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COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND, INC. (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER)

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757 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017 (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (212) 832-3232

ROBERT H. STEERS COHEN & STEERS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. 757 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017 (212) 832-3232 (NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE)

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF PROPOSED PUBLIC OFFERING: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box. []

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

		PROPOSED MAXIMUM	PROPOSED MAXIMUM
TITLE OF SECURITIES	AMOUNT BEING	OFFERING PRICE	AGGREGATE
BEING REGISTERED	REGISTERED(1)	PER UNIT	OFFERING PRICE (
Series [ ] Preferred Shares, par value \$.001	40	\$25,000	\$1,000,000

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457.

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

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COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND, INC. CROSS REFERENCE SHEET PART A -- PROSPECTUS

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SUBJECT TO COMPLETION PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2004

PROSPECTUS

[COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND LOGO]

\$ COHEN & STEERS REIT AND PREFERRED INCOME FUND, INC. AUCTION MARKET PREFERRED SHARES [ ] SHARES, SERIES [ ] LIQUIDATION PREFERENCE \$25,000 PER SHARE

Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund, Inc. (the 'Fund') is offering [ ] Series [ ] Auction Market Preferred Shares. The shares are referred to in this prospectus as 'Preferred Shares.' The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's primary investment objective is high current income and its secondary investment objective is capital appreciation.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest:

at least 40%, but no more than 60%, of its total assets in common stocks issued by real estate companies, such as real estate investment trusts or 'REITs';

at least 40%, but no more than 60%, of its total assets in preferred securities of which up to 5% may be preferred securities of REITs;

up to 20% of its total assets in debt securities other than preferred securities;

(continued on following page)

INVESTING IN THE PREFERRED SHARES INVOLVES CERTAIN RISKS. SEE 'RISK FACTORS' BEGINNING ON PAGE 36 OF THIS PROSPECTUS. THE MINIMUM PURCHASE AMOUNT OF THE PREFERRED SHARES IS \$25,000.

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	PER SHARE	TOTAL
Public offering price	\$25 <b>,</b> 000	Ş
Sales load	\$	\$
Proceeds to the Fund(1)	\$	\$

(1) Not including offering expenses payable by the Fund estimated to be \$ .

The public offering price per share will be increased by the amount of dividends, if any, that have accumulated from the date the Preferred Shares are first issued.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities

commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined that this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters are offering the Preferred Shares subject to various conditions. The Preferred Shares will be ready for delivery in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, on or about , 2004.

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The date of this prospectus is , 2004.

up to 10% of its total assets in preferred or other debt securities that at the time of the investment are rated below investment grade or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by the Fund's Investment Manager;

a significant portion, but less than 25%, of its total assets in the securities of companies principally engaged in the financial services industry. This policy of investing in the financial services industry and the Fund's concentration of its investments in the real estate industry make the Fund more susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting these sectors; and

up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers traded or listed on a U.S. securities exchange or in the U.S. over-the-counter market.

With respect to the preferred securities component of the portfolio, the Fund expects that it will invest primarily in taxable preferred securities.

There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. See 'Investment Objectives and Policies.' The Fund's investment manager is Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.

Investors in the Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive cash dividends at an annual rate that may vary for the successive dividend periods for the Preferred Shares. The Preferred Shares have a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share, plus any accumulated, unpaid dividends. As of [ ], 2004 the Fund had outstanding 26,840 shares of nine other series of preferred stock: 3,280 Series M7 AMPS, par value \$.001 per share (the 'Series M7 AMPS'), 3,280 Series T7 AMPS, par value \$.001 per share (the 'Series T7 AMPS'), 3,280 Series W7 AMPS, par value \$.001 per share (the 'Series W7 AMPS'), 3,280 Series TH7 AMPS, par value \$.001 per share (the 'Series TH7 AMPS'), 3,280 Series F7 AMPS, par value \$.001 per share (the 'Series F7 AMPS'), 2,040 Series T28 AMPS, par value \$.001 per share (the 'Series T28 AMPS'), 2,800 Series W28A AMPS, par value \$.001 per share (the 'Series W28A AMPS'), 2,800 Series W28B AMPS, par value \$.001 per share (the 'Series W28B AMPS') and 2,800 Series W28C AMPS, par value \$.001 per share (the 'Series W28C AMPS'). The Preferred Shares offered in this Prospectus rank on a parity with the Series M7 AMPS, Series T7 AMPS, Series W7 AMPS, Series TH7 AMPS, Series F7 AMPS, Series T28 AMPS, Series W28A AMPS, Series W28B AMPS and Series W28C AMPS with respect to dividends and liquidation preference. The Preferred Shares have priority over the Fund's common shares as to dividends and distribution of assets as described in this Prospectus. See 'Description of Preferred Shares.' The dividend rate for the initial dividend period will be [ ]%. The initial

dividend period is from the date of issuance through January 6, 2004. For subsequent dividend periods, the Preferred Shares will pay dividends based on a rate set at auction, usually held every [ ] days. Prospective purchasers should note: (1) a buy order (called a 'bid order') or sell order is a commitment to buy or sell the Preferred Shares based on the results of an auction; and (2) purchases and sales will be settled on the next business day after the auction. Investors may only buy or sell the Preferred Shares through an order placed at an auction with or through a broker-dealer in accordance with the procedures specified in this Prospectus. Broker-dealers are not required to maintain a secondary market in Preferred Shares, and a secondary market may not provide you with liquidity. The Fund may redeem the Preferred Shares as described under 'Description of Preferred Shares -- Redemption.'

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

The Preferred Shares will be senior to the Fund's outstanding common shares. The Preferred Shares are not listed on an exchange. The Fund's common shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the 'NYSE') under the symbol 'RNP.' It is a condition of closing this offering that the AMPS be offered with a rating of 'AAA' from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services Group, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ('S&P') and of 'Aaa' from Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ('Moody's').

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YOU SHOULD RELY ONLY ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS. NEITHER THE FUND NOR THE UNDERWRITERS HAVE AUTHORIZED ANY OTHER PERSON TO PROVIDE YOU WITH DIFFERENT INFORMATION. IF ANYONE PROVIDES YOU WITH DIFFERENT OR INCONSISTENT INFORMATION, YOU SHOULD NOT RELY ON IT. NEITHER THE FUND NOR THE UNDERWRITERS ARE MAKING AN OFFER TO SELL THESE SECURITIES IN ANY JURISDICTION WHERE THE OFFER OR SALE IS NOT PERMITTED. YOU SHOULD ASSUME THAT THE INFORMATION APPEARING IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS ACCURATE AS OF THE DATE ON THE FRONT COVER OF THIS PROSPECTUS ONLY. THE FUND'S BUSINESS, FINANCIAL CONDITION, RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND PROSPECTS MAY HAVE CHANGED SINCE THAT DATE.

THIS PROSPECTUS SETS FORTH CONCISELY INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE INVESTING. YOU SHOULD READ THE PROSPECTUS BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO INVEST AND RETAIN IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. A STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DATED [ ], CONTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND, HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS. YOU CAN REVIEW THE TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAGE [ ] OF THIS PROSPECTUS. YOU MAY REQUEST A FREE COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY CALLING (800) 437-9912. YOU MAY ALSO OBTAIN THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE FUND ON THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S WEB SITE (HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV).

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#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This is only a summary. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in AMPS. You should review the more detailed information contained in this prospectus and in the Statement of Additional Information (the 'SAI'), especially the information set forth under the heading 'Risk Factors.'

THE FUND..... The Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund,

Inc. (the 'Fund') is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund was organi as a Maryland corporation on March 25, 2003 and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 194 as amended (the '1940 Act'). The Fund commenced investment operations on June 27, 2003 upon the closing of an initial public offering of 42,750,00 common shares, par value \$.001 per share ('Common Shares'). The Fund issued 3,280 Series M7 AMPS, 3, Series T7 AMPS, 3,280 Series W7 AMPS, 3,280 Series TH7 AMPS, 3,280 Series F7 AMPS, 2,800 Series W28A AMPS, 2,800 Series W28B AMPS and 2,800 Series W28C AMPS on August 18, 2003. The Fund issu 2,040 Series T28 AMPS on December 10, 2003. As of [ ], 2004, the Fund had [ ] Commo Shares outstanding and net assets, plus the liquidation value of the Series M7 AMPS, Series T7 AMPS, Series W7 AMPS, Series TH7 AMPS, Series F7

AMPS, Series T28 AMPS, Series W28A AMPS, Series W2 AMPS and Series W28C AMPS, of \$[ ]. The Fund's principal office is located at 757 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017, and its telephon number is (212) 832-3232.

THE OFFERING..... The Fund is offering [ ] Series [ ] Auction Market Preferred Shares, par value \$.001 per share (the 'Preferred Shares'), at a purchase price of \$25,000 per share plus dividends, if any, that hav accumulated from the date the Fund first issues th Preferred Shares. The Preferred Shares are offered through a group of underwriters led by [ ].

> The Preferred Shares entitle their holders to rece cash dividends at an annual rate that may vary for the successive dividend periods for the Preferred Shares. In general, except as described under ' -- Dividends and Rate Periods' below and 'Description of Preferred Shares -- Dividends and Rate Periods,' the dividend

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period for the Preferred Shares will be [ ] days. The auction agent will determine the dividend rate for a particular period by an auction conducted on the business day immediately prior to the start of that rate period. See 'The Auction.'

The Preferred Shares are not listed on an exchange Instead, investors may buy or sell the Preferred Shares in an auction by submitting orders to broker-dealers that have entered into an agreement with the auction agent and the Fund.

Generally, investors in the Preferred Shares will receive certificates representing ownership of the shares. The securities depository (The Depository Trust Company ('DTC') or any successor) or its nominee for the account of the investor's broker-dealer will maintain record ownership of th Preferred Shares in book-entry form. An investor's broker-dealer, in turn, will maintain records of t investor's beneficial ownership of the Preferred Shares.

RATINGS..... The Fund will issue the Preferred Shares only if s shares have received a credit quality rating of 'A from S&P and 'Aaa' from Moody's. These ratings are assessment of the capacity and willingness of an issuer to pay preferred stock obligations. The ratings are not a recommendation to purchase, hold

sell those shares inasmuch as the rating does not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor. The ratings described above a do not address the likelihood that an owner of the Preferred Shares will be able to sell such shares an auction or otherwise. The ratings are based on current information furnished to Moody's and S&P b the Fund and the Investment Manager and informatic obtained from other sources. The ratings may be changed, suspended or withdrawn in the rating agencies' discretion as a result of changes in, or the unavailability of, such information. See 'Description of Preferred Shares -- Rating Agency Guidelines.' USE OF PROCEEDS...... The net proceeds of the Preferred Shares, together with the proceeds from our initial public offering will be invested in accordance with the policies s forth under 'Investment Objectives and Policies.'

Fund estimates

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that the net proceeds of this offering will be ful invested in accordance with our investment objecti and policies within four months of the completion this offering. The Fund intends to invest in incom producing common stocks issued by real estate companies, such as REITs, and preferred and other debt securities. Pending such investment, those proceeds may be invested in U.S. Government securities or high quality, short-term money marke instruments.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES...... The Fund's primary investment objective is high current income. Capital appreciation is its second objective. Our investment objectives and certain investment policies are considered fundamental and may not be changed without shareholder approval. S 'Investment Objectives and Policies.'

> Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its objectives through a portfolio of incoproducing common stock issued by REITs and preferr and other debt securities. The Fund currently inveapproximately [ ]% of its total assets in common stocks issued by REITs, approximately [ ]% in preferred securities and approximately [ ]% in deb securities other than preferred securities. These percentages may vary from time to time consistent with the Fund's investment objectives, although the Fund will normally invest at least 40% of its total assets in common stock issued by real estate companies, including REITs and at least 40% of its

total assets in preferred securities. At any time, under normal circumstances at least 80% of the Fun total assets will be invested in common stocks iss by REITs and preferred securities.

Investment Strategies. In making investment decisi with respect to common stocks and other equity securities issued by real estate companies, includ REITs, the Investment Manager relies on a fundamen analysis of each company. The Investment Manager reviews each company's potential for success in li of the company's current financial condition, its industry and sector position, and economic and mar conditions. The Investment Manager evaluates a num of factors, including growth potential, earnings estimates and the quality of management.

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In making investment decisions with respect to preferred securities and debt securities, the Investment Manager seeks to select what it believe are superior securities (i.e., securities the Investment Manager views as undervalued on the bas of risk and return profiles). In making these determinations, the Investment Manager evaluates t fundamental characteristics of an issuer, including an issuer's creditworthiness, and also takes into account prevailing market factors. In analyzing credit quality, the Investment Manager considers n only fundamental analysis, but also an issuer's corporate and capital structure and the placement the preferred or debt securities within that structure. The Investment Manager also takes into account other factors, such as call and other structural features, momentum and other exogenous signals (i.e., the likely directions of ratings) a relative value versus other income security classe

Common Stocks Issued by REITS. Under normal market conditions, at least 40%, but no more than 60%, of the Fund's total assets will be invested in common stocks issued by real estate companies, consisting primarily of REITS. Substantially all of the commo stocks issued by REITS in which the Fund intends t invest are traded on a national securities exchang or in the over-the-counter market. A real estate company derives at least 50% of its revenue from r estate or has at least 50% of its assets in real estate. A REIT is a company dedicated to owning, a usually operating, income producing real estate, o to financing real estate. REITS are generally not taxed on income distributed to shareholders provid they distribute to their shareholders substantiall

all of their taxable income (other than net capita gains) and otherwise comply with the requirements the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the 'Code'). As a result, REITs generally pay relative higher dividends (as compared to other types of companies) and the Fund intends to use these REIT dividends in an effort to meet its objective of hi current income. Dividends paid by REITs will not b eligible for the dividends received deduction (the 'DRD') under Section 243 of the Code and are generally not considered 'qualified dividend incom eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The DRD generally allows corporations to deduct 70% of the

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income they receive from dividends that are paid o of earnings and profits of the issuer. Pursuant to recently enacted legislation, individuals will generally be taxed at long-term capital gain rates qualified dividend income for taxable years beginn on or before December 31, 2008. It is the Fund's current intention to invest approximately 50% of i total assets in common stocks of real estate companies, consisting primarily of REITs, although the actual percentage in its portfolio may change.

Preferred Securities. Under normal market condition at least 40%, but no more than 60%, of the Fund's total assets will be invested in preferred securities. Preferred securities pay fixed or floating dividends to investors and have 'preferen over common stock in the payment of dividends and liquidation of a company's assets. This means that company must pay dividends on preferred stock befo paying dividends on its common stock. Preferred stockholders usually have no right to vote for corporate directors or on other matters. The Fund expects that, under current market conditions, it will invest primarily in taxable preferred securities. The taxable preferred securities in wh the Fund intends to invest do not qualify for the and are not expected to provide significant benefi under the rules relating to qualified dividend income. Accordingly, any corporate shareholder who otherwise would qualify for the DRD, and any individual shareholder who otherwise would qualify be taxed at long-term capital gain rates on qualif dividend income, should assume that none of the distributions it receives from the Fund will quali for the DRD or provide significant benefits under rules relating to qualified dividend income. The F may also invest up to 5% of its total assets in preferred securities issued by REITs. Under current

market conditions, the Fund's investments in preferred securities consist primarily of taxable preferred securities. When used in this prospectus taxable preferred securities refer generally to hybrid-preferred securities as well as certain typ of traditional preferred securities that are not eligible for the DRD (and are not expected to prov significant benefits under the rules relating to qualified dividend income), such as REIT preferred securities.

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The Fund also may invest up to 10% of its total assets in preferred or other debt securities that the time of investment are rated below investment grade (Ba/BB or B) by Moody's, S&P or Fitch Rating ('Fitch') or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by the Fund's Investment Manage A security will not be considered to be below investment grade quality if it is rated within the four highest grades (Baa or BBB or better) by Moody's, S&P or Fitch, or is unrated but judged to of comparable quality by the Fund's Investment Manager. These below investment grade quality securities are commonly referred to as 'junk bonds and are regarded as having predominantly speculati characteristics with respect to the payment of interest and repayment of principal.

While the Fund does not currently intend to invest illiquid securities (i.e., securities that are not readily marketable), it may invest up to 10% of it total assets in illiquid securities.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets debt securities, including convertible debt securities and convertible preferred securities. Common stock acquired pursuant to a conversion feature will be subject to this 20% limitation.

The Fund will invest a significant portion, but let than 25%, of its total assets in the securities of companies principally engaged in the financial services industry (which are prominent issuers of preferred securities). In addition, under normal market conditions the Fund will invest at least 40 of its total assets in common stock issued by real estate companies, consisting primarily of REITS. T policy of investing in the financial services industry and the Fund's concentration of its investments in the real estate industry make the F more susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting these sectors.

The Fund also may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers traded or listed on a U.S. securit exchange or the U.S. over-the-counter market.

The Fund will generally not invest more than 10% c its total assets in the securities of one issuer. Fund may

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engage in portfolio trading when considered appropriate, but short-term trading will not be us as the primary means of achieving the Fund's investment objectives.

There are no limits on portfolio turnover, and investments may be sold without regard to length o time held when, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, investment considerations warrant such action. A higher portfolio turnover rate results i correspondingly greater brokerage commissions and other transactional expenses that are borne by the Fund. High portfolio turnover may result in the realization of net short-term capital gains by the Fund which, when distributed to shareholders, will taxable as ordinary income.

Although not intended to be a significant element the Fund's investment strategy, from time to time Fund may use various other investment management techniques that also involve certain risks and special considerations including: engaging in interest rate and credit derivatives transactions using options and financial futures.

There can be no assurance that our investment objectives will be achieved. See 'Investment Objectives and Policies.'

INVESTMENT MANAGER...... Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (the 'Investment Manager') is the investment manager pursuant to an Investment Management Agreement. The Investment Manager was formed in 1986, and as of []] had approximately \$[]] billion in assets under management. Its clients include pension plans, endowment funds and mutual funds, including some of the largest open-end and closedreal estate funds. The Investment Manager, whose principal business address is 757 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017, is also responsible for providing administrative services, and assisting the Fund with operational needs pursuant to an

administration agreement (the 'Administration Agreement'). In accordance with the terms of the Administration Agreement, the Fund has entered int an agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Comp ('State Street Bank') to perform certain administrative functions subject to the supervision of the

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	Investment Manager (the 'Sub-Administration Agreement'). See 'Management of the Fund Administration and Sub-Administration Agreement.'
USE OF LEVERAGE	The Fund may, but is not required to, use financial leverage for investment purposes. In addition to issuing Preferred Shares, the Fund may borrow mone or issue debt securities such as commercial paper notes. Any such borrowings will have seniority ove the Preferred Shares, and payments to holders of Preferred Shares in liquidation or otherwise will subject to the prior payment of any borrowings. Si the Investment Manager's fee is based upon a percentage of the Fund's managed assets, which include assets attributable to any outstanding leverage, the investment management fee will be higher if the Fund is leveraged and the Investment Manager will have an incentive to be more aggressi and leverage the Fund. See 'Use of Leverage.'
PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS	Risk is inherent in all investing. Therefore, befor investing in Preferred Shares and the Fund you sho consider certain risks carefully. The primary risk of investing in Preferred Shares are:
	the Fund will not be permitted to declare dividen or other distributions with respect to your Prefe Shares or redeem your Preferred Shares unless the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements;
	if you try to sell your Preferred Shares between auctions you may not be able to sell any or all o your shares or you may not be able to sell them f \$25,000 per share or \$25,000 per share plus accumulated dividends. If the Fund has designated special rate period, changes in interest rates co affect the price you would receive if you sold yo shares in the secondary market. You may transfer your shares outside of auctions only to or throug broker-dealer that has entered into an agreement with the auction agent and the Fund or other pers as the Fund permits;
	if an auction fails, you may not be able to sell

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or all of your Preferred Shares;

you may receive less than the price you paid for Preferred Shares if you sell them outside of the

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auction, especially when market interest rates ar rising;

a rating agency could downgrade the rating assign to the Preferred Shares, which could affect liquidity;

the Fund may be forced to redeem your Preferred Shares to meet regulatory or rating agency requirements or may voluntarily redeem your share in certain circumstances;

restrictions imposed by the 1940 Act and by ratin agencies on the declaration and payment of divide to the holders of the Fund's Common Shares and Preferred Shares might impair the Fund's ability maintain its qualification as a regulated investm company for federal income tax purposes;

in certain circumstances the Fund may not earn sufficient income from its investments to pay dividends on Preferred Shares;

the Preferred Shares will be junior to any borrowings;

any borrowings may constitute a substantial lien burden on the Preferred Shares by reason of its priority claim against the income of the Fund and against the net assets of the Fund in liquidation

if the Fund leverages through borrowings, the Fun may not be permitted to declare dividends or othe distributions with respect to the Preferred Share or purchase Preferred Shares unless at the time thereof the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and the payments of principal and of interest on any such borrowings are not in defaul

the value of the Fund's investment portfolio may decline, reducing the asset coverage for the Preferred Shares; and

if an issuer of a common stock in which the Fund invests experiences financial difficulties or if issuer's preferred stock or debt security is downgraded or defaults or if an issuer in which t

Fund invests is affected by other adverse market factors, there may be a negative impact on the income and/or asset value of the Fund's investmen portfolio.

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In addition, although the offering of Preferred Shares is conditioned upon receipt of ratings of 'AAA' from S&P and 'Aaa' from Moody's for the Preferred Shares, there are additional risks relat to the investment policies of the Fund, such as:

Real Estate Risks. Since at least 40% of the Fund' total assets normally will be concentrated in comm stock of real estate companies, consisting primari of REITs, your investment in the Fund will be significantly impacted by the performance of the r estate markets. Property values may fall due to increasing vacancies or declining rents resulting from economic, legal, cultural or technological developments. REIT prices also may drop because of the failure of borrowers to pay their loans and po management. Many REITs utilize leverage, which increases investment risk and could adversely affe a REIT's operations and market value in periods of rising interest rates as well as risks normally associated with debt financing. In addition, there are specific risks associated with particular sect of real estate investments such as retail, office, hotel, healthcare, and multifamily properties.

Preferred Securities Risks. There are also special risks associated with investing in preferred securities. Preferred securities are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than common stocks. We interest rates rise, the value of preferred stocks may fall. Other risks include deferral or omission distributions, greater credit risk than more senion debt securities, less liquidity than common stocks limited voting rights and special redemption right

Financial Services Risks. The Fund intends to inver a significant portion, but less than 25%, of its total assets in the securities of companies principally engaged in financial services, which a prominent issuers of preferred securities. Because the Fund may invest such amounts in this sector, t Fund may be more susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting that sector.

Foreign Securities Risks. Under normal market conditions, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. dollar-denominated securities

foreign issuers traded or listed on a U.S. securit exchange or

in the U.S. over-the-counter market. Such investme involve certain risks not involved in domestic investments, including the risk of blockage of foreign currency exchanges by foreign countries, l rigorous disclosure or accounting standards and regulatory practices and adverse political and economic developments.

Interest Rate Risks. Interest rate risk is the rist that fixed-income securities such as preferred and debt securities, and to a lesser extent dividend-paying common stocks such as REIT common shares, will decline in value because of changes is market interest rates. When market interest rates rise, the market value of such securities generall will fall. The Fund's investment in such securities means that the net asset value and market price of the common shares may tend to decline if market interest rates rise.

During periods of declining interest rates, an iss may be able to exercise an option to prepay princi earlier than scheduled, which is generally known a call or prepayment risk. If this occurs, the Fund be forced to reinvest in lower yielding securities This is known as reinvestment risk. Preferred and debt securities frequently have call features that allow the issuer to repurchase the securities price to its stated maturity. An issuer may redeem an obligation if the issuer can refinance the debt at lower cost due to declining interest rates or an improvement in the credit standing of the issuer. During periods of rising interest rates, the avera life of certain types of securities may be extended because of slower than expected principal payments This may lock in a below market interest rate, increase the security's duration and reduce the va of the security. This is known as extension risk.

Market interest rates for investment grade fixed-income securities in which the Fund will inv have recently declined significantly below the rec historical average rates for such securities. This decline may have increased the risk that these rat will rise in the future (which would cause the val of the Fund's net assets to decline) and the degree to which asset values may decline in such events; however, historical interest rate 14

levels are not necessarily predictive of future interest rate levels. See 'Risk Factors -- Interes Rate Risk.'

Credit Risk and Lower-Rated Securities Risk. Credi risk is the risk that a security in the Fund's portfolio will decline in price or the issuer will fail to make dividend, interest or principal payme when due because the issuer of the security experiences a decline in its financial status. Preferred securities normally are subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure, in terms of priority to corpora income and claim to corporate assets, and therefor will be subject to greater credit risk than debt instruments. The Fund may invest up to 10% (measur at the time of investment) of its total assets in preferred securities and other debt securities that are rated below investment grade. Preferred stock debt securities will be considered to be investment grade if, at the time of the investment, such security has a rating of 'BBB' or higher by S&P, 'Baa' or higher by Moody's or an equivalent rating a nationally recognized statistical rating agency if unrated, such security is determined by the Investment Manager to be of comparable quality. Lower-rated preferred stock or other debt securiti or equivalent unrated securities, which are common known as 'junk bonds,' generally involve greater volatility of price and risk of loss of income and principal, and may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industr conditions than higher grade securities. It is reasonable to expect that any adverse economic conditions could disrupt the market for lower-rate securities, have an adverse impact on the value of those securities and adversely affect the ability the issuers of those securities to repay principal and interest on those securities.

Anti-Takeover Provisions. Certain provisions of th Fund's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws could have the effect of limiting the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund to modify the Fund's structure. The provisions may have the effect of depriving you of an opportunity redeem your shares and may have the effect of inhibiting conversion of the Fund to an open-end investment company. See 'Certain

Provisions of the Charter and By-Laws' and 'Risk Factors -- Anti-Takeover Provisions.'

Market Disruption Risk. The terrorist attacks in t U.S. on September 11, 2001 had a disruptive effect the securities markets. The war in Iraq and instability in the Middle East also have resulted recent market volatility and may have long-term effects on the U.S. and worldwide financial market and may cause further economic uncertainties in th U.S. and worldwide. The Fund does not know how long the securities markets will continue to be affected by these events and cannot predict the effects of war or similar events in the future on the U.S. economy and securities markets.

Given the risks described above, an investment in Preferred Shares may not be appropriate for all investors. You should carefully consider your abil to assume these risks before making an investment the fund.

For further discussion of the risks associated wit investing in the Preferred Shares and the Fund, se 'Risk Factors.'

> The dividend payment date for special rate periods will be set out in the notice designating a special rate period. Dividends on the Preferred Shares will be cumulative from the date the shares are first issued and will be paid out of legally available funds.

	DIVIDEND
INITIAL	PAYMENT DATE
DIVIDEND	FOR INITIAL
RATE	RATE PERIOD

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Series [ ].....

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The Fund may, subject to certain conditions, designate special rate periods of more than [ ] days.

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	The Fund may not designate a special rate period unless sufficient clearing bids were made in the m recent auction. In addition, full cumulative dividends, any amounts due with respect to mandato redemptions and any additional dividends payable prior to such date must be paid in full. The Fund also must have received confirmation from Moody's S&P or any substitute rating agency that the propo special rate period will not adversely affect such agency's then-current rating on the Preferred Shar and the lead Broker-Dealer designated by the Fund, initially [ ], must not have objected t declaration of a special rate period. See 'Description of Preferred Shares Dividends Rate Periods' and ' Designation of Special Rate Periods' and 'The Auction.'
SECONDARY MARKET TRADING	Broker-dealers may, but are not obligated to, maintain a secondary trading market in the Preferr Shares outside of auctions. There can be no assura that a secondary market will provide owners with liquidity. You may transfer shares outside of auctions only to or through a broker-dealer that h entered into an agreement with the auction agent a the Fund, or other persons as the Fund permits.
INTEREST RATE TRANSACTIONS	In order to seek to reduce the interest rate risk inherent in its underlying investments and capital structure, the Fund may enter into interest rate swap and caps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. In an interest rate swap, t Fund would agree to pay to the other party to the interest rate swap (which is known as the 'counterparty') a fixed rate payment in exchange f the counterparty agreeing to pay to the Fund a variable rate payment that is intended to approxim the Fund's variable rate payment obligation on the Preferred Shares or any variable rate borrowing. T payment obligations would be based on the notional amount of the swap. In an interest rate cap, the F would pay a premium to the counterparty to the

interest rate cap and, to the extent that a specif variable rate index exceeds a predetermined fixed rate, would receive from the counterparty payments the difference based on the

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notional amount of such cap. If the counterparty t an interest rate swap or cap defaults, the Fund wo be obligated to make the payments that it had intended to avoid. Depending on the general state short-term interest rates and the returns on the Fund's portfolio securities at that point in time, this default could negatively impact the Fund's ability to make dividend payments on the Preferred Shares. In addition, at the time an interest rate swap or cap transaction reaches its scheduled termination date, there is a risk that the Fund wi not be able to obtain a replacement transaction or that the terms of the replacement will not be as favorable as on the expiring transaction. If this occurs, it could have a negative impact on the Fun ability to make dividend payments on the Preferred Shares. If the Fund fails to maintain the required asset coverage on the outstanding Preferred Shares fails to comply with other covenants, the Fund may required to redeem some or all of these shares. Su redemption likely would result in the Fund seeking terminate early all or a portion of any swap or ca transaction. Early termination of the swap could result in a termination payment by or to the Fund. Early termination of a cap could result in a termination payment to the Fund. The Fund would no enter into interest rate swap or cap transactions having a notional amount that exceeded the outstanding amount of the Preferred Shares. See 'H the Fund Manages Risk -- Interest Rate Transaction for additional information.

ASSET MAINTENANCE...... Under the Fund's Articles Supplementary for the Preferred Shares, which establishes and fixes the rights and preferences of the Preferred Shares (an the Series M7, Series T7, Series W7, Series TH7, Series F7, Series T28, Series W28A, Series W28B an Series W28C AMPS), the Fund must maintain:

> asset coverage of the Preferred Shares (and the Series M7, Series T7, Series W7, Series TH7, Series F7, Series T28, Series W28A, Series W28B a Series W28C AMPS) as required by the rating agenc or agencies rating the Preferred Shares; and

asset coverage of at least 200% with respect to senior securities that are stock, including the

Preferred Shares.

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In the event that the Fund does not maintain or cu
                                             these coverage tests, some or all of the Preferred
                                             Shares will be subject to mandatory redemption. Se
                                              'Description of Preferred Shares -- Redemption.'
                                             Based on the composition of the Fund's portfolio a
                                                                 ], the asset coverage of the
                                             of [
                                             Preferred Shares (and the Series M7, Series T7,
                                             Series W7, Series TH7, Series F7, Series T28,
                                             Series W28A, Series W28B and Series W28C AMPS), as
                                             measured pursuant to the 1940 Act, would be
                                             approximately [ ]% if the Fund were to issue all
                                             the Preferred Shares offered in this prospectus,
                                             representing approximately 35% of the Fund's manage
                                             assets (as defined below).
REDEMPTION..... The Fund does not expect to and ordinarily will no
                                             redeem the Preferred Shares. However, under the
                                             Articles Supplementary, it may be required to rede
                                             Preferred Shares in order, for example, to meet an
                                             asset coverage ratio or to correct a failure to me
                                             a rating agency guideline in a timely manner. The
                                             Fund may also voluntarily redeem the Preferred Sha
                                             without the consent of holders of the Preferred
                                             Shares under certain conditions. See 'Description
                                             Preferred Shares -- Redemption.'
LIQUIDATION PREFERENCE...... The liquidation preference (that is, the amount the
                                             Fund must pay to holders of the Preferred Shares i
                                             the Fund is liquidated) for the Preferred Shares w
                                             be $25,000 per share plus accumulated but unpaid
                                             dividends, if any, whether or not earned or declar
VOTING RIGHTS...... The 1940 Act requires that the holders of the
                                             Preferred Shares, and the holders of any other ser
                                             of preferred stock of the Fund, voting as a separa
                                             class, have the right to:
                                              elect at least two directors at all times; and
                                              elect a majority of the directors if at any time
                                              Fund fails to pay dividends on the Preferred Shar
                                              or any other series of preferred stock of the Fun
                                              for two full years and will continue to be so
                                              represented until all dividends in arrears have b
                                              paid or otherwise provided for.
                                             The holders of the Preferred Shares, and the holde
                                             of any other series of preferred stock of the Fund
                                             will vote as a separate class or series on other
                                             matters as required
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	under the Fund's Articles of Incorporation (which, hereafter amended, restated or supplemented from t to time is, together with the Articles Supplementa referred to as the 'Charter'), the 1940 Act and Maryland law. Each Common Share, each share of the Preferred Shares, and each share of any other serie of preferred stock of the Fund is entitled to one vote per share.
FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION	The distributions with respect to the Preferred Shares (other than distributions in redemption of Preferred Shares subject to Section 302(b) of the Code) will constitute dividends to the extent of t Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits as calculated for federal income tax purposes. Suc dividends generally will, except in the case of distributions of qualified dividend income and net capital gains, be taxable as ordinary income to holders. Distributions of net capital gain that ar designated by the Fund as capital gain dividends w be treated as long-term capital gains in the hands holders receiving such distributions. The Internal Revenue Service ('IRS') currently requires that a regulated investment company that has two or more classes of stock allocate to each such class proportionate amounts of each type of its income (such as ordinary income and capital gain dividend dividends qualifying for the DRD and dividends derived from qualified dividend income, if any, am its Common Shares, the Preferred Shares and the Series M7, Series T7, Series W7, Series TH7, Series F7, Series T28, Series W28A, Series W28B an Series W28C AMPS in proportion to the total divide paid to each class during or with respect to such year. See 'U.S. Federal Taxation.'
CUSTODIAN, AUCTION AGENT, TRANSFER AGENT, DIVIDEND PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR	State Street Bank serves as the Fund's custodian. Bank of New York serves as auction agent, transfer agent, dividend paying agent and registrar for the Preferred Shares.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Information contained in the table below under the headings 'Per Share Operating Performance' and 'Ratios/Supplemental Data' shows the operating performance of the Fund from the commencement of the Fund's investment operations on June 27, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

The following table includes selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period and other performance information derived from the Fund's Financial Statements included in the Statement of Additional Information dated [ ], 2004. It should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements and notes thereto.

	FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 27, 2003(1) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE: Net asset value per common share, beginning of period	\$
Income from investment operations: Net investment income Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	(5)
Total income from investment operations Less distributions to preferred shareholders	
Total from investment operations applicable to common shares	
Less: Offering costs charged to paid-in capital common shares Offering costs charged to paid-in capital preferred shares	(5)
Dilutive effect of common share offering	(5)
Less: distributions to common shareholders	
Net increase in net asset value	
Net asset value, per common share, end of period	\$
Market value, per common share, end of period	\$ 
Net asset value total return(2)	÷ (3)
Market value return(2)	*(3)

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	FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 27, 2003(1) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2003
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA: Net assets applicable to common shares, end of period (in	
millions)	\$ 
Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares	%(4)
Ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets applicable to common shares	 % (4)
Ratio of expenses to average daily managed assets	* (4)
Portfolio turnover rate	* (3)
PREFERRED SHARES: Liquidation value, end of period (in 000's)	\$ 
Total shares outstanding (in 000's)	
Asset coverage per share	\$ 
Liquidation preference per share	\$ 
Average market value per share	\$ 

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(1) Commencement of investment operations.

(2) Total market value return is computed based upon the New York Stock Exchange market price of the Fund's shares and excludes the effects of brokerage commissions. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's

dividend reinvestment plan. Total net asset value return measures the changes in value over the period indicated, taking into account dividends as reinvested.

- (3) Not annualized.
- (4) Annualized.
- (5) Based on average share's outstanding during the period.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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### THE FUND

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund was organized as a Maryland corporation on March 25, 2003 and is registered as an investment company with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the 1940 Act. The Fund issued an aggregate of 42,750,000 Common Shares, par value \$.001 per share, pursuant to the initial public offering thereof and commenced its operations with the closing of this initial public offering on June 27, 2003. On July 16, 2003 and August 5, 2003, the Fund issued 2,500,000 and 2,940,000 additional Common Shares, respectively, in connection with a partial exercise by the underwriters of the overallotment option. On August 18, 2003, the Fund issued 3,280 Series M7 AMPS, 3,280 Series T7 AMPS, 3,280 Series W28A AMPS, 2,800 Series W28B AMPS and 2,800 Series W28C AMPS. On December 10, 2003, the Fund issued 2,040 Series T28 AMPS. The Fund's Common Shares are traded on the NYSE under the symbol 'RNP.' The Fund's principal office is located at 757 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017, and our telephone number is (212) 832-3232.

The following provides information about the Fund's outstanding shares as of December 1, 2003:

TITLE OF CLASS	AMOUNT AUTHORIZED	AMOUNT HELD BY THE FUND OR FOR ITS ACCOUNT	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING
Common	[ ]	0	[ ]
AMPS			
Series T28	2,040	0	0
Series M7	3,280	0	3,280
Series T7	3,280	0	3,280
Series W7	3,280	0	3,280
Series TH7	3,280	0	3,280
Series F7	3,280	0	3,280
Series T28	2,040	0	2,040
Series W28A	2,800	0	2,800
Series W28B	2,800	0	2,800
Series W28C	2,800	0	2,800

USE OF PROCEEDS

The Fund estimates the net proceeds of this offering of Preferred Shares, after payment of the sales load and offering expenses, will be \$[ ]. The net proceeds of this offering will be invested in accordance with the policies set forth under 'Investment Objectives and Policies.' The Fund estimates that the net proceeds of this offering will be fully invested in accordance with our investment objectives and policies within four months of the completion of this offering. Pending such investment, those proceeds may be invested in U.S. Government securities or high quality, short-term money market instruments. See 'Investment Objectives and Policies.'

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### CAPITALIZATION (UNAUDITED)

The following table sets forth the unaudited capitalization of the Fund as of [ ], 2004, and as adjusted to give effect to the issuance of the Preferred Shares offered in this prospectus.

	AS OF [	], 2004
	ACTUAL	AS ADJUSTED
	(UNAUDITED)	
AS OF [ ], 2004: Auction Market Preferred Shares, \$.001 par value, \$25,000 liquidation value; 26,840 shares authorized (3,280 Series M7 AMPS, 3,280 Series T7 AMPS, 3,280 Series W7 AMPS, 3,280 Series TH7 AMPS, 3,280 Series F7 AMPS, 2,040 Series T28 AMPS, 2,800 Series W28A AMPS, 2,800 Series W28B AMPS and 2,800 Series W28C AMPS (collectively, the 'Outstanding AMPS') issued and Series [ ] Preferred Shares no shares issued, [ ] shares issued, as adjusted	Ş	\$
<pre>Shareholders' Equity Applicable to Common Shares Common Shares, \$.001 par value per share; [ ] shares authorized, [ ] shares outstanding Paid-in surplus Balance of undistributed net investment income Accumulated net realized gain (loss) from investment transactions Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)</pre>	[ ]	[ ]
Net assets applicable to Common Shareholders		
Net assets, plus liquidation preference of Preferred Shares	\$	\$

As used in this prospectus, unless otherwise noted, the Fund's 'managed assets' include assets of the Fund attributable to any outstanding Preferred Shares, with no deduction for the liquidation preference of such shares. For

financial reporting purposes, however, the Fund is required to deduct the liquidation preference of its outstanding Preferred Shares from 'managed assets' so long as the outstanding Preferred Shares have redemption features that are not solely within the control of the Fund. In connection with the rating of the outstanding Preferred Shares, the Fund has established various portfolio covenants to meet third-party rating agency guidelines in its Articles of Incorporation. These covenants include, among other things, investment diversification requirements and requirements that investments included in the Fund's portfolio meet specific industry and credit quality criteria. Market factors outside the Fund's control may affect its ability to meet the criteria of third-party rating agencies set forth in the Fund's portfolio covenants. If the Fund violates these covenants, it may be required to cure the violation by redeeming all or a portion of the outstanding Preferred Shares will be treated as stock (rather than indebtedness).

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### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

### GENERAL

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek high current income. Capital appreciation is our secondary objective. The Fund is not intended as a complete investment program. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest:

at least 40%, but no more than 60%, of its total assets in common stocks issued by real estate companies such as REITs. A real estate company derives at least 50% of its revenue from real estate or has at least 50% of its assets in real estate. A REIT is a company dedicated to owning, and usually operating, income producing real estate, or to financing real estate;

at least 40%, but no more than 60%, of its total assets in preferred securities; up to 5% of the Fund's total assets may be invested in preferred securities issued by REITs;

up to 10% of its total assets in preferred or other securities that at the time of investment are rated below investment grade (Ba/BB or B by Moody's, S&P or Fitch) or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by the Fund's Investment Manager;

up to 20% of its total assets in debt securities, including convertible debt securities and convertible preferred securities;

a significant portion, but less than 25%, of its total assets in the securities of companies principally engaged in the financial services industry (which are prominent issuers of preferred securities); and

up to 20% of its total assets in U.S. dollar-denominated securities of foreign issuers traded or listed on a U.S. securities exchange or the U.S. over-the-counter market.

The policy referred to above of investing in the financial services industry and the Fund's concentration of its investments in the real estate industry make

the Fund more susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting these sectors. See 'Risk Factors -- General Risks of Investing in the Fund -- General Risks of Securities Linked to the Real Estate Market' and 'Risk Factors -- General Risks of Securities Linked to the Financial Services Industry.'

Although the Fund does not currently intend to invest in illiquid securities (i.e., securities that are not readily marketable), it may invest up to 10% of its total assets in illiquid securities. Similarly, although the Fund does not intend to invest in convertible securities, it may invest up to 20% of its total assets in securities convertible into common or preferred securities where the conversion feature represents, in the Investment Manager's view, a significant element of the securities' value. Common stock acquired pursuant to a conversion feature will be subject to this 20% limitation.

Under normal conditions, the Fund intends to invest in income producing common stock issued by real estate companies, consisting primarily of REITs, and preferred and other debt securities. Substantially all of the common stocks issued by REITs in which the Fund intends to invest are traded on a national securities exchange or in the over-the-counter market. REITs are generally not taxed on income distributed to shareholders provided they distribute to their shareholders substantially all of their income and otherwise comply with the requirements of the

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Code. As a result, REITs generally pay relatively high dividends (as compared to other types of companies) and the Fund intends to use these REIT dividends in an effort to meet its objective of high current income. With respect to the preferred securities component of the portfolio, under current market conditions the Fund expects that it will invest primarily in taxable preferred securities. Under current market conditions, the Fund's portfolio of preferred securities is expected to consist primarily of fixed rate preferred securities.

A security will be considered investment grade quality if it is rated 'BBB' or higher by S&P, 'Baa' or higher by Moody's or an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating agency, or is unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by the Investment Manager. Bonds of below investment grade quality (BB/Ba or below) are commonly referred to as 'junk bonds.' Securities of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal. The Fund's credit quality policies apply only at the time a security is purchased, and the Fund is not required to dispose of a security if a rating agency downgrades its assessment of the credit characteristics of a particular issue. In determining whether to retain or sell a security that a rating agency has downgraded, the Investment Manager may consider such factors as its assessment of the credit quality of the issuer of the security, the price at which the security could be sold and the rating, if any, assigned to the security by other rating agencies. Appendix A to the SAI contains a general description of Moody's and S&P's ratings of securities.

The Fund's investment objectives and certain other policies are fundamental and may not be changed without the approval of the holders of a 'majority of the outstanding' Common Shares and Preferred Shares (and the Series M7, Series T7, Series W7, Series TH7, Series F7, Series T28, Series W28A, Series W28B and Series W28C AMPS) voting together as a single class, and of the holders of a 'majority of the outstanding' Preferred Shares (and the Series M7, Series T7, Series W7, Series TH7, Series F7, Series T28, Series W28A, Series W28B and

Series W28C AMPS), voting as a separate class. When used with respect to particular shares of the Fund, a 'majority of the outstanding' shares means (i) 67% or more of the shares present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the shares are present or represented by proxy, or (ii) more than 50% of the shares, whichever is less. Unless otherwise indicated, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental and may be changed by the Board of Directors without the approval of shareholders, although the Fund has no current intention of doing so.

### INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

In making investment decisions with respect to common stocks and other equity securities issued by real estate companies, including REITs, the Investment Manager relies on a fundamental analysis of each company. The Investment Manager reviews each company's potential for success in light of the company's current financial condition, its industry and sector position, and economic and market conditions. The Investment Manager evaluates a number of factors, including growth potential, earnings estimates and the quality of management.

In making investment decisions with respect to preferred securities and debt securities, the Investment Manager seeks to select what it believes are superior securities, (i.e., securities the Investment Manager views as undervalued on the basis of risk and return profiles). In making these determinations, the Investment Manager evaluates the fundamental characteristics of an issuer, including an issuer's creditworthiness, and also takes into account prevailing market factors.

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In analyzing credit quality, the Investment Manager considers not only fundamental analysis, but also an issuer's corporate and capital structure and the placement of the preferred or debt securities within that structure. The Investment Manager also takes into account other factors, such as call and other structural features, momentum and other exogenous signals (i.e., the likely directions of ratings) and relative value versus other income security classes.

### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Our portfolio will be composed principally of the following investments. A more detailed description of our investment policies and restrictions and more detailed information about our portfolio investments are contained in the SAI.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund seeks to achieve its objectives through a portfolio of income producing common stock issued by REITs and preferred and other debt securities. The Fund currently invests approximately [ ]% of its total assets in common stocks issued by REITs, approximately [ ]% in preferred securities and approximately [ ]% in debt securities other than preferred securities. These percentages may vary from time to time consistent with the Fund's investment objectives, although the Fund will normally invest at least 40% of its total assets in common stock issued by real estate companies, including REITs and at least 40% of its total assets in preferred securities. At any time, under normal circumstances at least 80% of the Fund's total assets will be invested in common stocks issued by REITs and preferred securities.

Common Stocks Issued By Real Estate Companies and REITs. For purposes of our investment policies, a real estate company is one that:

derives at least 50% of its revenues from the ownership, construction, financing, management or sale of commercial, industrial or residential real estate; or

has at least 50% of its assets in such real estate.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 40%, but no more than 60%, of our total assets in the common stocks of real estate companies, consisting primarily of REITs. A REIT is a company dedicated to owning, and usually operating, income producing real estate, or to financing real estate. REITs pool investors' funds for investment primarily in income producing real estate or real estate-related loans or interests. REITs are generally not taxed on income distributed to shareholders provided, among other things, they distribute to their shareholders substantially all of their taxable income (other than net capital gains) for each taxable year. As a result, REITs tend to pay relatively higher dividends than other types of companies and the Fund intends to use these REIT dividends in an effort to meet the current income goal of its investment objectives. Dividends paid by REITs will not be eligible for the DRD and are generally not considered qualified dividend income eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The DRD generally allows corporations to deduct 70% of the income they receive from dividends that are paid out of earnings and profits of the issuer. Pursuant to recently enacted legislation, individuals will generally be taxed at long-term capital gain rates on qualified dividend income for taxable years beginning on or before December 31, 2008.

REITs can generally be classified as Equity REITs, Mortgage REITs and Hybrid REITs. Equity REITs, which invest the majority of their assets directly in real property, derive their income primarily from rents. Equity REITs can also realize capital gains by selling properties that have appreciated in value. Mortgage REITs, which invest the majority of their assets in real estate

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mortgages, derive their income primarily from interest payments. Hybrid REITs combine the characteristics of both Equity REITs and Mortgage REITs. The Fund does not currently intend to invest more than 10% of its total assets in Mortgage REITs or Hybrid REITs.

Preferred Securities. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 40%, but no more than 60%, of its total assets in preferred securities. There are two basic types of preferred securities. The first, sometimes referred to in this prospectus as traditional preferred securities, consists of preferred stock issued by an entity taxable as a corporation. The second is referred to in this prospectus as hybrid-preferred securities. Hybrid-preferred securities are usually issued by a trust or limited partnership and often represent preferred interests in deeply subordinated debt instruments issued by the corporation for whose benefit the trust or partnership was established. Initially, the preferred securities component of the Fund will be comprised primarily of taxable preferred securities.

Traditional Preferred Securities. Traditional preferred securities generally pay fixed or adjustable rate dividends to investors and generally have a 'preference' over common stock in the payment of dividends and the liquidation of a company's assets. This means that a company must pay dividends on preferred stock before paying any dividends on its common stock. In order to be payable, distributions on such preferred securities must be declared by the issuer's board of directors. Income payments on typical preferred securities currently outstanding are cumulative, causing dividends and distributions to accumulate

even if not declared by the board of directors or otherwise made payable. In such a case, all accumulated dividends must be paid before any dividend on the common stock can be paid. However, some traditional preferred stocks are non-cumulative, in which case dividends do not accumulate and need not ever be paid. A portion of the portfolio may include investments in non-cumulative preferred securities, whereby the issuer does not have an obligation to make up any arrearages to its shareholders. Should an issuer of a non-cumulative preferred stock held by the Fund determine not to pay dividends on such stock, the amount of dividends the Fund pays may be adversely affected. There is no assurance that dividends or distributions on the traditional preferred securities in which the Fund invests will be declared or otherwise made payable. Preferred stockholders usually have no right to vote for corporate directors or on other matters. Shares of traditional preferred securities have a liquidation value that generally equals the original purchase price at the date of issuance. The market value of preferred securities may be affected by favorable and unfavorable changes impacting companies in the utilities and financial services sectors, which are prominent issuers of preferred securities, and by actual and anticipated changes in tax laws, such as changes in corporate income tax rates. Because the claim on an issuer's earnings represented by traditional preferred securities may become onerous when interest rates fall below the rate payable on such securities, the issuer may redeem the securities. Thus, in declining interest rate environments in particular, the Fund's holdings of higher rate-paying fixed rate preferred securities may be reduced and the Fund may be unable to acquire securities of comparable credit quality paying comparable rates with the redemption proceeds.

Pursuant to the DRD, corporations may generally deduct 70% of the income they receive from dividends on traditional preferred securities that are paid out of earnings and profits of the issuer. Corporate shareholders of a regulated investment company like the Fund generally are permitted to claim a deduction with respect to that portion of their distributions attributable to amounts received by the regulated investment company that qualify for the DRD. However, not all traditional preferred securities pay dividends that are eligible for the DRD, including preferred

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securities issued by REITs described below. Under current market conditions, it is expected that few, if any, of the preferred securities in which the Fund intends to invest will qualify for the DRD.

Pursuant to recently enacted legislation, individuals will generally be taxed at long-term capital gain rates on qualified dividend income for taxable years beginning on or before December 31, 2008. Individual shareholders of a regulated investment company like the Fund generally are permitted to treat as qualified dividend income that portion of their distributions attributable to qualified dividend income received by the regulated investment company. However, not all traditional preferred securities will provide significant benefits under the rules relating to qualified dividend income, including preferred securities issued by REITs described below. Under current market conditions, it is expected that few, if any, of the preferred securities in which the Fund intends to invest will provide significant benefits under the rules relating to qualified dividend income.

Within the category of traditional preferred securities, the Fund may invest up to 5% of its total assets in traditional preferred securities issued by real estate companies, including REITS. REIT preferred securities are generally perpetual in nature, although REITS often have the ability to redeem the

preferred securities after a specified period of time. The market value of REIT preferred securities may be affected by favorable and unfavorable changes impacting a particular REIT. While sharing characteristics that make them similar to traditional preferred securities, dividends from REIT preferred securities do not provide any DRD benefit (and generally do not provide significant benefits under the rules relating to qualified dividend income).

Hybrid-Preferred Securities. Hybrid-preferred securities are a comparatively new asset class. Hybrid-preferred securities are typically issued by corporations, generally in the form of interest-bearing notes with preferred securities characteristics, or by an affiliated business trust of a corporation, generally in the form of beneficial interests in subordinated debentures or similarly structured securities. The hybrid-preferred securities market consists of both fixed and adjustable coupon rate securities that are either perpetual in nature or have stated maturity dates.

Hybrid-preferred securities are typically junior and fully subordinated liabilities of an issuer or the beneficiary of a guarantee that is junior and fully subordinated to the other liabilities of the guarantor. In addition, hybrid-preferred securities typically permit an issuer to defer the payment of income for eighteen months or more without triggering an event of default. Generally, the maximum deferral period is five years. Because of their subordinated position in the capital structure of an issuer, the ability to defer payments for extended periods of time without default consequences to the issuer, and certain other features (such as restrictions on common dividend payments by the issuer or ultimate guarantor when full cumulative payments on the trust preferred securities have not been made), these hybrid-preferred securities are often treated as close substitutes for traditional preferred securities, both by issuers and investors. Hybrid-preferred securities have many of the key characteristics of equity due to their subordinated position in an issuer's capital structure and because their quality an