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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

April 19, 2007

To the Stockholders of

COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND, INC.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Meeting) of Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund, Inc. (the Fund) will be held at the offices of the Fund, 280 Park Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, New York 10017, on April 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. New York City time, for the following purposes, all of which are more fully described in the accompanying Proxy Statement dated March 15, 2007:

1. To elect three Directors of the Fund, to hold office for a term of three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and
2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The holders of the Fund's Taxable Auction Market Preferred Shares have equal voting rights with the holders of the Fund's common stock (*i.e.*, one vote per share), and will vote together with the holders of common stock as a single class on the proposal to elect Richard J. Norman and Frank K. Ross as Directors and other business that may properly come before the Meeting. The holders of Taxable Auction Market Preferred Shares, voting separately as a class, will vote for the election of one Director, Martin Cohen, who has been designated as representing the holders of the Fund's Taxable Auction Market Preferred Shares (see Proposal One: Election of Directors).

The Directors have fixed the close of business on March 7, 2007 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. The enclosed proxy is being solicited on behalf of the Directors.

By order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN E. McLEAN
Secretary

New York, New York

March 15, 2007

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Please indicate your voting instructions on the enclosed Proxy Card, sign and date it, and return it in the envelope provided, which needs no postage if mailed in the United States. In order to save the Fund any additional expense of further solicitation, please mail your proxy promptly.

PROXY STATEMENT

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PROXY STATEMENT

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ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

April 19, 2007

INTRODUCTION

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors of Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the Fund), to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Fund, to be held at the offices of the Fund, 280 Park Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, New York 10017, on April 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. New York City time, and at any adjournments thereof (collectively, the Meeting). The solicitation will be by mail and the cost (including printing and mailing this Proxy Statement, meeting notice and form of proxy, as well as any necessary supplementary solicitation) will be borne by the Fund pursuant to the terms of its investment management agreement. In addition to soliciting proxies by mail, the Fund's officers or employees of the Fund's investment manager may solicit proxies by telephone. The Notice of Meeting, Proxy Statement and Proxy are being mailed to stockholders on or about March 15, 2007.

In accordance with the Fund's by-laws, the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of record of a majority of the shares of the Fund issued and outstanding and entitled to vote thereat shall constitute a quorum at the Meeting. If, however, a quorum shall not be present or represented at the Meeting or if fewer shares are present in person or by proxy than is the minimum required to take action with respect to any proposal presented at the Meeting, the holders of a majority of the shares of the Fund present in person or by proxy shall have the power to adjourn the Meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the Meeting, until the requisite number of shares entitled to vote at the Meeting shall be present. At any adjourned Meeting, if the relevant quorum is subsequently constituted, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the Meeting as originally called. For purposes of determining the presence of a quorum for transacting business at the Meeting, abstentions and broker non-votes (that is, proxies from brokers or nominees indicating that they have not received instructions from the beneficial owner or other persons entitled to vote shares on a particular matter with respect to which the brokers or nominees do not have discretionary power) will be treated as shares that are present but which have not been voted. For this reason, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on obtaining the requisite approval of each proposal.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 7, 2007 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting. The outstanding voting shares of the Fund as of March 7, 2007 consisted of 48,251,666 shares of common stock and 29,040 Taxable Auction Market Preferred Shares, liquidation preference \$25,000 per share, each share being entitled to one vote and each fractional share being entitled to a proportional fractional share vote. All properly executed proxies received prior to the Meeting will be voted at the Meeting in accordance with the instructions marked thereon or as otherwise provided therein. Accordingly, unless instructions to the contrary are marked, proxies will be voted for the election of the Directors. Any stockholder may revoke

his or her proxy at any time prior to exercise thereof by giving written notice to the Secretary of the Fund at its offices at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017, or by signing another proxy of a later date or by personally casting his or her vote at the Meeting.

The most recent annual report of the Fund, including financial statements, has been previously mailed to stockholders. If you have not received this report or would like to receive an additional copy free of charge, please contact John E. McLean, Secretary of the Fund, at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017, (800) 330-7348, and it will be sent promptly by first-class mail.

PROPOSAL ONE

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the Meeting, three Directors will be elected to serve for a term of three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The nominees for Director are Martin Cohen, Richard J. Norman and Frank K. Ross, for terms to expire in 2010. It is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy to nominate and vote in favor of the nominees. At the Meeting, the holders of the Fund's Taxable Auction Market Preferred Shares will have equal voting rights with the holders of the Fund's common stock (*i.e.*, one vote per share), and will vote together with the holders of the Fund's common stock as a single class on the election of Messrs. Norman and Ross. The holders of the Fund's Taxable Auction Market Preferred Shares, voting separately as a class, have the right to elect two Directors of the Fund. The holders of the Fund's common stock do not have the right to vote with respect to the election of these two Directors, who are Martin Cohen and Willard H. Smith Jr. Mr. Cohen is standing for re-election at the Meeting as his term expires in 2007. The holders of the Preferred Shares, voting separately as a class, will vote for the election of Mr. Cohen. Mr. Smith is not standing for re-election at the Meeting as his term does not expire until 2008. In addition to the Fund, each nominee also currently serves as Director of the nineteen other funds within the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex.

Summary of Voting Rights on Proposal 1

	Common Shareholders	Taxable Auction Market Preferred Shareholders
Martin Cohen	N/A	29,040
Richard J. Norman	48,251,666	29,040
Frank K. Ross	48,251,666	29,040

At the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 29, 2004, the Fund's stockholders elected the Board of Directors to staggered terms. Accordingly, the term of office of only a single class of Directors will expire in 2007. As a result of this system, only those Directors in any one class may be changed in any one year, and it would require two years or more to change a majority of the Board of Directors. This system of electing Directors, which may be regarded as an anti-takeover provision, may have the effect of maintaining the continuity of management and, thus, make it more difficult for the Fund's stockholders to change the majority of Directors.

The nominees have consented to serve as Directors. The Board of Directors of the Fund knows of no reason why a nominee would be unable to serve, but in the event of such unavailability, the proxies received will be voted for such substitute nominee as the Board of Directors may recommend.

Certain information concerning Messrs. Cohen, Norman and Ross and the other members of the Board of Directors, as reported to the Fund, is set forth as follows:

Name, Address and Age*	Position Held with Fund	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years (Including Other Directorships Held)	Length of Time Served**	Term of Office	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Fund)
<i>Disinterested Directors</i>					
Bonnie Cohen Age: 64	Director	Private Consultant. Prior thereto, Undersecretary of State, United States Department of State. Board Member of Wellsford Real Properties, Inc.	Since 2001	2008	20
George Grossman Age: 53	Director	Attorney-at-Law.	Since 1993	2009	20
Richard E. Kroon Age: 64	Director	Member of Investment Subcommittee, Monmouth University. Retired Chairman and Managing Partner of Sprout Group venture capital funds, then an affiliate of Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette Securities Corporation; and former chairman of the National Venture Capital Association.	Since 2004	2008	20
Richard J. Norman Age: 63	Director	Private Investor. Executive Board of Directors of Maryland Public Television. Board Member of The Salvation Army. Prior thereto, Investment Representative of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.	Since 2001	2010	20
Frank K. Ross Age: 63	Director	Professor of Accounting, Howard University; board member of Pepco Holdings, Inc. (electric utility). Formerly, Midatlantic Area Managing Partner for Audit and Risk Advisory Services at KPMG LLP and Managing Partner of its Washington, DC Office.	Since 2004	2010	20
Willard H. Smith Jr. Age: 70	Director	Board member of Essex Property Trust, Inc., Realty Income Corporation and Crest Net Lease, Inc. Managing Director at Merrill Lynch & Co., Equity Capital Markets Division, from 1983 to 1995.	Since 1996	2008	20

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Name, Address and Age*	Position Held with Fund	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years (Including Other Directorships Held)	Length of Time Served**	Term of Office	Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Fund)
C. Edward Ward, Jr. Age: 60	Director	Member of The Board of Trustees of Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York. Formerly head of closed-end fund listing for the New York Stock Exchange.	Since 2004	2009	20
<i>Interested Directors***</i>					
Martin Cohen Age: 58	Director, Co-Chairman	Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Advisor and CNS. Prior thereto, President of the Advisor.	Since 1991	2010	20
Robert H. Steers Age: 54	Director, Co-Chairman	Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Advisor and CNS. Prior thereto, Chairman of the Advisor.	Since 1991	2009	20

* The address of each Director is 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

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

*** Interested person, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the Act), of the Fund (Interested Director) because of the affiliation with Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., the Fund's investment manager (the Advisor), and its parent company, Cohen & Steers, Inc. (CNS).

If elected at the Meeting.

The Fund does not have a policy with regard to the Directors' attendance at annual meetings and none of the Directors attended the Fund's 2006 annual meeting.

During the Fund's fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, the Board of Directors met six times. Each Director attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board of Directors and the Committees for which he or she was a member. The Fund maintains four standing Board Committees: the Audit Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Contract Review Committee and the Governance Committee of the Board of Directors. The Directors serving on each Committee are not interested persons of the Fund, as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Act (the Independent Directors), and otherwise satisfy the applicable standards for independence of a committee member of an investment company issuer under the federal securities laws and under applicable listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. The members of the Nominating and Contract Review Committees are Ms. Cohen and Messrs. Kroon, Grossman, Norman, Ross, Smith and Ward. The members of the Governance Committee are Messrs. Norman, Ward and Smith. The members of the Audit Committee are Ms. Cohen and Messrs. Ross, Kroon and Grossman.

The Audit Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 and operates pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board. A current copy of the charter is attached to this Proxy Statement as Exhibit A. The main function of the Audit Committee is to oversee the Fund's accounting and

financial reporting policies and practices and its internal controls, including by assisting with the Board's oversight of the integrity of the Fund's financial statements, the Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the selection, retention, qualifications and independence of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and the performance of the Fund's internal control systems and independent registered public accounting firm.

The Nominating Committee, which met once during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, operates pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board. A current copy of the charter is not available on the Fund's website, but it is attached as Exhibit B to this Proxy Statement. The main functions of the Nominating Committee are to (i) identify individuals qualified to become Directors in the event that a position is vacated or created, (ii) select the Director nominees for the next annual meeting of stockholders and (iii) set any necessary standards or qualifications for service on the Board. The Nominating Committee will consider Director candidates recommended by stockholders, provided that any such stockholder recommendation is submitted in writing to the Fund, to the attention of the Secretary, at the address of the principal executive offices of the Fund and further provided that such recommendation includes all other information specified in the charter and complies with the procedures set forth in Appendix A thereto.

The Nominating Committee requires that Director candidates have a college degree or equivalent business experience. The Committee may take into account a wide variety of factors in considering Director candidates, including (but not limited to): (i) availability and commitment of a candidate to attend meetings and perform his or her responsibilities on the Board, (ii) relevant industry and related experience, (iii) educational background, (iv) financial and other relevant experience, (v) an assessment of the candidate's character, integrity, ability and judgment, (vi) whether or not the candidate serves on boards of, or is otherwise affiliated with, competing financial service organizations or their related mutual fund complexes, (vii) whether or not the candidate has any relationships that might impair his or her independence and (viii) overall interplay of a candidate's experience, skill and knowledge with that of other Committee members. In identifying potential nominees for the Board, the Committee may consider candidates recommended by one or more of the following sources: (i) the Fund's current Directors, (ii) the Fund's officers, (iii) the Advisor, (iv) the Fund's stockholders (see above) and (v) any other source the Committee deems to be appropriate. The Committee may, but is not required to, retain a third party search firm at the Fund's expense to identify potential candidates.

The Contract Review Committee met once during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 and operates pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board. The main functions of the Contract Review Committee are to make recommendations to the Board of Directors after reviewing advisory and other contracts that the Fund has with the Advisor and to select third parties to provide evaluative reports and other information to the Board regarding the services provided by the Advisor.

The Governance Committee met once during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 and operates pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board. The main function of the Governance Committee is to assist the Board in the oversight of appropriate and effective governance of the Fund. The Governance Committee oversees, among other things, the structure and composition of the Board committees, the size of the Board and the compensation of Independent Directors for service on the Board and any Board committee and the process for securing insurance coverage for the Board.

Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee has met with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, to discuss the scope of the audit engagement, review the Fund's financial

statements, and discuss the statements and audit results with management. The Audit Committee discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards 61, received the written disclosures and the letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP required by the Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 and discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP the independent registered public accounting firm's independence. Based on these reviews and discussions, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements of the Fund be included in the Fund's annual report to stockholders for the last fiscal year for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

March 7, 2007

Submitted by the Audit Committee of the Fund's Board of Directors

Bonnie Cohen

George Grossman

Richard E. Kroon

Frank K. Ross

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As of March 7, 2007, the Directors and officers of the Fund as a group owned less than 1% of the outstanding securities of the Fund. To the knowledge of the Fund, no person owned of record or owned beneficially more than 5% of the Fund's common shares or Taxable Auction Market Preferred Shares outstanding as of that date, except that Cede & Co., a nominee for participants in the Depository Trust Company, held of record 48,168,467 common shares, equal to approximately 99% of the Fund's outstanding common shares, and 29,040 Taxable Auction Market Preferred Shares equal to approximately 100% of the Fund's outstanding Preferred Shares.

On November 30, 2006 Martin Cohen and Robert H. Steers, individually and through their respective family trusts, each sold a total of 1,012,500 shares of CNS at a price of \$35.314 per share in a registered public offering. As of March 7, 2007, none of the other Directors nor any of their immediate family members owned any securities in the Advisor or any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Advisor.

The following table provides information concerning the dollar range of the Fund's equity securities owned by each Director and the aggregate dollar range of securities owned in the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex by each Director.

	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund as of March 7, 2007	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex as of March 7, 2007
Robert H. Steers*	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Martin Cohen*	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Bonnie Cohen	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
George Grossman	\$50,001 - \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Richard E. Kroon	\$1 - \$10,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000
Richard J. Norman	\$10,001 - \$50,000	Over \$100,000
Frank K. Ross	\$10,001 - \$50,000	Over \$100,000
Willard H. Smith Jr.	\$50,001 - \$100,000	Over \$100,000
C. Edward Ward, Jr.	\$1 - \$10,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000

* Interested Director.

Compensation of Directors and Officers. Directors of the Fund who are not interested persons of the Fund are paid by the Fund an annual retainer of \$4,500 and a fee of \$500 for each regular meeting attended and are reimbursed for the expenses of attendance at such meetings and, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, such fees and expenses paid by the Fund totaled \$49,243.

Additionally, the Audit Committee chairman is paid \$15,000 per year in the aggregate for his service as Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Fund and of all of the other Cohen & Steers funds, the Contract Review and Governance Committee chairmen are paid \$10,000 per year in the aggregate for their work in connection with the Fund and all of the other Cohen & Steers funds and the lead director is paid \$50,000 per year in the aggregate for his service as lead director of the Fund and of all of the other Cohen and Steers funds. These additional amounts are not reflected in the table below.

The following table sets forth information regarding compensation of Directors by the Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 and by the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex for the calendar year ended December 31, 2006. Officers of the Fund, other than the Chief Compliance Officer who receives less than \$60,000 from the Fund, and Directors who are interested persons of the Fund do not receive any compensation from the Fund or any other fund in the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex. In the column headed "Total Compensation to Directors by Fund Complex," the compensation paid to each Director represents the twenty funds that each Director served in the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex during 2006. The Directors do not receive any pension or retirement benefits from the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex.

Compensation Table

Year Ended December 31, 2006

Name of Person, Position	Aggregate Compensation from Fund	Total Compensation Paid to Directors by Fund Complex
Bonnie Cohen, Director	\$ 6,779	\$ 123,625
Martin Cohen*, Director and Co-Chairman	\$ 0	\$ 0
George Grossman, Director	\$ 6,904	\$ 126,125
Richard E. Kroon, Director	\$ 7,125	\$ 131,125
Richard J. Norman, Director	\$ 6,904	\$ 126,125
Frank K. Ross, Director	\$ 7,179	\$ 131,125
Willard H. Smith Jr., Director	\$ 6,500	\$ 118,625
Robert H. Steers*, Director and Co-Chairman	\$ 0	\$ 0
C. Edward Ward, Jr., Director	\$ 6,500	\$ 118,625

* Interested Director.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance. Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and Section 30(h) of the Act, as applied to the Fund, require certain of the Fund's officers, Directors and investment adviser, affiliates of the investment adviser, and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Fund's outstanding securities to file reports of ownership of the Fund's securities and changes in such ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Those persons are required by SEC regulations to furnish the Fund with copies of all filings. To the Fund's knowledge, all of its officers, directors and holders of more than 10% of its stock

complied with all filing requirements under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

The Board of Directors, including the Independent Directors, unanimously recommends that the stockholders of the Fund vote FOR the election of each nominee to serve as a Director of the Fund.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The members of the Audit Committee, at a meeting held on March 7, 2007, selected PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, to audit the accounts of the Fund for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. Their selection also was ratified and approved by the vote, cast in person, of a majority of the Directors of the Fund, including a majority of the Independent Directors and who are independent as defined in the New York Stock Exchange listing standards, at a meeting held on March 7, 2007. A representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is expected to be available for the Meeting and to have the opportunity to make a statement and respond to appropriate questions from the stockholders. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors meets at least twice each year with representatives of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to discuss the scope of their engagement, and to review the financial statements of the Fund and the results of their examination thereof.

FEES PAID TO PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Aggregate fees billed to the Fund for the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP were as follows:

	2006	2005
Audit Fees	\$ 58,030	\$ 54,000
Audit-Related Fees	57,500	
Tax Fees	14,300	
All Other Fees		

Audit-related fees were billed in connection with the preparation and issuance of certification reports to rating agencies relating to the Fund's Auction Market Preferred Shares. Tax fees were billed in connection with the preparation of tax returns, calculation and designation of dividends and other miscellaneous tax services.

Aggregate fees billed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for the last two fiscal years for non-audit services provided to the Advisor and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Advisor that provides ongoing services to the Fund (collectively with the Advisor, Service Affiliates), where the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund and which were pre-approved by the Audit Committee, were as follows:

	2006	2005
Audit-Related Fees		
Tax Fees		
All Other Fees	\$ 65,000	\$ 85,000

These other fees were billed in connection with internal control reviews and AIMR performance reviews.

The Audit Committee is required to pre-approve audit and non-audit services performed for the Fund by its principal accountant. The Audit Committee also is required to pre-approve non-audit services

performed by the Fund's principal accountant for the Advisor and any Service Affiliate if the engagement for services relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund.

The Audit Committee may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members. The member or members to whom such authority is delegated shall report any pre-approval decisions to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. The Audit Committee may not delegate its responsibility to pre-approve services to be performed by the Fund's principal accountant to the Advisor.

None of the services described above were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to paragraphs (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

The aggregate fees billed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for non-audit services rendered to the Fund and for non-audit services rendered to Service Affiliates for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005 were \$136,800 and \$119,475, respectively.

The Audit Committee considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to Service Affiliates that were not required to be pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X was compatible with maintaining the independence of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE INVESTMENT MANAGER AND

THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Fund has retained Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., a New York corporation with offices at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017, to serve as its investment manager and administrator under an investment management agreement dated June 24, 2003 and an administration agreement, dated June 24, 2003. Martin Cohen and Robert H. Steers are controlling persons of the Advisor on the basis of their ownership of more than 25% of the stock of the Advisor's parent company, CNS. Their address is 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017. State Street Bank and Trust Company, with offices at 225 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, serves as sub-administrator for the Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE FUND

The principal officers of the Fund and their principal occupations during the past five years, as reported by them to the Fund, are set forth below. The address of each of the Fund's officers is 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Robert H. Steers, Co-Chairman (see Proposal One, Election of Directors, at page 4 for biographical information).

Martin Cohen, Co-Chairman (see Proposal One, Election of Directors, at page 4 for biographical information).

Adam M. Derechin, President and Chief Executive Officer, age 42, joined the Advisor in 1993 and has been the Chief Operating Officer since 2003 and prior to that was a Senior Vice President.

Joseph M. Harvey, Vice President, age 43, joined the Advisor in 1992 and has been President of the Advisor since 2003 and prior to that was a Senior Vice President.

William F. Scapell, Vice President, age 40, joined the Advisor in 2003 as a Senior Vice President. Prior to joining the Adviser, he was the chief strategist for preferred securities at Merrill Lynch & Co.

James S. Corl, Vice President, age 40, joined the Advisor in 1997 and has been Executive Vice President since 2004. Prior to that he was Senior Vice President of the Advisor.

Thomas N. Bohjalian, Vice President, age 41, joined the Advisor in 2002 and has been Senior Vice President since 2006. Prior to that he was Vice President of the Advisor from 2003 through 2005. Prior to joining the Advisor, he was a Vice President at AEW Capital Management.

John E. McLean, Secretary, age 36, joined the Advisor in 2003 as Vice President and Associate General Counsel and was Chief Compliance Officer from 2004 to 2006. Prior to that, he served as Vice President, Law & Regulation at J. & W. Seligman & Co. and as an associate at Battle Fowler LLP.

James Giallanza, Treasurer, age 40, joined the Advisor in 2006 as Senior Vice President. Prior thereto, he was Deputy Head of the US Funds Administration and Treasurer & CFO of various mutual funds within the Legg Mason (formerly Citigroup Asset Management) fund complex from August 2004 to September 2006 and was Director/Controller of the US wholesale business at UBS Global Asset Management (U.S.) from September 2001 to July 2004.

Salvatore Rappa, Assistant Secretary, age 36, joined the Advisor in 2004 and has been Senior Vice President since 2006. He had been Vice President from 2004 to 2006. Prior to that, he was a Vice President at BlackRock, Inc. from 2000 to 2004.

Lisa Phelan, Chief Compliance Officer, age 38, joined the Advisor in 2004 and has been Vice President since 2006. Prior to joining the Advisor she was Chief Compliance Officer of Avatar Associates and Overture Asset Managers from 2003 to 2004. Prior to that, she served as First Vice President, Risk Management, for Prudential Securities, Inc.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE NEXT

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

All proposals by stockholders of the Fund which are intended to be presented at the Fund's next Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be held in 2008, must be received by the Fund (addressed to Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund, Inc., 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017) for inclusion in the Fund's proxy statement and proxy relating to that meeting no later than November 16, 2007. Any stockholder who desires to bring a proposal for consideration at the Fund's 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders without including such proposal in the Fund's proxy statement must deliver written notice thereof to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Fund (addressed to Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund, Inc., 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017) during the 30 day period from December 21, 2007 to January 20, 2008.

STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Stockholders may send written communications to the Board to the attention of the Board of Directors, c/o Cohen & Steers Funds, 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Stockholder communications must be signed by the stockholder and identify the class and number of shares held by the stockholder. Each properly submitted stockholder communication shall be provided to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting or, if such communication requires more immediate attention, it will be forwarded to the Directors promptly after receipt.

OTHER MATTERS

Management does not know of any matters to be presented at the Meeting other than those mentioned in this Proxy Statement. If any of the persons listed above is unavailable for election as a Director, an event not now anticipated, or if any other matters properly come before the Meeting, the shares represented by proxies will be voted with respect thereto in accordance with the best judgment of the person or persons voting the proxies.

VOTES REQUIRED

The presence in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote at the Meeting is required to constitute a quorum at the Meeting. The election of the Directors as set forth in Proposal 1, will require a vote of the holders of a plurality of the Fund's shares present at the Meeting.

If the accompanying form of proxy is executed properly and returned, shares represented by it will be voted at the Meeting in accordance with the instructions on the proxy. However, if no instructions are specified, shares will be voted for the election of the Directors and for any other proposals.

By order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN E. McLEAN
Secretary

March 15, 2007

New York, New York

Cohen & Steers Funds

Audit Committee Charter

The Board of Directors (the **Board**) of each of the Cohen & Steers funds (each, a **Fund** and collectively, the **Funds**), has adopted this Charter to govern the activities of the Audit Committee (the **Committee**) with respect to its oversight of the Fund. This Charter supercedes and replaces any audit committee charter previously adopted by the Board or a committee of the Board.

Statement of Purpose and Functions

The Committee's general purpose is to oversee the Fund's accounting and financial reporting policies and practices and its internal controls, including by assisting with the Board's oversight of the integrity of the Fund's financial statements, the Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the qualifications and independence of the Fund's independent auditors, and the performance of the Fund's internal audit function and independent auditors. The Committee's purpose is also to prepare reports required by Securities and Exchange Commission (the **SEC**) rules to be included in the Fund's annual proxy statement, if any.

The Committee's function is oversight. While the Committee has the responsibilities set forth in this Charter, it is not the responsibility of the Committee to plan or conduct audits, to prepare or determine that the Fund's financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or to assure compliance with laws, regulations or any internal rules or policies of the Fund. Fund management is responsible for: (1) the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Fund's financial statements; (2) the maintenance of appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles and policies; and (3) the maintenance of internal control over financial reporting and other procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and related laws and regulations. The Fund's independent auditors are responsible for planning and carrying out an audit consistent with applicable legal and professional standards and the terms of their engagement letter. Nothing in this Charter shall be construed to reduce the responsibilities or liabilities of the Fund's service providers, including the Fund's independent auditors. Members of the Committee are not employees of the Funds and, in serving on this Committee, are not, and do not hold themselves out to be, acting as accountants or auditors. It is not the duty or responsibility of the Committee or its members to conduct field work or other types of auditing or accounting reviews or procedures. In discharging their duties, the members of the Committee are entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if prepared or presented by: (1) one or more officers of the Fund whom the Directors reasonably believe to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (2) legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters the Directors reasonably believe are within the person's professional or expert competence; or (3) a Board committee of which the Directors are not members.

Membership

The Committee shall be comprised of as many directors as the Board shall determine, but, in any event, no less than three. Each member of the Committee must be a member of the Board. The Board may remove or replace any member of the Committee at any time in its sole discretion. One or more members of the Committee may be designated by the Board as the Committee's chairman or co-chairman, as the case may be.

Each member of the Committee may not be an interested person of the Fund, as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), and must otherwise satisfy the standards for independence of an audit committee member of an investment company as set forth in Rule 10A-3(b) (taking into account any exceptions to those requirements set forth in the rule) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the 1934 Act) and, with respect to New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) listed Funds, under applicable listing standards of the NYSE. In addition, with respect to listed funds, each member of the Committee must be financially literate (or must become so within a reasonable time after his or her appointment to the Committee) and at least one member of the Committee must have accounting or related financial management expertise, in each case as the Board interprets such qualification in its business judgment under NYSE listing standards. The Board shall determine annually whether: (i) the Committee has at least one member who is an audit committee financial expert (ACFE), as such term is defined in the rules adopted under Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and (ii) with respect to NYSE listed Funds, simultaneous service on more than three public company audit committees by a member of the Committee would not impair the ability of such member to effectively serve on the Committee. The designation of a person as an ACFE is not intended to impose any greater responsibility or liability on that person than the responsibility and liability imposed on such person as a member of the Committee, nor does it decrease the duties and obligations of other Committee members or the Board.

Responsibilities and Duties

The Committee's policies and procedures shall remain flexible to facilitate the Committee's ability to react to changing conditions and to generally discharge its functions. The following describe areas of attention in broad terms. The Committee shall:

1. Determine the selection, retention or termination of the Fund's independent auditors based on an evaluation of their independence and the nature and performance of the audit and any permitted non-audit services. Decisions by the Committee concerning the selection, retention or termination of the independent auditors shall be submitted to the Board for ratification in accordance with the requirements of Section 32(a) of the 1940 Act. The Fund's independent auditors must report directly to the Committee, which shall be responsible for overseeing the work of the independent auditors and be responsible for the resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditors relating to financial reporting.
2. Consider the independence of the Fund's independent auditors at least annually, and in connection therewith receive on a periodic basis formal written disclosures and letters from the independent auditors as required by the Independence Standards Board Standard No.1. In particular, the Committee should consider whether: (i) the provision of each non-audit service to the Fund by the Fund's independent auditors is compatible with maintaining the independence of such independent auditors and (ii) the provision of each non-audit service to the Fund's investment adviser or any adviser affiliate (as defined below) that provides ongoing services to the Fund is compatible with maintaining the independence of such independent auditors.
3. To the extent required by applicable regulations, pre-approve (i) all audit and permitted non-audit services rendered by the independent auditors to the Fund and (ii) all non-audit services rendered by the independent auditors to the Fund's investment adviser (including any sub-advisers) or any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser (adviser affiliate) that

provides ongoing services to the Fund, if the engagement by the adviser affiliate relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund. The Committee may implement policies and procedures pursuant to which these services are approved other than by the full Committee.

4. Review the fees charged by the independent auditors to the Fund, the investment adviser and certain affiliates of the investment adviser for audit, audit related and permitted non-audit services.
5. Set clear policies for the hiring of employees or former employees of the Fund's independent auditors by the Fund, the Fund's investment adviser, or an adviser affiliate.
6. Obtain and review at least annually a report from the independent auditors describing (i) the accounting firm's internal quality-control procedures; (ii) any material issues raised (a) by the accounting firm's most recent internal quality-control review or peer review or (b) by any governmental or other professional inquiry or investigation performed within the preceding five years respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, and any steps taken to address any issues; and (iii) all relationships between the independent auditors and the Fund.
7. Review with the Fund's independent auditors arrangements for and the scope of the annual audit and any special audits, including the form of any opinion proposed to be rendered to the Board and stockholders of the Fund.
8. Discuss with management and the independent auditors the Fund's audited financial statements, including any narrative discussion by management concerning the Fund's financial condition and investment performance; discuss with the independent auditors matters required by Statement of Accounting Standards No. 61 and any other matters required to be reported to the Committee under applicable law, including, without limitation, any adjustment to such financial statements recommended by such independent auditors, or any other results of any audit; and provide a statement whether, based on its review of the Fund's audited financial statements, the Committee recommends to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Fund's Annual Report.
9. Review the Fund's unaudited financial statements with Fund management and the Fund's independent auditors.
10. Review with the independent auditors any audit problems or difficulties encountered in the course of their audit work and management's responses thereto.
11. Review with management management's guidelines and policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management.
12. Discuss with management any press releases discussing the Fund's investment performance and other financial information about the Fund, as well as any financial information provided by management to analysts or rating agencies. The Committee may discharge this responsibility by discussing the general types of information to be disclosed by the Fund and the form of presentation (*i.e.*, a case-by-case review is not required) and need not discuss in advance each release of this information.
13. Establish procedures for (i) the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Fund regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and (ii) the confidential,

anonymous submission by employees of the Fund, the Fund's investment adviser, administrator, principal underwriter (if any) or any other provider of accounting-related services for the Fund or of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

14. Investigate or initiate the investigation of any improprieties or suspected improprieties in the Fund's accounting operations or financial reporting and to address reports received from attorneys relating to the possible violation of federal or state law or fiduciary duty.

15. Review with counsel legal and regulatory matters that have a material impact on the Fund's financial and accounting reporting policies and practices or its internal controls.

16. Report to the Board on a regular basis (at least annually) on the Committee's activities.

17. Receive and review annually a written report from the Fund's independent auditors regarding any: (i) critical accounting policies to be used; (ii) alternative accounting treatments that have been discussed with the Fund's management along with a description of the ramifications of the use of such alternative treatments and the treatment preferred by the independent auditors; and (iii) material written communications between the auditor and management of the Fund, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences.

18. Receive and consider specific representations from the Fund's independent auditors with respect to audit partner rotation and conflicts of interest as described in Section 10A(l) of the 1934 Act.

19. Consider information and comments from the Fund's independent auditors with respect to the Fund's accounting and financial reporting policies, procedures and internal control over financial reporting (including the Fund's critical accounting policies and practices) and management's responses to any such comments.

20. Consider information and comments from the Fund's independent auditors with respect to, and meet with such independent auditors to discuss any matters of concern relating to, the Fund's financial statements, including any adjustments to such statements recommended by such independent auditors, and to review the independent auditors' opinion on the Fund's financial statements.

21. Receive reports from the Fund's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, regarding: (i) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the Fund's internal controls that could adversely affect the Fund's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data and the identification for the Fund's independent auditors of any material weaknesses in internal controls; (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves Fund management or other employees or employees of the investment adviser who have a significant role in the Fund's internal controls; and (iii) whether or not there were significant changes in the Fund's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect the Fund's internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

22. Perform such other functions consistent with this Charter, the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws applicable to