

WESTERN ASSET PREMIER BOND FUND
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**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-10603

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

620 Eighth Avenue, 49th Floor, New York, NY
(Address of principal executive offices)

10018
(Zip code)

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Legg Mason & Co., LLC

100 First Stamford Place,

Stamford, CT 06902
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (888)777-0102

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2013

ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The **Semi-Annual** Report to Stockholders is filed herewith.

Semi-Annual Report | June 30, 2013

WESTERN ASSET PREMIER BOND FUND

(WEA)

INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: NOT FDIC INSURED • NO BANK GUARANTEE • MAY LOSE VALUE

Fund objective

The Fund's investment objective is to provide current income and capital appreciation.

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Letter from the president

Dear Shareholder,

We are pleased to provide the semi-annual report of Western Asset Premier Bond Fund for the six-month reporting period ended June 30, 2013. Please read on for Fund performance information and a detailed look at prevailing economic and market conditions during the Fund's reporting period.

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I am pleased to introduce myself as the new President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fund, succeeding R. Jay Gerken, as he embarks upon his retirement. Jay has most recently served as President of the Fund and other funds in the Legg Mason complex. On behalf of all our shareholders and the Fund's Board of Trustees, I would like to thank Jay for his vision and guidance, and wish him all the best.

I am honored to have been appointed to my new role with the Fund. During my 23 year career in the financial industry, I have seen it evolve and expand. Despite these changes, keeping an unwavering focus on our shareholders and their needs remains paramount. This was a consistent focus of Jay's, and I look forward to following his lead in the years to come.

As always, we remain committed to providing you with excellent service and a full spectrum of investment choices. We also remain committed to supplementing the support you receive from your financial advisor. One way we accomplish this is through our website, www.lmcef.com. Here you can gain immediate access to market and investment information, including:

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- Fund prices and performance,
- Market insights and commentaries from our portfolio managers, and
- A host of educational resources.

We look forward to helping you meet your financial goals.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Fuller
President and Chief Executive Officer

July 26, 2013

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund III

Investment commentary

Economic review

The U.S. economy continued to grow over the six months ended June 30, 2013 (the reporting period), but the pace was far from robust. Looking back, U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) growth, as reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce, was an anemic 0.1% during the fourth quarter of 2012. This weakness was partially driven by moderating private inventory investment and federal government spending. Economic growth then improved, as first quarter 2013 GDP growth was 1.1%. Accelerating growth was due, in part, to strengthening consumer spending, which rose 2.3% during the first quarter, versus a 1.7% increase during the previous quarter. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce's initial reading for second quarter 2013 GDP growth, released after the reporting period ended, was 1.7%. This increase was partially driven by increases in non-residential fixed investment and exports, along with a smaller decline in federal government spending versus the previous quarter.

While there was some improvement in the U.S. job market, unemployment remained elevated throughout the reporting period. When the period began, unemployment, as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, was 7.9%. Unemployment then fell to 7.7% in February, 7.6% in March and 7.5% in April. It then edged up to 7.6% in May and was unchanged in June. In an encouraging sign, an average of almost 202,000 jobs were created per month during the first half of 2013. In contrast, the monthly average was roughly 183,000 in 2012. In addition, the percentage of longer-term unemployed has declined, as roughly 36.7% of the 11.8 million Americans looking for work in June 2013 have been out of work for more than six months, versus 38.1% in January 2013.

Meanwhile, the housing market brightened, as sales generally improved and home prices continued to rebound. According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), existing-home sales dipped 1.2% on a seasonally adjusted basis in June 2013 versus the previous month and were 1.52% higher than in June 2012. In addition, the NAR reported that the median existing-home price for all housing types was \$214,200 in June 2013, up 13.5% from June 2012. This marked the sixteenth consecutive month that home prices rose compared to the same period a year earlier. While the inventory of homes available for sale rose 1.9% in June 2013 to a 5.2 month supply at the current sales pace, it was 7.6% lower than in June 2012.

While manufacturing activity was weak in many international developed countries, it was generally positive in the U.S. Based on the Institute for Supply Management's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)ⁱⁱ, the U.S. manufacturing sector expanded during the first four months of the reporting period. Manufacturing then experienced a setback, falling from 50.7 in April 2013 to 49.0 in May (a reading below 50 indicates a contraction, whereas a reading above 50 indicates an expansion). However, manufacturing then moved back into expansion territory in June, as the PMI increased to 50.9. During June, 12 of the 18 industries within the PMI expanded, versus 10 expanding the prior month.

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Market review

Q. How did the Federal Reserve Board (Fed)iii respond to the economic environment?

A. The Fed took a number of actions as it sought to meet its dual mandate of fostering maximum employment and price stability. As has been the case since December 2008, the Fed kept the federal funds rateiv at a historically low range between zero and 0.25%. At its meeting in December 2012, prior to the beginning of the reporting period, the Fed announced that it would continue purchasing \$40 billion per month of agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS), as well as initially purchasing \$45 billion a month of longer-term Treasuries. The Fed also said that it would keep the federal funds rate on hold ...as long as the unemployment rate remains above 6.5%, inflation between one and two years ahead is projected to be no more than a half percentage point above the Committee s 2.0% longer-run goal, and longer-term inflation expectations continue to be well anchored. At its meeting that ended on June 19, 2013, the Fed did not make any material changes to its official policy statement. However, in a press conference following the meeting, Fed Chairman Bernanke said ...the Committee currently anticipates that it would be appropriate to moderate the monthly pace of purchases later this year; and if the subsequent data remain broadly aligned with our current expectations for the economy, we would continue to reduce the pace of purchases in measured steps through the first half of next year, ending purchases around midyear. This initially triggered a sharp sell-off in both the stock and bond markets. While the stock market subsequently rallied and reached a new record high on July 12, thebond market did not rebound as sharply. As a result, Treasury yields remained sharply higher than they were prior to Chairman Bernanke s press conference. At its meeting that ended on July 31, 2013, after the reporting period ended, the Fed did not institute any policy changes and left its \$85 billion a month asset purchase program intact.

Q. Did Treasury yields trend higher or lower during the six months ended June 30, 2013?

A. Both short- and long-term Treasury yields moved sharply higher during the reporting period. When the period began, the yield on the two-year Treasury was 0.25%. It fell as low as 0.20% in late April/early May 2013 and was as high as 0.43% on June 25, 2013, before ending the period at 0.36%. The yield on the ten-year Treasury began the period at 1.78%. Ten-year Treasuries reached a low of 1.66% in early May 2013 and peaked at 2.60% on June 25, 2013, before edging down to 2.52% at the end of the period.

Q. What factors impacted the spread sectors (non-Treasuries) during the reporting period?

A. Most spread sectors performed poorly during the reporting period. Spread sector demand was often solid during the first four months of the period as investors looked to generate incremental yield in the low interest rate environment. Even so, there were several periods of volatility given a number of macro issues, including the European sovereign debt crisis, mixed economic data and concerns related to the U.S. fiscal cliff and sequestration. The spread sectors then weakened over the last two months of the period amid sharply rising interest rates given the Fed s plan to begin tapering its asset purchase program sooner than previously anticipated. The majority of spread

Investment commentary (cont d)

sectors generated negative absolute returns and performed largely in line with equal-duration v Treasuries during the reporting period as a whole. For the six months ended June 30, 2013, the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index vi fell 2.44%.

Q. How did the high-yield market perform over the six months ended June 30, 2013?

A. The U.S. high-yield bond market was one of the few spread sectors to generate a positive return during the reporting period. The asset class, as measured by the Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index vii, posted positive returns during the first four months of the period. Risk appetite was often solid during that time as investors were drawn to higher yielding securities. However, the high-yield market gave back a large portion of previous gains in May and June. All told, the high-yield market gained 1.42% for the six months ended June 30, 2013.

Performance review

For the six months ended June 30, 2013, Western Asset Premier Bond Fund returned 3.20% based on its net asset value (NAV) viii and -1.80% based on its New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) market price per share. The Fund's unmanaged benchmarks, the Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index ix and the Barclays U.S. Credit Index x, returned 1.42% and -3.60%, respectively, for the same period. The Lipper Corporate Debt Closed-End Funds BBB-Rated Category Average xi returned -0.87% over the same time frame. Please note that Lipper performance returns are based on each fund's NAV.

During this six-month period, the Fund made distributions to shareholders totaling \$0.60 per share, which may have included a return of capital. The performance table shows the Fund's six-month total return based on its NAV and market price as of June 30, 2013. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

Performance Snapshot as of June 30, 2013 (unaudited)

| | | 6-Month Total Return* |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Price Per Share | | |
| \$14.72 (NAV) | | 3.20% |
| \$14.67 (Market Price) | | -1.80% |

All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future results. Performance figures for periods shorter than one year represent cumulative figures and are not annualized.

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*** Total returns are based on changes in NAV or market price, respectively. Returns reflect the deduction of all Fund expenses, including management fees, operating expenses, and other Fund expenses. Returns do not reflect the deduction of brokerage commissions or taxes that investors may pay on distributions or the sale of shares.**

Total return assumes the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, at NAV.

Total return assumes the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, in additional shares in accordance with the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Looking for additional information?

The Fund is traded under the symbol **WEA** and its closing market price is available in most newspapers under the

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NYSE listings. The daily NAV is available on-line under the symbol XWEAX on most financial websites. *Barron's* and the *Wall Street Journal's* Monday edition both carry closed-end fund tables that provide additional information. In addition, the Fund issues a quarterly press release that can be found on most major financial websites as well as www.lmcef.com.

In a continuing effort to provide information concerning the Fund, shareholders may call 1-888-777-0102 (toll free), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time, for the Fund's current NAV, market price and other information.

As always, thank you for your confidence in our stewardship of your assets.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Fuller

President and Chief Executive Officer

August 1, 2013

RISKS: *Bonds are subject to a variety of risks, including interest rate, credit and inflation risks. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall, reducing the value of a fixed-income investment's price. The Fund may invest in high-yield bonds, which are rated below investment grade and carry more risk than higher-rated securities. To the extent that the Fund invests in asset-backed, mortgage-backed or mortgage related securities, its exposure to prepayment and extension risks may be greater than investments in other fixed-income securities. Leverage may result in greater volatility of NAV and the market price of common shares and increases a shareholder's risk of loss. The Fund may invest, to a limited extent, in foreign securities, including emerging markets, which involve additional risks. The Fund may make significant investments in derivative instruments. Derivative instruments can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on Fund performance.*

All investments are subject to risk including the possible loss of principal. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All index performance reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index.

The information provided is not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results or investment advice. Views expressed may differ from those of the firm as a whole.

Investment commentary (cont d)

- i Gross domestic product (GDP) is the market value of all final goods and services produced within a country in a given period of time.
- ii The Institute for Supply Management's PMI is based on a survey of purchasing executives who buy the raw materials for manufacturing at more than 350 companies. It offers an early reading on the health of the manufacturing sector.
- iii The Federal Reserve Board (Fed) is responsible for the formulation of policies designed to promote economic growth, full employment, stable prices and a sustainable pattern of international trade and payments.
- iv The federal funds rate is the rate charged by one depository institution on an overnight sale of immediately available funds (balances at the Federal Reserve) to another depository institution; the rate may vary from depository institution to depository institution and from day to day.
- v Duration is the measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security to an interest rate change of 100 basis points. Calculation is based on the weighted average of the present values for all cash flows.
- vi The Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index is a broad-based bond index comprised of government, corporate, mortgage- and asset-backed issues, rated investment grade or higher, and having at least one year to maturity.
- vii The Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Cap Index is an index of the 2% Issuer Cap component of the Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, which covers the U.S. dollar-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market.
- viii Net asset value (NAV) is calculated by subtracting total liabilities and outstanding preferred stock (if any) from the closing value of all securities held by the Fund (plus all other assets) and dividing the result (total net assets) by the total number of the common shares outstanding. The NAV fluctuates with changes in the market prices of securities in which the Fund has invested. However, the price at which an investor may buy or sell shares of the Fund is the Fund's market price as determined by supply of and demand for the Fund's shares.
- ix The Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index covers the universe of fixed-rate, non-investment grade debt, including corporate and non-corporate sectors. Pay-in-kind (PIK) bonds, Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-emerging market countries are included. Original issue zero coupon bonds, step-up coupon structures and 144-A securities are also included.
- x The Barclays U.S. Credit Index is an index composed of corporate and non-corporate debt issues that are investment grade (rated Baa3/BBB- or higher).
- xi Lipper, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reuters, provides independent insight on global collective investments. Returns are based on the six-month period ended June 30, 2013, including the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 10 funds in the Fund's Lipper category.

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VIII Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

Fund at a glance (unaudited)

Investment breakdown (%) as a percent of total investments

The bar graph above represents the Fund's portfolio as of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 and does not include derivatives such as forward foreign currency contracts and swap contracts. The Fund's portfolio is actively managed. As a result, the composition of its portfolio holdings and sectors is subject to change at any time.

Represents less than 0.1%.

Spread duration (unaudited)

Economic Exposure June 30, 2013

Spread duration measures the sensitivity to changes in spreads. The spread over Treasuries is the annual risk-premium demanded by investors to hold non-Treasury securities. Spread duration is quantified as the % change in price resulting from a 100 basis points change in spreads. For a security with positive spread duration, an increase in spreads would result in a price decline and a decline in spreads would result in a price increase. This chart highlights the market sector exposure of the Fund's sectors relative to the selected benchmark sectors as of the end of the reporting period.

| | |
|--------------|--|
| ABS | Asset-Backed Securities |
| Benchmark I | Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index |
| Benchmark II | Barclays U.S. Credit Index |
| EM | Emerging Markets |
| HY | High Yield |
| IG Credit | Investment Grade Credit |
| MBS | Mortgage-Backed Securities |
| WEA | Western Asset Premier Bond Fund |

Effective duration (unaudited)

Interest Rate Exposure June 30, 2013

Effective duration measures the sensitivity to changes in relevant interest rates. Effective duration is quantified as the % change in price resulting from a 100 basis points change in interest rates. For a security with positive effective duration, an increase in interest rates would result in a price decline and a decline in interest rates would result in a price increase. This chart highlights the interest rate exposure of the Fund's sectors relative to the selected benchmark sectors as of the end of the reporting period.

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|--------------|--|
| ABS | Asset-Backed Securities |
| Benchmark I | Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index |
| Benchmark II | Barclays U.S. Credit Index |
| EM | Emerging Markets |
| HY | High Yield |
| IG Credit | Investment Grade Credit |
| MBS | Mortgage-Backed Securities |
| WEA | Western Asset Premier Bond Fund |

Schedule of investments (unaudited)

June 30, 2013

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

| | Rate | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
|---|---------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Security | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds & Notes 63.1% | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary 11.2% | | | | |
| <i>Automobiles 2.0%</i> | | | | |
| DaimlerChrysler NA Holding Corp., Notes | 8.500% | 1/18/31 | 1,000,000 | \$ 1,414,883 |
| Ford Motor Credit Co., LLC, Senior Notes | 12.000% | 5/15/15 | 1,030,000 | 1,214,552 |
| Ford Motor Credit Co., LLC, Senior Notes | 8.000% | 12/15/16 | 680,000 | 796,373 |
| Total Automobiles | | | | 3,425,808 |
| <i>Diversified Consumer Services 0.4%</i> | | | | |
| Service Corp. International, Senior Notes | 7.625% | 10/1/18 | 5,000 | 5,700 |
| Service Corp. International, Senior Notes | 7.500% | 4/1/27 | 60,000 | 65,550 |
| ServiceMaster Co., Senior Notes | 7.000% | 8/15/20 | 650,000 | 616,688 |
| Total Diversified Consumer Services | | | | 687,938 |
| <i>Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 2.0%</i> | | | | |
| Caesars Operating Escrow LLC/Caesars Escrow Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 9.000% | 2/15/20 | 160,000 | 152,800(a) |
| CCM Merger Inc., Senior Notes | 9.125% | 5/1/19 | 570,000 | 595,650(a) |
| El Pollo Loco Inc., Secured Notes | 17.000% | 1/1/18 | 906,080 | 960,454(a)(b) |
| Landry's Holdings II Inc., Senior Notes | 10.250% | 1/1/18 | 720,000 | 745,200(a) |
| Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, Secured Notes | 11.500% | 11/1/17 | 170,000 | 187,850(a) |
| Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, Senior Secured Notes | 10.500% | 12/15/16 | 860,000 | 840,650(a) |
| Total Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure | | | | 3,482,604 |
| <i>Household Durables 0.2%</i> | | | | |
| William Lyon Homes Inc., Senior Notes | 8.500% | 11/15/20 | 390,000 | 424,125(a) |
| Media 6.4% | | | | |
| Comcast Corp., Notes | 5.900% | 3/15/16 | 400,000 | 450,312 |
| Comcast Corp., Notes | 7.050% | 3/15/33 | 1,000,000 | 1,248,096 |
| CSC Holdings LLC, Senior Notes | 6.750% | 11/15/21 | 1,000,000 | 1,077,500 |
| DISH DBS Corp., Senior Notes | 7.875% | 9/1/19 | 385,000 | 431,200 |
| Good Sam Enterprises LLC, Secured Notes | 11.500% | 12/1/16 | 250,000 | 266,250 |
| Nara Cable Funding Ltd., Senior Secured Notes | 8.875% | 12/1/18 | 1,500,000 | 1,560,000(a) |
| News America Inc., Notes | 8.875% | 4/26/23 | 400,000 | 521,995 |
| Time Warner Cable Inc., Debentures | 7.300% | 7/1/38 | 2,000,000 | 2,173,618 |
| Time Warner Inc., Senior Debentures | 7.700% | 5/1/32 | 980,000 | 1,245,996 |
| UPC Holding BV, Junior Secured Subordinated Notes | 6.375% | 9/15/22 | 1,820,000EUR | 2,274,242(a) |
| Total Media | | | | 11,249,209 |
| <i>Specialty Retail 0.2%</i> | | | | |
| Hot Topic Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 9.250% | 6/15/21 | 270,000 | 273,375(a) |
| Total Consumer Discretionary | | | | 19,543,059 |
| Consumer Staples 3.2% | | | | |
| <i>Food & Staples Retailing 1.6%</i> | | | | |
| CVS Corp., Pass-Through Trust, Secured Bonds | 5.789% | 1/10/26 | 497,060 | 563,542(a) |
| CVS Pass-Through Trust, Secured Notes | 5.880% | 1/10/28 | 492,166 | 550,331 |

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Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

| Security | Rate | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
|--|---------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Food & Staples Retailing continued | | | | |
| CVS Pass-Through Trust, Secured Notes | 6.036% | 12/10/28 | 486,854 | \$ 549,148 |
| CVS Pass-Through Trust, Secured Notes | 6.943% | 1/10/30 | 462,881 | 545,032 |
| CVS Pass-Through Trust, Secured Notes | 7.507% | 1/10/32 | 446,636 | 550,414(a) |
| Total Food & Staples Retailing | | | | 2,758,467 |
| Food Products 1.1% | | | | |
| Ahold Lease USA Inc., Pass-Through Certificates | 8.620% | 1/2/25 | 686,921 | 849,313 |
| Chiquita Brands International Inc./Chiquita Brands LLC, Senior Secured Notes | 7.875% | 2/1/21 | 390,000 | 408,525(a) |
| Simmons Foods Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 10.500% | 11/1/17 | 500,000 | 526,250(a) |
| Wells Enterprises Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 6.750% | 2/1/20 | 220,000 | 230,450(a) |
| Total Food Products | | | | 2,014,538 |
| Household Products 0.1% | | | | |
| Harbinger Group Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 7.875% | 7/15/19 | 120,000 | 122,700(a) |
| Tobacco 0.4% | | | | |
| Alliance One International Inc., Senior Notes | 10.000% | 7/15/16 | 660,000 | 674,850 |
| Total Consumer Staples | | | | 5,570,555 |
| Energy 6.3% | | | | |
| Energy Equipment & Services 1.0% | | | | |
| Basic Energy Services Inc., Senior Notes | 7.750% | 10/15/22 | 30,000 | 29,625 |
| CGG, Senior Notes | 6.500% | 6/1/21 | 750,000 | 757,500 |
| Gulfmark Offshore Inc., Senior Notes | 6.375% | 3/15/22 | 410,000 | 406,925 |
| Hercules Offshore Inc., Senior Notes | 8.750% | 7/15/21 | 410,000 | 410,000(a) |
| Hercules Offshore Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 10.500% | 10/15/17 | 155,000 | 165,463(a) |
| Total Energy Equipment & Services | | | | 1,769,513 |
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 5.3% | | | | |
| Anadarko Finance Co., Senior Notes | 7.500% | 5/1/31 | 570,000 | 710,615 |
| Arch Coal Inc., Senior Notes | 7.000% | 6/15/19 | 750,000 | 624,375 |
| Atlas Pipeline Partners LP/Atlas Pipeline Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 6.625% | 10/1/20 | 170,000 | 170,425(a) |
| Burlington Resources Finance Co., Senior Notes | 7.400% | 12/1/31 | 450,000 | 599,445 |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes | 7.250% | 12/15/18 | 170,000 | 189,550 |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 2/15/21 | 440,000 | 462,000 |
| Colorado Interstate Gas Co., Senior Notes | 6.800% | 11/15/15 | 150,000 | 169,193 |
| CONSOL Energy Inc., Senior Notes | 8.250% | 4/1/20 | 440,000 | 460,900 |
| Devon Energy Corp., Debentures | 7.950% | 4/15/32 | 310,000 | 405,741 |
| El Paso Corp., Medium-Term Notes | 7.800% | 8/1/31 | 190,000 | 200,675 |
| EXCO Resources Inc., Senior Notes | 7.500% | 9/15/18 | 490,000 | 458,150 |
| Halcon Resources Corp., Senior Notes | 9.750% | 7/15/20 | 670,000 | 668,325 |
| Hess Corp., Notes | 7.875% | 10/1/29 | 350,000 | 437,314 |
| Magnum Hunter Resources Corp., Senior Notes | 9.750% | 5/15/20 | 740,000 | 751,100(a) |

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Schedule of investments (unaudited) (cont d)

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| Security | Rate | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
|---|---------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels continued | | | | |
| Petrobras International Finance Co., Senior Notes | 5.375% | 1/27/21 | 960,000 | \$ 964,506 |
| Plains Exploration & Production Co., Senior Notes | 8.625% | 10/15/19 | 125,000 | 137,569 |
| Regency Energy Partners LP/Regency Energy Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 6.500% | 7/15/21 | 750,000 | 783,750 |
| Reliance Holdings USA Inc., Senior Notes | 5.400% | 2/14/22 | 250,000 | 253,972(a) |
| Summit Midstream Holdings LLC/Summit Mindstream Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 7.500% | 7/1/21 | 230,000 | 233,450(a) |
| Williams Cos. Inc., Debentures | 7.500% | 1/15/31 | 413,000 | 470,517 |
| Williams Cos. Inc., Senior Notes | 8.750% | 3/15/32 | 39,000 | 49,471 |
| Total Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels | | | | 9,201,043 |
| Total Energy | | | | 10,970,556 |
| Financials 13.7% | | | | |
| Capital Markets 1.1% | | | | |
| Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Senior Notes | 5.250% | 7/27/21 | 800,000 | 855,919 |
| Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Subordinated Notes | 6.750% | 10/1/37 | 1,000,000 | 1,024,364 |
| Total Capital Markets | | | | 1,880,283 |
| Commercial Banks 4.2% | | | | |
| Barclays Bank PLC, Subordinated Notes | 10.179% | 6/12/21 | 610,000 | 773,596(a) |
| Barclays Bank PLC, Subordinated Notes | 7.625% | 11/21/22 | 1,500,000 | 1,471,875 |
| BBVA US Senior SAU, Senior Notes | 4.664% | 10/9/15 | 230,000 | 236,928 |
| Credit Agricole SA, Subordinated Notes | 8.375% | 10/13/19 | 1,610,000 | 1,704,588(a)(c)(d) |
| Intesa Sanpaolo SpA, Senior Notes | 3.625% | 8/12/15 | 300,000 | 300,674(a) |
| M&T Bank Corp., Junior Subordinated Notes | 6.875% | 6/15/16 | 760,000 | 790,880(a)(d) |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, Subordinated Notes | 5.050% | 1/8/15 | 230,000 | 230,575 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, Subordinated Notes | 6.100% | 6/10/23 | 1,470,000 | 1,394,608 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland NV, Subordinated Notes | 7.750% | 5/15/23 | 140,000 | 147,087 |
| Santander US Debt SA Unipersonal, Senior Notes | 3.724% | 1/20/15 | 300,000 | 302,808(a) |
| Total Commercial Banks | | | | 7,353,619 |
| Consumer Finance 1.2% | | | | |
| Ally Financial Inc., Senior Notes | 8.000% | 3/15/20 | 350,000 | 406,437 |
| HSBC Finance Corp., Notes | 4.750% | 7/15/13 | 1,670,000 | 1,672,206 |
| Total Consumer Finance | | | | 2,078,643 |
| Diversified Financial Services 6.0% | | | | |
| Bank of America Corp., Senior Notes | 5.000% | 5/13/21 | 1,100,000 | 1,172,889 |
| Citigroup Inc., Subordinated Notes | 6.625% | 6/15/32 | 1,000,000 | 1,033,704 |
| General Electric Capital Corp., Notes | 5.300% | 2/11/21 | 450,000 | 493,637 |
| General Electric Capital Corp., Subordinated Debentures | 6.375% | 11/15/67 | 500,000 | 520,000(c) |
| International Lease Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 8.750% | 3/15/17 | 1,380,000 | 1,536,975 |
| International Lease Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 5.875% | 8/15/22 | 750,000 | 743,438 |
| International Lease Finance Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 7.125% | 9/1/18 | 400,000 | 442,000(a) |

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| Security | Rate | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
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| Diversified Financial Services continued | | | | |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co., Junior Subordinated Bonds | 5.150% | 5/1/23 | 1,910,000 | \$ 1,819,275 ^{(c)(d)} |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co., Subordinated Notes | 5.125% | 9/15/14 | 1,300,000 | 1,363,913 |
| Nationstar Mortgage LLC/Nationstar Capital Corp., Senior Notes | 7.875% | 10/1/20 | 350,000 | 371,000 |
| UFJ Finance Aruba AEC, Subordinated Notes | 6.750% | 7/15/13 | 500,000 | 501,011 |
| ZFS Finance USA Trust II, Bonds | 6.450% | 12/15/65 | 500,000 | 535,000 ^{(a)(c)} |
| Total Diversified Financial Services | | | | 10,532,842 |
| Insurance 1.2% | | | | |
| ING Capital Funding Trust III, Junior Subordinated Bonds | 3.884% | 9/30/13 | 100,000 | 96,000 ^{(c)(d)} |
| Liberty Mutual Group Inc., Junior Subordinated Bonds | 7.800% | 3/15/37 | 200,000 | 234,500 ^(a) |
| Metlife Inc., Junior Subordinated Notes | 10.750% | 8/1/39 | 500,000 | 772,500 |
| XL Capital Ltd. | 5.250% | 9/15/14 | 1,000,000 | 1,049,294 |
| Total Insurance | | | | 2,152,294 |
| Total Financials | | | | |
| Health Care 1.8% | | | | |
| Health Care Equipment & Supplies 0.3% | | | | |
| Biomet Inc., Senior Notes | 6.500% | 8/1/20 | 70,000 | 72,144 |
| Lantheus Medical Imaging Inc., Senior Notes | 9.750% | 5/15/17 | 610,000 | 538,325 |
| Total Health Care Equipment & Supplies | | | | 610,469 |
| Health Care Providers & Services 1.5% | | | | |
| Acadia Healthcare Co. Inc., Senior Notes | 6.125% | 3/15/21 | 520,000 | 520,000 ^(a) |
| HCA Holdings Inc., Senior Notes | 6.250% | 2/15/21 | 200,000 | 204,000 |
| HCA Inc., Debentures | 7.500% | 11/15/95 | 185,000 | 172,050 |
| HCA Inc., Notes | 6.375% | 1/15/15 | 430,000 | 450,425 |
| HCA Inc., Notes | 7.690% | 6/15/25 | 90,000 | 97,200 |
| IASIS Healthcare LLC/IASIS Capital Corp., Senior Notes | 8.375% | 5/15/19 | 230,000 | 232,156 |
| Physiotherapy Associates Holdings Inc., Senior Notes | 11.875% | 5/1/19 | 190,000 | 104,500 ^{(a)(e)} |
| Radnet Management Inc., Senior Notes | 10.375% | 4/1/18 | 530,000 | 567,100 |
| Vanguard Health Holdings Co., II LLC, Senior Notes | 8.000% | 2/1/18 | 215,000 | 227,900 |
| Total Health Care Providers & Services | | | | 2,575,331 |
| Total Health Care | | | | |
| Industrials 11.5% | | | | |
| Aerospace & Defense 0.6% | | | | |
| Boeing Co., Notes | 6.125% | 2/15/33 | 600,000 | 719,365 |
| GenCorp Inc., Secured Notes | 7.125% | 3/15/21 | 250,000 | 258,750 ^(a) |
| Total Aerospace & Defense | | | | 978,115 |
| Airlines 8.2% | | | | |
| Air 2 US, Notes | 8.027% | 10/1/19 | 1,783,192 | 1,916,931 ^(a) |
| America West Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates, Ambac Assurance Corp. | 8.057% | 7/2/20 | 1,915,008 | 2,125,659 |

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| Airlines continued | | | | |
| DAE Aviation Holdings Inc., Senior Notes | 11.250% | 8/1/15 | 231,000 | \$ 231,578 ^(a) |
| Delta Air Lines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates, Secured Notes | 8.021% | 8/10/22 | 141,216 | 154,279 |
| Northwest Airlines Corp., Pass-Through Certificates | 7.575% | 3/1/19 | 407,488 | 470,649 |
| United Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates | 6.900% | 1/2/18 | 688,204 | 722,614 |
| United Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates | 6.820% | 5/1/18 | 896,947 | 927,219 |
| United Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates | 6.545% | 2/2/19 | 919,448 | 1,022,886 |
| United Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates | 8.048% | 11/1/20 | 496,174 | 555,715 |
| United Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates | 6.703% | 6/15/21 | 669,050 | 712,539 |
| United Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates, Secured Notes | 6.250% | 4/11/20 | 1,000,000 | 1,027,500 |
| US Airways, Pass-Through Trust, Pass-Through Certificates | 6.850% | 1/30/18 | 2,346,868 | 2,417,274 |
| US Airways, Pass-Through Trust, Secured Notes | 7.125% | 10/22/23 | 1,821,038 | 2,057,772 |
| Total Airlines | | | | 14,342,615 |
| Commercial Services & Supplies 0.7% | | | | |
| Altegrity Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes | 10.500% | 11/1/15 | 134,000 | 119,930 ^(a) |
| ARC Document Solutions Inc., Senior Notes | 10.500% | 12/15/16 | 490,000 | 488,775 |
| Taylor Morrison Communities Inc./Monarch Communities Inc., Senior Notes | 7.750% | 4/15/20 | 590,000 | 635,725 ^(a) |
| Taylor Morrison Communities Inc./Monarch Communities Inc., Senior Notes | 7.750% | 4/15/20 | 72,000 | 77,580 ^(a) |
| Total Commercial Services & Supplies | | | | 1,322,010 |
| Construction & Engineering 0.1% | | | | |
| OAS Investments GmbH, Senior Notes | 8.250% | 10/19/19 | 200,000 | 197,000 ^(a) |
| Electrical Equipment 0.2% | | | | |
| International Wire Group Holdings Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 8.500% | 10/15/17 | 340,000 | 345,100 ^(a) |
| Machinery 0.4% | | | | |
| SPL Logistics Escrow LLC/SPL Logistics Finance Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 8.875% | 8/1/20 | 710,000 | 738,400 ^(a) |
| Marine 1.0% | | | | |
| Horizon Lines LLC, Senior Secured Notes | 11.000% | 10/15/16 | 1,691,000 | 1,682,545 |
| Trading Companies & Distributors 0.3% | | | | |
| H&E Equipment Services Inc., Senior Notes | 7.000% | 9/1/22 | 590,000 | 615,075 |
| Total Industrials | | | | 20,220,860 |
| Information Technology 0.9% | | | | |
| Computers & Peripherals 0.3% | | | | |
| Hewlett-Packard Co., Senior Notes | 4.650% | 12/9/21 | 500,000 | 500,046 |

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| Security | Rate | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
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| IT Services 0.4% | | | | |
| Electronic Data Systems Corp., Notes | 7.450% | 10/15/29 | 500,000 | \$ 564,707 |
| First Data Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 6.750% | 11/1/20 | 150,000 | 152,625 ^(a) |
| Total IT Services | | | | 717,332 |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 0.0% | | | | |
| Freescall Semiconductor Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes | 10.125% | 12/15/16 | 28,000 | 28,735 |
| Software 0.2% | | | | |
| Interface Security Systems Holdings Inc./Interface Security Systems LLC, Senior Secured Notes | 9.250% | 1/15/18 | 340,000 | 346,800 ^(a) |
| Total Information Technology | | | | 1,592,913 |
| Materials 5.4% | | | | |
| Chemicals 0.1% | | | | |
| Braskem Finance Ltd., Senior Notes | 5.375% | 5/2/22 | 230,000 | 219,075 ^(a) |
| Construction Materials 0.3% | | | | |
| Cemex SAB de CV, Senior Secured Notes | 9.000% | 1/11/18 | 560,000 | 588,000 ^(a) |
| Containers & Packaging 2.4% | | | | |
| Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC/Ardagh MP Holdings USA Inc., Senior Notes | 9.125% | 10/15/20 | 415,000 | 440,419 ^(a) |
| Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC/Ardagh MP Holdings USA Inc., Senior Notes | 7.000% | 11/15/20 | 1,210,000 | 1,166,137 ^(a) |
| Pactiv LLC, Senior Notes | 7.950% | 12/15/25 | 50,000 | 44,500 |
| Reynolds Group Issuer Inc./Reynolds Group Issuer LLC/Reynolds Group Issuer (Luxembourg) SA, Senior Notes | 9.875% | 8/15/19 | 2,300,000 | 2,461,000 |
| Total Containers & Packaging | | | | 4,112,056 |
| Metals & Mining 1.7% | | | | |
| ArcelorMittal, Senior Notes | 6.000% | 3/1/21 | 460,000 | 457,700 |
| Barrick Gold Corp., Notes | 4.100% | 5/1/23 | 100,000 | 83,545 ^(a) |
| Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., Senior Notes | 3.950% | 1/15/18 | 10,000 | 9,554 |
| Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., Senior Notes | 4.800% | 10/1/20 | 30,000 | 27,042 |
| Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., Senior Notes | 4.875% | 4/1/21 | 920,000 | 833,800 |
| Molycorp Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 10.000% | 6/1/20 | 490,000 | 475,300 |
| Prince Mineral Holding Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 11.500% | 12/15/19 | 260,000 | 278,200 ^(a) |
| SunCoke Energy Partners LP/SunCoke Energy Partners Finance Corp., Senior Notes | 7.375% | 2/1/20 | 200,000 | 204,000 ^(a) |
| Vedanta Resources PLC, Senior Bonds | 8.250% | 6/7/21 | 580,000 | 584,350 ^(a) |
| Total Metals & Mining | | | | 2,953,491 |
| Paper & Forest Products 0.9% | | | | |
| Appleton Papers Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 11.250% | 12/15/15 | 235,000 | 260,850 |
| Fibria Overseas Finance Ltd., Senior Notes | 6.750% | 3/3/21 | 540,000 | 578,610 ^(a) |
| Weyerhaeuser Co., Debentures | 7.375% | 3/15/32 | 560,000 | 672,263 |
| Total Paper & Forest Products | | | | 1,511,723 |
| Total Materials | | | | 9,384,345 |

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| Security | Rate | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
|--|---------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Telecommunication Services 6.1% | | | | |
| <i>Diversified Telecommunication Services</i> | | | | |
| <i>5.2%</i> | | | | |
| AT&T Inc., Senior Notes | 5.350% | 9/1/40 | 170,000 | \$ 172,013 |
| Cincinnati Bell Telephone Co., Senior Debentures | 6.300% | 12/1/28 | 25,000 | 23,500 |
| Deutsche Telekom International Finance BV, Senior Bonds | 5.250% | 7/22/13 | 600,000 | 601,413 |
| France Telecom SA, Notes | 8.500% | 3/1/31 | 600,000 | 815,153 |
| Koninklijke KPN NV, Senior Subordinated Notes | 7.000% | 3/28/73 | 200,000 | 188,873(a)(c) |
| Qwest Corp., Senior Notes | 7.500% | 10/1/14 | 150,000 | 161,454 |
| Qwest Corp., Senior Notes | 6.750% | 12/1/21 | 2,000,000 | 2,226,458 |
| Telefonica Emisiones SAU, Senior Notes | 5.134% | 4/27/20 | 2,000,000 | 2,050,198 |
| Wind Acquisition Finance SA, Senior Notes | 11.750% | 7/15/17 | 1,500,000 | 1,560,000(a) |
| Wind Acquisition Finance SA, Senior Secured Notes | 7.250% | 2/15/18 | 490,000 | 488,775(a) |
| Windstream Corp., Senior Notes | 6.375% | 8/1/23 | 800,000 | 748,000 |
| Total Diversified Telecommunication Services | | | | 9,035,837 |
| <i>Wireless Telecommunication Services</i> | | | | |
| <i>0.9%</i> | | | | |
| Softbank Corp., Senior Notes | 4.500% | 4/15/20 | 1,000,000 | 963,750(a) |
| Sprint Capital Corp., Senior Notes | 6.875% | 11/15/28 | 750,000 | 720,000 |
| Total Wireless Telecommunication Services | | | | 1,683,750 |
| Total Telecommunication Services | | | | 10,719,587 |
| Utilities 3.0% | | | | |
| <i>Electric Utilities 0.7%</i> | | | | |
| Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras SA, Senior Notes | 5.750% | 10/27/21 | 210,000 | 203,175(a) |
| FirstEnergy Corp., Notes | 7.375% | 11/15/31 | 1,020,000 | 1,075,688 |
| Total Electric Utilities | | | | 1,278,863 |
| <i>Gas Utilities 0.0%</i> | | | | |
| Southern Natural Gas Co., Senior Notes | 8.000% | 3/1/32 | 20,000 | 26,528 |
| Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders 2.3% | | | | |
| AES Corp., Senior Notes | 8.000% | 6/1/20 | 100,000 | 114,000 |
| Calpine Corp., Senior Secured Notes | 7.875% | 1/15/23 | 630,000 | 677,250(a) |
| Energy Future Intermediate Holding Co. LLC/EFIH Finance Inc., Secured Notes | 12.250% | 3/1/22 | 820,000 | 906,100(a) |
| Energy Future Intermediate Holding Co. LLC/EFIH Finance Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 10.000% | 12/1/20 | 885,000 | 969,075 |
| First Wind Holdings Inc., Senior Secured Notes | 10.250% | 6/1/18 | 436,000 | 457,800(a) |

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|---|--------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| Foresight Energy LLC/Foresight Energy Corp., Senior Notes | 9.625% | 8/15/17 | 750,000 | 787,500 ^(a) |
| Total Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders | | | | 3,911,725 |
| Total Utilities | | | | 5,217,116 |
| Total Corporate Bonds & Notes (Cost \$106,212,162) | | | | 110,402,472 |

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| Security | Rate | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Asset-Backed Securities 26.7% | | | | |
| AAA Trust, 2005-1A 1A3B | 0.604% | 2/27/35 | 473,631 | \$ 347,675(a)(c) |
| ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust, 2002-3 M1 | 5.902% | 9/15/33 | 1,017,252 | 804,654 |
| ACE Securities Corp., 2005-WF1 M1 | 0.613% | 5/25/35 | 470,000 | 452,150(c) |
| Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., 2004-R1 A1B | 0.993% | 2/25/34 | 506,203 | 457,675(c) |
| Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., 2004-R9 M1 | 1.123% | 10/25/34 | 312,222 | 306,766(c) |
| Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2004-1 A5 | 1.193% | 10/25/34 | 212,590 | 208,267(c) |
| Argent Securities Inc., 2003-W3 M1 | 1.318% | 9/25/33 | 122,752 | 117,913(c) |
| Associates Manufactured Housing Pass Through Certificates, 1997-CLB2 | 8.900% | 6/15/28 | 2,311,038 | 2,339,926(f) |
| Associates Manufactured Housing Pass-Through Certificates, 1997-1 B1 | 7.600% | 6/15/28 | 270,085 | 290,232(c) |
| Associates Manufactured Housing Pass-Through Certificates, 1997-2 B1 | 7.150% | 3/15/28 | 1,227,247 | 1,460,712(c) |
| Bank of America Manufactured Housing Contract Trust, 1997-2M | 6.900% | 4/10/28 | 86,185 | 96,447(c) |
| Bayview Financial Asset Trust, 2004-SSRA A1 | 0.793% | 12/25/39 | 259,190 | 244,675(a)(c) |
| Bayview Financial Asset Trust, 2007-SR1A M1 | 0.993% | 3/25/37 | 1,135,526 | 845,967(a)(c) |
| Bayview Financial Asset Trust, 2007-SR1A M3 | 1.343% | 3/25/37 | 430,717 | 267,044(a)(c) |
| Bayview Financial Asset Trust, 2007-SR1A M4 | 1.693% | 3/25/37 | 117,468 | 66,957(a)(c) |
| Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust, 2006-SD3 1P0, STRIPS, PO | 0.000% | 8/25/36 | 658,155 | 431,288 |
| Centex Home Equity Loan Trust, 2003-B AF4 | 3.735% | 2/25/32 | 349,152 | 343,461 |
| Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., 2006-SHL1 A1 | 0.393% | 11/25/45 | 126,180 | 119,926(a)(c) |
| Contimortgage Home Equity Trust, 1997-4 B1F | 7.330% | 10/15/28 | 260,404 | 274,595 |
| Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates, 2004-3 3A3 | 0.953% | 8/25/34 | 138,840 | 136,692(c) |
| Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates, 2006-3 3A1 | 0.313% | 6/25/36 | 494,831 | 464,260(c) |
| Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates, 2007-13 2A1 | 1.093% | 10/25/47 | 1,021,938 | 859,376(c) |
| Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates, 2007-SEA2 1A1 | 1.193% | 8/25/47 | 47,232 | 35,751(a)(c) |
| Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, 2005-CB4 M1 | 0.613% | 7/25/35 | 2,000,000 | 1,661,426(c) |
| Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, 2005-RP1 M1 | 0.813% | 1/25/35 | 632,471 | 611,415(a)(c) |
| CS First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., 2004-CF2 2A1 | 0.663% | 5/25/44 | 14,614 | 14,406(a)(c) |
| Education Funding Capital Trust, 2004-1 B1 | 1.950% | 6/15/43 | 1,200,000 | 1,092,000(c)(f) |
| EMC Mortgage Loan Trust, 2003-B A1 | 0.743% | 11/25/41 | 48,103 | 46,344(a)(c) |
| Firstfed Corp. Manufactured Housing Contract, 1996-1 B | 8.060% | 10/15/22 | 1,060,739 | 969,087(a) |
| GMAC Mortgage Corp. Loan Trust, 2004-VF1 A1 | 0.943% | 2/25/31 | 249,933 | 235,697(a)(c) |
| Green Tree Financial Corp., 1992-2 B | 9.150% | 1/15/18 | 23,294 | 3,982 |
| Green Tree Financial Corp., 1993-1 B | 8.450% | 4/15/18 | 39,581 | 27,148 |
| Green Tree Home Improvement Loan Trust, 1996-D HIB2 | 8.000% | 9/15/27 | 23,579 | 18,197 |

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| Asset-Backed Securities continued | | | | |
| Greenpoint Manufactured Housing, 1999-2 A2 | 2.959% | 3/18/29 | 425,000 | \$ 377,779(c) |
| Greenpoint Manufactured Housing, 1999-3 2A2 | 3.591% | 6/19/29 | 125,000 | 115,781(c) |
| Greenpoint Manufactured Housing, 1999-4 A2 | 3.699% | 2/20/30 | 125,000 | 107,363(c) |
| Greenpoint Manufactured Housing, 1999-5 A5 | 7.820% | 12/15/29 | 554,052 | 578,542(c) |
| Greenpoint Manufactured Housing, 2001-2 IA2 | 3.699% | 2/20/32 | 400,000 | 355,845(c) |
| Greenpoint Manufactured Housing, 2001-2 IIA2 | 3.693% | 3/13/32 | 650,000 | 566,030(c) |
| GSAA Home Equity Trust, 2004-8 A3A | 0.933% | 9/25/34 | 187,063 | 182,534(c) |
| GSAA Home Equity Trust, 2006-19 A3A | 0.433% | 12/25/36 | 683,253 | 407,948(c) |
| GSAMP Trust, 2003-SEA2 A1 | 4.422% | 7/25/33 | 1,639,590 | 1,606,536 |
| GSRPM Mortgage Loan Trust, 2006-1 A1 | 0.493% | 3/25/35 | 118,199 | 112,744(a)(c) |
| GSRPM Mortgage Loan Trust, 2006-2 A2 | 0.493% | 9/25/36 | 213,222 | 196,291(a)(c) |
| Indymac Manufactured Housing Contract, 1997-1 A5 | 6.970% | 2/25/28 | 156,822 | 155,444 |
| Keycorp Student Loan Trust, 2003-A 1A2 | 0.536% | 10/25/32 | 925,995 | 907,535(c) |
| Lehman XS Trust, 2007-1 WF1 | 5.409% | 1/25/37 | 773,207 | 454,925(c) |
| Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust, 2004-4 M1 | 1.093% | 10/25/34 | 1,620,000 | 1,491,116(c) |
| Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, 2003-SD1 A1 | 1.193% | 3/25/33 | 19,765 | 18,323(c) |
| Morgan Stanley Capital Inc., 2003-NC9 M | 1.318% | 9/25/33 | 1,500,467 | 1,334,190(c) |
| Morgan Stanley Capital Inc., 2004-HE7 M1 | 1.093% | 8/25/34 | 1,539,471 | 1,414,814(c) |
| New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, 2004-2 A2 | 0.933% | 8/25/34 | 475,320 | 436,151(c) |
| New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, 2004-3 M1 | 1.123% | 11/25/34 | 1,480,740 | 1,333,858(c) |
| Oakwood Mortgage Investors Inc., 2002-B A3 | 6.060% | 3/15/25 | 211,364 | 218,607(c) |
| Option One Mortgage Loan Trust, 2003-2 A2 | 0.793% | 4/25/33 | 335,187 | 307,679(c) |
| Origen Manufactured Housing, 2006-A A2 | 2.410% | 10/15/37 | 2,554,764 | 2,119,288(c) |
| Origen Manufactured Housing, 2007-A A2 | 2.591% | 4/15/37 | 2,968,961 | 2,478,079(c) |
| PAMCO CLO, 1997-1A B | 7.910% | 8/6/13 | 738,191 | 212,230(g) |
| Park Place Securities Inc., 2004-WCW1 M2 | 0.873% | 9/25/34 | 1,701,866 | 1,673,757(c) |
| Park Place Securities Inc., 2004-WHQ2 M2 | 0.823% | 2/25/35 | 666,489 | 664,718(c) |
| Pegasus Aviation Lease Securitization, 2000-1 A2 | 8.370% | 3/25/30 | 1,600,000 | 576,000(a) |
| Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, 2003-1 B1 | 2.430% | 7/25/42 | 3,000,000 | 2,970,000(c) |
| People's Choice Home Loan Securities Trust, 2004-1 A3 | 1.233% | 6/25/34 | 400,842 | 368,507(c) |
| RAAC Series, 2007-RP1 M1 | 0.743% | 5/25/46 | 210,000 | 98,891(a)(c) |
| Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust, 2004-2 AF4 | 5.392% | 7/25/34 | 430,008 | 446,601 |
| Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust, 2005-2 AF5 | 5.201% | 8/25/35 | 750,000 | 592,829 |
| Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust, 2005-3 AV3 | 0.573% | 11/25/35 | 617,601 | 553,621(c) |
| Residential Asset Mortgage Products Inc., 2004-RZ1 AII | 0.673% | 3/25/34 | 360,918 | 328,779(c) |
| Residential Asset Securities Corp., 2001-KS3 AII | 0.653% | 9/25/31 | 245,102 | 229,765(c) |
| Residential Asset Securities Corp., 2002-KS2 AI6 | 6.228% | 4/25/32 | 317,688 | 326,346(c) |
| Residential Asset Securities Corp., 2003-KS8 AI6 | 4.830% | 10/25/33 | 340,959 | 338,514(c) |
| Settlement Fee Finance LLC, 2004-1A A | 9.100% | 7/25/34 | 728,283 | 767,174(a)(f) |

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| Asset-Backed Securities continued | | | | |
| SLM Student Loan Trust, 2001-4 B | 0.776% | 1/25/21 | 1,000,000 | \$ 987,151(c) |
| Structured Asset Securities Corp., 2002-AL1 A3 | 3.450% | 2/25/32 | 561,047 | 553,371 |
| Structured Asset Securities Corp., 2003-AL1 A | 3.357% | 4/25/31 | 81,551 | 79,473(a) |
| Structured Asset Securities Corp., 2005-4XS 2A1A | 1.948% | 3/25/35 | 437,692 | 415,964(c) |
| Structured Asset Securities Corp., 2006-GEL3 A2 | 0.423% | 7/25/36 | 1,089,086 | 1,072,269(a)(c) |
| Structured Asset Securities Corp., 2007-BC1 A2 | 0.243% | 2/25/37 | 9,315 | 9,307(c) |
| Vanderbilt Mortgage Finance, 2000-B IB2 | 9.250% | 7/7/30 | 572,092 | 592,385(c) |
| Total Asset-Backed Securities (Cost \$41,003,592) | | | | 46,787,165 |
| Collateralized Mortgage Obligations 18.7% | | | | |
| American Home Mortgage Investment Trust, 2007-A 4A | 0.643% | 7/25/46 | 728,924 | 161,709(a)(c) |
| Banc of America Funding Corp., 2004-B 6A1 | 2.557% | 12/20/34 | 413,474 | 271,589(c) |
| BCAP LLC Trust, 2009-RR12 2A2 | 0.553% | 3/26/35 | 1,844,014 | 822,001(a)(c) |
| Bear Stearns Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust, 2004-1 23A1 | 5.405% | 4/25/34 | 115,404 | 112,157(c) |
| Bear Stearns Alt-A Trust, 2004-03 A1 | 0.833% | 4/25/34 | 360,360 | 348,576(c) |
| Bear Stearns Alt-A Trust, 2004-08 1A | 0.893% | 9/25/34 | 189,390 | 179,447(c) |
| Bear Stearns Alt-A Trust, 2005-10 21A1 | 2.827% | 1/25/36 | 916,467 | 627,583(c) |
| Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust, 2002-AC1 B4 | 7.000% | 1/25/32 | 678,148 | 234,171(a) |
| Bella Vista Mortgage Trust, 2004-2 A1 | 0.563% | 2/25/35 | 1,640,084 | 1,116,707(c) |
| BlackRock Capital Finance LP, 1997-R2 B5 | 4.823% | 12/25/35 | 34,034 | 1,446(a)(c)(f) |
| Chevy Chase Mortgage Funding Corp., 2004-3A A1 | 0.443% | 8/25/35 | 1,148,598 | 986,892(a)(c) |
| Chevy Chase Mortgage Funding Corp., 2004-4A A1 | 0.423% | 10/25/35 | 1,682,258 | 1,415,837(a)(c) |
| Chevy Chase Mortgage Funding Corp., 2005-4A A1 | 0.393% | 10/25/36 | 1,443,143 | 1,145,591(a)(c) |
| Countrywide Home Loans, 2004-R2 1AF1 | 0.613% | 11/25/34 | 324,770 | 280,835(a)(c) |
| Countrywide Home Loans, 2005-7 1A1 | 0.733% | 3/25/35 | 1,215,246 | 1,109,317(c) |
| Countrywide Home Loans, 2006-HYB4 3B | 2.728% | 6/20/36 | 978,743 | 719,469(c) |
| Countrywide Home Loans Mortgage Pass-Through Trust, 2005-R1 1AF1 | 0.553% | 3/25/35 | 541,362 | 471,305(a)(c) |
| Credit Suisse Mortgage Capital Certificates, 2009-16R 4A1 | 2.665% | 3/26/35 | 357,762 | 354,012(a)(c) |
| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (FHLMC), Multi-Family Structured Pass-Through Certificates, K007 X1, IO | 1.394% | 4/25/20 | 10,956,468 | 676,124(c) |
| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (FHLMC), Multi-Family Structured Pass-Through Certificates, K008 X1, IO | 1.827% | 6/25/20 | 969,750 | 84,097(c) |
| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (FHLMC), Multi-Family Structured Pass-Through Certificates, K009 X1, IO | 1.666% | 8/25/20 | 5,723,888 | 434,878(c) |
| Greenpoint Mortgage Funding Trust, 2005-AR5 2A2 | 0.463% | 11/25/46 | 39,363 | 1,444,513(c) |

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| Security | Rate | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
|---|--------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Collateralized Mortgage Obligations continued | | | | |
| Greenpoint Mortgage Funding Trust, 2005-AR5 3A2 | 0.463% | 11/25/46 | 444,121 | \$ 874,918(c) |
| GSMPS Mortgage Loan Trust, 2001-2 A | 7.500% | 6/19/32 | 1,285,592 | 1,353,215(a)(c) |
| Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust, 2004-08 3A2 | 0.592% | 11/19/34 | 124,745 | 90,670(c) |
| Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust, 2004-10 4A | 2.710% | 1/19/35 | 339,257 | 335,341(c) |
| Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust, 2005-9 B10 | 1.942% | 6/20/35 | 772,621 | 21,746(c) |
| Impac CMB Trust, 2004-9 1A1 | 0.953% | 1/25/35 | 43,393 | 39,356(c) |
| Impac CMB Trust, 2005-2 2A2 | 0.593% | 4/25/35 | 179,660 | 175,493(c) |
| Impac CMB Trust, 2A-10 | 0.833% | 3/25/35 | 339,115 | 273,660(c) |
| Indymac Manufactured Housing Contract, A2-2 | 6.170% | 8/25/29 | 142,528 | 141,284 |
| Jefferies & Co., 2009-B 9A | 0.522% | 11/21/35 | 77,859 | 336,857(a)(c)(f) |
| JPMorgan Alternative Loan Trust, 2006-S1 3A4 | 6.180% | 3/25/36 | 1,067,779 | 622,135(c) |
| JPMorgan Mortgage Trust, 2005-A6 3A3 | 3.114% | 9/25/35 | 630,000 | 524,064(c) |
| JPMorgan Mortgage Trust, 2007-A2 4A2 | 5.462% | 4/25/37 | 240,153 | 214,062(c) |
| LB-UBS Commercial Mortgage Trust, 2001-C3 X, IO, STRIPS | 0.844% | 6/15/36 | 363,992 | 352(a)(c)(h) |
| Luminent Mortgage Trust, 2006-6 A1 | 0.393% | 10/25/46 | 815,930 | 658,132(c) |
| MASTR Adjustable Rate Mortgages Trust, 2004-13 3A7 | 2.625% | 11/21/34 | 1,870,232 | 1,908,626(c) |
| MASTR ARM Trust, 2004-7 6M1 | 0.843% | 8/25/34 | 743,846 | 688,591(c) |
| Merit Securities Corp., 11PA 3A1 | 0.815% | 4/28/27 | 132,658 | 111,425(a)(c) |
| Merit Securities Corp., 11PA B3 | 2.445% | 9/28/32 | 850,000 | 709,671(a)(c) |
| Metropolitan Asset Funding Inc., 1998-BI B1 | 8.000% | 11/20/24 | 606,995 | 447,937(c) |
| Nomura Asset Acceptance Corp., 2004-AR4 1A1 | 2.658% | 12/25/34 | 317,128 | 318,729(c) |
| Prime Mortgage Trust, 2005-2 2XB, STRIPS, IO | 1.743% | 10/25/32 | 3,053,624 | 90,707(c) |
| Prime Mortgage Trust, 2005-5 1X, STRIPS, IO | 0.963% | 7/25/34 | 5,485,813 | 81,124(c) |
| Prime Mortgage Trust, 2005-5 1XB, STRIPS, IO | 1.202% | 7/25/34 | 1,053,109 | 7,981(c) |
| Regal Trust IV, 1999-1 A | 2.467% | 9/29/31 | 59,287 | 53,554(a)(c) |
| Residential Asset Mortgage Products Inc., 2005-SL2 AP0, STRIPS, PO | 0.000% | 2/25/32 | 117,828 | 108,662 |
| Sequoia Mortgage Trust, 2003-2 A2 | 1.113% | 6/20/33 | 39,186 | 37,822(c) |
| Sequoia Mortgage Trust, 2004-10 A1A | 0.502% | 11/20/34 | 25,070 | 24,389(c) |
| Sequoia Mortgage Trust, 2004-11 A1 | 0.492% | 12/20/34 | 38,689 | 36,667(c) |
| Sequoia Mortgage Trust, 2004-12 A1 | 0.462% | 1/20/35 | 314,001 | 283,437(c) |
| Structured Asset Securities Corp., 1998-RF2 A | 7.235% | 7/15/27 | 322,640 | 325,742(a)(c) |
| Structured Asset Securities Corp., 2002-9 A2 | 0.493% | 10/25/27 | 682,240 | 668,716(c) |
| Structured Asset Securities Corp., 2003-9A 2A2 | 2.503% | 3/25/33 | 201,708 | 195,398(c) |
| Structured Asset Securities Corp., 2004-NP1 A | 0.993% | 9/25/33 | 193,900 | 176,861(a)(c) |
| Structured Asset Securities Corp., 2005-4XS 3A4 | 4.790% | 3/25/35 | 86,643 | 86,378 |
| Thornburg Mortgage Securities Trust, 2003-4 A1 | 0.833% | 9/25/43 | 617,938 | 587,595(c) |
| Thornburg Mortgage Securities Trust, 2004-03 A | 0.933% | 9/25/44 | 635,392 | 602,479(c) |
| Thornburg Mortgage Securities Trust, 2007-4 3A1 | 6.098% | 9/25/37 | 391,989 | 404,858(c) |

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| Security | Rate | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Collateralized Mortgage Obligations continued | | | | |
| WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2004-AR06 A | 0.608% | 5/25/44 | 517,546 | \$ 475,596(c) |
| WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2004-AR08 A1 | 0.608% | 6/25/44 | 363,009 | 304,012(c) |
| WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2004-AR13 A2A | 0.558% | 11/25/34 | 1,506,577 | 1,395,520(c) |
| Washington Mutual Alternative Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2006-5 3A3 | 6.221% | 7/25/36 | 752,241 | 395,386 |
| Washington Mutual Alternative Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2006-7 A2A | 5.150% | 9/25/36 | 1,215,826 | 746,645 |
| Washington Mutual Alternative Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2006-7 A3 | 5.150% | 9/25/36 | 149,421 | 87,897 |
| Washington Mutual Inc., 2004-AR12 A2A | 0.578% | 10/25/44 | 433,166 | 392,675(c) |
| Washington Mutual Inc., 2005-AR8 2A1A | 0.483% | 7/25/45 | 357,613 | 330,602(c) |
| Washington Mutual Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2004-AR02 A | 1.568% | 4/25/44 | 245,947 | 233,927(c) |
| Washington Mutual Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2004-AR13 A1A | 0.548% | 11/25/34 | 1,071,284 | 1,002,975(c) |
| Washington Mutual Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2005-AR13 A1A1 | 0.483% | 10/25/45 | 296,514 | 268,012(c) |
| Washington Mutual Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2006-AR5 3A | 1.113% | 7/25/46 | 959,628 | 495,698(c) |
| Washington Mutual Inc., MSC Pass-Through Certificates, 2004-RA1 2A | 7.000% | 3/25/34 | 29,792 | 31,474 |
| Total Collateralized Mortgage Obligations | | | | 32,777,309 |
| (Cost \$26,976,253) | | | | |
| Collateralized Senior Loans 1.2% | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary 0.9% | | | | |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 0.8% | | | | |
| Equinox Holdings Inc., Second Lien Term Loan | 9.750% | 5/16/20 | 430,000 | 434,300(i) |
| Las Vegas Sands LLC, Extended Delayed Draw Term Loan | 2.700% | 11/23/16 | 140,212 | 139,711(i) |
| Las Vegas Sands LLC, Extended Term Loan B | 2.700% | 11/23/16 | 697,626 | 695,135(i) |
| Total Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure | | | | 1,269,146 |
| Specialty Retail 0.1% | | | | |
| Gymboree Corp., Initial Term Loan | 5.000% | 2/23/18 | 210,000 | 202,242(i) |
| Total Consumer Discretionary | | | | 1,471,388 |
| Consumer Staples 0.1% | | | | |
| Food Products 0.1% | | | | |
| AdvancePierre Foods Inc., Second Lien Term Loan | 9.500% | 10/10/17 | 180,000 | 182,400(i) |
| Energy 0.0% | | | | |
| Energy Equipment & Services 0.0% | | | | |
| Frac Tech International LLC, Term Loan B | 8.500% | 5/6/16 | 40,000 | 38,486(i) |

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| | Rate | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
|--|---------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Security | | | | |
| Materials 0.2% | | | | |
| Chemicals 0.2% | | | | |
| Kronos Inc., Second Lien Term Loan | 9.750% | 4/30/20 | 330,000 | \$ 339,900 ⁽ⁱ⁾ |
| Total Collateralized Senior Loans (Cost \$1,971,878) | | | | 2,032,174 |
| Mortgage-Backed Securities 0.2% | | | | |
| FNMA 0.2% | | | | |
| Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), Whole Loan (Cost \$321,575) | 6.500% | 8/25/44 | 314,393 | 355,299 |
| Municipal Bonds 6.0% | | | | |
| Florida 1.3% | | | | |
| Florida Educational Loan Marketing Corp. | 0.245% | 12/1/36 | 550,000 | 511,615 ^{(c)(j)} |
| Southwest Student Services Corp. | 0.360% | 12/1/18 | 1,900,000 | 1,772,818 ^{(c)(j)} |
| Total Florida | | | | 2,284,433 |
| Pennsylvania 4.7% | | | | |
| Pennsylvania State Higher Education Assistance Agency, Student Loan Revenue | 1.371% | 6/1/47 | 4,050,000 | 3,913,426 ^(c) |
| Pennsylvania State Higher Education Assistance Agency, Student Loan Revenue | 0.156% | 5/1/46 | 1,300,000 | 1,255,258 ^(c) |
| Pennsylvania State Higher Education Assistance Agency, Student Loan Revenue | 0.184% | 5/1/46 | 2,450,000 | 2,365,904 ^(c) |
| Pennsylvania State Higher Education Assistance Agency, Student Loan Revenue | 0.183% | 5/1/46 | 650,000 | 627,655 ^(c) |
| Total Pennsylvania | | | | 8,162,243 |
| Total Municipal Bonds (Cost \$9,826,703) | | | | 10,446,676 |
| Sovereign Bonds 10.7% | | | | |
| Argentina 0.5% | | | | |
| Republic of Argentina, Senior Bonds | 7.000% | 10/3/15 | 1,010,000 | 858,981 |
| Brazil 1.6% | | | | |
| Brazil Nota do Tesouro Nacional, Notes | 10.000% | 1/1/14 | 280,000BRL | 125,884 |
| Brazil Nota do Tesouro Nacional, Notes | 10.000% | 1/1/17 | 3,870,000BRL | 1,693,403 |
| Brazil Nota do Tesouro Nacional, Notes | 10.000% | 1/1/21 | 2,423,000BRL | 1,034,879 |
| Total Brazil | | | | 2,854,166 |
| Indonesia 0.3% | | | | |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., Credit-Linked Notes (Indonesia Government) | 7.000% | 5/17/22 | 4,766,000,000IDR | 474,684 ^{(a)(f)} |
| Mexico 3.4% | | | | |
| Mexican Bonos, Bonds | 8.000% | 6/11/20 | 11,147,000MXN | 981,395 |
| Mexican Bonos, Bonds | 6.500% | 6/9/22 | 57,942,400MXN | 4,700,210 |
| Mexican Bonos, Bonds | 10.000% | 12/5/24 | 2,750,000MXN | 286,154 |
| Total Mexico | | | | 5,967,759 |

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| Security | Rate | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
|--|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Peru 0.3% | | | | |
| Republic of Peru, Senior Bonds | 7.840% | 8/12/20 | 1,300,000PEN | \$ 537,804 |
| Russia 1.6% | | | | |
| Russian Federal Bond, Bonds | 7.400% | 6/14/17 | 91,290,000RUB | 2,829,868 |
| Turkey 2.1% | | | | |
| Republic of Turkey, Bonds | 9.000% | 3/5/14 | 3,190,000TRY | 1,670,487 |
| Republic of Turkey, Bonds | 9.000% | 3/8/17 | 2,434,900TRY | 1,303,486 |
| Republic of Turkey, Senior Bonds | 5.625% | 3/30/21 | 210,000 | 224,175 |
| Republic of Turkey, Senior Notes | 6.250% | 9/26/22 | 400,000 | 443,000 |
| Total Turkey | | | | 3,641,148 |
| Venezuela 0.9% | | | | |
| Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Senior Bonds | 9.250% | 9/15/27 | 1,750,000 | 1,478,750 |
| Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Senior Bonds | 9.375% | 1/13/34 | 2,000 | 1,635 |
| Total Venezuela | | | | 1,480,385 |
| Total Sovereign Bonds (Cost \$20,274,961) | | | | 18,644,795 |
| U.S. Government & Agency Obligations 3.4% | | | | |
| U.S. Government Obligations 3.4% | | | | |
| U.S. Treasury Notes | 0.250% | 2/15/15 | 2,000,000 | 1,998,828 |
| U.S. Treasury Notes | 0.250% | 2/28/15 | 4,000,000 | 3,997,032 |
| Total U.S. Government & Agency Obligations (Cost \$6,001,642) | | | | 5,995,860 |
| | | | Shares | |
| Common Stocks 0.8% | | | | |
| Financials 0.7% | | | | |
| Diversified Financial Services 0.7% | | | | |
| Citigroup Inc. | | | 25,131 | 1,205,534 |
| Industrials 0.1% | | | | |
| Building Products 0.0% | | | | |
| Nortek Inc. | | | 109 | 7,023* |
| Marine 0.1% | | | | |
| DeepOcean Group Holding AS | | | 8,860 | 196,426 ^{(f)(h)} |
| Total Industrials | | | | 203,449 |
| Total Common Stocks (Cost \$962,500) | | | | 1,408,983 |
| Preferred Stocks 1.5% | | | | |
| Financials 1.5% | | | | |
| Consumer Finance 0.9% | | | | |
| GMAC Capital Trust I | 8.125% | | 62,722 | 1,633,908 ^(c) |
| Diversified Financial Services 0.6% | | | | |
| Citigroup Capital XIII | 7.875% | | 37,975 | 1,057,604 ^(c) |
| Corporate-Backed Trust Certificates, Series 2001-8, Class A-1 | 7.375% | | 33,900 | 34 ^{(e)(f)} |
| Total Diversified Financial Services | | | | 1,057,638 |

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| Security | Rate | Shares | Value |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Thriffs & Mortgage Finance 0.0% | | | |
| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (FHLMC) | 0.000% | 100 | \$ 780*(c) |
| Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (FHLMC) | 5.000% | 200 | 1,598* |
| Total Thriffs & Mortgage Finance | | | 2,378 |
| Total Preferred Stocks (Cost \$2,679,927) | | | 2,693,924 |
| | | | |
| | Expiration Date | Warrants | |
| Warrants 0.0% | | | |
| SemGroup Corp. (Cost \$0) | 11/30/14 | 830 | 23,987*(f)(h) |
| Total Investments before Short-Term Investments | | | |
| (Cost \$216,231,193) | | | 231,568,644 |
| | | | |
| | Maturity Date | Face Amount | Value |
| Short-Term Investments 7.5% | | | |
| Repurchase Agreements 7.5% | | | |
| Bank of America repurchase agreement dated 6/28/13; Proceeds at maturity \$13,073,076; (Fully collateralized by U.S. government obligations, 2.750% due 8/15/42; Market value \$13,334,460) | | | |
| (Cost \$13,073,000) | 0.070% | 7/1/13 | 13,073,000 |
| Total Investments 139.8% (Cost \$229,304,193#) | | | 244,641,644 |
| Other Assets in Excess of Liabilities 1.3% | | | 2,399,691 |
| Liquidation value of Preferred Shares (41.1)% | | | (72,000,000) |
| Total Net Assets 100.0% | | | \$ 175,041,335 |

Face amount denominated in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise noted.

* Non-income producing security.

(a) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. This security may be resold in transactions that are exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. This security has been deemed liquid pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees, unless otherwise noted.

(b) Payment-in-kind security for which the issuer has the option at each interest payment date of making interest payments in cash or additional debt securities.

(c) Variable rate security. Interest rate disclosed is as of the most recent information available.

(d) Security has no maturity date. The date shown represents the next call date.

(e) The coupon payment on these securities is currently in default as of June 30, 2013.

(f) Security is valued in good faith in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Trustees (See Note 1).

(g) The maturity principal is currently in default as of June 30, 2013.

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(h) Illiquid security.

(i) Interest rates disclosed represent the effective rates on collateralized senior loans. Ranges in interest rates are attributable to multiple contracts under the same loan.

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(j) Income from this issue is considered a preference item for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax (AMT).
Aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is substantially the same.

Abbreviations used in this schedule:

| | |
|--------|--|
| ARM | Adjustable Rate Mortgage |
| BRL | Brazilian Real |
| CMB | Cash Management Bill |
| EUR | Euro |
| IDR | Indonesian Rupiah |
| IO | Interest Only |
| MXN | Mexican Peso |
| PEN | Peruvian Nuevo Sol |
| PO | Principal Only |
| RUB | Russian Ruble |
| STRIPS | Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal Securities |
| TRY | Turkish Lira |

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of assets and liabilities (unaudited)

June 30, 2013

Assets:

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Investments, at value (Cost \$229,304,193) | \$244,641,644 |
| Foreign currency, at value (Cost \$258,647) | 262,657 |
| Cash | 6,281 |
| Interest receivable | 2,711,933 |
| Receivable for securities sold | 383,758 |
| Principal paydown receivable | 46,300 |
| Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign currency contracts | 17,135 |
| Prepaid expenses | 33,053 |
| Total Assets | 248,102,761 |

Liabilities:

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Payable for securities purchased | 871,072 |
| Investment management fee payable | 113,648 |
| Distributions payable to auction rate preferred stockholders | 16,024 |
| Accrued expenses | 60,682 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,061,426 |

Preferred Shares:

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| No par value, 2,880 shares authorized, issued and outstanding, \$25,000 liquidation value per share (Note 6) | 72,000,000 |
| Total Net Assets | \$175,041,335 |

Net Assets:

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Common shares, no par value, unlimited number of shares authorized, 11,891,288 shares issued and outstanding (Note 5) | 166,337,121 |
| Undistributed net investment income | 7,024,026 |
| Accumulated net realized loss on investments, swap contracts and foreign currency transactions | (13,665,436) |
| Net unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currencies | 15,345,624 |
| Total Net Assets | \$175,041,335 |

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Shares Outstanding | 11,891,288 |
|---------------------------|------------|

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Net Asset Value | \$14.72 |
|------------------------|---------|

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Statement of operations (unaudited)

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2013

Investment Income:

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Interest | \$ 7,838,146 |
| Dividends | 73,266 |
| Total Investment Income | 7,911,412 |

Expenses:

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Investment management fee (Note 2) | 687,213 |
| Audit and tax | 34,291 |
| Legal fees | 33,497 |
| Excise tax (Note 1) | 24,977 |
| Fund accounting fees | 24,793 |
| Shareholder reports | 20,956 |
| Transfer agent fees | 20,758 |
| Auction participation fees | 17,966 |
| Rating agency fees | 15,215 |
| Custody fees | 14,785 |
| Stock exchange listing fees | 8,894 |
| Auction agent fees | 6,186 |
| Trustees fees | 5,112 |
| Insurance | 2,277 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 3,925 |
| Total Expenses | 920,845 |
| Net Investment Income | 6,990,567 |

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments, Swap Contracts and Foreign Currency Transactions**(Notes 1, 3 and 4):**

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Net Realized Gain (Loss) From: | |
| Investment transactions | 1,577,435 |
| Swap contracts | (127,260) |
| Foreign currency transactions | (62,598) |
| Net Realized Gain | 1,387,577 |
| Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) From: | |
| Investments | (2,675,855) |
| Foreign currencies | 69,905 |
| Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) | (2,605,950) |
| Net Loss on Investments, Swap Contracts and Foreign Currency Transactions | (1,218,373) |
| Distributions Paid to Auction Rate Preferred Stockholders From Net Investment Income | (60,566) |
| Increase in Net Assets from Operations | \$ 5,711,628 |

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Statements of changes in net assets (unaudited)

June 30, 2013

**For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2013 (unaudited)
and the Year Ended December 31, 2012**

| | 2013 | 2012 |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Operations: | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 6,990,567 | \$ 13,824,361 |
| Net realized gain | 1,387,577 | 5,917,786 |
| Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | (2,605,950) | 17,096,671 |
| Distributions paid to auction rate preferred stockholders from net investment income | (60,566) | (161,617) |
| <i>Increase in Net Assets From Operations</i> | <i>5,711,628</i> | <i>36,677,201</i> |
| Distributions to Shareholders From (Note 1): | | |
| Net investment income | (7,129,901) | (15,583,956) |
| <i>Decrease in Net Assets From Distributions to Shareholders</i> | <i>(7,129,901)</i> | <i>(15,583,956)</i> |
| Fund Share Transactions: | | |
| Reinvestment of distributions (15,924 and 46,866 shares issued, respectively) | 245,177 | 715,544 |
| <i>Increase in Net Assets From Fund Share Transactions</i> | <i>245,177</i> | <i>715,544</i> |
| <i>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</i> | <i>(1,173,096)</i> | <i>21,808,789</i> |
| Net Assets: | | |
| Beginning of period | 176,214,431 | 154,405,642 |
| End of period* | \$175,041,335 | \$176,214,431 |
| * Includes undistributed net investment income of: | \$7,024,026 | \$7,223,926 |

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Financial highlights

For a share of capital stock outstanding throughout each year ended December 31, unless otherwise noted:

| | 2013 ¹ | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$14.84 | \$13.05 | \$13.96 | \$12.39 | \$8.72 | \$14.26 |
| Income (loss) from operations: | | | | | | |
| Net investment income ² | 0.59 | 1.16 | 1.32 | 1.47 | 1.64 | 1.46 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | (0.10) | 1.96 | (0.73) | 1.57 | 3.33 | (5.64) |
| Distributions paid to auction rate preferred stockholders from: | | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.02) | (0.02) | (0.19) |
| Net realized gains | | | | | | (0.02) |
| Total income (loss) from operations | 0.48 | 3.11 | 0.58 | 3.02 | 4.95 | (4.39) |
| Less distributions from: | | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.60) | (1.32) | (1.49) | (1.45) | (1.28) | (1.05) |
| Net realized gains | | | | | | (0.10) |
| Total distributions | (0.60) | (1.32) | (1.49) | (1.45) | (1.28) | (1.15) |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$14.72 | \$14.84 | \$13.05 | \$13.96 | \$12.39 | \$8.72 |
| Market price, end of period | \$14.67 | \$15.54 | \$15.95 | \$14.13 | \$13.36 | \$8.90 |
| Total return, based on NAV^{3,4} | 3.20% | 24.90% | 4.12% | 25.50% | 60.98% | (32.45)% |
| Total return, based on market price⁵ | (1.80)% | 6.16% | 24.87% | 17.56% | 68.84% | (24.60)% |
| Net assets, end of period (000s) | \$175,041 | \$176,214 | \$154,406 | \$163,814 | \$143,859 | \$100,102 |
| Ratios to average net assets^{6,7}: | | | | | | |
| Gross expenses | 1.03% ⁸ | 1.19% | 1.30% | 1.38% | 1.95% | 2.06% |
| Net expenses ⁹ | 1.038 | 1.19 | 1.30 | 1.38 | 1.95 | 2.06 |
| Net investment income | 7.848 | 8.33 | 9.45 | 11.12 | 15.94 | 10.68 |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 18% | 36% | 18% | 33% | 29% | 45% |
| Auction Rate Preferred Stock: | | | | | | |
| Total Amount Outstanding (000s) | \$72,000 | \$72,000 | \$72,000 | \$72,000 | \$72,000 | \$72,000 |
| Asset Coverage ¹⁰ | 343% | 345% | 314% | 327% | 300% | 239% |
| Involuntary Liquidating Preference Per Share (000s) | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |

1 For the six months ended June 30, 2013 (unaudited).

2 Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares method.

3 Performance figures may reflect compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. In the absence of compensating balance arrangements, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, the total return would have been lower. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

4 The total return calculation assumes that distributions are reinvested at NAV. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

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- 5 The total return calculation assumes that distributions are reinvested in accordance with the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.
- 6 Calculated on the basis of average net assets of common stock shareholders. Ratios do not reflect the effect of dividend payments to preferred stockholders.
- 7 Gross expenses reflects operating expenses prior to any voluntary expense waivers and/or compensating balance arrangements. Net expenses reflects expenses less any compensating balance arrangements and/or voluntary expense waivers.
- 8 Annualized.
- 9 The impact of compensating balance arrangements, if any, was less than 0.01%.
- 10 Asset coverage on preferred shares equals net assets of common shares plus the redemption value of the preferred shares divided by the value of outstanding preferred stock.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Notes to financial statements (unaudited)

1. Organization and significant accounting policies

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund (the Fund) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund commenced investment operations on March 28, 2002.

The Fund's investment objective is to provide current income and capital appreciation by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of investment grade bonds.

The following are significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund and are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Estimates and assumptions are required to be made regarding assets, liabilities and changes in net assets resulting from operations when financial statements are prepared. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ. Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date the financial statements were issued.

(a) Investment valuation. The valuations for fixed income securities (which may include, but are not limited to, corporate, government, municipal, mortgage-backed, collateralized mortgage obligations and asset-backed securities) and certain derivative instruments are typically the prices supplied by independent third party pricing services, which may use market prices or broker/dealer quotations or a variety of valuation techniques and methodologies. The independent third party pricing services use inputs that are observable such as issuer details, interest rates, yield curves, prepayment speeds, credit risks/spreads, default rates and quoted prices for similar securities. Short-term fixed income securities that will mature in 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, unless it is determined that using this method would not reflect an investment's fair value. Equity securities for which market quotations are available are valued at the last reported sales price or official closing price on the primary market or exchange on which they trade. When the Fund holds securities or other assets that are denominated in a foreign currency, the Fund will normally use the currency exchange rates as of 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). If independent third party pricing services are unable to supply prices for a portfolio investment, or if the prices supplied are deemed by the manager to be unreliable, the market price may be determined by the manager using quotations from one or more broker/dealers or at the transaction price if the security has recently been purchased and no value has yet been obtained from a pricing service or pricing broker. When reliable prices are not readily available, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded, but before the Fund calculates its net asset value, the Fund values these securities as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the valuation process and has delegated the supervision of the daily valuation process to the Legg Mason North American Fund Valuation Committee (the Valuation Committee). The Valuation Committee, pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Trustees, is responsible for making fair value

determinations, evaluating the effectiveness of the Fund's pricing policies, and reporting to the Board of Trustees. When determining the reliability of third party pricing information for investments owned by the Fund, the Valuation Committee, among other things, conducts due diligence reviews of pricing vendors, monitors the daily change in prices and reviews transactions among market participants.

The Valuation Committee will consider pricing methodologies it deems relevant and appropriate when making fair value determinations. Examples of possible methodologies include, but are not limited to, multiple of earnings; discount from market of a similar freely traded security; discounted cash-flow analysis; book value or a multiple thereof; risk premium/yield analysis; yield to maturity; and/or fundamental investment analysis. The Valuation Committee will also consider factors it deems relevant and appropriate in light of the facts and circumstances. Examples of possible factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security; the issuer's financial statements; the purchase price of the security; the discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase; analysts' research and observations from financial institutions; information regarding any transactions or offers with respect to the security; the existence of merger proposals or tender offers affecting the security; the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable companies; and the existence of a shelf registration for restricted securities.

For each portfolio security that has been fair valued pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Trustees, the fair value price is compared against the last available and next available market quotations. The Valuation Committee reviews the results of such back testing monthly and fair valuation occurrences are reported to the Board of Trustees quarterly.

The Fund uses valuation techniques to measure fair value that are consistent with the market approach and/or income approach, depending on the type of security and the particular circumstance. The market approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable securities. The income approach uses valuation techniques to discount estimated future cash flows to present value.

GAAP establishes a disclosure hierarchy that categorizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to value assets and liabilities at measurement date. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

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

The inputs or methodologies used to value securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

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The following is a summary of the inputs used in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value:

| Description | ASSETS | | | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| | Quoted Prices (Level 1) | Other Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | |
| Long-term investments : | | | | |
| Corporate bonds & notes | | \$110,402,472 | | \$110,402,472 |
| Asset-backed securities | | 44,447,239 | \$2,339,926 | 46,787,165 |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations | | 32,775,863 | 1,446 | 32,777,309 |
| Collateralized senior loans | | 2,032,174 | | 2,032,174 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | | 355,299 | | 355,299 |
| Municipal bonds | | 10,446,676 | | 10,446,676 |
| Sovereign bonds | | 18,644,795 | | 18,644,795 |
| U.S. government & agency obligations | | 5,995,860 | | 5,995,860 |
| Common stocks | \$1,212,557 | | 196,426 | 1,408,983 |
| Preferred stocks | 2,693,890 | | 34 | 2,693,924 |
| Warrants | | 23,987 | | 23,987 |
| Total long-term investments | \$3,906,447 | \$225,124,365 | \$2,537,832 | \$231,568,644 |
| Short-term investments | | 13,073,000 | | 13,073,000 |
| Total investments | \$3,906,447 | \$238,197,365 | \$2,537,832 | \$244,641,644 |
| Other financial instruments: | | | | |
| Forward foreign currency contracts | | \$ 17,135 | | \$ 17,135 |
| Total | \$3,906,447 | \$238,214,500 | \$2,537,832 | \$244,658,779 |

See Schedule of Investments for additional detailed categorizations.

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

| | Corporate Bonds & Notes | Asset Backed Securities | Collateralized Mortgage Obligations | Common Stocks | Preferred Stocks | Total |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Investments in Securities | | | | | | |
| Balance as of December 31, 2012 | \$ 1,806,145 | \$ 4,896,968 | \$ 3,333 | \$179,616 | \$ 0* | \$6,886,062 |
| Accrued premiums/discounts | (3,579) | 35,193 | 219 | | | 31,833 |
| Realized gain (loss) ¹ | | 14,975 | (34,416) | | | (19,441) |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) ² | (14,063) | (73,133) | 32,310 | 16,810 | | (38,076) |
| Purchases | | | | | | |
| Sales | (11,971) | (1,229,847) | | | | (1,241,818) |
| Transfers into Level 33 | | | | | 34 | 34 |
| Transfers out of Level 34 | (1,776,532) | (1,304,230) | | | | (3,080,762) |
| Balance as of June 30, 2013 | | \$ 2,339,926 | \$ 1,446 | \$196,426 | \$ 34 | \$2,537,832 |

**Net change in unrealized
appreciation (depreciation) for
investments in securities still held
at June 30, 2013²**

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| \$ (86,129) | \$ 32,310 | \$16,810 | \$ (37,009) |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|

The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers between levels as of the end of the reporting period.

* Value is less than \$1.

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- 1 This amount is included in net realized gain (loss) from investment transactions in the accompanying Statement of Operations.
- 2 This amount is included in the change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in the accompanying Statement of Operations. Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) includes net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) resulting from changes in investment values during the reporting period and the reversal of previously recorded unrealized appreciation (depreciation) when gains or losses are realized.
- 3 Transferred into Level 3 as a result of the unavailability of a quoted price in an active market for an identical investment or the unavailability of other significant observable inputs.
- 4 Transferred out of Level 3 as a result of the availability of a quoted price in an active market for an identical investment or the availability of other significant observable inputs.

(b) Repurchase agreements. The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with institutions that its investment adviser has determined are creditworthy. Each repurchase agreement is recorded at cost. Under the terms of a typical repurchase agreement, the Fund acquires a debt security subject to an obligation of the seller to repurchase, and of the Fund to resell, the security at an agreed-upon price and time, thereby determining the yield during the Fund's holding period. When entering into repurchase agreements, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian or a third party custodian, acting on the Fund's behalf, take possession of the underlying collateral securities, the market value of which, at all times, at least equals the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest. To the extent that any repurchase transaction maturity exceeds one business day, the value of the collateral is marked-to-market and measured against the value of the agreement in an effort to ensure the adequacy of the collateral. If the counterparty defaults, the Fund generally has the right to use the collateral to satisfy the terms of the repurchase transaction. However, if the market value of the collateral declines during the period in which the Fund seeks to assert its rights or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited.

(c) Loan participations. The Fund may invest in loans arranged through private negotiation between one or more financial institutions. The Fund's investment in any such loan may be in the form of a participation in or an assignment of the loan. 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 related to the loan, or any rights of off-set against the borrower and the Fund may not benefit directly from any collateral supporting the loan in which it has purchased the participation.

The Fund assumes the credit risk of the borrower, the lender that is selling the participation and any other persons interpositioned between the Fund and the borrower. In the event of the insolvency of the lender selling the participation, the Fund may be treated as a general creditor of the lender and may not benefit from any off-set between the lender and the borrower.

(d) Written options. When the Fund writes an option, an amount equal to the premium received by the Fund is recorded as a liability, the value of which is marked-to-market

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daily to reflect the current market value of the option written. If the option expires, the premium received is recorded as a realized gain. When a written call option is exercised, the difference between the premium received plus the option exercise price and the Fund's basis in the underlying security (in the case of a covered written call option), or the cost to purchase the underlying security (in the case of an uncovered written call option), including brokerage commission, is recognized as a realized gain or loss. When a written put option is exercised, the amount of the premium received is subtracted from the cost of the security purchased by the Fund from the exercise of the written put option to form the Fund's basis in the underlying security purchased. The writer or buyer of an option traded on an exchange can liquidate the position before the exercise of the option by entering into a closing transaction. The cost of a closing transaction is deducted from the original premium received resulting in a realized gain or loss to the Fund.

The risk in writing a covered call option is that the Fund may forego the opportunity of profit if the market price of the underlying security increases and the option is exercised. The risk in writing a put option is that the Fund may incur a loss if the market price of the underlying security decreases and the option is exercised. The risk in writing an uncovered call option is that the Fund is exposed to the risk of loss if the market price of the underlying security increases. In addition, there is the risk that the Fund may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid secondary market.

(e) Stripped securities. The Fund may invest in Stripped Securities, a term used collectively for components, or strips, of fixed income securities. Stripped securities can be principal only securities (PO), which are debt obligations that have been stripped of unmatured interest coupons, or interest only securities (IO), which are unmatured interest coupons that have been stripped from debt obligations. The market value of Stripped Securities will fluctuate in response to changes in economic conditions, rates of pre-payment, interest rates and the market's perception of the securities. However, fluctuations in response to interest rates may be greater in Stripped Securities than for debt obligations of comparable maturities that pay interest currently. The amount of fluctuation may increase with a longer period of maturity.

The yield to maturity on IO's is sensitive to the rate of principal repayments (including prepayments) on the related underlying debt obligation and principal payments may have a material effect on yield to maturity. If the underlying debt obligation experiences greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Fund may not fully recoup its initial investment in IO's.

(f) Inflation-indexed bonds. Inflation-indexed bonds are fixed-income securities whose principal value or interest rate is periodically adjusted according to the rate of inflation. As the index measuring inflation changes, the principal value or interest rate of inflation-indexed bonds will be adjusted accordingly. Inflation adjustments to the principal amount of inflation-indexed bonds are reflected as an increase or decrease to investment income on the Statement of Operations. Repayment of the original bond principal upon maturity

(as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed in the case of U.S. Treasury inflation-indexed bonds. For bonds that do not provide a similar guarantee, the adjusted principal value of the bond repaid at maturity may be less than the original principal.

(g) Swap agreements. The Fund invests in swaps for the purpose of managing its exposure to interest rate, credit or market risk, or for other purposes. The use of swaps involves risks that are different from those associated with other portfolio transactions. Swap agreements are privately negotiated in the over-the-counter market (OTC Swaps) or may be executed on a registered exchange (Centrally Cleared Swaps). Unlike Centrally Cleared Swaps, the fund has credit exposure to the counterparties of OTC Swaps.

Swap contracts are marked-to-market daily and changes in value are recorded as unrealized appreciation (depreciation). The daily change in valuation of Centrally Cleared Swaps, if any, is recorded as a receivable or payable for variation margin on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Gains or losses are realized upon termination of the swap agreement. Collateral, in the form of restricted cash or securities, may be required to be held in segregated accounts with the Fund's custodian in compliance with the terms of the swap contracts. Securities posted as collateral for swap contracts are identified in the Schedule of Investments and restricted cash, if any, is identified on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Risks may exceed amounts recorded in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. These risks include changes in the returns of the underlying instruments, failure of the counterparties to perform under the contracts' terms, and the possible lack of liquidity with respect to the swap agreements.

OTC swap payments received or made at the beginning of the measurement period are reflected as a premium or deposit, respectively, on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. These upfront payments are amortized over the life of the swap and are recognized as realized gain or loss in the Statement of Operations. Net periodic payments received or paid by the Fund are recognized as a realized gain or loss in the Statement of Operations.

The Fund's maximum exposure in the event of a defined credit event on a credit default swap to sell protection is the notional amount. As of June 30, 2013, the Fund did not hold any credit default swaps to sell protection.

For average notional amounts of swaps held during the six months ended June 30, 2013, see Note 4.

Credit default swaps

The Fund enters into credit default swap (CDS) contracts for investment purposes, to manage its credit risk or to add leverage. CDS agreements involve one party making a stream of payments to another party in exchange for the right to receive a specified return in the event of a default by a third party, typically corporate or sovereign issuers, on a specified obligation, or in the event of a write-down, principal shortfall, interest shortfall or default of all or part of the referenced entities comprising a credit index. The Fund may

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use a CDS to provide protection against defaults of the issuers (i.e., to reduce risk where the Fund has exposure to an issuer) or to take an active long or short position with respect to the likelihood of a particular issuer's default. As a seller of protection, the Fund generally receives an upfront payment or a stream of payments throughout the term of the swap provided that there is no credit event. If the Fund is a seller of protection and a credit event occurs, as defined under the terms of that particular swap agreement, the maximum potential amount of future payments (undiscounted) that the Fund could be required to make under a credit default swap agreement would be an amount equal to the notional amount of the agreement. These amounts of potential payments will be partially offset by any recovery of values from the respective referenced obligations. As a seller of protection, the Fund effectively adds leverage to its portfolio because, in addition to its total net assets, the Fund is subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap. As a buyer of protection, the Fund generally receives an amount up to the notional value of the swap if a credit event occurs.

Implied spreads are the theoretical prices a lender receives for credit default protection. When spreads rise, market perceived credit risk rises and when spreads fall, market perceived credit risk falls. The implied credit spread of a particular referenced entity reflects the cost of buying/selling protection and may include upfront payments required to enter into the agreement. Wider credit spreads and decreasing market values, when compared to the notional amount of the swap, represent a deterioration of the referenced entity's credit soundness and a greater likelihood or risk of default or other credit event occurring as defined under the terms of the agreement. Credit spreads utilized in determining the period end market value of credit default swap agreements on corporate or sovereign issues are disclosed in the Notes to Financial Statements and serve as an indicator of the current status of the payment/performance risk and represent the likelihood or risk of default for credit derivatives. For credit default swap agreements on asset-backed securities and credit indices, the quoted market prices and resulting values, particularly in relation to the notional amount of the contract as well as the annual payment rate, serve as an indication of the current status of the payment/performance risk.

The Fund's maximum risk of loss from counterparty risk, as the protection buyer, is the fair value of the contract (this risk is mitigated by the posting of collateral by the counterparty to the Fund to cover the Fund's exposure to the counterparty). As the protection seller, the Fund's maximum risk is the notional amount of the contract. Credit default swaps are considered to have credit risk-related contingent features since they require payment by the protection seller to the protection buyer upon the occurrence of a defined credit event.

Entering into a CDS agreement involves, to varying degrees, elements of credit, market and documentation risk in excess of the related amounts recognized on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Such risks involve the possibility that there will be no liquid market for these agreements, that the counterparty to the agreement may default on its obligation to perform or disagree as to the meaning of the contractual terms in the agreement, and that there will be unfavorable changes in net interest rates.

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(h) Forward foreign currency contracts. The Fund enters into a forward foreign currency contract to hedge against foreign currency exchange rate risk on its non-U.S. dollar denominated securities or to facilitate settlement of a foreign currency denominated portfolio transaction. A forward foreign currency contract is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a currency at a set price with delivery and settlement at a future date. The contract is marked-to-market daily and the change in value is recorded by the Fund as an unrealized gain or loss. When a forward foreign currency contract is closed, through either delivery or offset by entering into another forward foreign currency contract, the Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value of the contract at the time it is closed.

Forward foreign currency contracts involve elements of market risk in excess of the amounts reflected on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Fund bears the risk of an unfavorable change in the foreign exchange rate underlying the forward foreign currency contract. Risks may also arise upon entering into these contracts from the potential inability of the counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts.

(i) Foreign currency translation. Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts based upon prevailing exchange rates on the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts based upon prevailing exchange rates on the respective dates of such transactions.

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

Net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, including gains and losses on forward foreign currency contracts, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the values of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities, on the date of valuation, resulting from changes in exchange rates.

Foreign security and currency transactions may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of U.S. dollar denominated transactions as a result of, among other factors, the possibility of lower levels of governmental supervision and regulation of foreign securities markets and the possibility of political or economic instability.

(j) Credit and market risk. The Fund invests in high-yield and emerging market instruments that are subject to certain credit and market risks. The yields of high-yield and

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emerging market debt obligations reflect, among other things, perceived credit and market risks. The Fund's investments in securities rated below investment grade typically involve risks not associated with higher rated securities including, among others, greater risk related to timely and ultimate payment of interest and principal, greater market price volatility and less liquid secondary market trading. The consequences of political, social, economic or diplomatic changes may have disruptive effects on the market prices of investments held by the Fund. The Fund's investments in non-U.S. dollar denominated securities may also result in foreign currency losses caused by devaluations and exchange rate fluctuations.

Investments in securities that are collateralized by residential real estate mortgages are subject to certain credit and liquidity risks. When market conditions result in an increase in default rates of the underlying mortgages and the foreclosure values of underlying real estate properties are materially below the outstanding amount of these underlying mortgages, collection of the full amount of accrued interest and principal on these investments may be doubtful. Such market conditions may significantly impair the value and liquidity of these investments and may result in a lack of correlation between their credit ratings and values.

(k) Foreign investment risks. The Fund's investments in foreign securities may involve risks not present in domestic investments. Since securities may be denominated in foreign currencies, may require settlement in foreign currencies or pay interest or dividends in foreign currencies, changes in the relationship of these foreign currencies to the U.S. dollar can significantly affect the value of the investments and earnings of the Fund. Foreign investments may also subject the Fund to foreign government exchange restrictions, expropriation, taxation or other political, social or economic developments, all of which affect the market and/or credit risk of the investments.

(l) Counterparty risk and credit-risk-related contingent features of derivative instruments. The Fund may invest in certain securities or engage in other transactions, where the Fund is exposed to counterparty credit risk in addition to broader market risks. The Fund may invest in securities of issuers, which may also be considered counterparties as trading partners in other transactions. This may increase the risk of loss in the event of default or bankruptcy by the counterparty or if the counterparty otherwise fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Fund's investment manager attempts to mitigate counterparty risk by (i) periodically assessing the creditworthiness of its trading partners, (ii) monitoring and/or limiting the amount of its net exposure to each individual counterparty based on its assessment and (iii) requiring collateral from the counterparty for certain transactions. Market events and changes in overall economic conditions may impact the assessment of such counterparty risk by the investment manager. In addition, declines in the values of underlying collateral received may expose the Fund to increased risk of loss.

The Fund has entered into master agreements with certain of its derivative counterparties that provide for general obligations, representations, agreements, collateral, events of

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default or termination and credit related contingent features. The credit related contingent features include, but are not limited to, a percentage decrease in the Fund's net assets or NAV over a specified period of time. If these credit related contingent features were triggered, the derivatives counterparty could terminate the positions and demand payment or require additional collateral.

Collateral requirements differ by type of derivative. Collateral or margin requirements are set by the broker or exchange clearing house for exchange traded derivatives while collateral terms are contract specific for over-the-counter traded derivatives. Cash collateral that has been pledged to cover obligations of the Fund under derivative contracts, if any, will be reported separately in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Securities pledged as collateral, if any, for the same purpose are noted in the Schedule of Investments.

Absent an event of default by the counterparty or a termination of the agreement, the terms of the master agreements do not result in an offset of reported amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities across transactions between the Fund and the applicable counterparty. The enforceability of the right to offset may vary by jurisdiction.

As of June 30, 2013, the Fund did not have any open derivative transactions with credit related contingent features in a net liability position.

(m) Security transactions and investment income. Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. The cost of investments sold is determined by use of the specific identification method. To the extent any issuer defaults or a credit event occurs that impacts the issuer, the Fund may halt any additional interest income accruals and consider the realizability of interest accrued up to the date of default or credit event.

(n) Distributions to shareholders. Distributions from net investment income of the Fund, if any, are declared quarterly and paid on a monthly basis. Distributions of net realized gains, if any, are declared at least annually. Distributions to shareholders of the Fund are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

(o) Compensating balance arrangements. The Fund has an arrangement with its custodian bank whereby a portion of the custodian's fees is paid indirectly by credits earned on the Fund's cash on deposit with the bank.

(p) Single sourced securities. Certain securities held by the Fund at June 30, 2013 are valued based on a price provided by a single source or dealer. The prices provided may differ from the value that would be realized if the securities were sold. As of June 30, 2013, 7.12% of the securities held by the Fund were either fair valued

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securities or were valued based on a price provided by a single independent pricing service or dealer (single source securities).

(g) Federal and other taxes. It is the Fund's policy to comply with the federal income and excise tax requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies. Accordingly, the Fund intends to distribute its taxable income and net realized gains, if any, to shareholders in accordance with timing requirements imposed by the Code. Therefore, no federal or state income tax provision is required in the Fund's financial statements.

However, due to the timing of when distributions are made by the Fund, the Fund may be subject to an excise tax of 4% of the amount by which 98% of the Fund's annual taxable income and 98.2% net realized gains exceed the distributions from such taxable income and realized gains for the calendar year. The Fund paid \$24,977 of Federal excise taxes attributable to calendar year 2012 in March 2013.

Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on income tax returns for all open tax years and has concluded that as of June 30, 2013, no provision for income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements. The Fund's federal and state income and federal excise tax returns for tax years for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

(r) Reclassification. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets be reclassified to reflect permanent differences between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset value per share.

2. Investment management agreement and other transactions with affiliates

The Fund has a management agreement with Western Asset Management Company (Western Asset). Pursuant to the terms of the management agreement, the Fund pays Western Asset an annual fee, payable monthly, in an amount equal to 0.55% of the average weekly value of the Fund's total managed assets. Total managed assets means the total assets of the Fund (including any assets attributable to leverage) minus accrued liabilities. The liquidation preference of any Preferred Shares outstanding is not considered a liability. Pursuant to a Portfolio Management Agreement between Western Asset and Western Asset Management Company Limited (WAML), Western Asset pays a portion of the fees it receives from the Fund to WAML at an annual rate of 0.425% of the average weekly value of the Fund's total managed assets that WAML manages. Western Asset Management Company Pte. Ltd. (Western Singapore) and Western Asset Management Company Ltd (Western Japan) are additional subadvisers to the Fund under portfolio management agreements between Western Asset and Western Singapore, and Western Asset and Western Japan.

Western Singapore and Western Japan provide certain subadvisory services to the Fund relating to currency transactions and investments in non-U.S. dollar-denominated

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securities and related foreign currency instruments in Asia (excluding Japan) and Japan, respectively.

Under the terms of the administration services agreement among the Fund, Western Asset and Legg Mason Partners Fund Adviser, LLC (LMPFA), Western Asset (not the Fund) pays LMPFA, a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.125% of the Fund's average weekly total managed assets, subject to a monthly minimum fee of \$12,500.

LMPFA, Western Asset, WAML, Western Singapore and Western Japan are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Legg Mason, Inc.

3. Investments

During the six months ended June 30, 2013, the aggregate cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments (excluding short-term investments) and U.S Government & Agency Obligations were as follows:

| | Investments | U.S. Government & Agency Obligations |
|-----------|--------------------|---|
| Purchases | \$43,717,584 | \$6,001,719 |
| Sales | 41,264,436 | |

At June 30, 2013, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments for federal income tax purposes were substantially as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Gross unrealized appreciation | \$22,731,360 |
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (7,393,909) |
| Net unrealized appreciation | \$15,337,451 |

During the six months ended June 30, 2013, written option transactions for the Fund were as follows:

| | Notional Amount | Premiums |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|
| Written options, outstanding as of December 31, 2012 | | |
| Options written | 1,700,000 | \$14,110 |
| Options closed | | |
| Options exercised | (1,700,000) | (14,110) |
| Options expired | | |
| Written options, outstanding as of June 30, 2013 | | |

At June 30, 2013, the Fund had the following open forward foreign currency contracts:

| Foreign Currency Contracts to Sell: | Counterparty | Local Currency | Market Value | Settlement Date | Unrealized Gain |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Euro | JPMorgan Chase Bank | 1,800,000 | \$2,343,439 | 8/16/13 | \$17,135 |

4. Derivative instruments and hedging activities

GAAP requires enhanced disclosure about an entity's derivative and hedging activities.

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Below is a table, grouped by derivative type, that provides information about the fair value and the location of derivatives within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at June 30, 2013.

| ASSET DERIVATIVES¹ | Foreign Exchange Risk |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Forward foreign currency contracts | \$17,135 |

¹ Generally, the balance sheet location for asset derivatives is receivables/net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) and for liability derivatives is payables/net unrealized appreciation (depreciation).

The following tables provide information about the effect of derivatives and hedging activities on the Fund's Statement of Operations for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The first table provides additional detail about the amounts and sources of gains (losses) realized on derivatives during the period. The second table provides additional information about the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) resulting from the Fund's derivatives and hedging activities during the period.

| AMOUNT OF REALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON DERIVATIVES RECOGNIZED | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Foreign Exchange Risk | Credit Risk | Total |
| Swap contracts | | \$(127,260) | \$(127,260) |
| Forward foreign currency contracts | \$(42,804) | | (42,804) |
| Total | \$(42,804) | \$(127,260) | \$(170,064) |

| CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION) ON DERIVATIVES RECOGNIZED | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| | Foreign Exchange Risk |
| Forward foreign currency contracts | \$78,835 |

During the six months ended June 30, 2013, the volume of derivative activity for the Fund was as follows:

| | |
|---|--|
| Written options | Average Market Value \$ 7,253 |
| Forward foreign currency contracts (to sell) | 2,362,197 |
| Credit default swap contracts (to buy protection) | Average Notional Balance \$1,457,143 |

At June 30, 2013, there were no open positions held in this derivative.

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The following table presents by financial instrument, the Fund's derivative assets net of the related collateral held by the Fund at June 30, 2013:

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| | Gross Amount of Derivative Assets in the Statement of Assets & Liabilities¹ | Collateral Received | Net Amount |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Forward foreign currency contracts | \$17,135 | | \$17,135 |

¹ Absent an event of default or early termination, derivative assets and liabilities are presented gross and not offset in the Statement of Assets & Liabilities.

5. Common shares

Of the 11,891,288 shares of common stock outstanding at June 30, 2013, the Investment Adviser owned 19,964 shares.

6. Preferred shares

There are 2,880 shares of Auction Market Preferred Shares (Preferred Shares) authorized. The Preferred Shares have rights as set forth in the Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended to date, and its Bylaws, as amended to date (the Bylaws), or as otherwise determined by the Trustees. The 2,880 Preferred Shares outstanding consist of two series, 1,440 shares of Series M and 1,440 shares of Series W. The Preferred Shares have a liquidation value of \$25,000 per share, plus any accumulated but unpaid dividends whether or not earned or declared.

Dividends on the Series M and Series W Preferred Shares are cumulative and are paid at a rate typically reset every seven and twenty-eight days, respectively, based on the results of an auction. The weekly auctions for Series M and W have all failed during the six months ended June 30, 2013; consequently, the dividend rate paid on the preferred shares has moved to the maximum rate as defined in the prospectus. Since mid-February 2008, holders of auction-rate preferred shares (ARPS) issued by the Fund have been impacted by the lack of liquidity, which has similarly affected ARPS holders in many of the nation's closed-end funds. Since then, regularly scheduled auctions for ARPS issued by the Fund have consistently failed because of insufficient demand (bids to buy shares) to meet the supply (shares offered for sale) at each auction. While repeated auction failures have affected the liquidity for ARPS, they do not constitute a default or automatically alter the credit quality of the ARPS, and ARPS holders have continued to receive dividends at the defined maximum rate . The maximum rate is calculated at 200% of the reference rates, which is the 7-day AA Financial Composite Commercial Paper rate for Series M and the 30-day AA Commercial Paper rate for Series W. Dividend rates ranged from 0.100% to 0.240% between January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013.

The Preferred Shares are redeemable at the option of the Fund, in whole or in part, on the second business day preceding any dividend payment date at \$25,000 per share plus any accumulated but unpaid dividends.

The Fund is subject to certain restrictions relating to the Preferred Stock. The Fund may not declare dividends or make other distributions on shares of common stock or purchase any such shares if, at the time of the declaration, distribution or purchase, asset coverage with respect to the outstanding Preferred Stock would be less than 200%. The Preferred

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Stock is also subject to mandatory redemption at \$25,000 per share plus any accumulated or unpaid dividends, whether or not declared, if certain requirements relating to the composition of the assets and liabilities of the Fund as set forth in Bylaws are not satisfied.

The Preferred Stock Shareholders are entitled to one vote per share and generally vote with the common shareholders but vote separately as a class to elect two trustees and on certain matters affecting the rights of the Preferred Stock. The issuance of Preferred Stock poses certain risks to holders of common stock, including, among others, the possibility of greater market price volatility, and in certain market conditions, the yield to holders of common stock may be adversely affected. The Fund is required to maintain certain asset coverages with respect to the Preferred Stock. If the Fund fails to maintain these coverages and does not cure any such failure within the required time period, the Fund is required to redeem a requisite number of shares of the Preferred Stock in order to meet the applicable requirement. The Preferred Stock is otherwise not redeemable by holders of the shares. Additionally, failure to meet the foregoing asset coverage requirements would restrict the Fund's ability to pay dividends to common shareholders.

After each auction, the auction agent will pay to each broker/dealer, from monies the Fund provides, a participation fee. For the previous periods since the ARPS have been outstanding, the participation fee has been paid at the annual rate of 0.25% of the purchase price of the ARPS that the broker/dealer places at the auction. Since January 1, 2010, the participation fee has been reduced to an annual rate of 0.05% of the purchase price of the ARPS, in the case of failed auctions.

7. Trustee compensation

Each Trustee of the Fund who is not an interested person (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund, Western Asset, WAML, Western Singapore or Western Japan receives an aggregate fee of \$75,000 annually for serving on the combined Board of Trustees/Directors of the Fund, Western Asset Funds, Inc. and Western Asset Income Fund. Each Trustee also receives a fee of \$7,500 and related expenses for each meeting of the Board or of a committee attended in-person and a fee of \$2,500 for participating in each telephonic meeting. The Chairman of the Board receives an additional \$30,000 per year for serving in such capacity.

The Chairman of the Audit Committee receives an additional \$25,000 per year for serving in such capacity. Each member of the Audit Committee receives a fee of \$6,000 for serving as a member of the Audit Committee. Other committee members receive a fee of \$3,000 for serving as a member of each committee upon which they serve. All such fees are allocated among the Fund, Western Asset Funds, Inc. and Western Asset Income Fund according to each such investment company's average annual net assets.

Trustee Ronald Olson receives from Western Asset an aggregate fee of \$75,000 annually for serving on the combined Board of Trustees/Directors of the Fund, Western Asset Funds, Inc. and Western Asset Income Fund, as well as a fee of \$7,500 and related expenses for each meeting of the Board attended in person and a fee of \$2,500 for participating in each telephonic meeting.

8. Distributions subsequent to June 30, 2013

On May 23, 2013, the Fund's Board of Trustees declared three distributions, each in the amount of \$0.09 per share, payable on July 26, 2013, August 30, 2013 and September 27, 2013 to shareholders of record on July 19, 2013, August 23, 2013 and September 20, 2013, respectively.

9. Capital loss carryforward

As of December 31, 2012, the Fund had the following net capital loss carryforward remaining:

| Year of Expiration | Amount |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 12/31/2017 | \$(15,040,825) |

These amounts will be available to offset any future taxable capital gains.

10. Recent accounting pronouncement

The Fund has adopted the disclosure provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update 2011-11 (ASU 2011-11), *Balance Sheet (Topic 210) Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities* along with the related scope clarification provisions of FASB Accounting Standards Update 2013-01 (ASU 2013-01) entitled *Balance Sheet (Topic 210) Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities*. ASU 2011-11 is intended to enhance disclosures on the offsetting of financial assets and liabilities by requiring entities to disclose both gross and net information about financial instruments and transactions that are either offset in the statement of assets and liabilities or subject to a master netting agreement or similar arrangement. ASU 2013-01 limits the scope of ASU 2011-11's disclosure requirements on offsetting to financial assets and financial liabilities related to derivatives, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, and securities lending and securities borrowing transactions.

Notes to financial statements (unaudited) (cont d)**11. Shareholder meeting results**

The Fund's annual meeting of shareholders was held on May 22, 2013. Of the 11,887,946 common and preferred shares outstanding, the following shares were voted in the meeting:

Common and preferred shares

| Election of Trustees: | For | Withheld |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Robert Abeles, Jr. | 10,110,388 | 243,740 |
| Ronald J. Arnault | 10,127,979 | 226,149 |
| Anita L. DeFrantz | 10,037,107 | 317,021 |
| Avedick B. Poladian | 10,139,255 | 214,873 |
| William E.B. Siart | 10,108,740 | 245,388 |
| Jaynie M. Studenmund | 10,127,746 | 226,382 |

Robert Abeles, Jr., Ronald J. Arnault, Anita L. DeFrantz, Avedick B. Poladian, William E.B. Siart, and Jaynie M. Studenmund were elected as Trustees of the Fund by owners of its common shares and preferred shares voting together as a single class.

Preferred shares

| Election of Trustees: | For | Withheld |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Kenneth D. Fuller | 450 | 140 |
| Ronald L. Olson | 450 | 140 |

Mr. Fuller and Mr. Olson are the Preferred Trustees to be elected by a plurality vote of the preferred shares, voting as a separate class. The Fund did not achieve a quorum with respect to the election of the Preferred Trustees. The Board appointed Mr. Fuller as a Preferred Trustee. Mr. Fuller and Mr. Olson will serve as Preferred Trustees of the Fund until the annual meeting of shareholders in the year 2014 or thereafter when respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

Dividend reinvestment plan (unaudited)

The Fund and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company LLC (Agent), as the Transfer Agent and Registrar of the Fund, offer a convenient way to add shares of the Fund to your account. The Fund offers to all common shareholders a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (Plan). Under the Plan, cash distributions (e.g., dividends and capital gains) of registered shareholders (those who own shares in their own name on the Fund's records) on the common shares are automatically invested in shares of the Fund unless the shareholder elects otherwise by contacting the Agent at the address set forth below. Shareholders who own shares in a brokerage, bank or other financial institution account must contact the company where their account is held in order to participate in the Plan.

As a participant in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan you will automatically receive your dividend or net capital gains distribution in newly issued shares of the Fund if the market price of a share on the date of the distribution is at or above the NAV of a Fund share, minus estimated brokerage commissions that would be incurred upon the purchase of common shares on the open market. The number of shares to be issued to you will be determined by dividing the amount of the cash distribution to which you are entitled (net of any applicable withholding taxes) by the greater of the NAV per share on such date or 95% of the market price of a share on such date. If the market price of a share on such distribution date is below the NAV, minus estimated brokerage commissions that would be incurred upon the purchase of common shares on the open market, the Agent will, as agent for the participants, buy shares of the Fund through a broker on the open market. The price per share of shares purchased for each participant's account with respect to a particular dividend or other distribution will be the average price (including brokerage commissions, transfer taxes and any other costs of purchase) of all shares purchased with respect to that dividend or other distribution. All common shares acquired on your behalf through the Plan will be automatically credited to an account maintained on the books of the Agent. Full and fractional shares will be voted by the Agent in accordance with your instructions.

Additional information regarding the plan

The Fund will pay all costs applicable to the Plan, except for brokerage commissions for open market purchases by the Agent under the Plan, which will be charged to participants. All shares acquired through the Plan receive voting rights and are eligible for any stock split, stock dividend, or other rights accruing to shareholders that the Board of Trustees may declare. Registered shareholder may terminate participation in the Plan at any time by giving notice to the Agent. Such termination will be effective prior to the record date next succeeding the receipt of such instructions or by a later date of termination specified in such instructions. Upon termination, a participant will receive a certificate for the full shares credited to his or her account or may request the sale of all or part of such shares. Fractional shares credited to a terminating account will be paid for in cash at the current market price at the time of termination. Shareholders who own shares in a brokerage,

Dividend reinvestment plan (unaudited) (cont d)

bank or other financial institution account must contact the company where their account is held in order to terminate participation in the Plan.

Dividends and other distributions invested in additional shares under the Plan are subject to income tax just as if they had been received in cash. After year end, dividends paid on the accumulated shares will be included in the Form 1099-DIV information return to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and only one Form 1099-DIV will be sent to participants each year. Inquiries regarding the Plan, as well as notices of termination, should be directed to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company LLC, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11219. Investor Relations Telephone number 1-888-888-0151.

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* Effective May 22, 2013, Mr. Abeles became a Trustee and Mr. Fuller became a Trustee, President and Chief Executive Officer.

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- Service providers, including the Funds' affiliates, who assist the Funds as part of the ordinary course of business (such as printing, mailing services, or processing or servicing your account with us) or otherwise perform services on the Funds' behalf, including companies that may perform marketing services solely for the Funds;

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that from time to time the Fund may purchase at market prices, shares of its Common Stock in the open market.

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The Fund's Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington D.C., and information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. To obtain information on Form N-Q from the Fund, shareholders can call 1-888-777-0102.

Information on how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the prior 12-month period ended June 30th of each year and a description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies related to portfolio transactions are available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-888-777-0102, (2) on the Fund's website at www.lmcef.com and (3) on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

This report is transmitted to the shareholders of Western Asset Premier Bond Fund for their information. This is not a prospectus, circular or representation intended for use in the purchase or sale of shares of the Fund or any securities mentioned in this report.

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not applicable

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

a) *Registrant has a separately - designated standing Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act.* The Audit Committee consists of the following Board members:

Ronald J. Arnault

Robert Abeles

Anita L. DeFrantz

Avedick B. Poladian

William E.B. Siart

Jaynie Miller Studenmund

b) Not applicable

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

Included herein under Item 1.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Not applicable

ITEM 8 INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

As of June 30, 2013, a team of investment professionals at the Advisers, led by Chief Investment Officer Stephen A. Walsh, Portfolio Manager Michael C. Buchanan and Portfolio Manager Christopher F. Kilpatrick manages the Western Asset Premier Bond Fund (the Fund).

Messrs. Walsh, Buchanan and Kilpatrick have each served as investment professionals for the Advisers for over five years.

The Fund is managed by a team of portfolio managers, sector specialists and other investment professionals. Messrs. Walsh, Buchanan and Kilpatrick serve as co-team leaders responsible for day-to-day strategic oversight of the Fund's investments and for supervising the day-to-day operations of the various sector specialist teams dedicated to the specific asset classes in which the Fund invests.

Other Accounts

As of June 30, 2013, in addition to the Fund, the portfolio manager(s) were responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as follows:

| Type of Account | Number of Accounts Managed | Total Assets Managed (\$) | Number of Accounts Managed for which Advisory Fee is Performance-Based | Assets Managed for which Advisory Fee is Performance-Based(\$) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Stephen A. Walsh: | | | | |
| Registered Investment Companies | 98 | 191,436,442,848 | 0 | 0 |
| Other pooled investment vehicles | 229 | 99,190,004,600 | 5 | 813,278,845 |
| Other accounts | 718 | 171,016,293,229 | 67 | 16,449,710,556 |
| Michael C. Buchanan: | | | | |
| Registered Investment Companies | 42 | 32,796,723,856 | 0 | 0 |
| Other pooled investment vehicles | 45 | 26,379,099,816 | 3 | 512,992,499 |
| Other accounts | 197 | 49,025,308,387 | 22 | 7,132,134,390 |
| Christopher F. Kilpatrick: | | | | |
| Registered Investment Companies | 9 | 3,552,702,542 | 0 | 0 |
| Other pooled investment vehicles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other accounts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Note: With respect to Mr. Walsh, the numbers above reflect the overall number of portfolios managed by the Advisers. Mr. Walsh is involved in the management of all the Advisers' portfolios, but he is not solely responsible for particular portfolios. The Advisers' investment discipline emphasizes a team approach that combines the efforts of groups of specialists working in different market sectors. The individuals that have been identified are responsible for overseeing implementation of the Advisers' overall investment ideas and coordinating the work of the various sector teams. This structure ensures that client portfolios benefit from a consensus that draws on the expertise of all team members.

ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

Not applicable

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ITEM 11.

CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) are effective as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the disclosure controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act) that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are likely to materially affect the registrant's internal control over financial reporting

ITEM 12.

EXHIBITS.

(a) (1) Not applicable.

Exhibit 99.CODE ETH

(a) (2) Certifications pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 attached hereto.

Exhibit 99.CERT

(b) Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 attached hereto.

Exhibit 99.906CERT

SIGNATURES

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

Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

By: */s/ Kenneth D. Fuller*
Kenneth D. Fuller
Chief Executive Officer
Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

Date: August 28, 2013

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

By: */s/Kenneth D. Fuller*
Kenneth D. Fuller
Chief Executive Officer
Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

Date: August 28, 2013

By: */s/ Richard F. Sennett*
Richard F. Sennett
Principal Financial Officer
Western Asset Premier Bond Fund

Date: August 28, 2013
