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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2005

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF  
CREDIT SUISSE HIGH YIELD BOND FUND:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") of the Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Fund (the "Fund") will be held at the offices of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, 466 Lexington Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10017, on Friday, February 4, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. New York time.

The purpose of the Meeting is to consider and act upon the following proposal and to consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournments thereof:

1. To elect one (1) Trustee of the Fund.

This item is discussed in greater detail in the attached Proxy Statement.

The close of business on December 20, 2004 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of the shareholders of the Fund entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting.

This notice and related proxy material are first being mailed on or about January 11, 2005.

By Order of the Board of Trustees

/s/ Michael A. Pignataro

MICHAEL A. PIGNATARO  
SECRETARY

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR SHARES BE REPRESENTED AND VOTED AT THE MEETING. ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE DATE,

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Dated: January 11, 2005  
New York, New York

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CREDIT SUISSE HIGH YIELD BOND FUND  
466 LEXINGTON AVENUE  
16TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017

PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2005

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with a solicitation of proxies by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Fund (the "Fund") for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the offices of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC ("CSAM"), 466 Lexington Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10017 on Friday, February 4, 2005 (commencing at 3:00 p.m. New York time) and at any adjournments thereof (collectively, the "Meeting"). A Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and a proxy card (the "Proxy") accompany this Proxy Statement.

Proxy solicitations will be made primarily by mail, but solicitations may also be made by telephone, telegraph or personal interviews conducted by officers or employees of the Fund, CSAM, the investment adviser to the Fund, State Street Bank & Trust Company, the administrator of the Fund (the "Administrator"), or D.F. King & Co., Inc. ("D.F. King"), a proxy solicitation firm that has been retained by the Fund and which will receive a fee not to exceed \$1,500 and will be reimbursed for its reasonable expenses. All costs of solicitation, including (a) printing and mailing of this Proxy Statement and accompanying material, (b) the reimbursement of brokerage firms and others for their expenses in forwarding solicitation material to the beneficial owners of the Fund's shares, (c) payment of D.F. King for its services in soliciting Proxies and (d) supplementary solicitations to submit Proxies, will be borne by the Fund. This Proxy Statement is expected to be mailed to shareholders on or about January 11, 2005.

CSAM has its principal executive office at 466 Lexington Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10017. The Administrator has its principal executive office at 225 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

The Fund's Annual Report containing audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004 has been previously furnished to all shareholders of the Fund. It is not to be regarded as proxy-soliciting material.

If the enclosed Proxy is properly executed and returned in time to be voted at the Meeting, the shares represented thereby will be voted in accordance with the instructions marked on the Proxy. Any shareholder giving a Proxy has the right to attend the Meeting to vote his or her shares in person (thereby revoking any prior Proxy) and also the right to revoke the Proxy at any time by written notice received by the Fund prior to the time it is voted.

The presence in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the

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shares entitled to be cast shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the event that a quorum is not present at the Meeting, the holders of a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy will have the power to adjourn the Meeting, without notice other than an announcement at the Meeting, until the requisite number of shares entitled to vote at such Meeting is present. In the event that a quorum is present at the Meeting but sufficient votes to approve the proposed item are not received, the persons named as proxies may propose one or more adjournments of such Meeting to permit further solicitation of proxies. Any such adjournment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of those shares present at the Meeting in person or by proxy, and the persons named as proxies will vote those proxies that they are entitled to vote "FOR" any proposal in favor of such adjournment and will vote those

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proxies required to be voted "AGAINST" any proposal against any such adjournment. Absent the establishment of a subsequent record date and the giving of notice to the holders of record thereon, the adjourned Meeting must take place not more than 130 days after the record date. At such adjourned Meeting, any business may be transacted which could have been transacted at the original Meeting.

A Proxy that is properly executed and returned accompanied by instructions to withhold authority to vote (an abstention) or that represents a broker "non-vote" (that is, a Proxy from a broker or nominee indicating that such person has not received instructions from the beneficial owner or other person entitled to vote shares on a particular matter with respect to which the broker or nominee does not have discretionary power) will be treated as shares present, but that have not voted, for the purpose of determining a quorum for the transacting of business. Under Delaware law, abstentions and broker non-votes do not constitute a vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" a matter. The election of a Trustee requires that the successful candidate receive a plurality of votes cast at the Meeting in person or by proxy; therefore, abstentions and broker non-votes will be disregarded.

CSAM and its affiliates have advised the Fund that they intend to vote the shares over which they have voting power at the Meeting, including shares that are held directly or on behalf of employees, in the manner instructed by the customers or employees for which such shares are held.

The Fund has one class of shares of beneficial interest of capital stock (the "Shares"). On the record date, December 20, 2004, there were 54,060,331 Shares outstanding. Each Share is entitled to one vote at the Meeting, and fractional Shares are entitled to a proportionate share of one vote.

In order that your Shares may be represented at the Meeting, you are requested to:

- indicate your instructions on the Proxy;
- date and sign the Proxy;
- mail the Proxy promptly in the enclosed envelope; and
- allow sufficient time for the Proxy to be received and processed on or before 3:00 p.m. on February 4, 2005.

### PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF TRUSTEE

The only proposal to be submitted at the Meeting will be the election of one (1) trustee of the Fund to hold office for the term set forth below and until his successor is elected and qualified.

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Pursuant to the Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, the Board is divided into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of one class will expire. Enrique R. Arzac is being nominated to serve as a Class III Trustee for a three-year term to expire at the Fund's 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Lawrence J. Fox is the Class II Trustee whose term will expire at the Fund's 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. James S. Pasman, Jr. is the Class I Trustee whose term will expire at the Fund's 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Mr. Arzac has indicated an intention to continue to serve if elected and has consented to being named in this Proxy Statement.

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The following tables set forth certain information regarding the nominee for election to the Board, trustees whose terms of office continue beyond the Meeting, and the officers of the Fund. The current terms of office of the Fund's officers will end at the Board of Trustees' meeting next following the Meeting.

NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH -----	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND -----	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED -----	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS -----
<b>NOMINEE FOR TRUSTEE:</b>			
Enrique R. Arzac c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC Attn: General Counsel 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Date of Birth: 10/02/41	Trustee, Nominating Committee Chairman and Audit Committee Member	Since 2001; current term ends at the 2005 annual meeting	Professor of Finance a Economics, Graduate School of Business, Columbia University si 1971.
<b>NON-INTERESTED TRUSTEES:</b>			
Lawrence J. Fox One Logan Square 18th & Cherry Streets Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 Date of Birth: 07/17/43	Trustee, Nominating Committee Member and Audit Committee Chairman	Since 2001; current term ends at the 2007 annual meeting	Partner of Drinker Bid & Reath (law firm) sin 1972.
James S. Pasman, Jr. c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140	Trustee, Nominating and Audit Committee Member	Since 2001; current term ends at the 2006 annual meeting	Currently retired.

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Date of Birth: 12/20/30

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NAME, ADDRESS AND DATE OF BIRTH -----	POSITIONS(S) HELD WITH FUND -----	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED -----	PRINCIPAL O -----
<b>OFFICERS:</b>			
Michael E. Kenneally c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Date of Birth: 03/30/54	Chairman of the Fund and Chief Executive Officer	Since 2004	Chairman and CSAM since 20 Officer of Ba from 1998 to
Richard J. Lindquist c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017 Date of Birth: 6/22/60	President and Chief Investment Officer	Since 2001	Managing Dire CSAM since 19 Suisse Funds
Michael A. Pignataro c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Date of Birth: 11/15/59	Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Secretary	Since 2000	Director and of CSAM; ASSO Officer of ot
Emidio Morizio c/o CSAM 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Date of Birth: 09/21/66	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2004	Director and CSAM; Associa Vice Presiden Forstmann-Lef 2000; Officer
Ajay Mehra c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Date of Birth: 08/14/70	Chief Legal Officer	Since 2004	Director and since Septemb Shearman & St September 200 Division of I 1997 to Septe Credit Suisse
J. Kevin Gao c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Date of Birth: 10/13/67	Senior Vice President	Since 2004	Vice Presiden Associated wi Associated wi Gallagher LLP other Credit
Robert M. Rizza	Treasurer	Since 2001	Assistant Vic

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Set forth in the table below is the dollar range of equity securities in the Fund and the aggregate dollar range of equity securities in the CSAM Family of Investment Companies (as defined below) beneficially owned by each Trustee.

NAME OF TRUSTEE OR NOMINEE	DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN THE FUND*(1) (2)	AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQ SECURITIES IN ALL FUNDS OVERS TRUSTEE OR NOMINEE IN CSA FAMILY OF INVESTMENT COMPANIES*(1) (3)
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NOMINEE FOR TRUSTEE:		
Enrique R. Arzac	C	E
NON-INTERESTED TRUSTEES:		
Lawrence J. Fox	C	C
James S. Pasman, Jr.	B	D

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- \* Key to Dollar Ranges
- A. None
  - B. \$1 - \$10,000
  - C. \$10,001 - \$50,000
  - D. \$50,001 - \$100,000
  - E. over \$100,000

- (1) This information has been furnished by each Trustee as of December 31, 2004. "Beneficial Ownership" is determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934 Act").
- (2) The Fund's trustees and officers, in the aggregate, own less than 1% of the Fund's outstanding equity securities.
- (3) "CSAM Family of Investment Companies" means those registered investment companies that share CSAM as the investment adviser and that hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services.

As of December 31, 2004, none of the non-interested nominee for election to the Board, the non-interested Trustees or their immediate family members owned beneficially or of record any class of securities in CSAM or in a person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with CSAM.

During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004, each Trustee who was not a

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director, officer, partner, co-partner or employee of CSAM, the Administrator or any affiliate thereof, received an annual fee of \$12,500 and \$1,000 for each meeting of the Board attended by him and was reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with his attendance at the Fund's Board meetings. The total remuneration paid or accrued by the Fund during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004 to all such unaffiliated trustees was \$52,500.

During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004, the Board convened five times. Each Trustee attended at least seventy-five percent of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and any committees on which he served during the period for which he was a Trustee.

Messrs. Arzac, Fox and Paskan constitute the Fund's Audit Committee, which is composed of Trustees who are not interested persons of the Fund and who are independent (as such term is defined by the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "NYSE")). The Audit Committee convened four times during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004. The Audit Committee advises the full Board with respect to accounting, auditing and financial matters affecting the Fund.

The Trustees constituting the Fund's Audit Committee also constitute the Fund's Nominating Committee, which is composed of Trustees who are not interested persons of the Fund and who are independent (as such term

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is defined by the listing standards of the NYSE). The Nominating Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004. At a meeting of the Nominating Committee held on November 30, 2004, the Nominating Committee (with the nominee abstaining from voting) nominated Mr. Arzac for a three-year term. The Nominating Committee selects and nominates new Trustees. The Nominating Committee will consider nominees recommended by shareholders should a vacancy arise. Recommendations should be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee in care of the Secretary of the Fund. The Board has adopted a Nominating Committee Charter (a copy of which is attached as Appendix A). In nominating candidates, the Nominating Committee will take into consideration such factors as it deems appropriate. These factors may include judgment, skill, diversity, experience with investment companies and other organizations of comparable purpose, complexity, size and subject to similar legal restrictions and oversight, the interplay of the candidate's experience with the experience of other Board members, and the extent to which the candidate would be a desirable addition to the Board and any committees thereof.

The Fund does not have a Compensation Committee.

### OTHER BOARD-RELATED MATTERS

Shareholders who wish to send communications to the Board should send them to the address of the Fund and to the attention of the Board. All such communications will be directed to the Board's attention.

The Fund does not have a formal policy regarding Board member attendance at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter adopted by the Board (a copy of which is attached as Appendix B), the Audit Committee is responsible for conferring with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, reviewing annual financial statements, approving the selection of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and overseeing the Fund's internal



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controls. The Fund's Audit Committee charter also contains provisions relating to the pre-approval by the Audit Committee of certain non-audit services to be provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") to the Fund and to CSAM and certain of its affiliates. The Audit Committee advises the full Board with respect to accounting, auditing and financial matters affecting the Fund. The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for planning and carrying out the proper audits and reviews of the Fund's financial statements and expressing an opinion as to their conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Audit Committee has met with the Fund's management to discuss, among other things, the Fund's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004. The Audit Committee has also met with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, PwC, and discussed with them certain matters required by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 61, COMMUNICATIONS WITH AUDIT COMMITTEES, as currently modified or supplemented, including, but not limited to, the scope of the Fund's audit, the Fund's financial statements and the Fund's accounting controls. The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from PwC required by the SEC's independence rules delineating relationships between the independent registered public accounting firm and the Fund and the impact that any such relationships may have on the objectivity and independence of the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee has discussed with PwC their independence and has considered whether the provision of services by PwC to the Fund and to CSAM was compatible with maintaining PwC's independence.

The members of the Audit Committee are not professionally engaged in the practice of auditing or accounting and are not employed by the Fund for accounting, financial management or internal control. Moreover, the Audit Committee relies on and makes no independent verification of the facts presented to it or representations made by management or the independent registered public accounting firm. Accordingly, the Audit Committee's oversight

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does not provide an independent basis to determine that management has maintained appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles and policies, or internal controls and procedures, designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, the Audit Committee's considerations and discussions referred to above do not provide assurance that the audit of the Fund's financial statements has been carried out in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or that the financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Based upon these reviews and discussions, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the Fund's audited financial statements be included in the Fund's 2004 Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004 and be mailed to shareholders and filed with the SEC.

SUBMITTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE FUND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Enrique R. Arzac  
Lawrence J. Fox  
James S. Pasman, Jr.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

At a meeting held on November 30, 2004, the Fund's Audit Committee approved the selection of PwC for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2005. PwC has been the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm since February 1, 2001,

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and has informed the Fund that it has no material direct or indirect financial interest in the Fund. A representative of PwC will be available by telephone at the Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if the representative so desires and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

The information in the table below is provided for services rendered to the Fund by PwC for its fiscal years ended October 31, 2003 and October 31, 2004.

	2003 ----	2004 ----
Audit Fees	\$ 29,580	\$ 29,580
Audit-Related Fees(1)	\$ 11,500	\$ 4,500
Tax Fees(2)	\$ 2,284	\$ 2,284
All Other Fees	\$ --	\$ --
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 43,364</b>	<b>\$ 36,364</b>

- (1) Services include agreed-upon procedures in connection with the Fund's semi-annual financial statements (\$3,000 per year), the Fund's third quarter 2004 Form N-Q filing (\$1,500), and the Fund's Debt Covenant Agreement for 2003 (\$8,500).
- (2) Tax services in connection with the Fund's excise tax calculations and review of the Fund's applicable tax returns.

The Audit Committee is responsible for pre-approving (i) all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm to the Fund and (ii) all permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm to CSAM and any service provider to the Fund controlling, controlled by or under common control with CSAM that provided ongoing services to the Fund ("Covered Services Provider") if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund. The Audit Committee may delegate its responsibility to pre-approve any such audit and permissible non-audit services to the Chairperson of the Committee, and the Chairperson shall report to the Committee, at its next regularly

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scheduled meeting after the Chairperson's pre-approval of such services, his or her decision(s). The Audit Committee may also establish detailed pre-approval policies and procedures for pre-approval of such services in accordance with applicable laws, including the delegation of some or all of the Committee's pre-approval responsibilities to other persons (other than CSAM or the Fund's officers). Pre-approval by the Audit Committee of any permissible non-audit services shall not be required so long as: (i) the aggregate amount of all such permissible non-audit services provided to the Fund, CSAM and any Covered Services Provider constitutes not more than 5% of the total amount of revenues paid by the Fund to its independent registered public accounting firm during the fiscal year in which the permissible non-audit services are provided; (ii) the permissible non-audit services were not recognized by the Fund at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and (iii) such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee and approved by the Committee (or its

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delegate(s)) prior to the completion of the audit.

No fees were billed by PwC for non-audit services rendered to the Fund, CSAM or Covered Service Providers for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2003 and October 31, 2004.

### COMPENSATION

The following table shows certain compensation information for the trustees for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004. All officers of the Fund are employees of and are compensated by CSAM. None of the Fund's executive officers or trustees who are also officers or directors of CSAM received any compensation from the Fund for such period. The Fund has no bonus, profit sharing, pension or retirement plans.

NAME OF TRUSTEE OR NOMINEE	AGGREGATE COMPENSATION FROM THE FUND	TOTAL COMPENSATION FROM FU AND FUND COMPLEX PAID TO TRUSTEE OR NOMINEE*
 NOMINEE FOR TRUSTEE:		
Enrique R. Arzac	\$ 17,500	\$ 85,500
 NON-INTERESTED TRUSTEES:		
Lawrence J. Fox	\$ 17,500	\$ 43,500
James S. Pasman, Jr.	\$ 17,500	\$ 143,875

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 \* 48 funds comprise the Fund complex. See the "Trustees" table for the number of funds each trustee serves.

THE FUND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES, INCLUDING THE INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES,  
 RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE NOMINEE FOR TRUSTEE.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### BENEFICIAL OWNERS

Based upon the Fund's review of filings made pursuant to Section 13 of the 1934 Act, as of December 20, 2004, the Fund had no knowledge that any shareholder beneficially owned 5% or more of the Fund's shares.

#### SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act and Section 30(h) of the 1940 Act require the Fund's officers and trustees, certain officers and directors of the investment adviser, affiliated persons of the investment adviser, and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Fund's Shares to file reports of ownership with the SEC and the Fund.

Based solely upon its review of the copies of such forms received by it and written representations from such persons, the Fund believes that, for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004, all filing requirements applicable to such persons were complied with.

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### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that for a shareholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in the Fund's proxy material relating to its 2006 annual meeting of shareholders, the shareholder proposal must be received by the Fund no later than September 13, 2005. The shareholder proposal, including any accompanying supporting statement, may not exceed 500 words. A shareholder desiring to submit a proposal must be a record or beneficial owner of Shares with a market value of \$2,000 and must have held such Shares for at least one year. Further, the shareholder must continue to hold such Shares through the date on which the meeting is held. Documentary support regarding the foregoing must be provided along with the proposal. There are additional requirements regarding proposals of shareholders, and a shareholder contemplating submission of a proposal is referred to Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the 1934 Act. The timely submission of a proposal does not guarantee its inclusion in the Fund's proxy materials.

Pursuant to the By-laws of the Fund, at any annual meeting of the shareholders, only such business will be conducted as has been properly brought before the annual meeting. To be properly brought before the annual meeting, the business must be (i) specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board, (ii) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board, or (iii) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by a shareholder.

For business to be properly brought before the annual meeting by a shareholder, the shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Fund. To be timely, any such notice must be delivered to, or mailed (by certified mail being recommended) and received at, Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Fund c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, 466 Lexington Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10017 not later than 45 days before the date in the then current year corresponding to the date on which the Fund first mailed its notice and proxy materials for the annual meeting held in the prior year; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced or delayed by more than 30 days from the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, notice by such shareholder to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which notice or public announcement of the date of such meeting was given or made. In no event shall the public announcement of an adjournment of an annual meeting commence a new time period for the giving of a shareholder's notice as described above.

Any such notice by a shareholder shall set forth as to each matter the shareholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting: (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, (ii) the name and address, as they appear on the Fund's books, of the shareholder proposing such business, (iii) the class and number of shares of the capital stock of the Fund which are beneficially owned by the shareholder, (iv) a representation that the shareholder is a holder of record of shares of the Fund entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to present such business, (v) whether the shareholder intends or is part of a group which intends to solicit proxies from other shareholders in support of such business and (vi) any material interest of the shareholder in such business.

The Fund may exercise discretionary voting authority with respect to any shareholder proposals for the 2006 annual meeting of shareholders not included in the proxy statement and form of proxy which are not submitted to the Fund within the time-frame indicated above. Even if timely notice is received, the Fund may exercise discretionary voting authority in certain other circumstances. Discretionary voting authority is the ability to vote proxies that shareholders have executed and returned to the Fund on matters not specifically reflected on

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the form of proxy.

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SHAREHOLDERS WHO DO NOT EXPECT TO BE PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR SHARES VOTED ARE REQUESTED TO DATE AND SIGN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Management knows of no business to be presented at the Meeting, other than the matters set forth in this Proxy Statement, but should any other matter requiring the vote of shareholders arise, the proxies will vote thereon according to their best judgment in the interests of the Fund.

THE FUND WILL FURNISH, WITHOUT CHARGE, A COPY OF ITS MOST RECENT ANNUAL REPORT AND ANY MORE RECENT SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO A SHAREHOLDER UPON REQUEST. ANY SUCH REQUEST SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE FUND BY CALLING 1-800-293-1232, BY WRITING TO CREDIT SUISSE HIGH YIELD BOND FUND C/O CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC AT 466 LEXINGTON AVENUE, 16TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017, OR AT THE FUND'S WEBSITE AT <http://www.csam.com/us>. THESE REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS OF RECEIPT.

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## APPENDIX A

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHARTER

This document serves as the Charter for the Nominating Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors/Trustees (the "Board") of each fund (the "Fund" and collectively the "Funds") advised by Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC ("CSAM") listed on Appendix A hereto (each such Charter being a separate Charter).

#### SECTION 1. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to assist the Board in its selection of members with the competencies needed to oversee the Funds so that the interests of shareholders in the Funds are well-served.

In pursuit of this purpose, the scope of the Committee's responsibilities shall include:

- the nomination of new independent Directors.
- the evaluation of the Board and its compensation structure.
- the analyses and appropriateness of establishing minimum shareholding levels for Directors.

#### SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The Committee for each Fund shall consist of all of the Directors who are not "interested persons" of the Fund, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and, if applicable, "independent" as such

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term is defined by the listing standards of the principal national securities exchange upon which the Fund's shares are listed, if any.

- (b) The Committee shall appoint its Chairperson by a majority vote of its members.
- (c) The compensation, if any, of the Committee members shall be as determined by the Board.

### SECTION 3. NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT POLICY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) In nominating candidates, the Committee will search for those highly qualified candidates who can bring to the Board the independence, skills, experience and judgment necessary to address the issues independent directors of investment companies may confront in fulfilling their duties to fund shareholders. The Committee may, in its discretion, establish specific, minimum qualifications (including skills) that must be met by Committee-nominated or shareholder-nominated candidates.
- (b) The Committee will consider candidates submitted by shareholders or from other sources it deems appropriate. Any recommendation should be submitted to the Secretary of each Fund, c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, 466 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Any submission should include, at a minimum, the following information: As to each individual proposed for election or re-election as director, the name, age, business address, residence address and principal occupation or employment of such individual, the class, series and number of shares of stock of the Fund that are beneficially owned by such individual, the date such shares were acquired and the investment intent of such acquisition, whether such stockholder believes such individual is, or is not, an "interested person" of the Fund (as defined in the 1940 Act), and information regarding such individual that is sufficient, in the

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discretion of the Committee, to make such determination, and all other information relating to such individual that is required to be disclosed in solicitation of proxies for election of directors in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved) or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A (or any successor provision) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder (including such individual's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director (if elected)). In the case of any Fund holding a meeting of shareholders, any such submission in order to be considered for inclusion in the Fund's proxy statement, should be submitted by a date not later than the 120th calendar day before the date the Fund's proxy statement was released to security holders in connection with the Fund's previous year's annual meeting or, if the Fund has changed the meeting date by more than 30 days or if no meeting was held the previous year, within a reasonable time before the Fund begins to print and mail its proxy statement. Any such

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submission must also be submitted by such date and contain such information as may be specified in the Fund's By-laws, or as required by any relevant stock exchange listing standards

### SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) The Committee shall review, as it deems necessary, and make recommendations with regard to the tenure of the directors, including any term limits, limits on the number of boards (or committees) on which a director may sit and normal retirement age.
- (b) The Committee may retain and terminate a search firm to identify director nominees, subject to the Board's sole authority to approve the search firm's fees and other retention terms.
- (c) The Committee shall be responsible for annually evaluating the Board and its committee structure to determine whether the Board and its committee structure is functioning effectively. The Committee shall determine the nature of the evaluation, supervise the conduct of the evaluation and prepare an assessment of the performance of the Board and its committees, to be discussed with the Board.
- (d) The Committee shall have the authority to delegate all or a portion of its duties and responsibilities to a subcommittee of the Committee.
- (e) The Committee shall have any other duties or responsibilities expressly delegated to the Committee by the Board from time to time relating to the nomination of the Board members or any Committee members.

### SECTION 5. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- (a) The Committee shall meet at least once a year.
- (b) The Committee shall keep written minutes of its meetings, which minutes shall be maintained with the books and records of the Fund, and the Committee shall report to the Board on its meetings.
- (c) The Committee shall, from time to time as it deems appropriate, review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval. The Charter shall be posted on the Fund's website.
- (d) The Board has granted to the Committee access to the resources and authority to make reasonable expenditures, including expenditures to retain any experts and counsel related to the aforementioned duties and tasks, that will be reimbursed by the Fund.

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APPENDIX A

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### OPEN-END FUNDS:

#### OCTOBER 31 FISCAL YEAR END FUNDS ("OCTOBER 31 FUNDS")

Credit Suisse Capital Appreciation Fund  
Credit Suisse Capital Funds  
    Credit Suisse Large Cap Value Fund  
    Credit Suisse Small Cap Value Fund  
Credit Suisse Commodity Return Strategy Fund  
Credit Suisse Emerging Markets Fund  
Credit Suisse Fixed Income Fund  
Credit Suisse Global Fixed Income Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Global Post-Venture Capital Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Institutional Fund, Inc.  
    Capital Appreciation Portfolio  
    Harbinger Portfolio  
    International Focus Portfolio  
    Investment Grade Fixed Income Portfolio  
    Large Cap Value Portfolio  
    Select Equity Portfolio  
    Small Cap Growth Portfolio  
    Small Cap Value Portfolio  
Credit Suisse International Focus Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Japan Equity Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Mid-Cap Growth Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse New York Municipal Fund  
Credit Suisse Opportunity Funds  
    Credit Suisse High Income Fund  
Credit Suisse Small Cap Growth Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Target Return Fund

#### DECEMBER 31 FISCAL YEAR END FUNDS ("DECEMBER 31 FUNDS")

Credit Suisse Cash Reserve Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Institutional Fixed Income Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Institutional High Yield Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Institutional Money Market Fund  
    Government Portfolio  
    Prime Portfolio  
Credit Suisse New York Tax Exempt Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Select Equity Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Short Duration Bond Fund  
Credit Suisse Trust  
    Blue Chip Portfolio  
    Emerging Markets Portfolio

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Global Post-Venture Capital Portfolio  
International Focus Portfolio  
Large Cap Value Portfolio  
Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio  
Small Cap Growth Portfolio  
Small Cap Value Portfolio  
Strategic Small Cap Portfolio

### CLOSED-END FUNDS:

Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Fund  
Credit Suisse Asset Management Income Fund, Inc.  
The Brazilian Equity Fund, Inc.  
The Chile Fund, Inc.  
The Emerging Markets Telecommunications Fund, Inc.



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The First Israel Fund, Inc.  
The Indonesia Fund, Inc.  
The Latin America Equity Fund, Inc.

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### APPENDIX B

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

This document serves as the Charter for the Audit Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors/Trustees (the "Board") of each fund (the "Fund") advised by Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC ("CSAM") listed on Appendix A hereto (each such Charter being a separate Charter).

#### PURPOSE

The primary purposes of the Committee are to:

- assist Board oversight of
  1. the integrity of the Fund's financial statements
  2. the independent auditor's qualifications and independence
  3. the performance of the Fund's independent auditors
  4. the Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements
- prepare an audit committee report, if required by the SEC, to be included in the Fund's annual proxy statement, if any;
- oversee the scope of the annual audit of the Fund's financial statements, the quality and objectivity of the Fund's financial statements, the Fund's accounting and financial reporting policies and practices and its internal controls relating thereto;
- determine the selection, appointment, retention and termination of the Fund's independent auditors, as well as approving the compensation of the auditors;
- pre-approve all audit and non-audit services provided to the Fund and certain other persons (as described in 2(b) below) by such independent auditors; and
- act as a liaison between the Fund's independent auditors and the Board.

The Fund's independent auditors shall report directly to the Committee.

The primary function of the Committee is oversight. The Fund's management is responsible for (i) the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Fund's financial statements, (ii) the maintenance of appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles and policies and (iii) the maintenance of internal controls and procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations.

The independent auditors are responsible for planning and carrying out proper audits and reviews in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

In fulfilling their responsibilities hereunder, it is recognized that members of the Committee are not full-time employees of the Fund. As such, it is not the duty or responsibility of the Committee or its members to conduct "field

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work" or other types of auditing or accounting reviews or procedures or to set auditor independence standards. Each member of the Committee shall be entitled to rely on (i) the integrity of those persons and organizations within and outside the Fund from which it receives information, (ii) the accuracy of the financial and other information provided to the Committee by such persons and organizations absent actual knowledge to the contrary (which shall be promptly reported to the Fund's Board) and (iii) statements made by the officers and employees of the Fund, CSAM or other third parties as to any information technology, internal audit and other non-audit services provided by the independent auditors to the Fund. In addition, the evaluation of the Fund's financial statements by the Committee

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is not of the same scope as, and does not involve the extent of detail as, audits performed by the independent auditors, nor does the Committee's evaluation substitute for the responsibilities of the Fund's management for preparing, or the independent auditors for auditing, the financial statements.

### COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS

(a) The Committee shall consist of at least three Board members none of whom is an "interested person," as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Independent Board Members"), each of whom shall be financially literate and able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including the Fund's balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement, and at least one of whom shall have accounting or related financial management expertise as determined by the Fund's Board in its business judgment. Each member of the Committee must also meet the New York Stock Exchange's independence requirements for audit committee members of listed companies and the independence requirements applicable to investment companies set forth in Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. If one or more members of the Committee qualify as an "audit committee financial expert" ("ACFE"), within the meaning of the rules adopted and implemented under Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, at least one such member shall be designated as the Committee's ACFE. The Committee shall elect a chairperson, who shall preside over Committee meetings (the "Chairperson"). The Chairperson shall serve as such until his successor is selected by the Committee.

The designation of a person as an ACFE shall not impose any greater responsibility or liability on that person than the responsibility and liability imposed on such person as a member of the Committee, nor does it decrease the duties and obligations of other Committee members or the Board.

(b) With respect to any subsequent changes to the composition of the Committee, and otherwise approximately once each year, the Board of Directors shall determine:

- (i) that each member of the Audit Committee is "independent" pursuant to the NYSE's governance standards or applicable law or, in the case of a Fund whose securities are listed on the American Stock Exchange ("AMEX"), pursuant to the governance standards of the AMEX;

- (ii) that each Audit Committee member is financially literate and able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including the Fund's balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement;
- (iii) that at least one of the Committee members has accounting or related financial management expertise and, for a Fund whose securities are listed on the AMEX, is "financially sophisticated" pursuant to AMEX rules; and
- (iv) the adequacy of the Charter.

DUTIES AND POWERS

1. To carry out its purposes, the Committee shall have the following duties and powers to be exercised at such times and in such manner as the Committee shall deem necessary or appropriate:

(a) to determine, and recommend to the Independent Board Members for their ratification and approval, the selection, appointment, compensation, independence, retention and termination of the Fund's independent auditors (or any other public accounting firm engaged for the purposes of performing other audit, review or attest services for the Fund);

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(b) to resolve any disagreements between management and the independent auditors regarding financial reporting;

(c) to pre-approve (i) all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditors to the Fund, and (ii) all permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditors to CSAM and any service provider to the Fund controlling, controlled by or under common control with CSAM that provides ongoing services to the Fund ("Covered Services Provider"), if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund. The Committee may delegate its responsibility to pre-approve any such audit and permissible non-audit services to the Chairperson of the Committee, and the Chairperson shall report to the Committee, at its next regularly scheduled meeting after the Chairperson's pre-approval of such services, his or her decision(s). The Committee may also establish detailed pre-approval policies and procedures for pre-approval of such services in accordance with applicable laws, including the delegation of some or all of the Committee's pre-approval responsibilities to other persons (other than CSAM or the Fund's officers);

(d) to meet with the Fund's independent auditors, including meetings apart from management, on a regular basis: (i) to review the arrangements for and scope of the proposed annual audit and any special audits; (ii) to review the scope of non-audit services being provided and proposed to be provided; (iii) to discuss any matters of importance relating to the Fund's financial statements, including any adjustments to such

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statements recommended by the independent auditors, or other results of said audits; (iv) to consider the independent auditor's comments communicated to the Committee with respect to the Fund's financial policies, procedures and internal accounting controls and management's responses thereto; (v) to obtain annually in writing from the independent auditors their letter as to the adequacy of such controls as required by Form N-SAR; (vi) to review the form of report the independent auditors propose to render to the Board and shareholders; (vii) to discuss with the independent auditors any disclosed relationships or services that may diminish the objectivity and independence of the independent auditors; and (viii) receive reports at least annually from the independent auditors regarding their independence (including receiving the independent auditors' specific representations as to independence consistent with current statements of the Independence Standards Board), and discuss such reports with the independent auditors, and,

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(1) The Committee is responsible for pre-approving (i) all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditors to the Fund and (ii) all permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditors to CSAM and any service provider to the Fund controlling, controlled by or under common control with CSAM that provided ongoing services to the Fund ("Covered Services Provider") if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant. The Committee may delegate its responsibility to pre-approve any such audit and permissible non-audit services to the Chairperson of the Committee, and the Chairperson shall report to the Committee, at its next regularly scheduled meeting after the Chairperson's pre-approval of such services, his or her decision(s). The Committee may also establish detailed pre-approval policies and procedures for pre-approval of such services in accordance with applicable laws, including the delegation of some or all of the Committee's pre-approval responsibilities to other persons (other than CSAM or the Fund's officers). Pre-approval by the Committee of any permissible non-audit services shall not be required so long as: (i) the aggregate amount of all such permissible non-audit services provided to the Fund, CSAM and any Covered Services Provider constitutes not more than 5% of the total amount of revenues paid by the registrant to its independent auditors during the fiscal year in which the permissible non-audit services are provided; (ii) the permissible non-audit services were not recognized by the registrant at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and (iii) such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee and approved by the Committee (or its delegate(s)) prior to the completion of the audit.

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if so determined by the Committee, recommend that the Board take appropriate action to ensure the independence of the independent auditors;

(e) to review with the Fund's management and independent auditors: (i) critical accounting policies and practices applied by the Fund and communicated to the Committee by the independent auditors and/or management in preparing its financial statements; (ii) alternative treatments within generally accepted accounting principles for policies and practices related to material items that have been discussed with management communicated to the Committee; (iii) other material written communications between the independent

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auditors and the Fund, including any management letter, report on observations and recommendations on internal controls, report of any unadjusted differences (including a listing of adjustments and reclassifications not recorded, if any) communicated to the Committee, engagement letter and independence letter; and (iv) any audit problems or difficulties and management's response, including any restrictions on the scope of the auditor's activities or on access to requested information, and any significant disagreements with management;

(f) to consider and evaluate the effect upon the Fund of significant changes in accounting principles, practices, controls or procedures proposed or contemplated by management or the independent auditors;

(g) to discuss with management policies and guidelines with respect to risk assessment and risk management affecting the Fund, and the steps taken to monitor and control such risks and exposures;

(h) to discuss the types of information to be disclosed in press releases concerning dividends, as well as financial information provided to analysts and rating agencies, and the type of presentation to be made;

(i) to establish procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, including procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Fund and its service providers (as and to the extent required with respect to service providers by applicable rules, regulations or listing requirements) of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters pertaining to the Fund;

(j) to establish policies governing the hiring by the Fund of employees or former employees of the independent auditors consistent with government regulations;

(k) at least annually, to obtain and review a report by the Fund's independent auditors describing: (1) the audit firm's internal quality-control procedures; (2) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the audit firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (3) for the purpose of assessing the auditor's independence, all relationships between the independent auditors and the Fund;

(l) to review and evaluate the qualifications, performance and independence of the lead audit partner of the independent auditors on the Fund's engagement;

(m) to assure the regular rotation of such lead audit partner and the reviewing partner, and to consider whether there should be a regular rotation of the audit firm itself;

(n) to review and discuss the Fund's audited and unaudited financial statements with management and, in the case of the

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audited financials, the independent auditor, including the Fund's disclosure

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of management's discussion of Fund performance, and to recommend to the Board, as appropriate, the inclusion of the Fund's audited financial statements in the Fund's annual report; and

(o) to report regularly to the full Board any issues that arise with respect to: (1) the quality or integrity of the Fund's financial statements, (2) the Fund's compliance with legal or regulatory requirements and (3) the performance and independence of the Fund's independent auditors, and make such recommendations with respect to the matters within the scope of its authority and other matters, as the Committee may deem necessary or appropriate.

(p) to meet periodically with Fund management on all relevant matters, apart from the Fund's independent auditors;

2. The Committee shall meet as frequently as necessary to carry out its obligations, but not less frequently than twice a year, and shall hold special meetings as circumstances require. A majority of the total number of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee. A majority of the members of the Committee present shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Committee. The Committee shall regularly meet (typically, on the same day as regular Committee meetings) with the Fund's management and with the personnel of the Fund's administrator. Members of the Committee may participate in a meeting of the Committee in person or by means of a conference call or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other.
3. The Committee shall have the resources and authority appropriate to discharge its responsibilities, including the authority to retain, as it deems necessary to carry out its duties, special counsel and other experts or consultants at the expense of the Fund. The Fund shall provide appropriate funding for the Committee to carry out its duties and its responsibilities, including appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee (a) for payment of compensation to the Fund's independent auditors or other public accounting firm providing audit, review or attest services for the Fund, (b) for payment of compensation to any advisors employed by the Committee and (c) for the ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties. In performing its duties, the Committee shall consult as it deems appropriate with the members of the Board, officers and employees of the Fund, CSAM, the Fund's sub-advisor(s), if any, the Fund's counsel and the Fund's other service providers.
4. The Committee shall evaluate its performance under this Charter annually.
5. The Committee shall review the adequacy of this Charter at least annually and recommend any changes to the full Board. The Board also shall review and approve this Charter at least annually.

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6. This Charter may be altered, amended or repealed, or a new Charter may be adopted, by the Board by the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the Board, including a majority of the "non-interested" Board members (within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended).
7. The Chief Executive Officer (the "CEO") of each Fund shall certify to the Audit Committee of each Fund annually that he is not aware of any violation by the Fund of any corporate governance standards or policies to which the Fund is subject. In addition, the CEO of the Fund must promptly notify the relevant Audit Committee in writing after any executive officer of the Fund becomes aware of any material non-compliance with any applicable corporate governance listing standard or policy.

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8. FOR CLOSED-END FUNDS ONLY. (a) Each Fund whose securities are listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") shall provide the NYSE, with respect to any subsequent changes to the composition of the Audit Committee or otherwise approximately once each year, written confirmation of the determinations required by Section 1(b) above insofar as Section 1(b) relates to NYSE requirements.

(b) The CEO of each Fund whose securities are listed on the NYSE shall certify to the NYSE annually that he is not aware of any violation by the Fund of the NYSE corporate governance listing standards and such certification shall be included in the Fund's annual report to shareholders. If the CEO of any such Fund provides notice to the NYSE upon receipt of a report by any executive officer of any material non-compliance with any applicable provisions of the NYSE corporate governance listing standards, copies of any such certification or notice shall be provided to the Audit Committee of the relevant Fund.

(c) If a Fund whose securities are listed on the AMEX provides the AMEX notice upon receipt of a report by an executive officer of any material non-compliance with the requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 relating to audit committees, copies of any such notice shall be provided to the Audit Committee of the relevant Fund.

Adopted: Effective August 11, 2004

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#### OPEN-END FUNDS:

OCTOBER 31 FISCAL YEAR END FUNDS ("OCTOBER 31 FUNDS")  
Credit Suisse Capital Appreciation Fund  
Credit Suisse Capital Funds  
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    Credit Suisse Small Cap Value Fund  
Credit Suisse Commodity Return Strategy Fund  
Credit Suisse Emerging Markets Fund  
Credit Suisse Fixed Income Fund

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Credit Suisse Global Fixed Income Fund, Inc.  
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    Harbinger Portfolio  
    International Focus Portfolio  
    Investment Grade Fixed Income Portfolio  
    Large Cap Value Portfolio  
    Select Equity Portfolio  
    Small Cap Growth Portfolio  
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Credit Suisse Japan Equity Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Mid-Cap Growth Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse New York Municipal Fund  
Credit Suisse Opportunity Funds  
    Credit Suisse High Income Fund  
Credit Suisse Small Cap Growth Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Target Return Fund

### DECEMBER 31 FISCAL YEAR END FUNDS ("DECEMBER 31 FUNDS")

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Credit Suisse Institutional Fixed Income Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Institutional High Yield Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Institutional Money Market Fund  
    Government Portfolio  
    Prime Portfolio  
Credit Suisse New York Tax Exempt Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Select Equity Fund, Inc.  
Credit Suisse Short Duration Bond Fund  
Credit Suisse Trust  
    Blue Chip Portfolio  
    Emerging Markets Portfolio

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Global Post-Venture Capital Portfolio  
International Focus Portfolio  
Large Cap Value Portfolio  
Mid-Cap Growth Portfolio  
Small Cap Growth Portfolio  
Small Cap Value Portfolio  
Strategic Small Cap Portfolio

### CLOSED-END FUNDS:

Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Fund  
Credit Suisse Asset Management Income Fund, Inc.  
The Brazilian Equity Fund, Inc.  
The Chile Fund, Inc.  
The Emerging Markets Telecommunications Fund, Inc.  
The First Israel Fund, Inc.  
The Indonesia Fund, Inc.  
The Latin America Equity Fund, Inc.

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CREDIT SUISSE HIGH YIELD BOND FUND

This Proxy is Solicited on Behalf of the Board of the Credit Suisse High Yield  
Bond Fund

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS - FEBRUARY 4, 2005

The undersigned hereby appoints each of Michael A. Pignataro and J. Kevin Gao, each with the full power of substitution, and hereby authorizes them to represent and vote, as designated on the reverse side and in accordance with their judgment on such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof, all shares of Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Fund (the "Fund") that the undersigned is entitled to vote at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Fund to be held at the offices of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, 466 Lexington Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10017, on February 4, 2005 at 3:00 p.m., New York time.

PLEASE VOTE, DATE AND SIGN ON THE REVERSE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE  
ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

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CONTINUED AND TO BE SIGNED ON REVERSE SIDE

/X/Please mark votes as in this example.

This proxy, if properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed therein by the undersigned shareholder. If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted "FOR" the nominee in Proposal 1.

1. Election of Trustee

Nominee: (01) Enrique R. Arzac

FOR NOMINEE / /

/ / WITHHOLD FROM NOMINEE

The proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business that may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_