrelated to the quality of the issue.

Should no rating be assigned, the reason may be one of the following:

1. An application for rating was not received or accepted.
2. The issue or issuer belongs to a group of securities or companies that are not rated as a matter of policy.
3. There is a lack of essential data pertaining to the issue or issuer.
4. The issue was privately placed, in which case the rating is not published in Moody's publications.

Suspension or withdrawal may occur if new and material circumstances arise, the effects of which preclude satisfactory analysis; if there is no longer available reasonable up-to-date data to permit a judgment to be formed; if a bond is called for redemption; or for other reasons.

Note: Moody's applies numerical modifiers, 1, 2 and 3 in each generic rating classification from Aa through B in its bond rating system. The modifier 1 indicates that the security ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates that the issue ranks in the lower end of its generic rating category.

SHORT-TERM DEBT SECURITIES RATINGS

Moody's short-term debt ratings are opinions of the ability of issuers to repay punctually senior debt obligations. These obligations have an original maturity not exceeding one year, unless explicitly noted.

Moody's employs the following three designations, all judged to be investment grade, to indicate the relative repayment ability of rated issuers:

PRIME-1: Issuers rated Prime-1 (or supporting institutions) have a superior ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. Prime-1 repayment

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ability will often be evidenced by many of the following characteristics: leading market positions in well-established industries; high rates of return on funds employed; conservative capitalization structure with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection; broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation; and well-established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity.

PRIME-2: Issuers rated Prime-2 (or supporting institutions) have a strong ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. This will normally be evidenced by many of the characteristics cited above but to a lesser degree. Earnings trends and coverage ratios, while sound, may be more subject to variation. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternate liquidity is maintained.

PRIME-3: Issuers rated Prime-3 (or supporting institutions) have an acceptable ability for repayment of senior short-term obligations. The effect of industry characteristics and market compositions may be more pronounced. Variability in earnings and profitability may result in changes in the level of debt protection measurements and may require relatively high financial leverage. Adequate alternate liquidity is maintained.

NOT PRIME: Issuers rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

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DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES RATINGS

STANDARD & POOR'S RATINGS GROUP

INVESTMENT GRADE

AAA: Debt rated AAA has the highest rating assigned by S&P. Capacity to pay interest and repay principal is extremely strong.

AA: Debt rated AA has a very strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal and differs from the highest rated issues only in small degree.

A: Debt rated A has a strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal although it is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than debt in higher rated categories.

BBB: Debt rated BBB is regarded as having an adequate capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Whereas it normally exhibit adequate protection parameters, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay interest and repay principal for debt in this category than in higher rated categories.

SPECULATIVE GRADE

Debt rated BB, B, CCC, CC and C is regarded as having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal. BB indicates the least degree of speculation and C the highest. While such debt will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these are outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

BB: Debt rated BB has less near-term vulnerability to default than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to inadequate capacity to meet timely interest and principal payments. The BB rating category is also used for debt subordinated to senior debt that is assigned an actual or implied BBB- rating.

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B: Debt rated B has a greater vulnerability to default but currently has the capacity to meet interest payments and principal repayments. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair capacity or willingness to pay interest and repay principal. The B rating category is also used for debt subordinated to senior debt that is assigned an actual or implied BB or BB- rating.

CCC: Debt rated CCC has a currently identifiable vulnerability to default, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions to meet timely payment of interest and repayment of principal. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, it is not likely to have the capacity to pay interest and repay principal. The CCC rating category is also used for debt subordinated to senior debt that is assigned an actual or implied B or B- rating.

CC: The rating CC is typically applied to debt subordinated to senior debt which is assigned an actual or implied CCC debt rating.

C: The rating C is typically applied to debt subordinated to senior debt which is assigned an actual or implied CCC- debt rating. The C rating may be used to cover a situation where a bankruptcy petition has been filed, but debt service payments are continued.

C1: The Rating C1 is reserved for income bonds on which no interest is being paid.

D: Debt rated D is in payment default. The D rating category is used when interest payments or principal payments are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless S&P believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The D rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition if debt service payments are jeopardized.

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DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES RATINGS

PLUS (+) OR MINUS (-): The ratings from AA to CCC may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

P: The letter "p" indicates that the rating is provisional. A provisional rating assumes the successful completion of the project being financed by the debt being rated and indicates that payment of debt service requirements is largely or entirely dependent upon the successful and timely completion of the project. This rating, however, while addressing credit quality subsequent to completion of the project, makes no comment on the likelihood of, or the risk of default upon failure of such completion. The investor should exercise his own judgment with respect to such likelihood and risk.

L: The letter "L" indicates that the rating pertains to the principal amount of those bonds to the extent that the underlying deposit collateral is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and interest is adequately collateralized. In the case of certificates of deposit, the letter "L" indicates that the deposit, combined with other deposits being held in the same right and capacity, will be honored for principal and accrued pre-default interest up to the federal insurance limits within 30 days after closing of the insured institution or, in the event that the deposit is assumed by a successor insured institution, upon maturity.

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NR: NR indicates no rating has been requested, that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that S&P does not rate a particular type of obligation as a matter of policy.

COMMERCIAL PAPER

COMMERCIAL PAPER RATING DEFINITIONS

A S&P's commercial paper rating is a current assessment of the likelihood of timely payment of debt having an original maturity of no more than 365 days. Ratings are graded into several categories, ranging from A for the highest quality obligations to D for the lowest. These categories are as follows:

A-1: A short-term obligation rated A-1 is rated in the highest category by S&P. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are designated with a plus sign (+). This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on these obligations is extremely strong.

A-2: A short-term obligation rated A-2 is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is satisfactory.

A-3: A short-term obligation rated A-3 exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B: A short-term obligation rated B is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

C: A short-term obligation rated C is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

D: A short-term obligation rated D is in payment default. The D rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless S&P believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The D rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized.

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DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES RATINGS

A commercial paper rating is not a recommendation to purchase, sell or hold a security inasmuch as it does not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor. The ratings are based on current information furnished to S&P by the issuer or obtained from other sources it considers reliable. S&P does not perform an audit in connection with any rating and may, on occasion, rely on unaudited financial information. The ratings may be changed, suspended, or withdrawn as a result of changes in or unavailability of such information.

FITCH RATINGS

INVESTMENT GRADE BOND RATINGS

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AAA: Bonds considered to be investment grade and of the highest credit quality. The obligor has an exceptionally strong ability to pay interest and repay principal, which is unlikely to be affected by reasonably foreseeable events.

AA: Bonds considered to be investment grade and of very high credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is very strong, although not quite as strong as bonds rated 'AAA'. Because bonds rated in the 'AAA' and 'AA' categories are not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable future developments, short-term debt of these issuers is generally rated 'F-1+'.

A: Bonds considered to be investment grade and of high credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is considered to be strong, but may be more vulnerable to adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances than bonds with higher ratings.

BBB: Bonds considered to be investment grade and of satisfactory credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is considered to be adequate. Adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances, however, are more likely to have adverse impact on these bonds, and therefore, impair timely payment. The likelihood that the ratings of these bonds will fall below investment grade is higher than for bonds with higher ratings.

HIGH YIELD BOND RATINGS

BB: Bonds are considered speculative. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal may be affected over time by adverse economic changes. However, business and financial alternatives can be identified that could assist the obligor in satisfying its debt service requirements.

B: Bonds are considered highly speculative. While bonds in this class are currently meeting debt service requirements, the probability of continued timely payment of principal and interest reflects the obligor's limited margin of safety and the need for reasonable business and economic activity throughout the life of the issue.

CCC: Bonds have certain identifiable characteristics which, if not remedied, may lead to default. The ability to meet obligations requires an advantageous business and economic environment.

CC: Bonds are minimally protected. Default in payment of interest and/or principal seems probable over time.

C: Bonds are in imminent default in payment of interest or principal.

DDD, DD AND D: Bonds are in default on interest and/or principal payments. Such bonds are extremely speculative and should be valued on the basis of their ultimate recovery value in liquidation or reorganization of the obligor. 'DDD' represents the highest potential for recovery on these bonds, and 'D' represents the lowest potential for recovery.

PLUS (+) OR MINUS (-): The ratings from AA to C may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus sign to indicate the relative position of a credit within the rating category.

NR: Indicates that Fitch does not rate the specific issue.

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DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES RATINGS

CONDITIONAL: A conditional rating is premised on the successful completion of a

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project or the occurrence of a specific event.

INVESTMENT GRADE SHORT-TERM RATINGS

Fitch's short-term ratings apply to debt obligations that are payable on demand or have original maturities of generally up to three years, including commercial paper, certificates of deposit, medium-term notes, and municipal and investment notes.

F-1+: Exceptionally Strong Credit Quality. Issues assigned this rating are regarded as having the strongest degree of assurance for timely payment.

F-1: Very Strong Credit Quality. Issues assigned this rating reflect an assurance of timely payment only slightly less in degree than issues rated 'F-1+'.

F-2: Good Credit Quality. Issues carrying this rating have a satisfactory degree of assurance for timely payment, but the margin of safety is not as great as the 'F-1+' and 'F-1' categories.

F-3: Fair Credit Quality. Issues carrying this rating have characteristics suggesting that the degree of assurance for timely payment is adequate, however, near-term adverse change could cause these securities to be rated below investment grade.

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Notes: Bonds which are unrated expose the investor to risks with respect to capacity to pay interest or repay principal which are similar to the risks of lower-rated speculative bonds. The Fund is dependent on the Adviser's judgment, analysis and experience in the evaluation of such bonds.

Investors should note that the assignment of a rating to a bond by a rating service may not reflect the effect of recent developments on the issuer's ability to make interest and principal payments.

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APPENDIX B

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EATON VANCE LIMITED DURATION INCOME FUND

Amendment No. 1 to By-laws - Statement

creating five series of

Auction Preferred Shares

WHEREAS, Section 5.1 of Article VI of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated March 12, 2003 of Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund (the "Declaration of Trust"), a copy of which is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provides that the Trustees may, without shareholder approval, authorize one or more classes of shares (which classes may be divided into two or more series), shares of each such class or series having such preferences, voting powers,

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restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption, as the Trustees may determine and as shall be set forth in the By-laws; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority expressly vested in the Trustees of the Trust by Section 5.1 of Article VI of the Declaration of Trust, the Trustees have authorized, in addition to that Trust's common shares, a class of 7,600 preferred shares which are now to be issued divided into one series of 7,600 shares, one series 7,600 shares, one series of 7,600 shares, one series of 7,600 shares and one series of 7,600 shares of its authorized preferred shares, \$0.01 par value, liquidation preference \$25,000 per share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon, if any (whether or not earned or declared), plus the premium, if any, resulting from the designation of a Premium Call Period, designated respectively Series A Auction Preferred Shares, Series B Auction Preferred Shares, Series C Auction Preferred Shares, Series D Auction Preferred Shares and Series E Auction Preferred Shares.

NOW, THEREFORE, the By-laws of Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund are hereby amended as follows:

1. ARTICLES VII through XIII shall be redesignated as ARTICLES VIII through XIV and all affected cross references therein hereby are amended accordingly.
2. A new ARTICLE VII shall be added as follows:

ARTICLE VII

STATEMENT CREATING FIVE SERIES OF AUCTION PREFERRED SHARES

DESIGNATION

Auction Preferred Shares, Series A: 7,600 shares of beneficial interest of Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share, liquidation preference \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) thereon, is hereby designated "Auction Preferred Shares, Series A." Each share of Auction Preferred Shares, Series A (sometimes referred to herein as "Series A APS") may be issued on a date to be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or pursuant to their delegated authority; have an Initial Dividend Rate and an Initial Dividend Payment Date as shall be determined in advance of the issuance thereof by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or pursuant to their delegated authority; and have such other preferences, voting powers, limitations as to dividends, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption as are set forth in these Amended By-Laws. The Series A APS shall constitute a separate series of Preferred Shares of the Trust, and each share of Series A APS shall be identical.

Auction Preferred Shares, Series B: 7,600 shares of beneficial interest of Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share, liquidation preference \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) thereon, is hereby designated "Auction Preferred Shares, Series B." Each share of Auction Preferred Shares, Series B (sometimes referred to herein as "Series B APS") may be issued on a date to be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or pursuant to their delegated authority; have an Initial Dividend Rate and an Initial Dividend Payment Date as shall be determined in advance of the issuance thereof by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or pursuant to their delegated authority; and have such other preferences, voting powers, limitations as to dividends, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption as are set forth in these Amended By-Laws. The Series B APS shall constitute a separate series of Preferred Shares of the Trust, and each share of Series B APS shall be identical.

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Auction Preferred Shares, Series C: 7,600 shares of beneficial interest of Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share, liquidation preference \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) thereon, is hereby designated "Auction Preferred Shares, Series C." Each share of Auction Preferred Shares, Series C (sometimes referred to herein as "Series C APS") may be issued on a date to be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or pursuant to their delegated authority; have an Initial Dividend Rate and an Initial Dividend Payment Date as shall be determined in advance of the issuance thereof by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or pursuant to their delegated authority; and have such other preferences, voting powers, limitations as to dividends, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption as are set forth in these Amended By-Laws. The Series C APS shall constitute a separate series of Preferred Shares of the Trust, and each share of Series C APS shall be identical.

Auction Preferred Shares, Series D: 7,600 shares of beneficial interest of Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share, liquidation preference \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) thereon, is hereby designated "Auction Preferred Shares, Series D." Each share of Auction Preferred Shares, Series D (sometimes referred to herein as "Series D APS") may be issued on a date to be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or pursuant to their delegated authority; have an Initial Dividend Rate and an Initial Dividend Payment Date as shall be determined in advance of the issuance thereof by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or pursuant to their delegated authority; and have such other preferences, voting powers, limitations as to dividends, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption as are set forth in these Amended By-Laws. The Series D APS shall constitute a separate series of Preferred Shares of the Trust, and each share of Series D APS shall be identical.

Auction Preferred Shares, Series E: 7,600 shares of beneficial interest of Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share, liquidation preference \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) thereon, is hereby designated "Auction Preferred Shares, Series E." Each share

of Auction Preferred Shares, Series E (sometimes referred to herein as "Series E APS") may be issued on a date to be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or pursuant to their delegated authority; have an Initial Dividend Rate and an Initial Dividend Payment Date as shall be determined in advance of the issuance thereof by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or pursuant to their delegated authority; and have such other preferences, voting powers, limitations as to dividends, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption as are set forth in these Amended By-Laws. The Series E APS shall constitute a separate series of Preferred Shares of the Trust, and each share of Series E APS shall be identical. The Series A APS, the Series B APS, the Series C APS, the Series D APS and the Series E APS are sometimes collectively referred to herein as the "APS."

1. DEFINITIONS. (a) Unless the context or use indicates another or different meaning or intent, in these Amended By-Laws the following terms have the following meanings, whether used in the singular or plural:

"7-Day Dividend Period" means a Dividend Period consisting of seven days.

"1940 Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from time to time.

"1940 Act APS Asset Coverage" means asset coverage, as defined in section 18(h) of the 1940 Act, of at least 200% with respect to all outstanding senior securities of the Trust which are shares of beneficial interest, including all outstanding shares of APS and Other APS (or such other asset coverage as may in

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the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities which are shares of beneficial interest of a closed-end investment company as a condition of paying dividends on its Common Shares).

"1940 Act Cure Date," with respect to the failure by the Trust to maintain the 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage (as required by paragraph 6 of these Amended By-Laws) as of the last Business Day of each month, means the last Business Day of the following month.

"`AA' Composite Commercial Paper Rate," on any date of determination, means (i) the Interest Equivalent of the rate on commercial paper placed on behalf of issuers whose corporate bonds are rated "AA" by Fitch or "Aa" by Moody's or the equivalent of such rating by another nationally recognized rating agency, as such rate is made available on a discount basis or otherwise by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the Business Day immediately preceding such date, or (ii) in the event that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York does not make available such a rate, then the arithmetic average of the Interest Equivalent of the rate on commercial paper placed on behalf of such issuers, as quoted on a discount basis or otherwise by UBS Warburg LLC or its successors that are Commercial Paper Dealers, to the Auction Agent for the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding such date. If one of the Commercial Paper Dealers does not quote a rate required to determine the "AA" Composite Commercial Paper Rate, the "AA" Composite Commercial Paper Rate will be determined on the basis of the quotation or quotations furnished by any Substitute Commercial Paper Dealer or Substitute Commercial Paper Dealers selected by the Trust to provide such rate or rates not being supplied by the Commercial Paper Dealer. If the number of Dividend Period days shall be (i) 7 or more but fewer than 49 days, such rate shall be the Interest Equivalent of the 30-day rate on such commercial paper; (ii) 49 or more but fewer than 70 days, such rate shall be the Interest Equivalent of the 60-day rate on such commercial paper; (iii) 70 or more days but fewer than 85 days, such rate shall be the arithmetic average of the Interest Equivalent on the 60-day and 90-day rates on such commercial paper; (iv) 85 or more days but fewer than 99 days, such rate shall be the Interest Equivalent of the 90-day rate on such commercial paper; (v) 99 or more days but fewer than 120 days, such rate shall be the arithmetic average of the Interest Equivalent of the 90-day and 120-day rates on such commercial paper; (vi) 120 or more days but fewer than 141 days, such rate shall be the Interest Equivalent of the 120-day rate on such commercial paper; (vii) 141 or more days but fewer than 162 days, such rate shall be the arithmetic average of the Interest Equivalent of the 120-day and 180-day rates on such commercial paper; and (viii) 162 or more days but fewer than 183 days, such rate shall be the Interest Equivalent of the 180-day rate on such commercial paper.

"Accountant's Confirmation" has the meaning set forth in paragraph 7(c) of these Amended By-Laws.

"Adviser" means the Trust's investment adviser, which initially shall be Eaton Vance Management.

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"Affiliate" means any person known to the Auction Agent to be controlled by, in control of or under common control with the Trust; provided that Eaton Vance Management shall not be deemed to be an Affiliate nor shall any corporation or any person controlled by, in control of or under common control with such entity, one of the trustees, directors or executive officers of which is also a trustee, director or executive officer of the Trust, be deemed to be an Affiliate.

"Agent Member" means a member of the Securities Depository that will act on behalf of a Beneficial Owner of one or more shares of APS or a Potential

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Beneficial Owner.

"Amended By-Laws" means the By-Laws of the Trust, as amended by this Statement creating the APS and as may otherwise be amended from time-to-time.

"Applicable Percentage" has the meaning set forth in paragraph 10(a)(vii) of these Amended By-Laws.

"Applicable Rates" means the rates per annum at which cash dividends are payable on each Series of APS or Other APS, as the case may be, for any Dividend Period.

"Approved Price" means the "fair value" as determined by the Trust in accordance with the valuation procedures adopted from time to time by the Board of Trustees of the Trust and for which the Trust receives a marked-to-market price (which, for the purpose of clarity, shall not mean Market Value) from an independent source at least semi-annually.

"APS" means, as the case may be, the Auction Preferred Shares.

"APS Basic Maintenance Amount," as of any Valuation Date, shall mean the dollar amount equal to the sum of (i) (A) the product of the number of Outstanding shares of each Series of APS on such date by the Liquidation Preference (and redemption premium, if any) per share of such Series; (B) the aggregate amount of dividends that will have accumulated at the respective Applicable Rates (whether or not earned or declared) to (but not including) the first respective Dividend Payment Dates for each Series of APS outstanding that follows such Valuation Date; (C) the aggregate amount of dividends that would accumulate on Outstanding Preferred Shares from such first Dividend Payment Dates therefor referenced in (B) of this paragraph through the 45th day after such Valuation Date at the respective Applicable Rates referenced in (B) of this paragraph; (D) the amount of anticipated non-interest expenses of the Trust for the 90 days subsequent to such Valuation Date; (E) the amount of the current outstanding balances of any indebtedness or obligations of the Trust senior in right of payment to the Preferred Shares plus interest actually accrued together with 30 days additional interest on the current outstanding balances calculated at the current rate; and (F) any other current liabilities payable during the 30 days subsequent to such Valuation Date, including, without limitation, indebtedness due within one year and any redemption premium due with respect to the Preferred Shares for which a Notice of Redemption has been sent, as of such Valuation Date, to the extent not reflected in any of (i) (A) through (i) (E) (including, without limitation, any liabilities incurred for the purpose of clearing securities transactions) less (ii) the sum of any cash plus the value of any of the Trust's assets irrevocably deposited by the Trust for the payment of any of (i) (A) through (i) (F) ("value," for purposes of this clause (ii), means the Discounted Value of the security, except that if the security matures prior to the relevant redemption payment date and is either fully guaranteed by the U.S. Government or is rated P2 by Moody's and A2 by Fitch, it will be valued at its face value).

"APS Basic Maintenance Amount Test" means a test which is met if: (a) the aggregate Discounted Values of the Moody's Eligible Assets meets or exceeds 1.2 times the APS Basic Maintenance Amount and (b) the aggregate Discounted Values of the Fitch Eligible Assets meets or exceeds 1.0 times the APS Basic Maintenance Amount.

"APS Basic Maintenance Cure Date," with respect to the failure by the Trust to satisfy the APS Basic Maintenance Amount (as required by paragraph 7(a) of these Amended By-Laws) as of a given Valuation Date, means the second Business Day following such Valuation Date.

"APS Basic Maintenance Report" means a report signed by any of the President, Treasurer, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President of the Trust which sets forth, as of the related Valuation Date, the assets of the Trust, the Market Value and the Discounted Value thereof (seriatim and in aggregate), and the APS Basic Maintenance Amount.

"Auction" means a periodic operation of the Auction Procedures.

"Auction Agent" means Deutsche Bank Trust Company unless and until another commercial bank, trust company or other financial institution appointed by a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Trust or a duly authorized committee thereof enters into an agreement with the Trust to follow the Auction Procedures for the purpose of determining the Applicable Rate and to act as transfer agent, registrar, dividend disbursing agent and redemption agent for the APS and Other APS.

"Auction Procedures" means the procedures for conducting Auctions set forth in paragraph 10 of this Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws.

"Beneficial Owner" means a customer of a Broker-Dealer who is listed on the records of that Broker-Dealer (or, if applicable, the Auction Agent) as a holder of shares of APS or a Broker-Dealer that holds APS for its own account.

"Broker-Dealer" means any broker-dealer, or other entity permitted by law to perform the functions required of a Broker-Dealer in paragraph 10 of this Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws, that has been selected by the Trust and has entered into a Broker-Dealer Agreement with the Auction Agent that remains effective.

"Broker-Dealer Agreement" means an agreement between the Auction Agent and a Broker-Dealer pursuant to which such Broker-Dealer agrees to follow the procedures specified in paragraph 10 of this Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws.

"Business Day" means a day on which The American Stock Exchange is open for trading and which is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banks in The City of New York are authorized or obligated by law to close.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Commercial Paper Dealers" means UBS Warburg LLC and such other commercial paper dealer or dealers as the Trust may from time to time appoint, or, in lieu of any thereof, their respective affiliates or successors.

"Common Shares" means the shares of beneficial interest designated as common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Trust.

"Date of Original Issue" means, with respect to any share of APS or Other APS, the date on which the Trust originally issues such share.

"Declaration of Trust" means the Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended and supplemented (including these Amended By-Laws), of the Trust.

"Deposit Securities" means cash and Senior Loans and MBS rated at least A2 (having a remaining maturity of 12 months or less), P-1, VMIG-1 or MIG-1 by Moody's or A (having a remaining maturity of 12 months or less), F-1+ by Fitch.

"Discounted Value" as of any Valuation Date, means (i) with respect to an Fitch Eligible Asset, the quotient of the Market Value thereof divided by the applicable Fitch Discount Factor and (ii) (a) with respect to a Moody's Eligible

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Asset that is not currently callable (but including all MBS) as of such Valuation Date at the option of the issuer thereof, the quotient of the Market Value thereof divided by the applicable Moody's Discount Factor, or (b) with respect to a Moody's Eligible Asset that is currently callable as of such Valuation Date at the option of the

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issuer thereof, the quotient of (1) the lesser of the Market Value or call price thereof, including any call premium, divided by (2) the applicable Moody's Discount Factor.

"Dividend Payment Date," with respect to APS, has the meaning set forth in paragraph 2(b)(i) of these Amended By-Laws and, with respect to Other APS, has the equivalent meaning.

"Dividend Period" means the Initial Dividend Period, any 7-Day Dividend Period and any Special Dividend Period.

"Existing Holder" means a Broker-Dealer or any such other Person as may be permitted by the Trust that is listed as the holder of record of shares of APS in the Share Books.

"Fitch" means Fitch Ratings and its successors at law.

"Fitch Discount Factor" means for purposes of determining the Discounted Value of any Fitch Eligible Asset, the percentage determined as follows. The Fitch Discount Factor for any Fitch Eligible Asset other than the securities set forth below will be the percentage provided in writing by Fitch.

(i) Corporate Debt Securities: The percentage determined by reference to the rating on such asset with reference to the remaining term to maturity of such asset, in accordance with the table set forth below.

DISCOUNT FACTORS FOR CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES INCLUDING NON-INVESTMENT GRADE BONDS (NON-CONVERTIBLES)

| TERMS TO MATURITY OF NON-INVESTMENT GRADE BONDS ----- | AAA --- | AA --- | A --- | BBB --- | BB --- | B --- |
|--|------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 year or less | 106 | 108 | 110 | 112 | 130 | 152 |
| 2 years or less (but longer than 1 year) | 106 | 108 | 110 | 112 | 130 | 152 |
| 3 years or less (but longer than 2 years) | 106 | 108 | 110 | 112 | 130 | 152 |
| 4 years or less (but longer than 3 years) | 111 | 113 | 115 | 117 | 134 | 152 |
| 5 years or less (but longer than 4 years) | 111 | 113 | 115 | 117 | 134 | 152 |
| 7 years or less (but longer than 5 years) | 114 | 116 | 118 | 120 | 136 | 152 |
| 10 years or less (but longer than 7 years) | 116 | 118 | 120 | 122 | 137 | 152 |
| 15 years or less (but longer than 10 years) | 120 | 122 | 124 | 124 | 139 | 152 |
| 30 years or less (but longer than 15 years) | 124 | 127 | 129 | 129 | 145 | 152 |
| Greater than 30 years | 124 | 127 | 129 | 129 | 145 | 152 |

(1) If a security is not rated by Fitch but is rated by two other Rating Agencies, then the lower of the ratings on the security from the two other Rating Agencies will be used to determine the Fitch Discount Factor (e.g., where the S&P rating is A and the Moody's rating is Baa, a Fitch rating of BBB will be used). If a security is not rated by Fitch but is rated by only one other Rating Agency, then the rating on the security from the other Rating Agency will be used to determine the Fitch Discount Factor

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(e.g., where the only rating on a security is an S&P rating of AAA, a Fitch rating of AAA will be used, and where the only rating on a security is a Moody's rating of Ba, a Fitch rating of BB will be used). If a security is not rated by any Rating Agency, the Trust will use the percentage set forth under "not rated" in this table. Securities rated below B by Fitch shall be traded the same as securities not rated by Fitch.

The Fitch Discount Factors presented in the immediately preceding table apply to corporate debt securities that are Performing and have a Market Value determined by a Pricing Service or an Approved Price. The Fitch Discount Factor noted in the table above for a debt security rated B by Fitch shall apply to any non-Performing debt security with a price equal to or greater than \$0.90. The Fitch Discount Factor noted in the table above for a debt security rated CCC by Fitch shall apply to any non-Performing debt security with a price less than \$0.90 but equal to or greater than \$0.20. If a debt security does not have a Market Value determined by a Pricing Service or an Approved Price, a rating two rating categories below the actual rating on the debt security will be used (e.g., where the actual rating is A-, the rating for Debt Securities rated BB- will be used). The Fitch Discount Factor for a debt security issued by a limited partnership that is not a Rule 144A Security shall be the Discount Factor determined in accordance with the table set forth above multiplied by 105%.

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The Fitch Discount Factors presented in the immediately preceding table will also apply to corporate obligations backed by a guaranty, a letter of credit or insurance issued by a third party. If the third-party credit rating is the basis for the rating on the obligation, then the rating on the third party will be used to determine the Fitch Discount Factor in the table.

(ii) Preferred stock: The percentage determined by references to the rating of a preferred stock in accordance with the table set forth below.

| PREFERRED STOCK(1) | DISCOUNT FACTOR |
|---|-----------------|
| ----- | ----- |
| AAA | 130% |
| AA | 133% |
| A | 135% |
| BBB | 139% |
| BB | 154% |
| Not rated or below BB | 161% |
| Investment Grade DRD | 164% |
| Not rated or below Investment Grade DRD | 200% |

(1) If a security is not rated by Fitch but is rated by two other Rating Agencies, then the lower of the ratings on the security from the two other Rating Agencies will be used to determine the Fitch Discount Factor (e.g., where the S&P rating is A and the Moody's rating is Baa, a Fitch rating of BBB will be used). If a security is not rated by Fitch but is rated by only one other Rating Agency, then the rating on the security from the other Rating Agency will be used to determine the Fitch Discount Factor (e.g., where the only rating on a security is an S&P rating of AAA, a Fitch rating of AAA will be used, and where the only rating on a security is a Moody's rating of Ba, a Fitch rating of BB will be used). If a security is not rated by any Rating Agency, the Trust will use the

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percentage set forth under "not rated" in this table.

(iii) Convertible securities: The Fitch Discount Factor applied to convertible securities is (A) 200% for investment grade convertibles and (B) 222% for below investment grade convertibles so long as such convertible debt securities have neither (x) conversion premium greater than 100% nor (y) have a yield to maturity or yield to worst of greater than 15.00% above the relevant Treasury curve.

The Fitch Discount Factor applied to convertible debt securities which have conversion premiums of greater than 100% is (A) 152% for investment grade convertibles and (B) 179% for below investment grade convertibles so long as such convertible debt securities do not have a yield to maturity or yield to worst of greater than 15.00% above the relevant Treasury curve.

The Fitch Discount Factor applied to convertible debt securities which have a yield to maturity or yield to worse of greater than 15.00% above the relevant Treasury curve is 370%.

If a security is not rated by Fitch but is rated by two other Rating Agencies, then the lower of the ratings on the security from the two other Rating Agencies will be used to determine the Fitch Discount Factor (e.g., where the S&P rating is A and the Moody's rating is Baa, a Fitch rating of BBB will be used). If a security is not rated by Fitch but is rated by only one other Rating Agency, then the rating on the security from the other Rating Agency will be used to determine the Fitch Discount Factor (e.g., where the only rating on a security is an S&P rating of AAA, a Fitch rating of AAA will be used, and where the only rating on a security is a Moody's rating of Ba, a Fitch rating of BB will be used). If a security is not rated by any Rating Agency, the Trust will treat the security as if it were below investment grade.

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(iv) U.S. Government Securities:

| Time Remaining to Maturity ----- | Discount Factor ----- |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1 year or less | 101.5% |
| 2 years or less (but longer than 1 year) | 103% |
| 3 years or less (but longer than 2 years) | 105% |
| 4 years or less (but longer than 3 years) | 107% |
| 5 years or less (but longer than 4 years) | 109% |
| 7 years or less (but longer than 5 years) | 112% |
| 10 years or less (but longer than 7 years) | 114% |
| 15 years or less (but longer than 10 years) | 122% |
| 20 years or less (but longer than 15 years) | 130% |
| 25 years or less (but longer than 20 years) | 146% |
| Greater than 30 years | 154% |

(v) Short-Term Investments and Cash: The Fitch Discount Factor applied to short-term portfolio securities, including without limitation Debt Securities, Short Term Money Market Instruments and municipal debt obligations, will be (A) 100%, so long as such portfolio securities mature or have a demand feature at par exercisable within the Fitch Exposure Period; (B) 115%, so long as such portfolio securities mature or have a demand feature at par not exercisable within the Fitch Exposure Period; and (C) 125%, so long as such portfolio securities neither mature nor have a demand feature at par exercisable within

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the Fitch Exposure Period. A Fitch Discount Factor of 100% will be applied to cash.

(vi) Rule 144A Securities: The Fitch Discount Factor applied to Rule 144A Securities shall be the Discount Factor determined in accordance with the table above under Corporate Debt Securities in subsection (i) multiplied by 110% until such securities are registered under the Securities Act.

(vii) MBS, asset-backed and other mortgage-backed securities:

MBS: U.S. Government Agency (FNMA, FHLMC or GNMA) conforming mortgage-backed securities with an original stated maturity of more than 15 years shall have a discount factor of 114% and conforming mortgage-backed securities with an original stated maturity of 15 years or less shall have a discount factor of 111%.

Asset-backed and other mortgage-backed securities: The percentage determined by reference to the asset type in accordance with the table set forth below.

ASSET TYPE (WITH TIME REMAINING TO MATURITY, IF APPLICABLE)

U.S.Treasury/agency securities (10 years or less)
U.S.Treasury/agency securities (greater than 10 years)
U.S. agency sequentials (10 years or less)
U.S. agency sequentials (greater than 10 years)
U.S. agency principal only securities
U.S. agency interest only securities (with Market Value greater than \$0.40)
U.S. agency interest only securities (with Market Value less than or equal to \$0.40)
AAA Lock-Out securities, interest only
U.S. agency planned amortization class bonds (10 years or less)
U.S. agency planned amortization class bonds (greater than 10 years)
AAA sequentials (10 years or less)
AAA sequentials (greater than 10 years)
AAA planned amortization class bonds (10 years or less)
AAA planned amortization class bonds (greater than 10 years)
Jumbo mortgage rated AAA(1)
Jumbo mortgage rated AA(1)
Jumbo mortgage rated A(1)

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Jumbo mortgage rated BBB(1)
Commercial mortgage-backed securities rated AAA
Commercial mortgage-backed securities rated AA
Commercial mortgage-backed securities rated A
Commercial mortgage-backed securities rated BBB
Commercial mortgage-backed securities rated BB
Commercial mortgage-backed securities rated B
Commercial mortgage-backed securities rated CCC or not rated

(1) Applies to jumbo mortgages, credit cards, auto loans, home equity loans, manufactured housing and prime mortgage-backed securities not issued by a U.S. agency or instrumentality.

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(viii) Senior Loans: The Fitch Discount Factor applied to senior, secured floating rate Loans made to corporate and other business entities ("Senior Loans") shall be the percentage specified in the table below opposite such Fitch Loan Category:

| FITCH LOAN CATEGORY | DISCOUNT FACTOR |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| A | 115% |
| B | 130% |
| C | 152% |
| D | 370% |

(ix) Futures and call options: For purposes of the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, futures held by the Trust and call options sold by the Trust shall not be included as Fitch Eligible Assets. However, such assets shall be valued at Market Value by subtracting the good faith margin and the maximum daily trading variance as of a Valuation Date. For call options purchased by the Trust, the Market Value of the call option will be included as Fitch Eligible Asset subject to a Fitch Discount Factor mutually agreed to between the Trust and Fitch based on the characteristics of the option contract such as its maturity and the underlying security of the contract.

(x) Securities lending: The Trust may engage in securities lending in an amount not to exceed 15% of the Trust's total gross assets. For purposes of calculating the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, such securities lent shall be included as Fitch Eligible Assets with the appropriate Fitch Discount Factor applied to such lent security. The obligation to return such collateral shall not be included as an obligation/liability for purposes of calculating the APS Basic Maintenance Amount. However, the Fund may reinvest cash collateral for securities lent in conformity with its investment objectives and policies and the provisions of these bylaws. In such event, to the extent that securities lending collateral received is invested by the Fund in assets that otherwise would be Fitch Eligible Assets and the value of such assets exceeds the amount of the Fund's obligation to return the collateral on a Valuation Date, such excess amount shall be included in the calculation of Fitch Eligible Assets by applying the applicable Fitch Discount Factor to this amount and adding the product to total Fitch Eligible Assets. Conversely, if the value of assets in which securities lending collateral has been invested is less than the amount of the Fund's obligation to return the collateral on a Valuation Date, such difference shall be included as an obligation/liability of the Fund for purposes of calculating the APS Basic Maintenance Amount. Collateral received by the Trust in a securities lending transaction and maintained by the Trust in the form received shall not be included as a Fitch Eligible Asset for purposes of calculating the APS Basic Maintenance Amount.

(xi) Swaps (including Total Return Swaps, Interest Rate Swaps and Credit Default Swaps): Total Return and Interest Rate Swaps are subject to the following provisions:

If the Trust has an outstanding gain from a swap transaction on a Valuation Date, the gain will be included as a Fitch Eligible Asset subject to the Fitch Discount Factor on the counterparty to the swap transaction. At the time a swap is executed, the Trust will only enter into swap transactions where the counterparty has at least a Fitch rating of A- or Moody's rating of A3.

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(A) Only the cumulative unsettled profit and loss from a Total Return Swap transaction will be calculated when determining the APS Basic Maintenance Amount. If the Trust has an outstanding liability from a swap transaction on a Valuation Date, the Trust count such liability as an outstanding liability from the total Fitch Eligible Assets in calculating the APS Basic Maintenance Amount.

(B) In addition, for swaps other than Total Return Swaps, the Market Value of the position (positive or negative) will be included as a Fitch Eligible Asset. The aggregate notional value of all swaps will not exceed the Liquidation Preference of the Outstanding APS.

(C) (1) The underlying securities subject to a Credit Default Swap sold by the Trust will be subject to the applicable Fitch Discount Factor for each security subject to the swap;

(2) If the Trust purchases a Credit Default Swap and holds the underlying security, the Market Value of the Credit Default Swap and the underlying security will be included as a Fitch Eligible Asset subject to the Fitch Discount Factor assessed based on the counterparty risk; and

(3) The Trust will not include a Credit Default Swap as a Fitch Eligible Asset purchased by the Trust without the Trust holding the underlying security or when the Trust buys a Credit Default Swap for a basket of securities without holding all the securities in the basket.

"Fitch Eligible Asset" means:

(i) Cash (including interest and dividends due on assets rated (A) BBB or higher by Fitch or the equivalent by another Rating Agency if the payment date is within five (5) Business Days of the Valuation Date, (B) A or higher by Fitch or the equivalent by another Rating Agency if the payment date is within thirty days of the Valuation Date, and (C) A+ or higher by Fitch or the equivalent by another Rating Agency if the payment date is within the Fitch Exposure Period) and receivables for Fitch Eligible Assets sold if the receivable is due within five (5) Business Days of the Valuation Date, and if the trades which generated such receivables are settled within five (5) Business Days;

(ii) Short Term Money Market Instruments so long as (A) such securities are rated at least F1+ by Fitch or the equivalent by another Rating Agency, (B) in the case of demand deposits, time deposits and overnight funds, the supporting entity is rated at least A by Fitch or the equivalent by another Rating Agency, or (C) in all other cases, the supporting entity (1) is rated at least A by Fitch or the equivalent by another Rating Agency and the security matures within one month, (2) is rated at least A by Fitch or the equivalent by another Rating Agency and the security matures within three months or (3) is rated at least AA by Fitch or the equivalent by another Rating Agency and the security matures within six months;

(iii) U.S. Government Securities;

(iv) debt securities if such securities have been registered under the Securities Act or are restricted as to resale under federal securities laws but are eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act as determined by the Trust's investment manager or portfolio manager acting pursuant to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees of the Trust; and such securities are issued by (1) a U.S. corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership, (2) a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership domiciled in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Spain or the United Kingdom or other country if Fitch does not inform the Trust that including debt securities from such foreign

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country will adversely impact Fitch's rating of the APS (the "Approved Foreign Nations"), (3) the government of any Approved Foreign Nation or any of its agencies, instrumentalities or political subdivisions (the debt securities of Approved Foreign Nation issuers being referred to collectively as "Foreign Bonds"), (4) a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership domiciled in Canada or (5) the Canadian government or any of its agencies, instrumentalities or political subdivisions (the debt securities of Canadian issuers being referred to collectively as "Canadian Bonds"). Foreign Bonds held by the Trust will qualify as Fitch Eligible Assets only up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate Market Value of all assets

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constituting Fitch Eligible Assets. Similarly, Canadian Bonds held by the Trust will qualify as Fitch Eligible Assets only up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate Market Value of all assets constituting Fitch Eligible Assets. Notwithstanding the limitations in the two preceding sentences, Foreign Bonds and Canadian Bonds held by the Trust will qualify as Fitch Eligible Assets only up to a maximum of 30% of the aggregate Market Value of all assets constituting Fitch Eligible Assets. All debt securities satisfying the foregoing requirements and restrictions of this paragraph (iv) are herein referred to as "Debt Securities."

(v) Preferred stocks if (i) dividends on such preferred stock are cumulative, (ii) such securities provide for the periodic payment of dividends thereon in cash in U.S. dollars or euros and do not provide for conversion or exchange into, or have warrants attached entitling the holder to receive equity capital at any time over the respective lives of such securities, (iii) the issuer of such a preferred stock has common stock listed on either the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange, (iv) the issuer of such a preferred stock has a senior debt rating or preferred stock rating from Fitch of BBB- or higher or the equivalent rating by another Rating Agency. In addition, the preferred stocks issue must be at least \$50 million;

(vi) asset-backed and MBS;

(vii) Rule 144A Securities;

(viii) Interest Rate Swaps entered into according to International Swap Dealers Association ("ISDA") standards if (1) the counterparty to the swap transaction has a short-term rating of not less than F1 by Fitch or the equivalent by another Rating Agency, or, if the swap counterparty does not have a short-term rating, the counterparty's senior unsecured long-term debt rating is AA or higher by Fitch or the equivalent by another Rating Agency and (2) the original aggregate notional amount of the Interest Rate Swap transaction or transactions is not greater than the liquidation preference of the APS originally issued;

(ix) swaps, including total return and Credit Default Swaps entered into according to ISDA;

(x) Senior Loans; and

(xi) Fitch Hedging Transactions.

Financial contracts, as such term is defined in Section 3(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the Investment Company Act, not otherwise provided for in this definition may be included in Fitch Eligible Assets, but, with respect to any financial contract, only upon receipt by the Trust of a writing from Fitch specifying any conditions on including such financial contract in Fitch Eligible Assets and assuring the Trust that including such financial contract in the manner so specified would

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not affect the credit rating assigned by Fitch to the APS.

Where the Trust sells an asset and agrees to repurchase such asset in the future, the Discounted Value of such asset will constitute a Fitch Eligible Asset and the amount the Trust is required to pay upon repurchase of such asset will count as a liability for the purposes of the APS Basic Maintenance Amount. Where the Trust purchases an asset and agrees to sell it to a third party in the future, cash receivable by the Trust thereby will constitute a Fitch Eligible Asset if the long-term debt of such other party is rated at least A- by Fitch or the equivalent by another Rating Agency and such agreement has a term of 30 days or less; otherwise the Discounted Value of such purchased asset will constitute a Fitch Eligible Asset.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an asset will not be considered a Fitch Eligible Asset to the extent that it has been irrevocably deposited for the payment of (i) (A) through (i) (E) under the definition of APS Basic Maintenance Amount or to the extent it is subject to any liens, except for (A) liens which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and which Fitch has indicated to the Trust will not affect the status of such asset as a Fitch Eligible Asset, (B) liens for taxes that are not then due and payable or that can be paid thereafter without penalty, (C) liens to secure payment for services rendered or cash advanced to the Trust by its investment manager or portfolio manager, the Trust's custodian, transfer agent or registrar or the Auction Agent and (D) liens arising by virtue of any repurchase agreement.

Fitch Diversification Limitations:

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Portfolio holdings as described below must be within the following diversification and issue size requirements in order to be included in Fitch's Eligible Assets:

| Security Rated At Least ----- | Maximum Single Issuer(1) ----- | Maximum Single Industry(1), (2) ----- | Minimum Issue Size (\$ in million) (3) ----- |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| AAA | 100% | 100% | \$100 |
| AA - | 20 | 75 | 100 |
| A - | 10 | 50 | 100 |
| BBB - | 6 | 25 | 100 |
| BB - | 4 | 16 | 50 |
| B - | 3 | 12 | 50 |
| CCC | 2 | 8 | 50 |

(1) Percentages represent a portion of the aggregate Market Value of corporate debt securities.

(2) Industries are determined according to Fitch's Industry Classifications, as defined herein.

(3) Preferred stock has a minimum issue size of \$50 million.

If a security is not rated by Fitch but is rated by two other Rating Agencies, then the lower of the ratings on the security from the two other Rating Agencies will be used to determine the Fitch Discount Factor (e.g., where the S&P rating is A and the Moody's rating is Baa, a Fitch rating of BBB will be used). If a security is not rated by Fitch but is rated by only one other Rating

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Agency, then the rating on the security from the other Rating Agency will be used to determine the Fitch Diversification Limitations (e.g., where the only rating on a security is an S&P rating of AAA, a Fitch rating of AAA will be used, and where the only rating on a security is a Moody's rating of Ba, a Fitch rating of BB will be used). If a security is not rated by any Rating Agency, the Trust will use the percentage set forth under "not rated" in this table.

"Fitch Exposure Period" means the period commencing on (and including) a given Valuation Date and ending 41 days thereafter.

"Fitch General Portfolio Requirements" means that the Trust's portfolio must meet the following diversification requirements: (a) no more than 25% by par value of the Trust's total assets can be invested in the securities of borrowers and other issuers having their principal business activities in the same Fitch Industry Classification; provided, that this limitation shall not apply with respect to U.S. Government Securities and provided further that for purposes of this subsection (a), the term "issuer" shall not include a lender selling a participation to the Trust or any other person interpositioned between such lender and the Trust with respect to a participation and (b) no more than 10% by par value of the Trust's total assets can be invested in securities of a single issuer, and provided further that for purposes of this subsection (b), the term "issuer" includes both the borrower under a loan agreement and the lender selling a participation to the Trust together with any other persons interpositioned between such lender and the Trust with respect to such participation.

"Fitch Hedging Transactions" means purchases or sales of exchange-traded financial futures contracts based on any index approved by Fitch, LIBOR or Treasury Bonds, and purchases, writings or sales of exchange-traded put options on such futures contracts, and purchases, writings or sales of exchange-traded call options on such financial futures contracts, and put and call options on such financial futures contracts ("Fitch Hedging Transactions"), subject to the following limitations:

(i) The Trust may not engage in any Fitch Hedging Transaction based on any index approved by Fitch (other than transactions that terminate a futures contract or option held by the Trust by the Trust's taking the opposite position thereto ("closing transactions")) that would cause the Trust at the time of such transaction to own or have sold outstanding financial futures contracts based on such index exceeding in number 10% of the average number of daily traded financial futures contracts based on such index in the 30 days preceding the time of effecting such transaction as reported by The Wall Street Journal.

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(ii) The Trust will not engage in any Fitch Hedging Transaction based on Treasury Bonds or LIBOR (other than closing transactions) that would cause the Trust at the time of such transaction to own or have sold:

(A) Outstanding financial futures contracts based on Treasury Bonds or LIBOR with such contracts having an aggregate Market Value exceeding 60% of the aggregate Market Value of Fitch Eligible Assets owned by the Trust and at least rated AA by Fitch (or, if not rated by Fitch Ratings, rated at least Aa by Moody's; or, if not rated by Moody's, rated AAA by S&P); or

(B) Outstanding financial futures contracts based on Treasury Bonds or LIBOR with such contracts having an aggregate Market Value exceeding 40% of the aggregate Market Value of all Fitch Eligible Assets owned by the Trust (other than Fitch Eligible Assets already subject to a Fitch Hedging

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Transaction) and rated at least A or BBB by Fitch (or, if not rated by Fitch Ratings, rated at least Baa by Moody's; or, if not rated by Moody's, rated at least A or AA by S&P) (for purposes of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), the Trust shall be deemed to own futures contracts that underlie any outstanding options written by the Trust);

(iii) The Trust may engage in closing transactions to close out any outstanding financial futures contract based on any index approved by Fitch if the amount of open interest in such index as reported by The Wall Street Journal is less than an amount to be mutually determined by Fitch and the Trust.

(iv) The Trust may not enter into an option or futures transaction unless, after giving effect thereto, the Trust would continue to have Fitch Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Shares Basic Maintenance Amount.

"Fitch Industry Classification" means, for the purposes of determining Fitch Eligible Assets, each of the following industry classifications:

| Fitch Industry Classifications ----- | SIC Code (Major Groups) ----- |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Aerospace and Defense | 37, 45 |
| Automobiles | 37, 55 |
| Banking, Finance and Real Estate | 60, 65, 67 |
| Broadcasting and Media | 27, 48 |
| Building and Materials | 15-17, 32, 52 |
| Cable | 48 |
| Chemicals | 28, 30 |
| Computers and Electronics | 35, 36 |
| Consumer Products | 23, 51 |
| Energy | 13, 29, 49 |
| Environmental Services | 87 |
| Farming and Agriculture | 1-3, 7-9 |
| Food, Beverage and Tobacco | 20, 21, 54 |
| Gaming, Lodging and Restaurants | 70, 58 |
| Health Care and Pharmaceuticals | 38, 28, 80 |
| Industrial/Manufacturing | 35 |
| Insurance | 63, 64 |
| Leisure and Entertainment | 78, 79 |
| Metals and Mining | 10, 12, 14, 33, 34 |
| Miscellaneous | 50, 72-76, 99 |
| Paper and Forest Products | 8, 24, 26 |
| Retail | 53, 56, 59 |
| Sovereign | NA |
| Supermarkets and Drug Stores | 54 |
| Telecommunications | 48 |
| Textiles and Furniture | 22, 25, 31, 57 |
| Transportation | 40, 42-47 |
| Utilities | 49 |
| | |
| Structured Finance Obligations | NA |
| Packaging and Containers | 26, 32, 34 |
| Business Services | 73, 87 |

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The Trust shall use its discretion in determining which industry classification is applicable to a particular investment.

"Fitch Loan Category" means the following four categories (and, for purposes of this categorization, the Market Value of a Fitch Eligible Asset trading at par is equal to \$1.00):

(i) "Fitch Loan Category A" means Performing Loans which have a Market Value or an Approved Price greater than or equal to \$0.90.

(ii) "Fitch Loan Category B" means: (A) Performing Loans which have a Market Value or an Approved Price of greater than or equal to \$0.80 but less than \$0.90; and (B) non-Performing Loans which have a Market Value or an Approved Price greater than or equal to \$0.85.

(iii) "Fitch Loan Category C" means: (A) Performing Loans which have a Market Value or an Approved Price of greater than or equal to \$0.70 but less than \$0.80; (B) non-Performing Loans which have a Market Value or an Approved Price of greater than or equal to \$0.75 but less than \$0.85; and (C) Performing Loans without an Approved Price rated BB- or higher by Fitch. If a security is not rated by Fitch but is rated by two other Rating Agencies, then the lower of the ratings on the security from the two other Rating Agencies will be used to determine the Fitch Discount Factor (e.g., where the S&P rating is A- and the Moody's rating is Baal, a Fitch rating of BBB+ will be used). If a security is not rated by Fitch but is rated by only one other Rating Agency, then the rating on the security from the other Rating Agency will be used to determine the Fitch Discount Factor (e.g., where the only rating on a security is an S&P rating of AAA-, a Fitch rating of AAA- will be used, and where the only rating on a security is a Moody's rating of Ba3, a Fitch rating of BB- will be used).

(iv) "Fitch Loan Category D" means Loans not described in any of the foregoing categories.

Notwithstanding any other provision contained above, for purposes of determining whether a Fitch Eligible Asset falls within a specific Fitch Loan Category, to the extent that any Fitch Eligible Asset would fall within more than one of the Fitch Loan Categories, such Fitch Eligible Asset shall be deemed to fall into the Fitch Loan Category with the lowest applicable Fitch Discount Factor.

"Holder" means a Person identified as a holder of record of shares of APS in the Share Register.

"Independent Accountant" means a nationally recognized accountant, or firm of accountants, that is, with respect to the Trust, an independent public accountant or firm of independent public accountants under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Initial Dividend Payment Date" means the Initial Dividend Payment Date as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Trust or their designee with respect to each series of APS or Other APS, as the case may be.

"Initial Dividend Period" has the meaning set forth in paragraph 2(c) (i) of this Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws and, with respect to Other APS, has the equivalent meaning.

"Initial Dividend Rate" means the rate per annum established by the Board of Trustees or their designee, applicable to the Initial Dividend Period for such series of APS and, with respect to Other APS, has the equivalent meaning.

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"Initial Margin" means the amount of cash or securities deposited with a broker as a margin payment at the time of purchase or sale of a futures contract.

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"Interest Equivalent" means a yield on a 360-day basis of a discount basis security which is equal to the yield on an equivalent interest-bearing security.

"Interest Rate Swaps" means the exchange by the Trust with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest, e.g., an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments.

"LIBOR" means the London Interbank Offered Rate.

"Loan" means any assignment of or participation in any bank loan denominated in U.S. dollars including term loans, the funded and unfunded portions of revolving credit lines (provided that the Trust shall place in reserve an amount equal to any unfunded portion of any revolving credit line) and debtor-in possession financings; provided that such loan (a) is not extended for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any margin stock and (b) is similar to those typically made, syndicated, purchased or participated by a commercial bank in the ordinary course of business.

"Long Term Dividend Period" means a Special Dividend Period consisting of a specified period of one whole year or more but not greater than five years.

"Mandatory Redemption Price" means \$25,000 per share of APS plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) to the date fixed for redemption and excluding Additional Dividends.

"Market Value" of any asset of the Trust shall be the market value thereof determined by the Pricing Service or by the Trust in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. Market Value of any asset shall include any interest accrued thereon. The Pricing Service shall value portfolio securities at the quoted bid prices or the mean between the quoted bid and asked price or the yield equivalent when quotations are not readily available. Securities for which quotations are not readily available shall be valued at fair value as determined by the Pricing Service using methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of municipal obligations of comparable quality, type of issue, coupon, maturity and rating; indications as to value from dealers; and general market conditions. The Pricing Service or the Trust may employ electronic data processing techniques and/or a matrix system to determine valuations. At the Trust's discretion, in the event the Pricing Service is unable to value a security, the security shall be valued at the lower of two dealer bids obtained by the Trust from dealers who are members of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and who make a market in the security, at least one of which shall be in writing. Futures contracts and options are valued at closing prices for such instruments established by the exchange or board of trade on which they are traded, or if market quotations are not readily available, are valued at fair value on a consistent basis using methods determined in good faith by the Board of Trustees.

"Maximum Applicable Rate," with respect to APS, has the meaning set forth in paragraph 10(a)(vii) of this Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws and, with respect to Other APS, has the equivalent meaning.

"MBS" means mortgage backed securities that are issued, backed or otherwise guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities

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or that are issued by private issuers.

"Bi-Monthly Valuation Date" means the fifteenth day of each month if such day is a Business Day or the first Business Day preceding the fifteenth and the last Business Day of each month in each fiscal year of the Trust, commencing from the Date of Original Issue.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its successors.

"Moody's Discount Factor" means for purposes of determining the Discounted Value of any Moody's Eligible Asset, the percentage determined as follows. The Moody's Discount Factor for any Moody's Eligible Asset other than the securities set forth below will be the percentage provided in writing by Moody's.

(i) Corporate debt securities: The percentage determined by reference to the rating on such asset with reference to the remaining term to maturity of such asset, in accordance with the table set forth below.

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DISCOUNT FACTORS FOR CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES INCLUDING NON-INVESTMENT GRADE BONDS (NON-CONVERTIBLES)

| TERMS TO MATURITY OF NON- INVESTMENT GRADE BONDS ----- | AAA --- | AA -- | A - | BAA --- | BA -- |
|--|------------|----------|--------|------------|----------|
| 1 year or less | 109 | 112 | 115 | 118 | 137 |
| 2 years or less (but longer than 1 year) | 115 | 118 | 122 | 125 | 146 |
| 3 years or less (but longer than 2 years) | 120 | 123 | 127 | 131 | 153 |
| 4 years or less (but longer than 3 years) | 126 | 129 | 133 | 138 | 161 |
| 5 years or less (but longer than 4 years) | 132 | 135 | 139 | 144 | 168 |
| 7 years or less (but longer than 5 years) | 139 | 143 | 147 | 152 | 179 |
| 10 years or less (but longer than 7 years) | 145 | 150 | 155 | 160 | 189 |
| 15 years or less (but longer than 10 years) | 150 | 155 | 160 | 165 | 196 |
| 20 years or less (but longer than 15 years) | 150 | 155 | 160 | 165 | 196 |
| 30 years or less (but longer than 20 years) | 150 | 155 | 160 | 165 | 196 |
| Greater than 30 years | 165 | 173 | 181 | 189 | 205 |

(1) Unless conclusions regarding liquidity risk as well as estimates of both the probability and severity of default for the Fund's assets can be derived from other sources, securities rated below B by Moody's and unrated securities, which are securities rated by neither Moody's, S&P nor Fitch, are limited to 10% of Moody's Eligible Assets. If a corporate, municipal or other debt security is unrated by Moody's, S&P or Fitch, the Fund will use the percentage set forth under "Below B and Unrated" in this table. Ratings assigned by S&P or Fitch are generally accepted by Moody's at face value. However, adjustments to face value may be made to particular categories of credits for which the S&P and/or Fitch rating does not seem to approximate a Moody's rating equivalent.

The Moody's Discount Factors presented in the immediately preceding table will also apply to corporate debt securities that do not pay interest in U.S.

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dollars or euros, provided that the Moody's Discount Factor determined from the table shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.20% for purposes of calculating the Discounted Value of such securities.

(ii) Preferred stock: The Moody's Discount Factor for preferred stock shall be (A) for preferred stocks issued by a utility, 155%; (B) for preferred stocks of industrial and financial issuers, 197%; and (C) for auction rate preferred stocks, 350%.

(iii) Short-term instruments: The Moody's Discount Factor applied to short-term portfolio securities, including without limitation corporate debt securities, Short Term Money Market Instruments and municipal debt obligations, will be (A) 100%, so long as such portfolio securities mature or have a demand feature at par exercisable within the Moody's Exposure Period; (B) 115%, so long as such portfolio securities mature or have a demand feature at par not exercisable within the Moody's Exposure Period; and (C) 125%, if such securities are not rated by Moody's, so long as such portfolio securities are rated at least A-1+/AA or SP-1+/AA by S&P and mature or have a demand feature at par exercisable within the Moody's Exposure Period. A Moody's Discount Factor of 100% will be applied to cash.

(v) Rule 144A Securities: The Moody's Discount Factor applied to Rule 144A Securities for Rule 144A Securities whose terms include rights to registration under the Securities Act within one year and Rule 144A Securities which do not have registration rights within one year will be 120% and 130%, respectively, of the Moody's Discount Factor which would apply were the securities registered under the Securities Act.

(vi) Senior Loans: The Moody's Discount Factor applied to Senior Loans shall be the percentage specified in the table below opposite such Moody's Loan Category:

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| MOODY'S LOAN CATEGORY ----- | DISCOUNT FACTOR ----- |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A | 118% |
| B | 137% |
| C | 161% |
| D | 222% |

(vii) MBS: U.S. Government Agency (FNMA, FHLMC or GNMA) conforming mortgage-backed securities. These securities will be discounted at 132%.

"Moody's Eligible Asset" means:

(i) Cash (including interest and dividends due on assets rated (A) Baa3 or higher by Moody's or the equivalent by another Rating Agency if the payment date is within five (5) Business Days of the Valuation Date, (B) A2 or higher by Moody's or the equivalent by another Rating Agency if the payment date is within thirty days of the Valuation Date, and (C) A1 or higher by Moody's or the equivalent by another Rating Agency if the payment date is within the Moody's Exposure Period) and receivables for Moody's Eligible Assets sold if the receivable is due within five (5) Business Days of the Valuation Date, and if

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the trades which generated such receivables are (A) settled through clearing house firms with respect to which the Trust has received prior written authorization from Moody's or (B) (1) with counterparties having a Moody's long-term debt rating of at least Baa3 or the equivalent by another Rating Agency or (2) with counterparties having a Moody's Short Term Money Market Instrument rating of at least P-1 or the equivalent by another Rating Agency;

(ii) Short Term Money Market Instruments, so long as (A) such securities are rated at least P-1 or the equivalent by another Rating Agency, (B) in the case of demand deposits, time deposits and overnight funds, the supporting entity is rated at least A2 or the equivalent by another Rating Agency, or (C) in all other cases, the supporting entity (1) is rated A2 or the equivalent by another Rating Agency and the security matures within one month, (2) is rated A1 or the equivalent by another Rating Agency and the security matures within three months or (3) is rated at least Aa3 or the equivalent by another Rating Agency and the security matures within six months; provided, however, that for purposes of this definition, such instruments (other than commercial paper rated by S&P and not rated by Moody's) need not meet any otherwise applicable S&P rating criteria;

(iii) U.S. Government Securities;

(iv) Rule 144A Securities;

(v) Senior Loans;

(vi) Corporate debt securities if (A) such securities are rated B3 or higher by Moody's or the equivalent by another Rating Agency; (B) such securities provide for the periodic payment of interest in cash in U.S. dollars or euros, except that such securities that do not pay interest in U.S. dollars or euros shall be considered Moody's Eligible Assets if they are rated by Moody's, S&P or Fitch; (C) for securities which provide for conversion or exchange at the option of the issuer into equity capital at some time over their lives, the issuer must be rated at least B3 by Moody's or the equivalent by another Rating Agency and the discount factor will be 250%; (D) for debt securities rated Ba1 and below, no more than 10% of the original amount of such issue may constitute Moody's Eligible Assets or the equivalent by another Rating Agency; (E) such securities have been registered under the Securities Act or are restricted as to resale under federal securities laws but are eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act as determined by the Trust's investment manager or portfolio manager acting pursuant to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees, except that such securities that are not subject to U.S. federal securities laws shall be considered Moody's Eligible Assets if they are publicly traded; and (F) such securities are not subject to extended settlement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing limitations, (x) corporate debt securities not rated at least B3 by Moody's or not rated by Moody's shall be considered to be Moody's Eligible Assets only to the extent the Market Value of such corporate debt securities does not exceed 10% of the aggregate Market Value of all Moody's Eligible Assets; provided, however, that if the Market Value of such corporate debt securities exceeds 10% of the aggregate Market Value of all Moody's Eligible Assets, a portion of such corporate debt securities (selected by the Trust) shall not be

considered Moody's Eligible Assets, so that the Market Value of such corporate debt securities (excluding such portion) does not exceed 10% of the aggregate Market Value of all Moody's Eligible Assets; and (y) corporate debt securities

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rated by neither Moody's, S&P nor Fitch shall be considered to be Moody's Eligible Assets only to the extent such securities are issued by entities which (i) have not filed for bankruptcy within the past three years, (ii) are current on all principal and interest in their fixed income obligations, (iii) are current on all preferred stock dividends, and (iv) possess a current, unqualified auditor's report without qualified, explanatory language.

(vii) Preferred stocks if (A) dividends on such preferred stock are cumulative, (B) such securities provide for the periodic payment of dividends thereon in cash in U.S. dollars or euros and do not provide for conversion or exchange into, or have warrants attached entitling the holder to receive, equity capital at any time over the respective lives of such securities, (C) the issuer of such a preferred stock has common stock listed on either the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange, (D) the issuer of such a preferred stock has a senior debt rating from Moody's of Baa3 or higher or a preferred stock rating from Moody's of Baa3 or higher and (E) such preferred stock has paid consistent cash dividends in U.S. dollars or euros over the last three years or has a minimum rating of A1 (if the issuer of such preferred stock has other preferred issues outstanding that have been paying dividends consistently for the last three years, then a preferred stock without such a dividend history would also be eligible). In addition, the preferred stocks must have the following diversification requirements: (X) the preferred stock issue must be greater than \$50 million and (Y) the minimum holding by the Trust of each issue of preferred stock is \$500,000 and the maximum holding of preferred stock of each issue is \$5 million. In addition, preferred stocks issued by transportation companies will not be considered Moody's Eligible Assets;

(viii) Asset-backed securities and MBS:

(A) Asset-backed securities if (1) such securities are rated at least Baa by Moody's or at least BBB by S&P or Fitch, (2) the securities are part of an issue that is \$250 million or greater, or the issuer of such securities has a total of \$500 million or greater of asset-backed securities outstanding at the time of purchase of the securities by the Trust and (3) the expected average life of the securities is not greater than 4 years;

(B) Collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs"), including CMOs with interest rates that float at a multiple of the change in the underlying index according to a pre-set formula, provided that any CMO held by the Trust (1) has been rated Aaa by Moody's or AAA by S&P or Fitch, (2) does not have a coupon which floats inversely, (3) is not portioned as an interest-only or principal-only strip and (4) is part of an issuance that had an original issue size of at least \$100 million;

(C) Planned amortization class bonds ("PACs") and targeted amortization class bonds ("TACs") provided that such PACs or TACs are (1) backed by certificates of either the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA"), the Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA") or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC") representing ownership in single-family first lien mortgage loans with original terms of 30 years, (2) part of an issuance that had an original issue size of at least \$10 million, (3) part of PAC or TAC classes that have payment priority over other PAC or TAC classes, (4) if TACs, TACs that do not support PAC classes, and (5) if TACs, not considered reverse TACs (i.e., do not protect against extension risk);

(D) Consolidated senior debt obligations of Federal Home Loan Banks ("FHLBs"), senior long-term debt of the FNMA, and consolidated systemwide bonds and FCS Financial Assistance Corporation Bonds of Federal Farm Credit Banks ("FFCBs") (collectively, "FHLB, FNMA and FFCB Debentures"), provided that such FHLB, FNMA and FFCB Debentures are (1) direct issuance corporate debt rated Aaa by Moody's or comparably rated by another Rating Agency, (2) senior debt obligations backed by the FHLBs, FFCBs or FNMA, (3) part of an issue entirely

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denominated in U.S. dollars and (4) not callable or exchangeable debt issues;

(E) Mortgage pass-throughs rated at least Aa by Moody's or comparably rated by another Rating Agency and pass-throughs provided that (1) certificates must evidence a proportional, undivided interest in specified pools of fixed or adjustable rate mortgage loans, secured by a valid first lien, on one- to four-family residential properties and (2) the securities are publicly registered or issued by FNMA, GNMA or FHLMC;

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(F) Private-placement mortgage pass-throughs provided that (1) certificates represent a proportional undivided interest in specified pools of fixed-rate mortgage loans, secured by a valid first lien, on one- to four-family residential properties, (2) documentation is held by a trustee or independent custodian, (3) pools of mortgage loans are serviced by servicers that have been approved by FNMA or FHLMC and funds shall be advanced to meet deficiencies to the extent provided in the pooling and servicing agreements creating such certificates, and (4) pools have been rated Aa or better by Moody's or comparably rated by another Rating Agency; and

(G) Whole loans (e.g., direct investments in mortgages) provided that (1) at least 65% of such loans (a) have seasoning of no less than 6 months, (b) are secured by single-family detached residences, (c) are owner-occupied primary residences, (d) are secured by a first-lien, fully-documented mortgage, (e) are neither currently delinquent (30 days or more) nor delinquent during the preceding year, (f) have loan-to-value ratios of 80% or below, (g) carry normal hazard insurance and title insurance, as well as special hazard insurance, if applicable, (h) have original terms to maturity not greater than 30 years, with at least one year remaining to maturity, (i) have a minimum of \$10,000 remaining principal balance, (j) for loans underwritten after January 1, 1978, FNMA and/or FHLMC forms are used for fixed-rate loans, and (k) such loans are whole loans and not participations; (2) for loans that do not satisfy the requirements set forth in the foregoing clause (1), (a) non-owner occupied properties represent no greater than 15% of the aggregate of either the adjustable-rate pool or the fixed-rate pool, (b) multi-family properties (those with five or more units) represent no greater than 15% of the aggregate of either the adjustable-rate pool or the fixed-rate pool, (c) condominiums represent no greater than 10% of the aggregate of either the adjustable-rate pool or the fixed-rate pool, and any condominium project must be 80% occupied at the time the loan is originated, (d) properties with loan-to-value ratios exceeding 80% represent no greater than 25% of the aggregate of either the adjustable-rate pool or the fixed-rate pool and the portion of the mortgage on any such property that exceeds a loan-to-value ratio of 80% is insured with Primary Mortgage Insurance from an insurer rated at least Baa3 by Moody's and (e) loan balances in excess of the current FHLMC limit plus \$75,000 represent no greater than 25% of the aggregate of either the adjustable-rate pool or the fixed-rate pool, loan balances in excess of \$350,000 represent no greater than 10% of the aggregate of either the adjustable-rate pool or the fixed-rate pool, and loan balances in excess of \$1,000,000 represent no greater than 5% of the aggregate of either the adjustable-rate pool or the fixed-rate pool; (3) no greater than 5% of the pool of loans is concentrated in any one zip code; (4) the pool of loans contains at least 100 loans or \$2 million in loans per servicer; (5) for adjustable-rate mortgages ("ARMs"), (a) any ARM is indexed to the National Cost of Funds index, the 11th District Cost of Funds index, the 1-year Treasury or the 6-month Treasury, (b) the margin over the given index is between 0.15% and 0.25% for either cost-of-funds index and between 0.175% and 0.325% for Treasuries, (c) the maximum yearly interest rate increase is 2%, (d) the maximum life-time interest rate increase is 6.25% and (e) ARMs may include Federal Housing Administration and Department of Veterans

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Affairs loans; (6) for "teaser" loans, (a) the initial discount from the current ARM market rate is no greater than 2%, (b) the loan is underwritten at the market rate for ARMs, not the "teaser" rate, and (c) the loan is seasoned six months beyond the "teaser" period;

(ix) Financial contracts, as such term is defined in Section 3(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, not otherwise provided for in this definition but only upon receipt by the Trust of a letter from Moody's specifying any conditions on including such financial contract in Moody's Eligible Assets and assuring the Trust that including such financial contract in the manner so specified would not affect the credit rating assigned by Moody's to the APS; and

(x) Moody's Hedging Transactions.

Moody's Diversification Limitations:

In addition, portfolio holdings as described below must be within the following diversification and issue size requirements in order to be included in Moody's Eligible Assets:

| RATINGS (1) | MAXIMUM SINGLE ISSUER(2), (3) ----- | MAXIMUM SINGLE INDUSTRY(3), (4) ----- | MINIMUM ISSUE SIZE (\$ IN MILLIONS) (5) ----- |
|-------------|---|---|---|
| Aaa | 100% | 100% | \$100 |

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| | | | |
|-------------|----|----|--------|
| Aa | 20 | 60 | 100 |
| A | 10 | 40 | 100 |
| Baa | 6 | 20 | 100 |
| Ba | 4 | 12 | 50 (6) |
| B1-B2 | 3 | 8 | 50 (6) |
| B3 or below | 2 | 5 | 50 (6) |

(1) Refers to the securities of the portfolio holding.

(2) Companies subject to common ownership of 25% or more are considered as one issuer.

(3) Percentages represent a portion of the aggregate Market Value of securities.

(4) Industries are determined according to Moody's Industry Classifications, as defined herein.

(5) Except for preferred stock, which has a minimum issue size of \$50 million.

(6) Portfolio holdings from issues ranging from \$50 million to \$100 million.

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million are limited to 20% of the Trust's total assets.

Unless conclusions regarding liquidity risk as well as estimates of both the probability and severity of default for the Fund's assets can be derived from other sources, securities rated below B by Moody's and unrated securities, which are securities rated by neither Moody's, S&P nor Fitch, are limited to 10% of Moody's Eligible Assets. If a corporate, municipal or other debt security is unrated by Moody's, S&P or Fitch, the Fund will use the percentage set forth under "Below B and Unrated" in this table. Ratings assigned by S&P or Fitch are generally accepted by Moody's at face value. However, adjustments to face value may be made to particular categories of credits for which the S&P and/or Fitch rating does not seem to approximate a Moody's rating equivalent.

Where the Trust sells an asset and agrees to repurchase such asset in the future, the Discounted Value of such asset will constitute a Moody's Eligible Asset and the amount the Trust is required to pay upon repurchase of such asset will count as a liability for the purposes of the APS Basic Maintenance Amount. Where the Trust purchases an asset and agrees to sell it to a third party in the future, cash receivable by the Trust thereby will constitute a Moody's Eligible Asset if the long-term debt of such other party is rated at least A2 by Moody's and such agreement has a term of 30 days or less; otherwise the Discounted Value of such purchased asset will constitute a Moody's Eligible Asset. For the purposes of calculation of Moody's Eligible Assets, portfolio securities which have been called for redemption by the issuer thereof shall be valued at the lower of Market Value or the call price of such portfolio securities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an asset will not be considered a Moody's Eligible Asset to the extent that it has been irrevocably deposited for the payment of (i) (A) through (i) (E) under the definition of APS Basic Maintenance Amount or to the extent it is subject to any Liens, except for (A) Liens which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and which Moody's has indicated to the Trust will not affect the status of such asset as a Moody's Eligible Asset, (B) Liens for taxes that are not then due and payable or that can be paid thereafter without penalty, (C) Liens to secure payment for services rendered or cash advanced to the Trust by its investment manager or portfolio manager, the Trust's custodian, transfer agent or registrar or the Auction Agent and (D) Liens arising by virtue of any repurchase agreement.

"Moody's Exposure Period" means the period commencing on a given Valuation Date and ending 49 days thereafter.

"Moody's General Portfolio Requirements" means that the Trust's portfolio must meet the following diversification requirements: (a) no more than 25% by par value of the Trust's total assets can be invested in the securities of borrowers and other issuers having their principal business activities in the same Moody's Industry Classification; provided, that this limitation shall not apply with respect to U.S. Government Securities and provided further that for purposes of this subsection (a), the term "issuer" shall not include a lender selling a participation to the Trust or any other person interpositioned between such lender and the Trust with respect to a participation and (b) no more than 10% by par value of the Trust's total assets can be invested in securities of a single issuer, and provided further that for purposes of this subsection (b), the term "issuer" includes both the borrower under a loan

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agreement and the lender selling a participation to the Trust together with any other persons interpositioned between such lender and the Trust with respect to such participation.

"Moody's Hedging Transactions" has the meaning set forth in paragraph 8(a)

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of these Amended By-Laws.

"Moody's Industry Classification" means, for the purposes of determining Moody's Eligible Assets, each of the following industry classifications (or such other classifications as Moody's may from time to time approve for application to the Preferred Shares):

1. Aerospace and Defense: Major Contractor, Subsystems, Research, Aircraft Manufacturing, Arms, Ammunition
2. Automobile: Automobile Equipment, Auto-Manufacturing, Auto Parts Manufacturing, Personal Use Trailers, Motor Homes, Dealers
3. Banking: Bank Holding, Savings and Loans, Consumer Credit, Small Loan, Agency, Factoring, Receivables
4. Beverage, Food and Tobacco: Beer and Ale, Distillers, Wines and Liquors, Distributors, Soft Drink Syrup, Bottlers, Bakery, Mill Sugar, Canned Foods, Corn Refiners, Dairy Products, Meat Products, Poultry Products, Snacks, Packaged Foods, Distributors, Candy, Gum, Seafood, Frozen Food, Cigarettes, Cigars, Leaf/Snuff, Vegetable Oil
5. Buildings and Real Estate: Brick, Cement, Climate Controls, Contracting, Engineering, Construction, Hardware, Forest Products (building-related only), Plumbing, Roofing, Wallboard, Real Estate, Real Estate Development, REITs, Land Development
6. Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber: Chemicals (non-agricultural), Industrial Gases, Sulphur, Plastics, Plastic Products, Abrasives, Coatings, Paints, Varnish, Fabricating Containers
7. Packaging and Glass: Glass, Fiberglass, Containers made of: Glass, Metal, Paper, Plastic, Wood or Fiberglass
8. Personal and Non-Durable Consumer Products (Manufacturing Only): Soaps, Perfumes, Cosmetics, Toiletries, Cleaning Supplies, School Supplies
9. Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing
10. Diversified/Conglomerate Service
11. Diversified Natural Resources, Precious Metals and Minerals: Fabricating, Distribution
12. Ecological: Pollution Control, Waste Removal, Waste Treatment and Waste Disposal
13. Electronics: Computer Hardware, Electric Equipment, Components, Controllers, Motors, Household Appliances, Information Service Communication Systems, Radios, TVs, Tape Machines, Speakers, Printers, Drivers, Technology
14. Finance: Investment Brokerage, Leasing, Syndication, Securities
15. Farming and Agriculture: Livestock, Grains, Produce, Agriculture Chemicals, Agricultural Equipment, Fertilizers
16. Grocery: Grocery Stores, Convenience Food Stores

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17. Healthcare, Education and Childcare: Ethical Drugs, Proprietary Drugs, Research, Health Care Centers, Nursing Homes, HMOs, Hospitals, Hospital Supplies, Medical Equipment
18. Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Products: Carpets, Floor Coverings, Furniture, Cooking, Ranges
19. Hotels, Motels, Inns and Gaming
20. Insurance: Life, Property and Casualty, Broker, Agent, Surety
21. Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures, Entertainment: Boating, Bowling, Billiards, Musical Instruments, Fishing, Photo Equipment, Records, Tapes, Sports, Outdoor Equipment (Camping), Tourism, Resorts, Games, Toy Manufacturing, Motion Picture Production Theaters, Motion Picture Distribution
22. Machinery (Non-Agricultural, Non-Construction, Non-Electronic): Industrial, Machine Tools, Steam Generators
23. Mining, Steel, Iron and Non-Precious Metals: Coal, Copper, Lead, Uranium, Zinc, Aluminum, Stainless Steel, Integrated Steel, Ore Production, Refractories, Steel Mill Machinery, Mini-Mills, Fabricating, Distribution and Sales of the foregoing
24. Oil and Gas: Crude Producer, Retailer, Well Supply, Service and Drilling
25. Printing, Publishing, and Broadcasting: Graphic Arts, Paper, Paper Products, Business Forms, Magazines, Books, Periodicals, Newspapers, Textbooks, Radio, T.V., Cable Broadcasting Equipment
26. Cargo Transport: Rail, Shipping, Railroads, Rail-car Builders, Ship Builders, Containers, Container Builders, Parts, Overnight Mail, Trucking, Truck Manufacturing, Trailer Manufacturing, Air Cargo, Transport
27. Retail Stores: Apparel, Toy, Variety, Drugs, Department, Mail Order Catalog, Showroom
28. Telecommunications: Local, Long Distance, Independent, Telephone, Telegraph, Satellite, Equipment, Research, Cellular
29. Textiles and Leather: Producer, Synthetic Fiber, Apparel Manufacturer, Leather Shoes
30. Personal Transportation: Air, Bus, Rail, Car Rental
31. Utilities: Electric, Water, Hydro Power, Gas
32. Diversified Sovereigns: Semi-sovereigns, Canadian Provinces, Supra-national Agencies

The Trust will use its discretion in determining which industry classification is applicable to a particular investment in consultation with the Independent Accountant and Moody's, to the extent the Trust considers necessary.

"Moody's Loan Category" means the following five categories (and, for purposes of this categorization, the Market Value of a Moody's Eligible Asset trading at par is equal to \$1.00):

- (i) "Moody's Loan Category A" means Performing Loans which have a value as

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determined in accordance with the Trust's valuation procedures greater than or equal to \$0.90.

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(ii) "Moody's Loan Category B" means: (A) Performing Loans which have a value as determined in accordance with the Trust's valuation procedures of greater than or equal to \$0.80 but less than \$0.90; and (B) non-Performing Loans which have a value as determined in accordance with the Trust's valuation procedures greater than or equal to \$0.85.

(iii) "Moody's Loan Category C" means: (A) Performing Senior Loans which have a value as determined in accordance with the Trust's valuation procedures of greater than or equal to \$0.70 but less than \$0.80; and (B) non-Performing Loans which have a value as determined in accordance with the Trust's valuation procedures of greater than or equal to \$0.75 but less than \$0.85.

(iv) "Moody's Loan Category D" means Loans which have a value as determined in accordance with the Trust's valuation procedures less than \$0.75.

Notwithstanding any other provision contained above, for purposes of determining whether a Moody's Eligible Asset falls within a specific Moody's Loan Category, to the extent that any Moody's Eligible Asset would fall in more than one of the Moody's Loan Categories, such Moody's Eligible Asset shall be deemed to fall into the Moody's Loan Category with the lowest applicable Moody's Discount Factor.

"Non-Call Period" has the meaning set forth under the definition of "Specific Redemption Provisions".

"Non-Investment Grade Bonds" means "Non-Investment Grade Bonds" as defined in the Trust's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-105916) relating to the APS on file with the Securities Exchange Commission, as such Registration Statement may be amended from time to time.

"Non-Payment Period" means any period commencing on and including the day on which the Trust shall fail to (i) declare, prior to the close of business on the second Business Day preceding any Dividend Payment Date, for payment on or (to the extent permitted by paragraph 2(c)(i) of this Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws) within three Business Days after such Dividend Payment Date to the Holders as of 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Business Day preceding such Dividend Payment Date, the full amount of any dividend on shares of APS payable on such Dividend Payment Date or (ii) deposit, irrevocably in trust, in same-day funds, with the Auction Agent by 12:00 noon, New York City time, (A) on such Dividend Payment Date the full amount of any cash dividend on such shares payable (if declared) on such Dividend Payment Date or (B) on any redemption date for any shares of APS called for redemption, the Mandatory Redemption Price per share of such APS or, in the case of an optional redemption, the Optional Redemption Price per share, and ending on and including the Business Day on which, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, all unpaid cash dividends and unpaid redemption prices shall have been so deposited or shall have otherwise been made available to Holders in same-day funds; provided that, a Non-Payment Period shall not end unless the Trust shall have given at least five days' but no more than 30 days' written notice of such deposit or availability to the Auction Agent, all Existing Holders (at their addresses appearing in the Share Books) and the Securities Depository. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the failure by the

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Trust to deposit funds as provided for by clauses (ii)(A) or (ii)(B) above within three Business Days after any Dividend Payment Date or redemption date, as the case may be, in each case to the extent contemplated by paragraph 2(c)(i) of these Amended By-Laws, shall not constitute a "Non-Payment Period."

"Non-Payment Period Rate" means, initially, 200% of the applicable Reference Rate, provided that the Board of Trustees of the Trust shall have the authority to adjust, modify, alter or change from time to time the initial Non-Payment Period Rate if the Board of Trustees of the Trust determines and Fitch (and any Substitute Rating Agency in lieu of Fitch in the event such party shall not rate the APS) advise the Trust in writing that such adjustment, modification, alteration or change will not adversely affect its then current ratings on the APS.

"Normal Dividend Payment Date" has the meaning set forth in paragraph 2(b)(i) of Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws.

"Notice of Redemption" means any notice with respect to the redemption of shares of APS pursuant to paragraph 4 of Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws.

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"Notice of Revocation" has the meaning set forth in paragraph 2(c)(iii) of Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws.

"Notice of Special Dividend Period" has the meaning set forth in paragraph 2(c)(iii) of Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws.

"Optional Redemption Price" means \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) to the date fixed for redemption and excluding Additional Dividends plus any applicable redemption premium attributable to the designation of a Premium Call Period.

"Other APS" means the auction rate Preferred Shares of the Trust, other than the APS.

"Outstanding" means, as of any date (i) with respect to APS, shares of APS therefor issued by the Trust except, without duplication, (A) any shares of APS theretofore canceled or delivered to the Auction Agent for cancellation, or redeemed by the Trust, or as to which a Notice of Redemption shall have been given and Deposit Securities shall have been deposited in trust or segregated by the Trust pursuant to paragraph 4(c) and (B) any shares of APS as to which the Trust or any Affiliate thereof shall be a Beneficial Owner, provided that shares of APS held by an Affiliate shall be deemed outstanding for purposes of calculating the APS Basic Maintenance Amount and (ii) with respect to shares of other Preferred Shares, has the equivalent meaning.

"Parity Shares" means the APS and each other outstanding series of Preferred Shares the holders of which, together with the holders of the APS, shall be entitled to the receipt of dividends or of amounts distributable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, as the case may be, in proportion to the full respective preferential amounts to which they are entitled, without preference or priority one over the other.

"Performing" means that no default as to the payment of principal or interest has occurred and is continuing.

"Person" means and includes an individual, a partnership, a Trust, a trust, an unincorporated association, a joint venture or other entity or a government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

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"Potential Beneficial Owner" means a customer of a Broker-Dealer or a Broker-Dealer that is not a Beneficial Owner of shares of APS but that wishes to purchase such shares, or that is a Beneficial Owner that wishes to purchase additional shares of APS.

"Potential Holder" means any Broker-Dealer or any such other Person as may be permitted by the Trust, including any Existing Holder, who may be interested in acquiring shares of APS (or, in the case of an Existing Holder, additional shares of APS).

"Preferred Shares" means the preferred shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Trust, and includes APS and Other APS.

"Premium Call Period" has the meaning set forth under the definition of "Specific Redemption Provisions".

"Pricing Service" means any pricing service designated by the Board of Trustees of the Trust provided the Trust obtains written assurance from Moody's and Fitch that such designation will not impair the rating then assigned by Moody's and Fitch, as applicable, to the APS.

"Rating Agency" means a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

"Reference Rate" means, with respect to the Non-Payment Period Rate means a Dividend Period the applicable "AA" Composite Commercial Paper Rate.

"Request for Special Dividend Period" has the meaning set forth in paragraph 2(c)(iii) of Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws.

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"Response" has the meaning set forth in paragraph 2(c)(iii) of Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws.

"Rule 144A Securities" means securities which are restricted as to resale under federal securities laws but are eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act as determined by the Trust's investment manager or portfolio manager acting pursuant to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees of the Trust.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Corporation, a New York Corporation, and its successors.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Securities Depository" means The Depository Trust Company or any successor company or other entities elected by the Trust as securities depository for the shares of APS that agrees to follow the procedures required to be followed by such securities depository in connection with the shares of APS.

"Senior Loans" means "Senior Loans" as defined in the Trust's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-105916) relating to the APS on file with the Securities Exchange Commission, as such Registration Statement may be amended from time to time.

"Series A APS" means the Auction Preferred Shares, Series A.

"Series B APS" means the Auction Preferred Shares, Series B.

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"Series C APS" means the Auction Preferred Shares, Series C.

"Series D APS" means the Auction Preferred Shares, Series D.

"Series E APS" means the Auction Preferred Shares, Series E.

"Service" means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"Share Books" means the books maintained by the Auction Agent setting forth at all times a current list, as determined by the Auction Agent, of Existing Holders of the APS.

"Share Register" means the register of Holders maintained on behalf of the Trust by the Auction Agent in its capacity as transfer agent and registrar for the APS.

"Short Term Dividend Period" means a Special Dividend Period consisting of a specified number of days (other than seven), evenly divisible by seven and not fewer than seven nor more than 364.

"Short Term Money Market Instruments" means the following types of instruments if, on the date of purchase or other acquisition thereof by the Trust, the remaining term to maturity thereof is not in excess of 180 days (or 270 days for instruments rated at least Aaa for purposes of determining Moody's Eligible Assets):

(i) commercial paper rated either F-1 by Fitch or A-1 by S&P if such commercial paper matures in 30 days or P-1 by Moody's and either F-1+ by Fitch or A-1+ by S&P if such commercial paper matures in over 30 days;

(ii) demand or time deposits in, and banker's acceptances and certificates of deposit of, (A) a depository institution or trust company incorporated under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof or the District of Columbia or (B) a United States branch office or agency of a foreign depository institution (provided that such branch office or agency is subject to banking regulation under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia);

(iii) overnight funds;

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(iv) U.S. Government Securities; and

(v) Eurodollar demand or time deposits in, or certificates of deposit of, the head office or the London branch office of a depository institution or trust company if the certificates of deposit, if any, and the long-term unsecured debt obligations (other than such obligations the ratings of which are based on the credit of a person or entity other than such depository institution or trust company) of such depository institution or trust company that have (1) credit ratings on each Valuation Date of at least P-1 from Moody's and either F-1+ from Fitch or A-1+ from S&P, in the case of commercial paper or certificates of deposit, and (2) credit ratings on each Valuation Date of at least Aa3 from Moody's and either AA from Fitch or AA- from S&P, in the case of long-term unsecured debt obligations; provided, however, that in the case of any such investment that matures in no more than one Business Day from the date of purchase or other acquisition by the Trust, all of the foregoing requirements shall be applicable except that the required long-term unsecured debt credit rating of such depository institution or trust company from Moody's, Fitch and S&P shall be at least A2, A-2 and A, respectively; and provided further, however, that the foregoing credit rating requirements shall be deemed to be met

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with respect to a depository institution or trust company if (1) such depository institution or trust company is the principal depository institution in a holding company system, (2) the certificates of deposit, if any, of such depository institution or trust company are not rated on any Valuation Date below P-1 by Moody's, F-1+ by Fitch or A-1+ by S&P and there is no long-term rating, and (3) the holding company shall meet all of the foregoing credit rating requirements (including the preceding proviso in the case of investments that mature in no more than one Business Day from the date of purchase or other acquisition by the Trust); and provided further, that the interest receivable by the Trust shall not be subject to any withholding or similar taxes.

"Special Dividend Period" means a Dividend Period consisting of (i) a specified number of days (other than seven), evenly divisible by seven and not fewer than seven nor more than 364 or (ii) a specified period of one whole year or more but not greater than five years (in each case subject to adjustment as provided in paragraph 2(b)(i)).

"Specific Redemption Provisions" means, with respect to a Special Dividend Period either, or any combination of, (i) a period (a "Non-Call Period") determined by the Board of Trustees of the Trust, after consultation with the Auction Agent and the Broker-Dealers, during which the shares of APS subject to such Dividend Period shall not be subject to redemption at the option of the Trust and (ii) a period (a "Premium Call Period"), consisting of a number of whole years and determined by the Board of Trustees of the Trust, after consultation with the Auction Agent and the Broker-Dealers, during each year of which the shares of APS subject to such Dividend Period shall be redeemable at the Trust's option at a price per share equal to \$25,000 plus accumulated but unpaid dividends plus a premium expressed as a percentage of \$25,000, as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Trust after consultation with the Auction Agent and the Broker-Dealers.

"Subsequent Dividend Period," with respect to APS, has the meaning set forth in paragraph 2(c)(i) of Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws and, with respect to Other APS, has the equivalent meaning.

"Substitute Commercial Paper Dealers" means such Substitute Commercial Paper Dealer or Dealers as the Trust may from time to time appoint or, in lieu of any thereof, their respective affiliates or successors.

"Substitute Rating Agency" and "Substitute Rating Agencies" mean a nationally recognized statistical rating organization or two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, respectively, selected by Eaton Vance Management or its affiliates and successors, after consultation with the Trust, to act as the substitute rating agency or substitute rating agencies, as the case may be, to determine the credit ratings of the shares of APS.

"Swap" means a derivative transaction between two parties who contractually agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties, which returns are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested at a particular interest rate or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index.

(i) "Interest Rate Swap" means an arrangement whereby two parties (called counterparties) enter into an agreement to exchange periodic interest payments. The dollar amount the counterparties pay each other is an agreed-upon periodic interest rate multiplied by some predetermined dollar principal, called the notional principal

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amount. No principal (no notional amount) is exchanged between parties to the transaction; only interest is exchanged.

(ii) "Total Return Swap" means an agreement between counterparties in which one party agrees to make payments of the total return from the underlying asset(s) which may include securities, baskets of securities, or securities indices during the specified period, in return for payments equal to a fixed or floating rate of interest or the total return from other underlying asset(s).

(iii) "Credit Default Swap" means an agreement between counterparties in which one party is entitled to receive the par (or other agreed-upon) value of a referenced debt obligation from the counterparty to the agreement in the event of a default by a third party on the debt obligation. In return, such party would pay the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default has occurred.

"Treasury Bonds" means United States Treasury Bills, Bonds or Notes.

"Trust" means Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund, a Massachusetts business trust.

"U.S. Government Securities" means direct obligations of the United States or of its agencies or instrumentalities that are entitled to the full faith and credit of the United States and that, other than Treasury bills, provide for the periodic payment of interest and the full payment of principal at maturity or call for redemption.

"U.S. Treasury Bill Rate" on any date means (i) the Interest Equivalent of the rate on the actively traded Treasury Bill with a maturity most nearly comparable to the length of the related Dividend Period, as such rate is made available on a discount basis or otherwise by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in its Composite 3:30 p.m. Quotations for U.S. Government Securities report for such Business Day, or (ii) if such yield as so calculated is not available, the Alternate Treasury Bill Rate on such date. "Alternate Treasury Bill Rate" on any date means the Interest Equivalent of the yield as calculated by reference to the arithmetic average of the bid price quotations of the actively traded Treasury Bill with a maturity most nearly comparable to the length of the related Dividend Period, as determined by bid price quotations as of any time on the Business Day immediately preceding such date, obtained from at least three recognized primary U.S. Government securities dealers selected by the Auction Agent.

"U.S. Treasury Note Rate" on any date means (i) the yield as calculated by reference to the bid price quotation of the actively traded, current coupon Treasury Note with a maturity most nearly comparable to the length of the related Dividend Period, as such bid price quotation is published on the Business Day immediately preceding such date by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in its Composite 3:30 p.m. Quotations for U.S. Government Securities report for such Business Day, or (ii) if such yield as so calculated is not available, the Alternate Treasury Note Rate on such date. "Alternate Treasury Note Rate" on any date means the yield as calculated by reference to the arithmetic average of the bid price quotations of the actively traded, current coupon Treasury Note with a maturity most nearly comparable to the length of the related Dividend Period, as determined by the bid price quotations as of any time on the Business Day immediately preceding such date, obtained from at least three recognized primary U.S. Government securities dealers selected by the Auction Agent.

"Valuation Date" means, for purposes of determining whether the Trust is maintaining the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, each Business Day commencing with the Date of Original Issue.

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"Variation Margin" means, in connection with an outstanding futures contract owned or sold by the Trust, the amount of cash or securities paid to or received from a broker (subsequent to the Initial Margin payment) from time to time as the price of such futures contract fluctuates.

(b) The foregoing definitions of Accountant's Confirmation, APS Basic Maintenance Amount, APS Basic Maintenance Cure Date, APS Basic Maintenance Report, Deposit Securities, Discounted Value, Independent Accountant, Initial Margin, Market Value, Maximum Potential Additional Dividend Liability, Moody's Discount Factor, Fitch Discount Factor, Moody's Eligible Asset, Fitch Eligible Asset, Moody's Exposure Period, Fitch Exposure Period, Moody's Hedging Transactions, Fitch Hedging Transactions, Valuation Date and Variation Margin have been determined by the Board of Trustees of the Trust in order to obtain a AAA rating from Fitch and Aaa

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rating from Moody's on the APS on their Date of Original Issue; and the Board of Trustees of the Trust shall have the authority, without shareholder approval, to amend, alter or repeal from time to time the foregoing definitions and the restrictions and guidelines set forth thereunder if Moody's, Fitch or any Substitute Rating Agency advises the Trust in writing that such amendment, alteration or repeal will not adversely affect its then current rating on the APS.

2. DIVIDENDS. (a) The Holders of a particular series of APS shall be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board of Trustees of the Trust, out of funds legally available therefor, cumulative dividends each consisting of cash at the Applicable Rate, and no more, payable on the respective dates set forth below. Dividends on the shares of each series of APS so declared and payable shall be paid (i) in preference to and in priority over any dividends declared and payable on the Common Shares, and (ii) to the extent permitted under the Code and to the extent available, out of net tax-exempt income earned on the Trust's investments. To the extent permitted under the Code, dividends on shares of APS will be designated as exempt-interest dividends. For the purposes of this section, the term "net tax-exempt income" shall exclude capital gains of the Trust.

(b) (i) Cash dividends on shares of each series of APS shall accumulate from the Date of Original Issue and shall be payable, when, as and if declared by the Board of Trustees, out of funds legally available therefor, commencing on the Initial Dividend Payment Date. Following the Initial Dividend Payment Date for a series of APS, dividends on that series of APS will be payable, at the option of the Trust, either (i) with respect to any 7-Day Dividend Period and any Short Term Dividend Period of 28 or fewer days, on the day next succeeding the last day thereof, or (ii) with respect to any Short Term Dividend Period of more than 28 days and with respect to any Long Term Dividend Period, monthly on the first Business Day of each calendar month during such Short Term Dividend Period or Long Term Dividend Period and on the day next succeeding the last day thereof (each such date referred to in clause (i) or (ii) being herein referred to as a "Normal Dividend Payment Date"), except that if such Normal Dividend Payment Date is not a Business Day, then the Dividend Payment Date shall be the first Business Day next succeeding such Normal Dividend Payment Date. Although any particular Dividend Payment Date may not occur on the originally scheduled date because of the exception discussed above, the next succeeding Dividend Payment Date, subject to such exception, will occur on the next following originally scheduled date. If for any reason a Dividend Payment Date cannot be fixed as described above, then the Board of Trustees shall fix the Dividend Payment Date. The Board of Trustees by resolution prior to authorization of a dividend by the Board of Trustees may change a Dividend Payment Date if such

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change does not adversely affect the contract rights of the Holders of shares of APS set forth in the Declaration of Trust or the Amended By-Laws. The Initial Dividend Period, 7-Day Dividend Periods and Special Dividend Periods with respect to a series of APS are hereinafter sometimes referred to as Dividend Periods. Each dividend payment date determined as provided above is hereinafter referred to as a "Dividend Payment Date."

(ii) Each dividend shall be paid to the Holders as they appear in the Stock Register as of 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Business Day preceding the Dividend Payment Date. Dividends in arrears for any past Dividend Period may be declared and paid at any time, without reference to any regular Dividend Payment Date, to the Holders as they appear on the Stock Register on a date, not exceeding 15 days prior to the payment date therefor, as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees of the Trust.

(c) (i) During the period from and including the Date of Original Issue to but excluding the Initial Dividend Payment Date for each series of APS (the "Initial Dividend Period"), the Applicable Rate shall be the Initial Dividend Rate. Commencing on the Initial Dividend Payment Date for each series of APS, the Applicable Rate for each subsequent dividend period (hereinafter referred to as a "Subsequent Dividend Period"), which Subsequent Dividend Period shall commence on and include a Dividend Payment Date and shall end on and include the calendar day prior to the next Dividend Payment Date (or last Dividend Payment Date in a Dividend Period if there is more than one Dividend Payment Date), shall be equal to the rate per annum that results from implementation of the Auction Procedures.

The Applicable Rate for each Dividend Period commencing during a Non-Payment Period shall be equal to the Non-Payment Period Rate; and each Dividend Period, commencing after the first day of, and during, a Non-Payment Period shall be a 7-Day Dividend Period in the case of each series of APS. Except in the case of the willful failure of the Trust to pay a dividend on a Dividend Payment Date or to redeem any shares of APS on the date set for such redemption, any amount of any dividend due on any Dividend Payment Date (if, prior to the close of business

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on the second Business Day preceding such Dividend Payment Date, the Trust has declared such dividend payable on such Dividend Payment Date to the Holders of such shares of APS as of 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Business Day preceding such Dividend Payment Date) or redemption price with respect to any shares of APS not paid to such Holders when due may be paid to such Holders in the same form of funds by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on any of the first three Business Days after such Dividend Payment Date or due date, as the case may be, provided that, such amount is accompanied by a late charge calculated for such period of non-payment at the Non-Payment Period Rate applied to the amount of such non-payment based on the actual number of days comprising such period divided by 360. In the case of a willful failure of the Trust to pay a dividend on a Dividend Payment Date or to redeem any shares of APS on the date set for such redemption, the preceding sentence shall not apply and the Applicable Rate for the Dividend Period commencing during the Non-Payment Period resulting from such failure shall be the Non-Payment Period Rate. For the purposes of the foregoing, payment to a person in same-day funds on any Business Day at any time shall be considered equivalent to payment to such person in New York Clearing House (next-day) funds at the same time on the preceding Business Day, and any payment made after 12:00 noon, New York City time, on any Business Day shall be considered to have been made instead in the same form of funds and to the same person before 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the next Business Day.

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(ii) The amount of cash dividends per share of any series of APS payable (if declared) on the Initial Dividend Payment Date, each 7-Day Dividend Period and each Dividend Payment Date of each Short Term Dividend Period shall be computed by multiplying the Applicable Rate for such Dividend Period by a fraction, the numerator of which will be the number of days in such Dividend Period or part thereof that such share was outstanding and the denominator of which will be 360, multiplying the amount so obtained by \$25,000, and rounding the amount so obtained to the nearest cent. During any Long Term Dividend Period, the amount of cash dividends per share of a series of APS payable (if declared) on any Dividend Payment Date shall be computed by multiplying the Applicable Rate for such Dividend Period by a fraction, the numerator of which will be such number of days in such part of such Dividend Period that such share was outstanding and for which dividends are payable on such Dividend Payment Date and the denominator of which will be 360, multiplying the amount so obtained by \$25,000, and rounding the amount so obtained to the nearest cent.

(iii) With respect to each Dividend Period that is a Special Dividend Period, the Trust may, at its sole option and to the extent permitted by law, by telephonic and written notice (a "Request for Special Dividend Period") to the Auction Agent and to each Broker-Dealer, request that the next succeeding Dividend Period for a series of APS be a number of days (other than seven), evenly divisible by seven and not fewer than 7 nor more than 364 in the case of a Short Term Dividend Period or one whole year or more but not greater than 5 years in the case of a Long Term Dividend Period, specified in such notice, provided that the Trust may not give a Request for Special Dividend Period of greater than 28 days (and any such request shall be null and void) unless, for any Auction occurring after the initial Auction, Sufficient Clearing Bids were made in the last occurring Auction and unless full cumulative dividends, any amounts due with respect to redemption's, and any Additional Dividends payable prior to such date have been paid in full. Such Request for Special Dividend Period, in the case of a Short Term Dividend Period, shall be given on or prior to the second Business Day but not more than seven Business Days prior to an Auction Date for a series of APS and, in the case of a Long Term Dividend Period, shall be given on or prior to the second Business Day but not more than 28 days prior to an Auction Date for a series of APS. Upon receiving such Request for Special Dividend Period, the Broker-Dealer(s) shall jointly determine whether, given the factors set forth below, it is advisable that the Trust issue a Notice of Special Dividend Period for the series of APS as contemplated by such Request for Special Dividend Period and the Optional Redemption Price of the APS during such Special Dividend Period and the Specific Redemption Provisions and shall give the Trust and the Auction Agent written notice (a "Response") of such determination by no later than the second Business Day prior to such Auction Date. In making such determination the Broker-Dealer(s) will consider (1) existing short-term and long-term market rates and indices of such short-term and long-term rates, (2) existing market supply and demand for short-term and long-term securities, (3) existing yield curves for short-term and long-term securities comparable to the APS, (4) industry and financial conditions which may affect the APS, (5) the investment objective of the Trust, and (6) the Dividend Periods and dividend rates at which current and potential beneficial holders of the APS would remain or become beneficial holders. If the Broker-Dealer(s) shall not give the Trust and the Auction Agent a Response by such second Business Day or if the Response states that given the factors set forth above it is not advisable that the Trust give a Notice of Special Dividend Period for the series of APS, the Trust may not give a Notice of Special Dividend Period in respect of such Request for Special Dividend Period. In the event the Response indicates that it is advisable that

the Trust give a Notice of Special Dividend Period for the series of APS, the

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Trust may by no later than the second Business Day prior to such Auction Date give a notice (a "Notice of Special Dividend Period") to the Auction Agent, the Securities Depository and each Broker-Dealer which notice will specify (i) the duration of the Special Dividend Period, (ii) the Optional Redemption Price as specified in the related Response and (iii) the Specific Redemption Provisions, if any, as specified in the related Response. The Trust also shall provide a copy of such Notice of Special Dividend Period to Moody's and Fitch. The Trust shall not give a Notice of Special Dividend Period and, if the Trust has given a Notice of Special Dividend Period, the Trust is required to give telephonic and written notice of its revocation (a "Notice of Revocation") to the Auction Agent, each Broker-Dealer, and the Securities Depository on or prior to the Business Day prior to the relevant Auction Date if (x) either the 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage is not satisfied or the Trust shall fail to maintain Fitch Eligible Assets or Moody's Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value at least equal to the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, on each of the two Valuation Dates immediately preceding the Business Day prior to the relevant Auction Date on an actual basis and on a pro forma basis giving effect to the proposed Special Dividend Period (using as a pro forma dividend rate with respect to such Special Dividend Period the dividend rate which the Broker-Dealers shall advise the Trust is an approximately equal rate for securities similar to the APS with an equal dividend period), (y) sufficient funds for the payment of dividends payable on the immediately succeeding Dividend Payment Date have not been irrevocably deposited with the Auction Agent by the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the related Auction Date or (z) the Broker-Dealer(s) jointly advise the Trust that after consideration of the factors listed above they have concluded that it is advisable to give a Notice of Revocation. The Trust also shall provide a copy of such Notice of Revocation to Fitch and Moody's. If the Trust is prohibited from giving a Notice of Special Dividend Period as a result of any of the factors enumerated in clause (x), (y) or (z) above or if the Trust gives a Notice of Revocation with respect to a Notice of Special Dividend Period for any series of APS, the next succeeding Dividend Period will be a 7-Day Dividend Period. In addition, in the event Sufficient Clearing Bids are not made in the applicable Auction or such Auction is not held for any reason, such next succeeding Dividend Period will be a 7-Day Dividend Period and the Trust may not again give a Notice of Special Dividend Period for the APS (and any such attempted notice shall be null and void) until Sufficient Clearing Bids have been made in an Auction with respect to a 7-Day Dividend Period.

(d) (i) Holders shall not be entitled to any dividends, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of full cumulative dividends and applicable late charges, as herein provided, on the shares of APS. Except for the late charge payable pursuant to paragraph 2(c)(i) hereof, no interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment on the shares of APS that may be in arrears.

(ii) For so long as any share of APS is Outstanding, the Trust shall not declare, pay or set apart for payment any dividend or other distribution (other than a dividend or distribution paid in shares of, or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase, Common Shares or other shares of beneficial interest, if any, ranking junior to the shares of APS as to dividends or upon liquidation) in respect of the Common Shares or any other shares of beneficial interest of the Trust ranking junior to or on a parity with the shares of APS as to dividends or upon liquidation, or call for redemption, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any shares of the Common Shares or any other such junior shares (except by conversion into or exchange for shares of the Trust ranking junior to the shares of APS as to dividends and upon liquidation) or any other such Parity Shares (except by conversion into or exchange for stock of the Trust ranking junior to or on a parity with the shares of APS as to dividends and upon liquidation), unless (A) immediately after such transaction, the Trust shall have Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Basic Maintenance

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Amount and the Trust shall maintain the 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage, (B) full cumulative dividends on shares of APS and shares of Other APS due on or prior to the date of the transaction have been declared and paid or shall have been declared and sufficient funds for the payment thereof deposited with the Auction Agent, and (C) the Trust has redeemed the full number of shares of APS required to be redeemed by any provision for mandatory redemption contained herein.

(e) No fractional shares of APS shall be issued.

3. LIQUIDATION RIGHTS. Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Trust, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Holders shall be entitled to receive, out of the assets of the Trust available for distribution to shareholders, before any distribution or payment is made upon any Common Shares or any other shares of beneficial interest ranking junior in right of payment upon liquidation to the APS, the sum of \$25,000 per

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share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) thereon to the date of distribution, and after such payment the Holders will be entitled to no other payments. If upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Trust, the amounts payable with respect to the APS and any other Outstanding class or series of Preferred Shares of the Trust ranking on a parity with the APS as to payment upon liquidation are not paid in full, the Holders and the holders of such other class or series will share ratably in any such distribution of assets in proportion to the respective preferential amounts to which they are entitled. After payment of the full amount of the liquidating distribution to which they are entitled, the Holders will not be entitled to any further participation in any distribution of assets by the Trust except for any Additional Dividends. A consolidation, merger or statutory share exchange of the Trust with or into any other Trust or entity or a sale, whether for cash, shares of stock, securities or properties, of all or substantially all or any part of the assets of the Trust shall not be deemed or construed to be a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Trust.

4. REDEMPTION. (a) Shares of APS shall be redeemable by the Trust as provided below:

(i) To the extent permitted under the 1940 Act and Massachusetts law, upon giving a Notice of Redemption, the Trust at its option may redeem shares of any series of APS, in whole or in part, out of funds legally available therefor, at the Optional Redemption Price per share, on any Dividend Payment Date; provided that no share of APS may be redeemed at the option of the Trust during (A) the Initial Dividend Period with respect to a series of shares or (B) a Non-Call Period to which such share is subject. In addition, holders of APS which are redeemed shall be entitled to receive Additional Dividends to the extent provided herein. The Trust may not give a Notice of Redemption relating to an optional redemption as described in this paragraph 4(a)(i) unless, at the time of giving such Notice of Redemption, the Trust has available Deposit Securities with maturity or tender dates not later than the day preceding the applicable redemption date and having a value not less than the amount due to Holders by reason of the redemption of their shares of APS on such redemption date, and the Discounted Value of Fitch Eligible Assets at least equals the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, and would at least equal the APS Basic Maintenance Amount immediately subsequent to such redemption if such redemption were to occur on such date.

(ii) The Trust shall redeem, out of funds legally available therefor, at the Mandatory Redemption Price per share, shares of APS to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act and Massachusetts law, on a date fixed by the Board of

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Trustees, if the Trust fails to maintain Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Basic Maintenance Amount as provided in paragraph 7(a) or to satisfy the 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage as provided in paragraph 6 and such failure is not cured on or before the APS Basic Maintenance Cure Date or the 1940 Act Cure Date (herein collectively referred to as a "Cure Date"), as the case may be. In addition, holders of APS so redeemed shall be entitled to receive Additional Dividends to the extent provided herein. The number of shares of APS to be redeemed shall be equal to the lesser of (i) the minimum number of shares of APS the redemption of which, if deemed to have occurred immediately prior to the opening of business on the Cure Date, together with all shares of other Preferred Shares subject to redemption or retirement, would result in the Trust having Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Basic Maintenance Amount or satisfaction of the 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage, as the case may be, on such Cure Date (provided that, if there is no such minimum number of shares of APS and shares of other Preferred Shares the redemption of which would have such result, all shares of APS and shares of other Preferred Shares then Outstanding shall be redeemed), and (ii) the maximum number of shares of APS, together with all shares of other Preferred Shares subject to redemption or retirement, that can be redeemed out of funds expected to be legally available therefor on such redemption date. In determining the number of shares of APS required to be redeemed in accordance with the foregoing, the Trust shall allocate the number required to be redeemed which would result in the Trust having Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Basic Maintenance Amount or satisfaction of the 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage, as the case may be, pro rata among shares of APS of all series, Other APS and other Preferred Shares subject to redemption pursuant to provisions similar to those contained in this paragraph 4(a)(ii); provided that, shares of APS which may not be redeemed at the option of the Trust due to the designation of a Non-Call Period applicable to such shares (A) will be subject to mandatory redemption only to the extent that other shares are not available to satisfy the number of shares required to be redeemed and (B) will be selected for redemption in an ascending order of outstanding number of days in the Non-Call Period (with shares with the lowest number of days to be redeemed first) and by lot in the event of shares having an equal number of days in such Non-Call Period. The Trust shall effect such redemption on a Business Day which is not later than 35 days after such Cure Date,

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except that if the Trust does not have funds legally available for the redemption of all of the required number of shares of APS and shares of other Preferred Shares which are subject to mandatory redemption or the Trust otherwise is unable to effect such redemption on or prior to 35 days after such Cure Date, the Trust shall redeem those shares of APS which it is unable to redeem on the earliest practicable date on which it is able to effect such redemption out of funds legally available therefor.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph 4, no shares of APS may be redeemed pursuant to paragraph 4(a)(i) of Article VII, of these Amended By-Laws (i) unless all dividends in arrears on all remaining outstanding shares of Parity Shares shall have been or are being contemporaneously paid or declared and set apart for payment and (ii) if redemption thereof would result in the Trust's failure to maintain Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Basic Maintenance Amount. In the event that less than all the outstanding shares of a series of APS are to be redeemed and there is more than one Holder, the shares of that series of APS to be redeemed shall be selected by lot or such other method as the Trust shall deem fair and equitable.

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(c) Whenever shares of APS are to be redeemed, the Trust, not less than 17 nor more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption, shall mail a notice ("Notice of Redemption") by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to each Holder of shares of APS to be redeemed and to the Auction Agent. The Trust shall cause the Notice of Redemption to also be published in the eastern and national editions of The Wall Street Journal. The Notice of Redemption shall set forth (i) the redemption date, (ii) the amount of the redemption price, (iii) the aggregate number of shares of APS of such series to be redeemed, (iv) the place or places where shares of APS of such series are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price, (v) a statement that dividends on the shares to be redeemed shall cease to accumulate on such redemption date (except that holders may be entitled to Additional Dividends) and (vi) the provision of these Amended By-Laws pursuant to which such shares are being redeemed. No defect in the Notice of Redemption or in the mailing or publication thereof shall affect the validity of the redemption proceedings, except as required by applicable law.

If the Notice of Redemption shall have been given as aforesaid and, concurrently or thereafter, the Trust shall have deposited in trust with the Auction Agent, or segregated in an account at the Trust's custodian bank for the benefit of the Auction Agent, Deposit Securities (with a right of substitution) having an aggregate Discounted Value (utilizing in the case of Fitch the Fitch Exposure Period of 41 Business Days and in the case of Moody's the Moody's Exposure Period of 49 days) equal to the redemption payment for the shares of APS as to which such Notice of Redemption has been given with irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the redemption price to the Holders of such shares, then upon the date of such deposit or, if no such deposit is made, then upon such date fixed for redemption (unless the Trust shall default in making the redemption payment), all rights of the Holders of such shares as shareholders of the Trust by reason of the ownership of such shares will cease and terminate (except their right to receive the redemption price in respect thereof and any Additional Dividends, but without interest), and such shares shall no longer be deemed outstanding. The Trust shall be entitled to receive, from time to time, from the Auction Agent the interest, if any, on such Deposit Securities deposited with it and the Holders of any shares so redeemed shall have no claim to any of such interest. In case the Holder of any shares so called for redemption shall not claim the redemption payment for his shares within one year after the date of redemption, the Auction Agent shall, upon demand, pay over to the Trust such amount remaining on deposit and the Auction Agent shall thereupon be relieved of all responsibility to the Holder of such shares called for redemption and such Holder thereafter shall look only to the Trust for the redemption payment.

5. VOTING RIGHTS. (a) General. Except as otherwise provided in the Declaration of Trust or Amended By-Laws, each Holder of shares of APS shall be entitled to one vote for each share held on each matter submitted to a vote of shareholders of the Trust, and the holders of outstanding shares of Preferred Shares, including APS, and of shares of Common Shares shall vote together as a single class; provided that, at any meeting of the shareholders of the Trust held for the election of trustees, the holders of outstanding shares of Preferred Shares, including APS, shall be entitled, as a class, to the exclusion of the holders of all other securities and classes of capital stock of the Trust, to elect two trustees of the Trust. Subject to paragraph 5(b) hereof, the holders of outstanding shares of capital stock of the Trust, including the holders of outstanding shares of Preferred Shares, including APS, voting as a single class, shall elect the balance of the trustees.

(b) Right to Elect Majority of Board of Trustees. During any period in

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which any one or more of the conditions described below shall exist (such period being referred to herein as a "Voting Period"), the number of trustees constituting the Board of Trustees shall be automatically increased by the smallest number that, when added to the two directors elected exclusively by the holders of shares of Preferred Shares, would constitute a majority of the Board of Trustees as so increased by such smallest number; and the holders of shares of Preferred Shares shall be entitled, voting separately as one class (to the exclusion of the holders of all other securities and classes of shares of beneficial interest of the Trust), to elect such smallest number of additional trustees, together with the two trustees that such holders are in any event entitled to elect. A Voting Period shall commence:

(i) if at any time accumulated dividends (whether or not earned or declared, and whether or not funds are then legally available in an amount sufficient therefor) on the outstanding shares of APS equal to at least two full years' dividends shall be due and unpaid and sufficient cash or specified securities shall not have been deposited with the Auction Agent for the payment of such accumulated dividends; or

(ii) if at any time holders of any other shares of Preferred Shares are entitled to elect a majority of the trustees of the Trust under the 1940 Act. Upon the termination of a Voting Period, the voting rights described in this paragraph 5(b) shall cease, subject always, however, to the reverting of such voting rights in the Holders upon the further occurrence of any of the events described in this paragraph 5(b)

(c) Right to Vote with Respect to Certain Other Matters. So long as any shares of APS are outstanding, the Trust shall not, without the affirmative vote of the Holders of at least a majority of the shares of Preferred Shares Outstanding at the time, voting separately as one class, approve any conversion of the Trust from a closed-end to an open-end investment company and (i) authorize, create or issue any class or series of shares of beneficial interest ranking prior to the APS or any other series of Preferred Shares with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets on liquidation, or (ii) amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Declaration of Trust, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to adversely affect any of the contract rights expressly set forth in the Declaration of Trust of holders of shares of APS or any other Preferred Shares. To the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, in the event shares of more than one series of APS are outstanding, the Trust shall not approve any of the actions set forth in clause (i) or (ii) which adversely affects the contract rights expressly set forth in the Declaration of Trust of a Holder of shares of a series of APS differently than those of a Holder of shares of any other series of APS without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the shares of APS of each series adversely affected and outstanding at such time (each such adversely affected series voting separately as a class). The Trust shall notify Fitch and Moody's ten (10) Business Days prior to any such vote described in clause (i) or (ii). Unless a higher percentage is provided for under the Declaration of Trust, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Preferred Shares, including APS, voting together as a single class, will be required to approve any plan of reorganization (including bankruptcy proceedings) adversely affecting such shares or any action requiring a vote of security holders under Section 13(a) of the 1940 Act. The class vote of holders of shares of Preferred Shares, including APS, described above will in each case be in addition to a separate vote of the requisite percentage of shares of Common Shares and shares of Preferred Shares, including APS, voting together as a single class necessary to authorize the action in question.

(d) Voting Procedures.

(i) As soon as practicable after the accrual of any right of the holders of shares of Preferred Shares to elect additional trustees as described in

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paragraph 5(b) above, the Trust shall call a special meeting of such holders and instruct the Auction Agent to mail a notice of such special meeting to such holders, such meeting to be held not less than 10 nor more than 20 days after the date of mailing of such notice. If the Trust fails to send such notice to the Auction Agent or if the Trust does not call such a special meeting, it may be called by any such holder on like notice. The record date for determining the holders entitled to notice of and to vote at such special meeting shall be the close of business on the fifth Business Day preceding the day on which such notice is mailed. At any such special meeting and at each meeting held during a Voting Period, such Holders, voting together as a class (to the exclusion of the holders of all other securities and classes of shares of beneficial interest of the Trust), shall be entitled to elect the number of directors prescribed in paragraph 5(b) above. At any such meeting or adjournment thereof in the absence of a quorum, a majority of such holders present in person or by proxy shall have the power to adjourn the meeting

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without notice, other than by an announcement at the meeting, to a date not more than 120 days after the original record date.

(ii) For purposes of determining any rights of the Holders to vote on any matter or the number of shares required to constitute a quorum, whether such right is created by these Amended By-Laws, by the other provisions of the Declaration of Trust, by statute or otherwise, a share of APS which is not Outstanding shall not be counted.

(iii) The terms of office of all persons who are trustees of the Trust at the time of a special meeting of Holders and holders of other Preferred Shares to elect trustees shall continue, notwithstanding the election at such meeting by the Holders and such other holders of the number of trustees that they are entitled to elect, and the persons so elected by the Holders and such other holders, together with the two incumbent trustees elected by the Holders and such other holders of Preferred Shares and the remaining incumbent trustees elected by the holders of the Common Shares and Preferred Shares, shall constitute the duly elected trustees of the Trust.

(iv) Simultaneously with the expiration of a Voting Period, the terms of office of the additional trustees elected by the Holders and holders of other Preferred Shares pursuant to paragraph 5(b) above shall terminate, the remaining trustees shall constitute the trustees of the Trust and the voting rights of the Holders and such other holders to elect additional trustees pursuant to paragraph 5(b) above shall cease, subject to the provisions of the last sentence of paragraph 5(b).

(e) Exclusive Remedy. Unless otherwise required by law, the Holders of shares of APS shall not have any rights or preferences other than those specifically set forth herein. The Holders of shares of APS shall have no preemptive rights or rights to cumulative voting. In the event that the Trust fails to pay any dividends on the shares of APS, the exclusive remedy of the Holders shall be the right to vote for trustees pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 5.

(f) Notification to Fitch and Moody's. In the event a vote of Holders of APS is required pursuant to the provisions of Section 13(a) of the 1940 Act, the Trust shall, not later than ten Business Days prior to the date on which such vote is to be taken, notify Fitch that such vote is to be taken and the nature of the action with respect to which such vote is to be taken and, not later than ten Business Days after the date on which such vote is taken, notify Fitch of the result of such vote.

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6. 1940 ACT APS ASSET COVERAGE. The Trust shall maintain, as of the last Business Day of each month in which any share of APS is outstanding, the 1940 Act APS Asset Coverage.

7. APS BASIC MAINTENANCE AMOUNT. The following references in this paragraph 7 to Fitch Eligible Assets and/or Moody's Eligible Assets, as the case may be, are only applicable if Fitch and/or Moody's, as the case may be, is rating the APS. (a) The Trust shall maintain, on each Valuation Date, and shall verify to its satisfaction that it is maintaining on such Valuation Date Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets having an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Basic Maintenance Amount Test. Upon any failure to maintain the required Discounted Value, the Trust will use its best efforts to alter the composition of its portfolio to retain a Discounted Value at least equal to the APS Basic Maintenance Amount Test on or prior to the APS Basic Maintenance Cure Date.

(b) On or before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day after a Valuation Date on which the Trust fails to satisfy the APS Basic Maintenance Amount Test, the Trust shall complete and deliver to the Auction Agent, Moody's and Fitch, a complete APS Basic Maintenance Report as of the date of such failure, which will be deemed to have been delivered to the Auction Agent if the Auction Agent receives a copy or telecopy, telex or other electronic transcription thereof and on the same day the Trust mails to the Auction Agent for delivery on the next Business Day the complete APS Basic Maintenance Report. The Trust will deliver an APS Basic Maintenance Report to the Auction Agent, Moody's and Fitch, on or before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day after a Valuation Date on which the Trust cures its failure to maintain Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's, with an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Basic Maintenance Amount Test or on which the Trust fails to maintain Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets, with an aggregate Discounted Value which exceeds the APS Basic Maintenance Amount by 5% or more. The Trust will also deliver an APS Basic Maintenance

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Report to the Auction Agent, Fitch, and Moody's as of each Bi-Monthly Valuation Date on or before the third Business Day after such date. Additionally, on or before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day after the first day of a Special Dividend Period, the Trust will deliver an APS Basic Maintenance Report to Fitch, Moody's and the Auction Agent. The Trust shall also provide Fitch and Moody's with an APS Basic Maintenance Report when specifically requested by Fitch or Moody's, as applicable. A failure by the Trust to deliver an APS Basic Maintenance Report under this paragraph 7(b) shall be deemed to be delivery of an APS Basic Maintenance Report indicating the Discounted Value for Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets of the Trust is less than the APS Basic Maintenance Amount Test, as of the relevant Valuation Date.

(c) Within ten (10) Business Days after the date of delivery of an APS Basic Maintenance Report in accordance with paragraph 7(b) above relating to a Valuation Date as of the last Business Day of the Trust's fiscal year, the Independent Accountant will confirm in writing to the Auction Agent, Moody's and Fitch (i) the mathematical accuracy of the calculations reflected in such Report (and in any other APS Basic Maintenance Report, randomly selected by the Independent Accountant, that was delivered by the Trust at year-end on such Valuation Date), (ii) that, in such Report (and in such randomly selected Report), the Trust correctly determined the assets of the Trust which constitute Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets at such Monthly Valuation Date in accordance with these Amended By-Laws, (iii) that, in such Report (and in such randomly selected Report), the Trust determined whether the Trust had, at such Valuation Date (and at the Valuation Date addressed in such randomly

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selected Report) in accordance with these Amended By-Laws, Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets of an aggregate Discounted Value at least equal to the APS Basic Maintenance Amount Test, (iv) with respect to the Fitch ratings on debt securities, the issuer name, issue size and coupon rate listed in such Report, that the Independent Accountant has requested that Fitch verify such information and the Independent Accountant shall provide a listing in its letter of any differences, (v) with respect to the Moody's ratings on debt securities, the issuer name, issue size and coupon rate listed in such Report, that such information has been verified by Moody's (in the event such information is not verified by Moody's, the Independent Accountant will inquire of Moody's what such information is, and provide a listing in its letter of any differences), (vi) with respect to the bid or mean price (or such alternative permissible factor used in calculating the Market Value) provided by the custodian of the Trust's assets to the Trust for purposes of valuing securities in the Trust's portfolio, the Independent Accountant has traced the price used in such Report to the bid or mean price listed in such Report as provided to the Trust and verified that such information agrees (in the event such information does not agree, the Independent Accountant will provide a listing in its letter of such differences) and (vii) with respect to such confirmation to Moody's, that the Trust has satisfied the requirements of paragraph 8(a) of these Amended By-Laws (such confirmation is herein called the "Accountant's Confirmation").

(d) Within ten (10) Business Days after the date of delivery of an APS Basic Maintenance Report in accordance with paragraph 7(b) above relating to any Valuation Date on which the Trust failed to maintain Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value equal to or greater than the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, and relating to the APS Basic Maintenance Cure Date with respect to such failure, the Independent Accountant will provide to the Auction Agent, Moody's and Fitch an Accountant's Confirmation as to such APS Basic Maintenance Report.

(e) If any Accountant's Confirmation delivered pursuant to subparagraphs (c) or (d) of this paragraph 7 shows that an error was made in the APS Basic Maintenance Report for a particular Valuation Date for which such Accountant's Confirmation as required to be delivered, or shows that a lower aggregate Discounted Value for the aggregate of all Fitch Eligible Assets and Moody's Eligible Assets of the Trust was determined by the Independent Accountant, the calculation or determination made by such Independent Accountant shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding on the Trust, and the Trust shall accordingly amend and deliver the APS Basic Maintenance Report to the Auction Agent, Moody's and Fitch promptly following receipt by the Trust of such Accountant's Confirmation.

(f) On or before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the first Business Day after the Date of Original Issue of the shares of APS, the Trust will complete and deliver to Fitch and Moody's an APS Basic Maintenance Report as of the close of business on such Date of Original Issue. Within five Business Days of such Date of Original Issue, the Independent Accountant will confirm in writing to Fitch and Moody's (i) the mathematical accuracy of the calculations reflected in such Report and (ii) that the aggregate Discounted Value of Fitch Eligible Assets or

Moody's Eligible Assets, as applicable reflected thereon equals or exceeds the APS Basic Maintenance Amount reflected thereon. Also, on or before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the first Business Day after shares of Common Shares are repurchased by the Trust, the Trust will complete and deliver to Fitch and Moody's an APS Basic Maintenance Report as of the close of business on such date that Common Shares is repurchased.

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8. CERTAIN OTHER MOODY'S RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.

(a) For so long as any APS are rated by Moody's, the Trust may buy or sell financial futures contracts, write, purchase or sell call options on financial futures contracts or purchase put options on financial futures contracts or write call options on portfolio securities, swaps and securities lending unless it receives written confirmation from Moody's that engaging in such transactions would impair the ratings then assigned to the APS by Moody's, (collectively "Moody's Hedging Transactions"), subject to the following limitations:

(i) Future and call options: For purposes of the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, futures held by the Trust and call options sold by the Trust shall not be included as Moody's Eligible Assets. However, such assets shall be valued at Market Value by subtracting the good faith margin and the maximum daily trading variance as of a Valuation Date. For call options purchased by the Trust, the Market Value of the call option will be included as Moody's Eligible Asset subject to a Moody's Discount Factor mutually agreed to between the Trust and Moody's based on the characteristics of the option contract such as its maturity and the underlying security of the contract.

(ii) Securities lending: The Trust may engage in securities lending in an amount not to exceed 15% of the Trust's total gross assets. For purposes of calculating the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, such securities lent shall be included as Moody's Eligible Assets with the appropriate Moody's Discount Factor applied to such lent security. The obligation to return such collateral shall not be included as an obligation/liability for purposes of calculating the APS Basic Maintenance Amount. However, the Trust may reinvest cash collateral for securities lent in conformity with its investment objectives and policies and the provisions of these bylaws. In such event, to the extent that securities lending collateral received is invested by the Trust in assets that otherwise would be Moody's Eligible Assets and the value of such assets exceeds the amount of the Trust's Moody's Eligible Assets by applying the applicable Moody's Discount Factor to this amount and adding the product to total Moody's Eligible Assets. Conversely, if the value of assets in which securities lending collateral has been invested is less than the amount of the Trust's obligation to return the collateral on a Valuation Date, such difference shall be included as an obligation/liability of the Trust for purposes of calculating the APS Basic Maintenance Amount. Collateral received by the Trust in a securities lending transaction and maintained by the Trust in the form received shall not be included as a Moody's Eligible Asset for purposes of calculating the APS Basic Maintenance Amount.

(iii) Swaps (including Total Return Swaps, Interest Rate Swaps and Credit Default Swaps): Total return and Interest Rate Swaps are subject to the following provisions:

(A) Only the cumulative unsettled profit and loss from a Total Return Swap transaction will be calculated when determining the APS Basic Maintenance Amount. If the Trust has an outstanding gain from a swap transaction on a Valuation Date, the gain will be included as a Moody's Eligible Asset subject to the Moody's Discount Factor on the counterparty to the swap transaction. If the Trust has an outstanding liability from a swap transaction on a Valuation Date, the Trust will subtract the outstanding liability from the total Moody's Eligible Assets in calculating the APS Basic Maintenance Amount.

In addition, for swaps other than Total Return Swaps, the Market Value of the position (positive or negative) will be included as a Moody's Eligible Asset. The aggregate notional value of all swaps will not exceed the Liquidation Preference of the Outstanding APS. At the time a swap is executed, the Trust will only enter into swap transactions where the counterparty has at least a Fitch rating of A- or Moody's long-term rating of A3.

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(B) (1) The underlying securities subject to a Credit Default Swap sold by the Trust will be subject to the applicable Moody's Discount Factor for each security subject to the swap;

(2) If the Trust purchases a Credit Default Swap and holds the underlying security, the Market Value of the Credit Default Swap and the underlying security will be included as a Moody's Eligible Asset

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subject to the Moody's Discount Factor assessed based on the counterparty risk and the duration of the swap agreement; and

(3) The Trust will not include a Credit Default Swap as a Moody's Eligible Asset purchased by the Trust without the Trust holding the underlying security or when the Trust buys a Credit Default Swap for a basket of securities without holding all the securities in the basket.

If not otherwise provided for in (a)(i)-(iii) above, derivative instruments shall be treated as follows: Any derivative instruments will be valued pursuant to the Trust's valuation procedures on a Valuation Date. The amount of the net payment obligation and the cost of a closing transaction, as appropriate, on any derivative instrument on a Valuation Date will be counted as a liability for purposes of determining the APS Basic Maintenance Amount (e.g., a written call option that is in the money for the holder). Any derivative instrument with respect to which the Trust is owed payment on the Valuation Date that is not based upon an individual security or securities that are Moody's Eligible Assets will have a mutually agreed upon valuation by Moody's and the Trust for purposes of determining Moody's Eligible Assets. Any derivative instrument with respect to which the Trust is owed payment on the valuation date that is based upon an individual security or securities that are Moody's Eligible Assets (e.g., a purchased call option on a bond that is in the money) will be valued as follows for purposes of determining Moody's Eligible Assets: (A) For such derivative instruments that are exchange traded, the value of the in-the-money amount of the payment obligation to the Trust will be reduced by applying the Moody's Discount Factor (as it would apply to the underlying security or securities) and then added to Moody's Eligible Assets; and (B) for such derivative instruments that are not exchange traded, the value of the in-the-money amount of the payment obligation to the Trust will be (1) reduced as described in (A) and (B) further reduced by applying to the remaining amount the Moody's Discount Factor determined by reference to the credit rating of the derivative counterparty with the remaining amount after these reductions then added to Moody's Eligible Assets.

For purposes of determining whether the Trust has Moody's Eligible Assets with an aggregate Discounted Value that equals or exceeds the APS Basic Maintenance Amount, the Discounted Value of all Forward Commitments to which the Trust is a party and of all securities deliverable to the Trust pursuant to such Forward Commitments shall be zero.

A preferred stock rating is an assessment of the capacity and willingness of an issuer to pay preferred stock obligations. The ratings on the Preferred Shares are not recommendations to purchase, hold, or sell those shares, inasmuch as the ratings do not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor. The rating agency guidelines described above also do not address the likelihood that an owner of Preferred Shares will be able to sell such shares in an Auction or otherwise.

The Trust agrees to notify Moody's and Fitch with no less than thirty (30) days' notification of: (i) any material changes to the Trust's organizational documents and material contracts, as determined by the Trust's officers, in

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their sole discretion, (ii) any redemptions of APS by the Trust, or (iii) any failed Auctions.

9. NOTICE. All notices or communications, unless otherwise specified in the Amended By-Laws of the Trust or these Amended By-Laws, shall be sufficiently given if in writing and delivered in person or mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid. Notice shall be deemed given on the earlier of the date received or the date 7 days after which such notice is mailed.

10. AUCTION PROCEDURES. (a) Certain definitions. As used in this paragraph 10, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

(i) "APS" means the shares of APS being auctioned pursuant to this paragraph 10.

(ii) "Auction Date" means the first Business Day preceding the first day of a Dividend Period.

(iii) "Available APS" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(d) (i) below.

(iv) "Bid" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(b) (i) below.

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(v) "Bidder" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(b) (i) below.

(vi) "Hold Order" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(b) (i) below.

(vii) "Maximum Applicable Rate" for any Dividend Period will be the Applicable Percentage of the Reference Rate. The Applicable Percentage will be determined based on the credit rating assigned on such date to such shares by Fitch and Moody's (or if Fitch or Moody's shall not make such rating available, the equivalent of such rating by a Substitute Rating Agency) as follows:

| Credit Ratings | | Percentage of Reference Rate Notification |
|----------------|---------------|--|
| Moody's | Fitch | |
| Aa3 or higher | AA- or higher | 150% |
| A3 to A1 | A- to A+ | 160% |
| Baa3 to Baa1 | BBB- to BBB+ | 250% |
| Below Baa3 | Below BBB- | 275% |

The Trust shall take all reasonable action necessary to enable Fitch and Moody's to provide a rating for each series of APS. If Fitch or Moody's shall not make such a rating available, Eaton Vance Management or its affiliates and successors, after consultation with the Trust, shall select a nationally recognized statistical rating organization to act as a Substitute Rating Agency.

(viii) "Order" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(b) (i) below.

(ix) "Sell Order" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(b) (i) below.

(x) "Submission Deadline" means 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on any

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Auction Date or such other time on any Auction Date as may be specified by the Auction Agent from time to time as the time by which each Broker-Dealer must submit to the Auction Agent in writing all Orders obtained by it for the Auction to be conducted on such Auction Date.

(xi) "Submitted Bid" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(d) (i) below.

(xii) "Submitted Hold Order" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(d) (i) below.

(xiii) "Submitted Order" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(d) (i) below.

(xiv) "Submitted Sell Order" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(d) (i) below.

(xv) "Sufficient Clearing Bids" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(d) (i) below. (xvi) "Winning Bid Rate" has the meaning specified in paragraph 10(d) (i) below.

(b) Orders by Beneficial Owners, Potential Beneficial Owners, Existing Holders and Potential Holders.

(i) Unless otherwise permitted by the Trust, Beneficial Owners and Potential Beneficial Owners may only participate in Auctions through their Broker-Dealers. Broker-Dealers will submit the Orders of their respective customers who are Beneficial Owners and Potential Beneficial Owners to the Auction Agent, designating themselves as Existing Holders in respect of shares subject to Orders submitted or deemed submitted to them by Beneficial Owners and as Potential Holders in respect of shares subject to Orders submitted to them by Potential Beneficial Owners. A Broker-Dealer may also hold shares of APS in its own account as a Beneficial Owner. A Broker-Dealer

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may thus submit Orders to the Auction Agent as a Beneficial Owner or a Potential Beneficial Owner and therefore participate in an Auction as an Existing Holder or Potential Holder on behalf of both itself and its customers. On or prior to the Submission Deadline on each Auction Date:

(A) each Beneficial Owner may submit to its Broker-Dealer information as to:

(1) the number of Outstanding shares, if any, of APS held by such Beneficial Owner which such Beneficial Owner desires to continue to hold without regard to the Applicable Rate for the next succeeding Dividend Period;

(2) the number of Outstanding shares, if any, of APS held by such Beneficial Owner which such Beneficial Owner desires to continue to hold, provided that the Applicable Rate for the next succeeding Dividend Period shall not be less than the rate per annum specified by such Beneficial Owner; and/or

(3) the number of Outstanding shares, if any, of APS held by such Beneficial Owner which such Beneficial Owner offers to sell without regard to the Applicable Rate for the next succeeding Dividend Period; and

(B) each Broker-Dealer, using a list of Potential Beneficial Owners that shall be maintained in good faith for the purpose of conducting a competitive Auction, shall contact Potential Beneficial Owners, including Persons that are

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not Beneficial Owners, on such list to determine the number of Outstanding shares, if any, of APS which each such Potential Beneficial Owner offers to purchase, provided that the Applicable Rate for the next succeeding Dividend Period shall not be less than the rate per annum specified by such Potential Beneficial Owner.

For the purposes hereof, the communication by a Beneficial Owner or Potential Beneficial Owner to a Broker-Dealer, or the communication by a Broker-Dealer acting for its own account to the Auction Agent, of information referred to in clause (A) or (B) of this paragraph 10(b)(i) is hereinafter referred to as an "Order" and each Beneficial Owner and each Potential Beneficial Owner placing an Order, including a Broker-Dealer acting in such capacity for its own account, is hereinafter referred to as a "Bidder"; an Order containing the information referred to in clause (A)(1) of this paragraph 10(b)(i) is hereinafter referred to as a "Hold Order"; an Order containing the information referred to in clause (A)(2) or (B) of this paragraph 10(b)(i) is hereinafter referred to as a "Bid"; and an Order containing the information referred to in clause (A)(3) of this paragraph 10(b)(i) is hereinafter referred to as a "Sell Order". Inasmuch as a Broker-Dealer participates in an Auction as an Existing Holder or a Potential Holder only to represent the interests of a Beneficial Owner or Potential Beneficial Owner, whether it be its customers or itself, all discussion herein relating to the consequences of an Auction for Existing Holders and Potential Holders also applies to the underlying beneficial ownership interests represented.

(ii) (A) A Bid by an Existing Holder shall constitute an irrevocable offer to sell:

- (1) the number of Outstanding shares of APS specified in such Bid if the Applicable Rate determined on such Auction Date shall be less than the rate per annum specified in such Bid; or (1) such number or a lesser number of Outstanding shares of APS to be determined as set forth in paragraph 10(e)(i)(D) if the Applicable Rate determined on such Auction Date shall be equal to the rate per annum specified therein; or
- (2) a lesser number of Outstanding shares of APS to be determined as set forth in paragraph 10(e)(ii)(C) if such specified rate per annum shall be higher than the Maximum Applicable Rate and Sufficient Clearing Bids do not exist.

(B) A Sell Order by an Existing Holder shall constitute an irrevocable offer to sell:

- (1) the number of Outstanding shares of APS specified in such Sell Order; or
- (2) such number or a lesser number of Outstanding shares of APS to be determined as set forth in paragraph 10(e)(ii)(C) if Sufficient Clearing Bids do not exist.

(C) A Bid by a Potential Holder shall constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase:

- (1) the number of Outstanding shares of APS specified in such Bid if the Applicable Rate determined on such Auction Date shall be higher than the rate per annum specified in such Bid; or

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(2) such number or a lesser number of Outstanding shares of APS to be determined as set forth in paragraph 10(e)(i)(E) if the Applicable Rate determined on such Auction Date shall be equal to the rate per annum specified therein.

(c) Submission of Orders by Broker-Dealers to Auction Agent

(i) Each Broker-Dealer shall submit in writing or through the Auction Agent's Auction Processing System to the Auction Agent prior to the Submission Deadline on each Auction Date all Orders obtained by such Broker-Dealer, designating itself (unless otherwise permitted by the Trust) as an Existing Holder in respect of shares subject to Orders submitted or deemed submitted to it by Beneficial Owners and as a Potential Holder in respect of shares subject to Orders submitted to it by Potential Beneficial Owners, and specifying with respect to each Order:

(A) the name of the Bidder placing such Order (which shall be the Broker-Dealer unless otherwise permitted by the Trust);

(B) the aggregate number of Outstanding shares of APS that are the subject of such Order;

(C) to the extent that such Bidder is an Existing Holder:

(1) the number of Outstanding shares, if any, of APS subject to any Hold Order placed by such Existing Holder;

(2) the number of Outstanding shares, if any, of APS subject to any Bid placed by such Existing Holder and the rate per annum specified in such Bid; and

(3) the number of Outstanding shares, if any, of APS subject to any Sell Order placed by such Existing Holder; and

(D) to the extent such Bidder is a Potential Holder, the rate per annum specified in such Potential Holder's Bid.

(ii) If any rate per annum specified in any Bid contains more than three figures to the right of the decimal point, the Auction Agent shall round such rate up to the next highest one-thousandth (.001) of 1%.

(iii) If an Order or Orders covering all of the Outstanding shares of APS held by an Existing Holder are not submitted to the Auction Agent prior to the Submission Deadline, the Auction Agent shall deem a Hold Order (in the case of an Auction relating to a Dividend Period which is not a Special Dividend Period) and a Sell Order (in the case of an Auction relating to a Special Dividend Period) to have been submitted on behalf of such Existing Holder covering the number of Outstanding shares of APS held by such Existing Holder and not subject to Orders submitted to the Auction Agent.

(iv) If one or more Orders on behalf of an Existing Holder covering in the aggregate more than the number of Outstanding shares of APS held by such Existing Holder are submitted to the Auction Agent, such Order shall be considered valid as follows and in the following order of priority:

(A) any Hold Order submitted on behalf of such Existing Holder shall be considered valid up to and including the number of Outstanding shares of APS held by such Existing Holder; provided that if more than one Hold Order is submitted on behalf of such Existing Holder and the number of shares of APS

subject to such Hold Orders exceeds the number of Outstanding shares of APS held by such Existing Holder, the number of shares of APS subject to each of such Hold Orders shall be reduced pro rata so that such Hold Orders, in the aggregate, will cover exactly the number of Outstanding shares of APS held by such Existing Holder;

(B) any Bids submitted on behalf of such Existing Holder shall be considered valid, in the ascending order of their respective rates per annum if more than one Bid is submitted on behalf of such Existing Holder, up to and including the excess of the number of Outstanding shares of APS held by such Existing Holder over the number of shares of APS subject to any Hold Order referred to in paragraph 10(c)(iv)(A) above (and if more than one Bid submitted on behalf of such Existing Holder specifies the same rate per annum and together they cover more than the remaining number of shares that can be the subject of valid Bids after application of paragraph 10(c)(iv)(A) above and of the foregoing portion of this paragraph 10(c)(iv)(B) to any Bid or Bids specifying a lower rate or rates per annum, the number of shares subject to each of such Bids shall be reduced pro rata so that such Bids, in the aggregate, cover exactly such remaining number of shares); and the number of shares, if any, subject to Bids not valid under this paragraph 10(c)(iv)(B) shall be treated as the subject of a Bid by a Potential Holder; and

(C) any Sell Order shall be considered valid up to and including the excess of the number of Outstanding shares of APS held by such Existing Holder over the number of shares of APS subject to Hold Orders referred to in paragraph 10(c)(iv)(A) and Bids referred to in paragraph 10(c)(iv)(B); provided that if more than one Sell Order is submitted on behalf of any Existing Holder and the number of shares of APS subject to such Sell Orders is greater than such excess, the number of shares of APS subject to each of such Sell Orders shall be reduced pro rata so that such Sell Orders, in the aggregate, cover exactly the number of shares of APS equal to such excess.

(v) If more than one Bid is submitted on behalf of any Potential Holder, each Bid submitted shall be a separate Bid with the rate per annum and number of shares of APS therein specified.

(vi) Any Order submitted by a Beneficial Owner as a Potential Beneficial Owner to its Broker-Dealer, or by a Broker-Dealer to the Auction Agent, prior to the Submission Deadline on any Auction Date shall be irrevocable.

(d) Determination of Sufficient Clearing Bids, Winning Bid Rate and Applicable Rate.

(i) Not earlier than the Submission Deadline on each Auction Date, the Auction Agent shall assemble all Orders submitted or deemed submitted to it by the Broker-Dealers (each such Order as submitted or deemed submitted by a Broker-Dealer being hereinafter referred to individually as a "Submitted Hold Order", a "Submitted Bid" or a "Submitted Sell Order", as the case may be, or as a "Submitted Order") and shall determine:

(A) the excess of the total number of Outstanding shares of APS over the number of Outstanding shares of APS that are the subject of Submitted Hold Orders (such excess being hereinafter referred to as the "Available APS");

(B) from the Submitted Orders whether the number of Outstanding shares of APS that are the subject of Submitted Bids by Potential Holders

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specifying one or more rates per annum equal to or lower than the Maximum Applicable Rate exceeds or is equal to the sum of:

(1) the number of Outstanding shares of APS that are the subject of Submitted Bids by Existing Holders specifying one or more rates per annum higher than the Maximum Applicable Rate, and

(2) the number of Outstanding shares of APS that are subject to Submitted Sell Orders (if such excess or such equality exists (other than because the number of Outstanding shares of APS in clause (1) above and this clause (2) are each zero because all of the Outstanding shares of APS are the subject of Submitted Hold Orders), such Submitted Bids by Potential Holders being hereinafter referred to collectively as "Sufficient Clearing Bids"); and

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(C) if Sufficient Clearing Bids exist, the lowest rate per annum specified in the Submitted Bids (the "Winning Bid Rate") that if:

(1) each Submitted Bid from Existing Holders specifying the Winning Bid Rate and all other Submitted Bids from Existing Holders specifying lower rates per annum were rejected, thus entitling such Existing Holders to continue to hold the shares of APS that are the subject of such Submitted Bids, and

(2) each Submitted Bid from Potential Holders specifying the Winning Bid Rate and all other Submitted Bids from Potential Holders specifying lower rates per annum were accepted, thus entitling the Potential Holders to purchase the shares of APS that are the subject of such Submitted Bids, would result in the number of shares subject to all Submitted Bids specifying the Winning Bid Rate or a lower rate per annum being at least equal to the Available APS.

(ii) Promptly after the Auction Agent has made the determinations pursuant to paragraph 10(d)(i), the Auction Agent shall advise the Trust of the Maximum Applicable Rate and, based on such determinations, the Applicable Rate for the next succeeding Dividend Period as follows:

(A) if Sufficient Clearing Bids exist, that the Applicable Rate for the next succeeding Dividend Period shall be equal to the Winning Bid Rate;

(B) if Sufficient Clearing Bids do not exist (other than because all of the Outstanding shares of APS are the subject of Submitted Hold Orders), that the Applicable Rate for the next succeeding Dividend Period shall be equal to the Maximum Applicable Rate; or

(C) if all of the Outstanding shares of APS are the subject of Submitted Hold Orders, that the Dividend Period next succeeding the Auction shall automatically be the same length as the immediately preceding Dividend Period and the Applicable Rate for the next succeeding Dividend Period shall be equal to 60% of the Reference Rate on the date of the Auction.

(e) Acceptance and Rejection of Submitted Bids and Submitted Sell Orders and Allocation of Shares. Based on the determinations made pursuant to paragraph 10(d)(i), the Submitted Bids and Submitted Sell Orders shall be accepted or rejected and the Auction Agent shall take such other action

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as set forth below:

(i) If Sufficient Clearing Bids have been made, subject to the provisions of paragraph 10(e)(iii) and paragraph 10(e)(iv), Submitted Bids and Submitted Sell Orders shall be accepted or rejected in the following order of priority and all other Submitted Bids shall be rejected:

(A) the Submitted Sell Orders of Existing Holders shall be accepted and the Submitted Bid of each of the Existing Holders specifying any rate per annum that is higher than the Winning Bid Rate shall be accepted, thus requiring each such Existing Holder to sell the Outstanding shares of APS that are the subject of such Submitted Sell Order or Submitted Bid;

(B) the Submitted Bid of each of the Existing Holders specifying any rate per annum that is lower than the Winning Bid Rate shall be rejected, thus entitling each such Existing Holder to continue to hold the Outstanding shares of APS that are the subject of such Submitted Bid;

(C) the Submitted Bid of each of the Potential Holders specifying any rate per annum that is lower than the Winning Bid Rate shall be accepted;

(D) the Submitted Bid of each of the Existing Holders specifying a rate per annum that is equal to the Winning Bid Rate shall be rejected, thus entitling each such Existing Holder to continue to hold the Outstanding shares of APS that are the subject of such Submitted Bid, unless the number of Outstanding shares of APS subject to all such Submitted Bids shall be greater than the number of Outstanding shares of APS ("Remaining Shares") equal to the excess of the Available APS over the number of Outstanding shares

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of APS subject to Submitted Bids described in paragraph 10(e)(i)(B) and paragraph 10(e)(i)(C), in which event the Submitted Bids of each such Existing Holder shall be accepted, and each such Existing Holder shall be required to sell Outstanding shares of APS, but only in an amount equal to the difference between (1) the number of Outstanding shares of APS then held by such Existing Holder subject to such Submitted Bid and (2) the number of shares of APS obtained by multiplying (x) the number of Remaining Shares by (y) a fraction the numerator of which shall be the number of Outstanding shares of APS held by such Existing Holder subject to such Submitted Bid and the denominator of which shall be the sum of the number of Outstanding shares of APS subject to such Submitted Bids made by all such Existing Holders that specified a rate per annum equal to the Winning Bid Rate; and

(E) the Submitted Bid of each of the Potential Holders specifying a rate per annum that is equal to the Winning Bid Rate shall be accepted but only in an amount equal to the number of Outstanding shares of APS obtained by multiplying (x) the difference between the Available APS and the number of Outstanding shares of APS subject to Submitted Bids described in paragraph 10(e)(i)(B), paragraph 10(e)(i)(C) and paragraph 10(e)(i)(D) by (y) a fraction the numerator of which shall be the number of Outstanding shares of APS subject to such Submitted Bid and the denominator of which shall be the sum of the number of Outstanding shares of APS subject to such 74 Submitted Bids made by all such Potential Holders that specified rates per annum equal to the Winning Bid Rate.

(ii) If Sufficient Clearing Bids have not been made (other than because

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all of the Outstanding shares of APS are subject to Submitted Hold Orders), subject to the provisions of paragraph 10(e)(iii), Submitted Orders shall be accepted or rejected as follows in the following order of priority and all other Submitted Bids shall be rejected:

(A) the Submitted Bid of each Existing Holder specifying any rate per annum that is equal to or lower than the Maximum Applicable Rate shall be rejected, thus entitling such Existing Holder to continue to hold the Outstanding shares of APS that are the subject of such Submitted Bid;

(B) the Submitted Bid of each Potential Holder specifying any rate per annum that is equal to or lower than the Maximum Applicable Rate shall be accepted, thus requiring such Potential Holder to purchase the Outstanding shares of APS that are the subject of such Submitted Bid; and

(C) the Submitted Bids of each Existing Holder specifying any rate per annum that is higher than the Maximum Applicable Rate shall be accepted and the Submitted Sell Orders of each Existing Holder shall be accepted, in both cases only in an amount equal to the difference between (1) the number of Outstanding shares of APS then held by such Existing Holder subject to such Submitted Bid or Submitted Sell Order and (2) the number of shares of APS obtained by multiplying (x) the difference between the Available APS and the aggregate number of Outstanding shares of APS subject to Submitted Bids described in paragraph 10(e)(ii)(A) and paragraph 10(e)(ii)(B) by (y) a fraction the numerator of which shall be the number of Outstanding shares of APS held by such Existing Holder subject to such Submitted Bid or Submitted Sell Order and the denominator of which shall be the number of Outstanding shares of APS subject to all such Submitted Bids and Submitted Sell Orders.

(iii) If, as a result of the procedures described in paragraph 10(e)(i) or paragraph 10(e)(ii), any Existing Holder would be entitled or required to sell, or any Potential Holder would be entitled or required to purchase, a fraction of a share of APS on any Auction Date, the Auction Agent shall, in such manner as in its sole discretion it shall determine, round up or down the number of shares of APS to be purchased or sold by any Existing Holder or Potential Holder on such Auction Date so that each Outstanding share of APS purchased or sold by each Existing Holder or Potential Holder on such Auction Date shall be a whole share of APS.

(iv) If, as a result of the procedures described in paragraph 10(e)(i), any Potential Holder would be entitled or required to purchase less than a whole share of APS on any Auction Date, the Auction Agent shall, in such manner as in its sole discretion it shall determine, allocate shares of APS for purchase among Potential Holders so that only whole shares of APS are purchased on such Auction Date by any Potential Holder, even if such allocation results in one or more of such Potential Holders not purchasing any shares of APS on such Auction Date.

(v) Based on the results of each Auction, the Auction Agent shall determine, with respect to each Broker-Dealer that submitted Bids or Sell Orders on behalf of Existing Holders or Potential Holders, the aggregate number of Outstanding shares of APS to be purchased and the aggregate number of the Outstanding shares of APS to be sold by such Potential Holders and Existing Holders and, to the extent that such aggregate number of Outstanding shares to be purchased and such aggregate number of Outstanding shares to be sold differ, the Auction Agent shall determine to which other Broker-Dealer or Broker-Dealers acting for one or more purchasers such Broker-Dealer shall deliver, or from which other Broker-Dealer or Broker-Dealers acting for one or more sellers such

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Broker-Dealer shall receive, as the case may be, Outstanding shares of APS

(f) Miscellaneous. The Trust may interpret the provisions of this paragraph 10 to resolve any inconsistency or ambiguity, remedy any formal defect or make any other change or modification that does not substantially adversely affect the rights of Beneficial Owners of APS. A Beneficial Owner or an Existing Holder (A) may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of shares of APS only pursuant to a Bid or Sell Order in accordance with the procedures described in this paragraph 10 or to or through a Broker-Dealer, provided that in the case of all transfers other than pursuant to Auctions such Beneficial Owner or Existing Holder, its Broker-Dealer, if applicable, or its Agent Member advises the Auction Agent of such transfer and (B) except as otherwise required by law, shall have the ownership of the shares of APS held by it maintained in book entry form by the Securities Depository in the account of its Agent Member, which in turn will maintain records of such Beneficial Owner's beneficial ownership. Neither the Trust nor any Affiliate shall submit an Order in any Auction. Any Beneficial Owner that is an Affiliate shall not sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of shares of APS to any Person other than the Trust. All of the Outstanding shares of APS of a series shall be represented by a single certificate registered in the name of the nominee of the Securities Depository unless otherwise required by law or unless there is no Securities Depository. If there is no Securities Depository, at the Trust's option and upon its receipt of such documents as it deems appropriate, any shares of APS may be registered in the Stock Register in the name of the Beneficial Owner thereof and such Beneficial Owner thereupon will be entitled to receive certificates therefor and required to deliver certificates therefor upon transfer or exchange thereof.

11. SECURITIES DEPOSITORY; STOCK CERTIFICATES. (a) If there is a Securities Depository, one certificate for all of the shares of APS of each series shall be issued to the Securities Depository and registered in the name of the Securities Depository or its nominee. Additional certificates may be issued as necessary to represent shares of APS. All such certificates shall bear a legend to the effect that such certificates are issued subject to the provisions restricting the transfer of shares of APS contained in these Amended By-Laws. Unless the Trust shall have elected, during a Non-Payment Period, to waive this requirement, the Trust will also issue stop-transfer instructions to the Auction Agent for the shares of APS. Except as provided in paragraph

(b) below, the Securities Depository or its nominee will be the Holder, and no Beneficial Owner shall receive certificates representing its ownership interest in such shares. (b) If the Applicable Rate applicable to all shares of APS of a series shall be the Non-Payment Period Rate or there is no Securities Depository, the Trust may at its option issue one or more new certificates with respect to such shares (without the legend referred to in paragraph 11(a)) registered in the names of the Beneficial Owners or their nominees and rescind the stop-transfer instructions referred to in paragraph 11(a) with respect to such shares.

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PART C
OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 24. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(1) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Included in Part A:

Financial Highlights

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(2) EXHIBITS:

- (a) Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated March 12, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's initial Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File Nos. 333-103901 and 811-21323) as to the Registrant's common shares of beneficial interest ("Common Shares") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on March 18, 2003 (Accession No. 0000898432-03-0003087) ("Initial Common Shares Registration Statement").
- (b) (1) By-Laws are incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (2) Amended By-Laws filed herewith.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) (1) Form of Specimen Certificate for Common Shares of Beneficial Interest are incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement filed with the Commission on April 25, 2003 (Accession No. 0000950135-03-00258) ("Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement").
- (2) Form of Specimen Certificate of Series A Auction Preferred Shares

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is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Initial Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File Nos. 332-105916 and 811-21323) as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares ("APS") filed with the Commission on June 6, 2003 (Accession No. 0000898432-03-000502) ("Initial APS Registration Statement").

- (3) Form of Specimen Certificate of Series B Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to the Initial APS Registration Statement.
- (4) Form of Specimen Certificate of Series C Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to the Initial APS Registration Statement.
- (5) Form of Specimen Certificate of Series D Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to the Initial APS Registration Statement.
- (6) Form of Specimen Certificate of Series E Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to the Initial APS Registration Statement.
- (e) Dividend Reinvestment Plan is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) (1) Investment Advisory Agreement dated April 14, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (2) Expense Reimbursement Arrangement is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (h) (1) Form of Underwriting Agreement is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement filed with the Commission on May 23, 2003 (Accession No. 0000950135-03-003249) ("Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement").
- (2) Form of Master Agreement Among Underwriters is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (3) Form of Master Selected Dealers Agreement is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (4) Form of Underwriting Agreement as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to the Initial APS Registration Statement.
- (5) Form of Master Agreement Among Underwriters as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by referent to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Initial

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Common Shares Registration Statement.

- (6) Form of Master Selected Dealers Agreement as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by referent to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (i) The Securities and Exchange Commission has granted the Registrant an exemptive order that permits the Registrant to enter into deferred compensation arrangements with its independent Trustees. See In the Matter of Capital Exchange Fund, Inc., Release No. IC-20671 (November 1, 1994).
- (j) (1) Master Custodian Agreement with Investors Bank & Trust Company dated April 14, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (2) Extension Agreement dated August 31, 2000 to Master Custodian Agreement with Investors Bank & Trust Company filed as Exhibit (g) (4) to Post-Effective Amendment No. 85 to the Registration Statement of Eaton Vance Municipals Trust (File Nos. 33-572, 811-4409) filed with the Commission on January 23, 2001 (Accession No. 0000940394-01-500027) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (3) Delegation Agreement dated December 11, 2000, with Investors Bank & Trust Company filed as Exhibit (j) (e) to Amendment No. 5 to the Registration Statement of the Eaton Vance Prime Rate Reserves (File Nos. 333-32267, 811-05808) filed April 3, 2002 (Accession No. 0000940394-01-500126) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (k) (1) Transfer Agency and Service Agreement dated December 21, 1998, as amended and restated on June 16, 2003, filed as Exhibit (k) (2) to the Registration Statement of Eaton Vance Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund (File Nos. 333-107050 and 811-21400) filed on July 15, 2003 (Accession No. 0000898432-03-000638) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Administration Agreement dated April 14, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (3) Form of Shareholder Servicing Agreement dated May 30, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (4) Form of Additional Compensation Agreement dated May 30, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (5) Form of Auction Agreement between Registrant and the Auction Agent as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares filed herewith.
- (6) Form of Broker-Dealer Agreement as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares filed herewith.
- (l) Opinion and Consent of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares filed herewith.

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- (m) Not applicable.
- (n) Consent of Independent Auditors dated July 18, 2003 filed herewith.
- (o) Not applicable.
- (p) Letter Agreement with Eaton Vance Management dated May 2, 2003 is incorporated herein by referent to the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (q) Not applicable.
- (r) Code of Ethics adopted by Eaton Vance Corp., Eaton Vance Management, Boston Management and Research, Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc. and the Eaton Vance Funds effective September 1, 2000, as revised June 4, 2002, filed as Exhibit (p) to Post-Effective Amendment No. 45 to the Registration Statement of Eaton Vance Investment Trust (File Nos. 33-1121, 811-4443) filed with the Commission on July 24, 2002 (Accession No. 0000940394-02-000462) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (s) Power of Attorney dated June 16, 2003 filed herewith.

ITEM 25. MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS

See Form of Underwriting Agreement which is incorporated herein by reference to the Initial APS Registration Statement.

ITEM 26. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

The approximate expenses in connection with the offering are as follows:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Registration and Filing Fees | \$76,855 |
| National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Fees | 0 |
| Rating Agency Fees | 150,000 |
| Costs of Printing and Engraving | 175,000 |
| Accounting Fees and Expenses | 30,000 |
| Legal Fees and Expenses | 175,000 |
| | ----- |
| Total | \$581,855 |
| | ----- |

ITEM 27. PERSONS CONTROLLED BY OR UNDER COMMON CONTROL

None.

ITEM 28. NUMBER OF HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

Set forth below is the number of record holders as of June 30, 2003, of each class of securities of the Registrant:

| Title of Class | Number of Record Holders |
|----------------|--------------------------|
|----------------|--------------------------|

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| | |
|---|-------|
| ----- | ----- |
| Common Shares of Beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share | 50 |
| Series A Auction Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share | 0 |
| Series B Auction Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share | 0 |
| Series C Auction Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share | 0 |
| Series D Auction Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share | 0 |
| Series E Auction Preferred Shares, par value \$0.01 per share | 0 |

ITEM 29. INDEMNIFICATION

The Registrant's By-Laws filed in the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement, the Amended By-Laws filed herein, the Form of Underwriting Agreement filed in the Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Initial Common Shares Registration Statement and the Form of Underwriting Agreement filed in the Initial APS Registration Statement contain provisions limiting the liability, and providing for indemnification, of the Trustees and officers under certain circumstances.

Registrant's Trustees and officers are insured under a standard investment company errors and omissions insurance policy covering loss incurred by reason of negligent errors and omissions committed in their official capacities as such.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described in this Item 29, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

ITEM 30. BUSINESS AND OTHER CONNECTIONS OF INVESTMENT ADVISER

Reference is made to: (i) the information set forth under the caption "Investment Advisory and Other Services" in the Statement of Additional information; (ii) the Eaton Vance Corp. 10-K filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (File No. 1-8100); and (iii) the Form ADV of Eaton Vance Management (File No. 801-15930) filed with the Commission, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 31. LOCATION OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

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All applicable accounts, books and documents required to be maintained by the Registrant by Section 31(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Rules promulgated thereunder are in the possession and custody of the Registrant's custodian, Investors Bank & Trust Company, 200 Clarendon Street, 16th Floor, Boston, MA 02116, and its transfer agent, PFPC Inc., 4400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581-5120, with the exception of certain corporate documents and portfolio trading documents which are in the possession and custody of Eaton Vance Management, The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, MA 02109. Registrant is informed that all applicable accounts, books and documents required to be maintained by registered investment advisers are in the custody and possession of Eaton Vance Management.

ITEM 32. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Not applicable.

ITEM 33. UNDERTAKINGS

1. The Registrant undertakes to suspend offering of Preferred Shares until the prospectus is amended if (1) subsequent to the effective date of this Registration Statement, the net asset value declines more than 10 percent from its net asset value as of the effective date of this Registration Statement or (2) the net asset value increases to an amount greater than its net proceeds as stated in the prospectus.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.

4. Not applicable.

5. The Registrant undertakes that:

a. for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this Registration Statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in the form of prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to 497(h) under the 1933Act shall be deemed to be part of the Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective; and

b. for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

6. The Registrant undertakes to send by first class mail or other means designed to ensure equally prompt delivery, within two business days of receipt of an oral or written request, its Statement of Additional Information.

NOTICE

A copy of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund is on file with the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and notice is hereby given that this instrument is executed on behalf of the Registrant by an officer of the Registrant as an officer and not individually and that the obligations of or arising out of this instrument are not binding upon any of the Trustees, officers or shareholders individually, but are binding only upon the assets and property of the Registrant.

SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this Pre-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the 17th day of July 2003.

EATON VANCE LIMITED DURATION INCOME FUND

By: /s/ Thomas E. Faust Jr.

 Thomas E. Faust Jr.
 President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Pre-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature ----- | Title ----- | Date ---- |
|--|---|--------------|
| /s/ Thomas E. Faust Jr. ----- Thomas E. Faust Jr. | President and Principal Executive Officer | July 17, |
| /s/ James L. O'Connor ----- James L. O'Connor | Treasurer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer | July 17, |
| /s/ Jessica M. Bibliowicz* ----- Jessica M. Bibliowicz | Trustee | July 17, |
| /s/ James B. Hawkes* ----- James B. Hawkes | Trustee | July 17, |
| /s/ Samuel L. Hayes, III* ----- Samuel L. Hayes, III | Trustee | July 17, |
| /s/ William H. Park* ----- William H. Park | Trustee | July 17, |
| /s/ Ronald A. Pearlman* ----- Ronald A. Pearlman | Trustee | July 17, |
| /s/ Norton H. Reamer* ----- Norton H. Reamer | Trustee | July 17, |
| /s/ Lynn A. Stout* ----- Lynn A. Stout | Trustee | July 17, |

* By: /s/ Alan R. Dynner

 Alan R. Dynner (As attorney in-fact)

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