Flaherty & Crumrine PREFERRED SECURITIES INCOME FUND INC Form N-30B-2 October 29, 2015 FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED SECURITIES INCOME FUND

To the Shareholders of Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Securities Income Fund (FFC):

In many markets, investors experienced a bumpy, downhill ride during the third fiscal quarter¹. However, the preferred securities market was better behaved, with only modest negative performance for the quarter. Total return² on net asset value (NAV) for your Fund was -1.0% for the quarter and 2.1% for the first nine months of fiscal 2015. Market price of Fund shares didn t fare as well, as Fund shares went from trading at a premium over NAV to a discount. Total return on market price of Fund shares over the same periods were -10.1% and -6.7%, respectively.

The world is always an uncertain place, and a handful of those uncertainties attracted investor focus late in the quarter. Forecasts for slower economic growth in China and a policy decision in mid-August to devalue the Chinese currency were unwelcome surprises. The action sharpened market focus on what slower growth in China could mean for economies around the world. Simultaneously, European economic growth slipped, after improving in late 2014 and early 2015. Equity markets sold off sharply: better-performing markets merely gave up 2015 year-to-date gains and many markets, especially in Asia, traded materially lower. Credit markets (including preferred securities) outperformed equities, but they were still generally in negative territory.

Lower prices for oil and other commodities, a strong U.S. dollar, and an unpredictable (if entertaining) 2016 presidential campaign also contributed to higher volatility in equity markets and, to a lesser extent, credit markets.

U.S. monetary policy added to market uncertainty when the Federal Reserve indicated it was nearing lift-off for monetary policy and then demurred. Having just passed its September meeting, we now know the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) delayed an initial rate hike for at least another month or three possibly even until 2016. Monetary policy in the U.S. moved into uncharted territory many years ago with multiple rounds of Quantitative Easing (QE). As we move into the next phase of removing monetary accommodation, markets are understandably worried about policy mistakes moving too fast, or not moving fast enough. Meanwhile, monetary policy in many other areas of the world continues to be very accommodative, and all signs point to continued global easing over the near-term (mostly in the form of QE). Whenever it decides to raise U.S. rates, we expect the FOMC to move slowly in light of global headwinds to growth.

Despite this sea of uncertainty, the preferred securities market experienced comparatively smooth sailing. Prices drifted a bit lower in general, but high income offset much of that price weakness to keep total returns on preferred securities only slightly negative overall. A steady stream of high income, over time, can offset price weakness, which is why long-term creditworthiness is a focus of the Fund.

¹ June 1, 2015 August 31, 2015

² Following the methodology required by the Securities and Exchange Commission, total return assumes dividend reinvestment.

Credit quality remains healthy, with only modest impacts from many of the broader issues discussed above. The preferred securities market (absent some energy issuers) has limited direct exposure to oil or other commodity markets. Even banks that lend to the energy sector have limited exposure, which makes it unlikely that this would be an issue for creditworthiness of the broader banking system. The preferred securities market has no direct credit exposure to China, although the impact of an economic slowdown in China may be felt in the U.S. over time. Supply in the domestic preferred securities market trended lower during the quarter, which is supportive of spreads, and yields continue to be attractive when compared to fixed-income alternatives.

Many of the uncertainties we discussed will persist for the foreseeable future, but we believe their impact on the preferred securities market will remain muted. The market is always subject to weakening in sympathy with other markets, but we believe preferreds continue to be an attractive asset class that will hold their own as events unfold over coming months and years.

As always, we encourage you to visit the Fund s websitewww.preferredincome.com for timely and important information.

Sincerely,

The Flaherty & Crumrine Portfolio Management Team:

R. Eric Chadwick

Donald F. Crumrine

Bradford S. Stone

September 22, 2015

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

August 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

Fund Statistics

Net Asset Value	\$ 19.04
Market Price	\$ 18.05
Discount	5.20%
Yield on Market Price	9.04%
Common Stock Shares Outstanding	43,662,982

Moody s Ratings*	% of Net Assets
A	1.2%
BBB	70.4%
ВВ	19.3%
Below BB	0.9%
Not Rated**	7.1%
Below Investment Grade***	19.8%

^{*} Ratings are from Moody s Investors Service, Inc. Not Rated securities are those with no ratings available from Moody s.

Industry Categories % of Net Assets

Top 10 Holdings by Issuer	% of Net Assets
Liberty Mutual Group	5.7%
JPMorgan Chase	4.8%
HSBC PLC	4.5%
Wells Fargo & Company	4.4%
MetLife	4.3%
M&T Bank Corporation	3.8%
Fifth Third Bancorp	3.6%
PNC Financial Services Group	3.4%
Citigroup	3.3%
Enbridge Energy Partners	3.0%

^{**} Does not include net other assets and liabilities of 1.1%.

^{***} Below investment grade by all of Moody s, S&P, and Fitch.

% of Net Assets****

Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals

59%

Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividends Received Deduction (DRD)

47%

^{****} This does not reflect year-end results or actual tax categorization of Fund distributions. These percentages can, and do, change, perhaps significantly, depending on market conditions. Investors should consult their tax advisor regarding their personal situation.

Net Assets includes assets attributable to the use of leverage.

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

hares/\$ Par		Value
Preferred Secu	urities 94.0%	
	Banking 46.5%	
5,420	Astoria Financial Corp., 6.50%, Series C	\$ 137,844*
16,310,000	Bank of America Corporation, 8.00%, Series K	17,186,662*(1)
	Barclays Bank PLC:	
390,600	7.10%, Series 3	10,026,702**(3)
23,000	7.75%, Series 4	594,320**(3)
522,100	8.125%, Series 5	13,527,611**(1)(3)
48,000	BB&T Corporation, 5.625%, Series E	1,196,280*(1)
12,670,000	BNP Paribas, 7.375%, 144A****	12,989,917**(3)
26,900	Capital One Financial Corporation, 6.70%, Series D	715,849*
	Citigroup, Inc.:	
981,500	6.875%, Series K	26,257,579*(1)
572,357	7.125%, Series J	15,809,359*(1)
89,412	City National Corporation, 6.75%, Series D	2,544,665*
	CoBank ACB:	
53,520	6.125%, Series G, 144A****	5,045,935*
104,000	6.20%, Series H, 144A****	10,452,000*
60,000	6.25%, Series F, 144A****	6,273,750*(1)
35,100,000	Colonial BancGroup, 7.114%, 144A****	52,650(4)(5)
38,100	Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc., 5.375%, Series A	960,558*
1,667,391	Fifth Third Bancorp, 6.625%, Series I	45,957,464*(1)
	First Horizon National Corporation:	, ,
3,730	First Tennessee Bank, Adj. Rate, 3.75% ⁽⁶⁾ , 144A****	2,689,214*
8	FT Real Estate Securities Company, 9.50%, 144A****	10,420,000
642,800	First Niagara Financial Group, Inc., 8.625%, Series B	16,958,028*(1)
,	First Republic Bank:	, ,
50,000	5.625%, Series C	1,237,625*
99,000	6.70%, Series A	2.586.029*(1)
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390,000	5.70%, Series L	392,925*
140,000	6.375%, Series K	3,649,800*(1)
- 10,000	HSBC PLC:	2,2.2,222
4,400,000	HSBC Capital Funding LP, 10.176%, 144A****	$6,611,000^{(1)(2)(3)}$
776,000	HSBC Holdings PLC, 8.00%, Series 2	19,844,260**(1)(3)
860,000	HSBC USA, Inc., 6.50%, Series H	21,923,550*(1)
500,000	ING Groep NV:	21,525,550
355,000	6.375%	8,960,200**(3)
125,000	7.05%	3,211,438**(3)
116,054	7.20%	2,987,520**(3)

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Shares/\$ Par		Value
Preferred Seco	urities (Continued)	
	Banking (Continued)	
	JPMorgan Chase & Company:	
5,450,000	6.00%, Series R	\$ 5,409,125*(1)
56,600	6.125%, Series Y	1,414,434*
183,700	6.70%, Series T	4,846,006*(1)
15,155,000	6.75%, Series S	16,007,469*(1)
32,000,000	7.90%, Series I	33,640,000*(1)
	M&T Bank Corporation:	
16,750,000	6.450%, Series E	17,922,500*(1)
29,323,000	6.875%, Series D, 144A****	29,689,537*(1)
	Morgan Stanley:	
502,400	6.875%, Series F	13,610,016*(1)
298,300	7.125%, Series E	8,296,469*(1)
	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.:	
1,465,360	6.125%, Series P	$40,460,788*^{(1)}$
2,500,000	6.75%, Series O	2,743,750*
7,885,000	RaboBank Nederland, 11.00%, 144A****	9,843,240(1)(2)(3)
27,213	Regions Financial Corporation, 6.375%, Series B	705,429*
	Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC:	
12,500	6.40%, Series M	315,750**(3)
25,000	6.60%, Series S	631,500**(3)
309,500	7.25%, Series T	7,895,345**(1)(3)
	Sovereign Bancorp:	
1,000,000	Sovereign Capital Trust VI, 7.908%, 06/13/36	1,033,455
8,641	Sovereign REIT, 12.00%, Series A, 144A****	11,438,524
505,500	State Street Corporation, 5.90%, Series D	13,249,913*(1)
107,166	SunTrust Banks, Inc., 5.875%, Series E	2,678,346*
216,000	US Bancorp, 6.50%, Series F	6,210,540*(1)
357,568	Webster Financial Corporation, 6.40%, Series E	8,943,670*
	Wells Fargo & Company:	
339,095	5.85%, Series Q	8,725,762*(1)
3,000,000	5.875%, Series U	3,075,000*
402,925	6.625%, Series R	11,112,672*(1)
16,314,000	7.98%, Series K	17,435,588*(1)
550,500	8.00%, Series J	15,586,031*(1)
	Zions Bancorporation:	
20,000	6.30%, Series G	536,250*
9,000,000	7.20%, Series J	9,427,500*(1)
519,842	7.90%, Series F	14,087,718*(1)
		588,173,061

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

August 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

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Preferred Secu	urities (Continued)	
	Financial Services 1.6%	
190,000	Charles Schwab Corporation, 6.00%, Series C	\$ 4,782,775*
\$ 5,650,000	General Electric Capital Corp., 7.125%, Series A	6,525,467*(1)
	HSBC PLC:	
358,895	HSBC Finance Corporation, 6.36%, Series B	8,998,395*(1)

20,306,637

	Insurance 24.7%	
	Ace Ltd.:	
\$ 4,566,000	Ace Capital Trust II, 9.70% 04/01/30	$6,757,680^{(1)(2)(3)}$
736,000	Allstate Corp., 6.625%, Series E	19,513,200*(1)
\$ 1,053,000	Aon Corporation, 8.205% 01/01/27	1,347,840 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
615,000	Arch Capital Group, Ltd., 6.75%, Series C	16,458,937**(1)(3)
	Aspen Insurance Holdings Ltd.:	
71,206	5.95%	1,819,313**(3)
16,729	7.25%	442,189**(3)
87,755	7.401%	2,313,432**(3)
	AXA SA:	
\$ 3,315,000	6.379%, 144A****	3,534,619**(1)(2)(3)
\$ 2,750,000	8.60% 12/15/30	$3,698,750^{(3)}$
1,375,718	Axis Capital Holdings Ltd., 6.875%, Series C	37,091,421**(1)(3)
732,250	Delphi Financial Group, 7.376%, 05/15/37	$18,352,016^{(1)(2)}$
185,902	Endurance Specialty Holdings, 7.50%, Series B	4,792,832**(3)
\$ 13,308,000	Everest Re Holdings, 6.60%, 05/15/37	$12,908,760^{(1)(2)}$
50,000	Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., 7.875%	1,561,075
\$ 36,918,000	Liberty Mutual Group, 10.75% 06/15/58, 144A****	55,561,590(1)(2)
	MetLife:	
\$ 16,612,000	MetLife, Inc., 10.75% 08/01/39	26,338,326(1)(2)
\$ 2,250,000	MetLife Capital Trust IV, 7.875% 12/15/37, 144A****	2,812,500(1)(2)
\$ 18,250,000	MetLife Capital Trust X, 9.25% 04/08/38, 144A****	25,321,875(1)(2)
150,299	PartnerRe Ltd., 7.25%, Series E	4,116,915**(1)(3)
	Prudential Financial, Inc.:	
\$ 4,906,000	5.625% 06/15/43	5,048,274(1)(2)
\$ 3,900,000	5.875% 09/15/42	$4,134,000^{(1)(2)}$
. , ,	OBE Insurance:	, ,
\$ 13,552,000	QBE Capital Funding III Ltd., 7.25% 05/24/41, 144A****	14,971,572(1)(2)(3)
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\$ 15,240,000	Provident Financing Trust I, 7.405% 03/15/38	17,678,400(1)(2)
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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Shares/\$ Par		Value
Preferred Sec	urities (Continued)	
	Insurance (Continued)	
	XL Group PLC:	
\$ 33,000,000	XL Capital Ltd., 6.50%, Series E	\$ 26,070,000(1)(2)(3)
		312,645,516
	Utilities 12.3%	
	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company:	
10,000	6.70%, Series 1993	1,015,000*(1)
15,000	7.125%, Series 1993	1,524,375*
	Commonwealth Edison:	
5 15,828,000	COMED Financing III, 6.35% 03/15/33	$16,567,310^{(1)(2)}$
3 13,662,000	Dominion Resources, Inc., 7.50% 06/30/66	$12,210,412^{(1)(2)}$
110,000	Entergy Louisiana, Inc., 6.95%	11,013,750*(1)
164,400	Georgia Power Company, 6.50%, Series 2007A	17,277,421*(1)
98,800	Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 5.65%	10,216,542*
288,500	Integrys Energy Group, Inc., 6.00%	$7,735,406^{(1)(2)}$
	Nextera Energy:	
6 16,293,000	FPL Group Capital, Inc., 6.65% 06/15/67, Series C	13,563,923(1)(2)
5,100,000	FPL Group Capital, Inc., 7.30% 09/01/67, Series D	5.083.425(1)(2)
-,,	PECO Energy:	-,,
2,386,000	PECO Energy Capital Trust III, 7.38% 04/06/28, Series D	2,735,361(1)(2)
, ,	PPL Corp:	, , .
5 18,180,000	PPL Capital Funding, Inc., 6.70% 03/30/67, Series A	15,503,849(1)(2)
3 23,500,000	Puget Sound Energy, Inc., 6.974% 06/01/67, Series A	$20,621,250^{(1)(2)}$
197,500	Southern California Edison, 6.50%, Series D	20,663,438*(1)
177,500	Southern Camorina Edison, 6.50 %, Series E	20,003,130
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2.510.000	Energy 3.3% DCD Midstroom LL C 5.85% 05/01/42 1444.4***	1 022 700
2,510,000	DCP Midstream LLC, 5.85% 05/21/43, 144A****	1,932,700 38,293,495 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
38,198,000	Enbridge Energy Partners LP, 8.05% 10/01/37	• • •
5 1,471,000	Enterprise Products Operating L.P., 8.375% 08/01/66, Series A	1,445,258
		41,671,453
	Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) 4.0%	
27,745	Equity CommonWealth, 7.25%, Series E	710.591
261,000	Kimco Realty Corporation, 6.90%, Series H	$6,621,570^{(1)(2)}$
201,000	National Retail Properties, Inc.:	0,021,070
263,818	5.70%, Series E	6,506,411(1)(2)
137,417	6.625%, Series D	3,597,921
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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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rielelieu seci	Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) (Continued)	
	PS Business Parks, Inc.:	
22,000	5.70%, Series V	\$ 532,433
30,000	5.75%, Series U	727,800
55,000	6.00%, Series T	1,383,800
238,391	6.45%, Series S	6,222,601 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
108,000	6.875%, Series R	$2,743,200^{(1)(2)}$
75,000	Public Storage, 6.375%, Series Y	2,007,188
562,621	Realty Income Corporation, 6.625%, Series F	14,954,466 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
164,988	Regency Centers Corporation, 6.625%, Series 6	4,290,100
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	Miscellaneous Industries 1.6%	
9,500,000	Land O Lakes, Inc., 8.00%, 144A****	9,735,125*
105,400	Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25%, 144A****	9,522,237*
48,000	Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., 5.75%, 07/25/52	1,246,680 ⁽¹⁾
		20,504,042
	Total Preferred Securities	
	(Cost \$1,172,347,862)	1,189,330,252
Corporate Del	ot Securities 4.7%	
L	Banking 1.7%	
13,952,000	Regions Financial Corporation, 7.375% 12/10/37, Sub Notes	17,489,823(1)(2)
131,000	Texas Capital Bancshares Inc., 6.50% 09/21/42, Sub Notes	3,287,288
28,000	Zions Bancorporation, 6.95% 09/15/28, Sub Notes	785,442
		21,562,553
	Financial Services 0.4%	
122,439	Affiliated Managers Group, Inc., 6.375% 08/15/42	$3,250,939^{(1)(2)}$
4,726,012	Lehman Brothers, Guaranteed Note, Variable Rate, 5.843% 12/16/16, 144A****	227,794 ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾
30,586	Raymond James Financial, 6.90% 03/15/42	813,358 ⁽¹⁾
		4,292,091
	Insurance 1.4%	
13,500,000	Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A****	16,985,308(1)(2)

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Shares/\$ Par		Value
Cornorate Do	ebt Securities (Continued)	
Corporate D	Energy 0.6%	
6,717,000	Energy Transfer Partners LP, 8.25% 11/15/29	\$ 8,042,063(1)(2)
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		8,042,063
		0,012,003
	Communication 0.3%	
161,060	Qwest Corporation, 7.375% 06/01/51	$4,175,078^{(1)(2)}$
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		4,175,078
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	Miscellaneous Industries 0.3%	
3,550,000	Pulte Group, Inc., 7.875% 06/15/32	4,126,875(1)(2)
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		4,126,875
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	Total Corporate Debt Securities	
	(Cost \$48,202,062)	59,183,968
Common Sto	ck 0.2%	
Common Sto	Banking 0.2%	
54,740	CIT Group, Inc.	2,377,906*
31,710	CIT Group, Inc.	2,311,500
		2,377,906
		2,377,700
	Insurance 0.0%	
241,737	WMI Holdings Corporation, 144A****	555,995*
211,707	The residual of the residual o	555,775
		555,995
		333,773
	Total Common Stock	
	(Cost \$23,031,471)	2,933,901
	(2,500,501
Money Mark	et Fund 0.0%	
450.050	BlackRock Liquidity Funds:	450.050
459,359	T-Fund, Institutional Class	459,359
	TAIN MARKET	
	Total Money Market Fund	450,050
	(Cost \$459,359)	459,359

Total Investments (Cost \$1,244,040,754***)	98.9%	1,251,907,480
Other Assets And Liabilities (Net)	1.1%	13,687,896
Total Managed Assets	100.0%	\$ 1,265,595,376
Loan Principal Balance		(434,375,000)
Total Net Assets Available To Common Stock		\$ 831,220,376

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

August 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

- * Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividend Income.
- ** Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only.
- *** Aggregate cost of securities held.
- **** Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. At August 31, 2015, these securities amounted to \$246,667,082 or 19.5% of total managed assets.
- All or a portion of this security is pledged as collateral for the Fund s loan. The total value of such securities was \$745,886,595 at August 31, 2015.
- (2) All or a portion of this security has been rehypothecated. The total value of such securities was \$315,843,928 at August 31, 2015.
- (3) Foreign Issuer.
- (4) Illiquid security (designation is unaudited).
- (5) Valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Directors as of August 31, 2015.
- (6) Represents the rate in effect as of the reporting date.
 - Non-income producing.

The issuer has filed for bankruptcy protection. As a result, the Fund may not be able to recover the principal invested and also does not expect to receive income on this security going forward.

The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of total managed assets.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK(1)

For the period from December 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

	Value
OPERATIONS:	
Net investment income	\$ 51,991,898
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period	8,763,015
Change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments	(42,984,195)
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	17,770,718
DISTRIBUTIONS:	
Dividends paid from net investment income to Common Stock Shareholders ⁽²⁾	(53,392,131)
Total Distributions to Common Stock Shareholders	(53,392,131)
FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS:	
Increase from shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and	
Cash Purchase Plan	2,199,640
Net increase in net assets available to Common Stock resulting from	
Fund share transactions	2,199,640
NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK	, ,
FOR THE PERIOD	\$ (33,421,773)
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK:	
Beginning of period	\$ 864,642,149
Net decrease in net assets during the period	(33,421,773)

End of period

\$831,220,376

⁽¹⁾ These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2015 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund s audited financial statements, including notes to financial statements, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2014.

⁽²⁾ May include income earned, but not paid out, in prior fiscal year.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS⁽¹⁾

For the period from December 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

For a Common Stock share outstanding throughout the period

PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:		
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$	19.85
INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income		1.19
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments		(0.78)
Total from investment operations		0.41
DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:		
From net investment income		(1.22)
Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders		(1.22)
Net asset value, end of period	\$	19.04
Market value, end of period	\$	18.05
Common Stock shares outstanding, end of period	43	,662,982
RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:		
Net investment income		8.08%*
Operating expenses including interest expense		1.39%*
Operating expenses excluding interest expense		0.87%*
SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:		
Portfolio turnover rate		5%**
Total managed assets, end of period (in 000 s)	\$ 1	,265,595
Ratio of operating expenses including interest expense to total managed assets		0.93%*
Ratio of operating expenses excluding interest expense to total managed assets		0.58%*

⁽¹⁾ These tables summarize the nine months ended August 31, 2015 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund s audited financial statements, including notes to financial statements, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2014.

^{*} Annualized.

^{**} Not Annualized.

The net investment income ratios reflect income net of operating expenses, including interest expense. Information presented under heading Supplemental Data includes loan principal balance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

Per Share of Common Stock (Unaudited)

	Total Dividends Paid	Net Asset Value	NYSE Closing Price	Dividend Reinvestment Price ⁽¹⁾
December 31, 2014	\$ 0.1360	\$ 19.78	\$ 19.05	\$ 19.69
January 30, 2015	0.1360	19.93	20.82	19.93
February 27, 2015	0.1360	19.91	20.60	19.91
March 31, 2015	0.1360	20.03	20.34	20.03
April 30, 2015	0.1360	19.81	20.59	19.81
May 29, 2015	0.1360	19.65	20.53	19.65
June 30, 2015	0.1360	19.26	18.66	19.01
July 31, 2015	0.1360	19.31	18.48	18.56
August 31, 2015	0.1360	19.04	18.05	18.20

⁽¹⁾ Whenever the net asset value per share of the Fund s Common Stock is less than or equal to the market price per share on the reinvestment date, new shares issued will be valued at the higher of net asset value or 95% of the then current market price. Otherwise, the reinvestment shares of Common Stock will be purchased in the open market.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. Aggregate Information for Federal Income Tax Purposes

At August 31, 2015, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$1,277,490,807, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$78,034,044 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$103,617,371.

2. Additional Accounting Standards

Fair Value Measurements: The Fund has analyzed all existing investments to determine the significance and character of all inputs to their fair value determination. The levels of fair value inputs used to measure the Fund s investments are characterized into a fair value hierarchy. Where inputs for an asset or liability fall into more than one level in the fair value hierarchy, the investment is classified in its entirety based on the lowest level input that is significant to that investment s valuation. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical securities

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Funds own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments). The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Transfers in and out of levels are recognized at market value at the end of the period.

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A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund s investments as of August 31, 2015 is as follows:

	Total Value at August 31, 2015	lue at Quoted Observable		· ·	
Preferred Securities					
Banking	\$ 588,173,061	\$ 485,196,256	\$ 102,924,155	\$	52,650
Financial Services	20,306,637	20,306,637			
Insurance	312,645,516	177,834,289	134,811,227		
Utilities	155,731,462	54,097,015	101,634,447		
Energy	41,671,453	39,738,753	1,932,700		
Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)	50,298,081	50,298,081			
Miscellaneous Industries	20,504,042	1,246,680	19,257,362		
Corporate Debt Securities					
Banking	21,562,553	4,072,730	17,489,823		
Financial Services	4,292,091	4,064,297			227,794
Insurance	16,985,308		16,985,308		
Energy	8,042,063		8,042,063		
Communication	4,175,078	4,175,078			
Miscellaneous Industries	4,126,875		4,126,875		
Common Stock					
Banking	2,377,906	2,377,906			
Insurance	555,995	555,995			
Money Market Fund	459,359	459,359			
Total Investments	\$ 1,251,907,480	\$ 844,423,076	\$ 407,203,960	\$	280,444

During the reporting period, securities with an aggregate market value of \$10,452,000 were transferred into Level 2 from Level 1. The securities were transferred due to a decrease in the quantity and quality of the information related to trading activity or broker quotes for these securities. During the reporting period, there were no transfers into Level 1 from Level 2.

The fair values of the Funds investments are generally based on market information and quotes received from brokers or independent pricing services that are approved by the Board of Directors and are unaffiliated with the Adviser. To assess the continuing appropriateness of security valuations, management, in consultation with the Adviser, regularly compares current prices to prior prices, prices across comparable securities, actual sale prices for securities in the Funds portfolio, and market information obtained by the Adviser as a function of being an active market participant.

Securities with quotes that are based on actual trades or actionable bids and offers with a sufficient level of activity on or near the measurement date are classified as Level 1. Securities that are priced using quotes derived from implied values, indicative bids and offers, or a limited number of actual trades or the same information for securities that are similar in many respects to those being valued are classified as Level 2. If market information is not available for securities being valued, or materially-comparable securities, then those securities are classified as Level 3. In considering market information, management

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evaluates changes in liquidity, willingness of a broker to execute at the quoted price, the depth and consistency of prices from pricing services, and the existence of observable trades in the market.

The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 investments for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value:

				Preferred	Corp	orate Debt	
				Securities	Securities		
	,	Total Investments		Banking	Financial Services		
Balance as of 11/30/14		\$	358,187	\$ 52,650	\$	305,537	
Accrued discounts/premiums							
Realized gain/(loss)							
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation)			(77,743)			(77,743)	
Purchases							
Sales							
Transfers in							
Transfers out							
Balance as of 08/31/15		\$	280,444	\$ 52,650	\$	227,794	
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For the nine months ended August 31, 2015, total change in unrealized gain/(loss) on Level 3 securities still held at period-end and included in the change in net assets was \$(77,743).

The following table summarizes the valuation techniques used and unobservable inputs developed to determine the fair value of Level 3 investments:

Category