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**CREDIT SUISSE HIGH YIELD BOND FUND**

**Eleven Madison Avenue**

**Floor 2B**

**New York, New York 10010**

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**To Be Held on February 12, 2019**

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

CREDIT SUISSE HIGH YIELD BOND FUND:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Meeting) of Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Fund (NYSE American: DHY) (the Fund) will be held at the offices of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC (Credit Suisse), Eleven Madison Avenue, (between East 24th and 25th Streets) Floor 2B, New York, New York 10010, on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, commencing at 4:00 p.m. Eastern 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 four (4) Trustees of the Fund.

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

The close of business on December 14, 2018 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 materials are first being mailed on or about December 28, 2018.

By Order of the Board of Trustees,

JOHN G. POPP

*Chief Executive Officer and President*

**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, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD PROMPTLY. NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR PROXY CARD BE RETURNED PROMPTLY IN ORDER TO AVOID THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF FURTHER SOLICITATION.**

Dated: December 28, 2018

New York, New York

**CREDIT SUISSE HIGH YIELD BOND FUND**

**Eleven Madison Avenue**

**Floor 2B**

**New York, New York 10010**

**Proxy Statement for the**

**Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

**To Be Held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

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 of the Fund to be held at the offices of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC ( **Credit Suisse** ), Eleven Madison Avenue, Floor 2B, New York, New York 10010 on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 (commencing at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) and at any adjournments thereof (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 or personal interviews conducted by officers or employees of the Fund; Credit Suisse, the investment adviser to the Fund; State Street Bank and Trust Company, the administrator of the Fund (the **Administrator** ); or AST Fund Solutions, LLC ( **AST** ), a professional proxy solicitation firm that has been retained by the Fund for a fee not to exceed \$1,500 plus all reasonable out of pocket expenses (e.g., shareholder telephone calls) incurred on behalf of the Fund. 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 to AST for its services in soliciting Proxies and (d) supplementary solicitations to submit Proxies, will be borne by the Fund. This Proxy Statement and accompanying Proxy are expected to be mailed to shareholders on or about December 28, 2018.

The principal executive office of the Fund and Credit Suisse is Eleven Madison Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10010. The principal executive office of the Administrator is One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

The Fund's Annual Report containing audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018 is being furnished to all shareholders of the Fund along with this Proxy Statement in a combined mailing. The Fund's Annual Report is not to be regarded as proxy-soliciting material.

Only shareholders can attend the Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof. To gain admittance, if you are a shareholder of record, you must bring a form of personal identification to the Meeting, where your name will be verified against our shareholder list. If a broker or other nominee holds your



shares and you plan to attend the Meeting, you should bring a recent brokerage statement showing your ownership of the shares, as well as a form of personal identification. Shareholders who wish to vote in person at the Meeting must comply with all applicable conditions.

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 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 the Meeting is present. In the event that a quorum is present at the Meeting but sufficient votes to approve the proposal are not received, the persons named as proxies may propose one or more adjournments of the Meeting to permit further solicitation of Proxies. Any such adjournment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of those shares represented 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 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 that are 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.

Credit Suisse 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 14, 2018, there were 103,477,771 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 accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Fund is advising its shareholders of the availability on the Internet of the proxy materials relating to the Meeting. These rules allow companies to provide access to proxy materials in one of two ways. Because the Fund has elected to utilize the full set delivery option, the Fund is delivering to all shareholders paper copies of all of the proxy materials, as well as providing access to those proxy materials on a publicly accessible website.

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 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 12, 2019.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund to Be Held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.** The Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Proxy Statement and the Fund's most recent annual report are available on the Internet at [www.credit-suisse.com/us](http://www.credit-suisse.com/us). A copy of the Fund's annual report for its fiscal year ended October 31, 2018 is being furnished to all shareholders of the Fund along with this Proxy Statement in a combined mailing. In addition, the Fund will furnish, without charge, a copy of the Fund's annual report for its fiscal year ended October 31, 2018 to any Fund shareholder upon request. To request a copy, please write to the Fund c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, Eleven Madison Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10010, or call 1-800-293-1232. You also may call for information on how to obtain directions to be able to attend the Meeting and vote in person.

### **PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

The only proposal to be submitted at the Meeting will be the election of four (4) Trustees of the Fund to hold office for the term set forth below and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Trustees who are not interested persons (as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act)) of the Fund and the Fund's investment adviser, Credit Suisse, are referred to in this Proxy Statement as Non-Interested Trustees.

Pursuant to the Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, the Board is divided into three classes, with each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of one class will expire. Mahendra R. Gupta and John G. Popp (a current Class II trustee) have each been nominated to serve as a Class II trustee for a three-year term to expire at the Fund's 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. Lawrence J. Fox, a

current Class II trustee, having reached the retirement age of 75, will retire from the Board at the expiration of his term at the Meeting, or will serve until a successor Class II trustee is elected and qualified, and is not standing for re-election. Jeffrey E. Garten has been nominated to serve as a Class III trustee for a one-year term to expire at the Fund's 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Terry Bovarnick, a current Class III trustee, has indicated her desire to resign from the Board effective December 31, 2018 and will not serve her full term expiring at the Fund's 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Laura A. DeFelice has been nominated to serve as a Class I trustee for a two-year term to expire at the Fund's 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until her successor is duly elected and qualified. Steven N. Rappaport is a Class I trustee whose term will expire at the Fund's 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. James J. Cattano, a current Class I trustee, having reached the retirement age of 75, will retire from the Board effective December 31, 2018 and will not serve his full term expiring at the Fund's 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Each nominee has indicated an intention to serve or continue to serve if elected and has consented to being named in this Proxy Statement.

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

#### TRUSTEES/NOMINEES

Name, Address, and Year of Birth	Position(s) Held With Fund	Term of Office* and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex** Overseen By Trustee	Other Directorships Held By Trustee During Past 5 Years
<b><u>Non-Interested Nominees for Trustee:</u></b>					
Laura A. DeFelice  c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC  Attn: General Counsel  Eleven Madison Avenue  New York,  New York 10010  Year of Birth: 1959	None	None	Partner of Acacia Properties LLC (multi-family and commercial real estate ownership and operation) from 2008 to present; Stonegate Advisors LLC (renewable energy and energy efficiency) from 2007 to	8	None.

present.

<b>Name, Address, and Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held With Fund</b>	<b>Term of Office* and Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex** Overseen By Trustee</b>	<b>Other Directorships Held By Trustee During Past 5 Years</b>
<p>Jeffrey E. Garten</p> <p>c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC</p> <p>Attn: General Counsel</p> <p>Eleven Madison Avenue</p> <p>New York,</p> <p>New York 10010</p> <p>Year of Birth: 1946</p>	None	None	<p>Dean Emeritus of Yale School of Management from July 2015 to present; The Juan Trippe Professor in the Practice of International Trade, Finance and Business, Yale School of Management, from July 2005 to July 2015; Partner and Chairman of Garten Rothkopf (consulting firm) from October 2005 to June 2017.</p>	8	<p>Director of Aetna, Inc. (insurance company); Director of CarMax Group (used car dealers); Director of Miller Buckfire &amp; Co., LLC (financial restructuring); Member of Standard &amp; Poor's Board of Managers (credit rating agency) from December 2011 to November 2014.</p>

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<p>Mahendra R. Gupta</p> <p>c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC</p> <p>Attn: General Counsel</p> <p>Eleven Madison Avenue</p> <p>New York,</p> <p>New York 10010</p> <p>Year of Birth: 1956</p>	None	None	<p>Professor, Washington University in St. Louis from July 1990 to present; Dean of Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis from July 2005 to July 2016; Partner, R.J. Mithaiwala (Food manufacturing and retail, India) from March 1977 to present; Partner, F.F.B. Corporation (Agriculture, India) from March 1977 to present; Partner, RPMG Research Corporation (Benchmark research) from July 2001 to present.</p>	8	<p>Director of Caleres Inc. (footwear) from May 2012 to present; Director of Koch Development Corporation (Real Estate Development) from November 2017 to present; Director of Supernova (Fin-tech) from June 2014 to present.</p>

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<b><u>Non-Interested Trustee:</u></b>					
Steven N. Rappaport Lehigh Court, LLC 555 Madison Avenue 29th Floor New York, New York 10022 Year of Birth: 1948	Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Nominating Committee Chairman and Audit Committee Member	Chairman since 2012 and Trustee since 2005; current term ends at the 2021 annual meeting	Partner of Lehigh Court, LLC and RZ Capital (private investment firms) from July 2002 to present; Partner of Backstage Acquisition Holdings, LLC (publication job postings) from November 2013 to present.	9	Director of iCAD, Inc. (surgical & medical instruments & apparatus company); Director of Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund, Inc. (a closed-end investment company); Director of Aberdeen Funds (30 open-end portfolios); Director of Presstek, Inc. (digital imaging technologies company) from 2003 to 2012; Director of Wood Resources LLC (plywood manufacturing company) from 2003 to October 2013.

<b>Name, Address, and Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held With Fund</b>	<b>Term of Office* and Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex** Overseen By Trustee</b>	<b>Other Directorships Held By Trustee During Past 5 Years</b>
<b><u>Interested Nominee for Trustee:</u></b>					
John G. Popp*** Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC Eleven Madison Avenue New York, New York 10010 Year of Birth: 1956	Trustee; Chief Executive Officer and President	Trustee since 2012; Chief Executive Officer and President since 2010; current term ends at the 2019 annual meeting	Managing Director of Credit Suisse; Global Head and Chief Investment Officer of the Credit Investment Group; Associated with Credit Suisse or its predecessor since 1997; Officer of other Credit Suisse Funds.	9	None.

\* Subject to the Fund's retirement policy, no Trustee shall be presented to shareholders of the Fund for election at any meeting that is scheduled to occur after he/she has reached the age of 74 and a Trustee shall automatically be deemed to retire from the Board at the next annual shareholders' meeting following the date that he/she reaches the age of 75 years even if his/her term of office has not expired on that date. The requirements of the retirement policy may be waived with respect to an individual Trustee.

\*\* The Fund Complex consists of Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Fund, Credit Suisse Asset Management Income Fund, Inc., Credit Suisse Commodity Strategy Funds (which currently consists of two portfolios), Credit Suisse Opportunity Funds (which currently consists of four portfolios) and Credit Suisse Trust (which currently consists of one portfolio).

\*\*\*Mr. Popp is an interested person of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act by virtue of his current position as an officer of Credit Suisse.

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**OFFICERS THAT ARE NOT TRUSTEES**

<b>Name, Address and Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held With Fund</b>	<b>Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</b>
<p>Thomas Flannery</p> <p>Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC</p> <p>Eleven Madison Avenue</p> <p>New York,</p> <p>New York 10010</p> <p>Year of Birth: 1974</p>	<p>Chief Investment Officer</p>	<p>Since 2010</p>	<p>Managing Director of Credit Suisse and Head of the Credit Suisse US High Yield Management Team; Associated with Credit Suisse Group AG since 1998; Officer of other Credit Suisse Funds.</p>
<p>Emidio Morizio</p> <p>Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC</p> <p>Eleven Madison Avenue</p> <p>New York,</p> <p>New York 10010</p> <p>Year of Birth: 1966</p>	<p>Chief Compliance Officer</p>	<p>Since 2004</p>	<p>Managing Director and Global Head of Compliance of Credit Suisse since 2010; Associated with Credit Suisse since July 2000; Officer of other Credit Suisse Funds.</p>
<p>Lou Anne McInnis</p> <p>Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC</p> <p>Eleven Madison Avenue</p> <p>New York,</p> <p>New York 10010</p> <p>Year of Birth: 1959</p>	<p>Chief Legal Officer</p>	<p>Since 2015</p>	<p>Director of Credit Suisse; Associated with Credit Suisse since April 2015; Counsel at DLA Piper US LLP from 2011 to April 2015; Associated with Morgan Stanley Investment Management from 1997 to 2010; Officer of other Credit Suisse Funds.</p>
<p>Karen Regan</p> <p>Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC</p> <p>Eleven Madison Avenue</p>	<p>Senior Vice President and Secretary</p>	<p>Since 2010</p>	<p>Vice President of Credit Suisse; Associated with Credit Suisse since December 2004; Officer of other Credit Suisse Funds.</p>



New York,

New York 10010

Year of Birth: 1963

Laurie Pecha

Credit Suisse Asset Management,  
LLC

Eleven Madison Avenue

New York,

New York 10010

Year of Birth: 1961

Chief Financial Officer  
and Treasurer

Chief  
Financial  
Officer since  
2016 and  
Treasurer since  
2018

Director of Credit Suisse since August  
2016; Senior Consultant at Spectra  
Professional Services, LLC from  
January 2012 to July 2016; Officer of  
other Credit Suisse Funds.

### **Qualification of Board of Trustees/Nominees**

The Board believes that each Trustee's and nominee's experience, qualifications, attributes or skills on an individual basis and in combination with those of the other Trustees and nominees lead to the conclusion that each Trustee and nominee should serve as a Trustee. Among the attributes common to all Trustees and nominees are their ability to review critically, evaluate, question and discuss information provided to them, to interact effectively with the other Trustees, Credit Suisse, other service providers, counsel and the independent registered public accounting firm, and to exercise effective business judgment in the performance of their duties as Trustees. A Trustee's or nominee's ability to perform his or her duties effectively may have been attained through the Trustee's or nominee's business, consulting, public service and/or academic positions; experience from service as a board member of the Fund and the other funds in the Fund Complex, other investment funds, public companies, or non-profit entities or other organizations; educational background or professional training; and/or other life experiences. In addition to these shared characteristics, set forth below is a brief discussion of the specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills of each Trustee and nominee that support the conclusion that each person should serve as a Trustee or nominee.

### **Non-Interested Trustees/Nominees**

*Laura A. DeFelice.* Ms. DeFelice has been a trustee since 2017 of all of the open-end Credit Suisse Funds in the Fund Complex. Ms. DeFelice is the founding principal of two companies, one focusing on multi-family and commercial real estate ownership, leasing and management, and the other focusing on renewable energy project development. She has over 25 years of business experience in the financial services industry, including as a law firm partner specializing in structured finance. Ms. DeFelice also serves on the board of directors of another closed-end fund in the Fund Complex.

*Jeffrey E. Garten.* Mr. Garten has been a trustee since 1998 (except for part of 2000) of all of the open-end Credit Suisse Funds in the Fund Complex. In addition, he has over 40 years of executive, business and academic experience in the areas of international trade and finance and business management. Mr. Garten also serves on the board of directors of another closed-end fund in the Fund Complex.

*Mahendra R. Gupta.* Mr. Gupta has been a trustee since 2017, and Chairman of the Audit Committee since 2017 of all of the open-end Credit Suisse Funds in the Fund Complex. Mr. Gupta is a Professor at Washington University in St. Louis. He has over 25 years of academic experience as a professor of accounting and management. Mr. Gupta also serves on the board of directors of another closed-end fund in the Fund Complex.

*Steven N. Rappaport.* Mr. Rappaport has been a trustee since 2005, Chairman of the Board of Trustees since 2012 and Chairman of the Nominating Committee since 2012. In addition, he has over 30 years of business experience in the financial

services industry. Mr. Rappaport also serves on the boards of directors of other funds, including funds in the Fund Complex.

### Interested Trustee

*John G. Popp.* Mr. Popp has been a Trustee since 2012. He is a Managing Director of Credit Suisse. He is the Global Head and Chief Investment Officer of the Credit Investments Group. Mr. Popp has been associated with Credit Suisse since 1997. He has over 30 years of business experience in the financial services industry. Mr. Popp has been a Trustee since 2017 of all of the open-end funds in the Fund Complex and is a Director of another closed-end fund in the Fund Complex. Mr. Popp also serves as Chief Executive Officer and President of all of the funds in the Credit Suisse Fund Complex.

Specific details regarding each Trustee's and nominee's principal occupations during the past five years are included in the table above.

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 Credit Suisse Family of Investment Companies (as defined below) beneficially owned by each Trustee or nominee.

Name of Trustee or Nominee	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund*(1)(2)	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Funds Overseen by Trustee or Nominee in Credit Suisse Family of Investment Companies*(1)(3)
<b><u>Non-Interested Nominees for Trustee:</u></b>		
Laura A. DeFelice <sup>(4)</sup>	A	D
Jeffrey E. Garten <sup>(4)</sup>	A	B
Mahendra R. Gupta <sup>(4)</sup>	A	C
<b><u>Non-Interested Trustee:</u></b>		
Steven N. Rappaport	E	E
<b><u>Interested Nominee for Trustee:</u></b>		
John G. Popp	D	E

\* Key to Dollar Ranges:

- A. None
- B. \$1- \$10,000
- C. \$10,001 - \$50,000
- D. \$50,001 - \$100,000
- E. over \$100,000

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- (1) This information has been furnished by each Trustee as of November 30, 2018. Beneficial Ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (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) Credit Suisse Family of Investment Companies means those registered investment companies that share Credit Suisse as their investment adviser and that hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services.

(4) Messrs. Garten and Gupta and Ms. DeFelice were not Trustees during this period.

As of November 30, 2018, none of the Non-Interested nominees for election to the Board, the other Non-Interested Trustees or their immediate family members owned beneficially or of record any class of securities in Credit Suisse or in a person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with Credit Suisse.

During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018, each Non-Interested Trustee received an annual fee of \$20,000 and \$2,000 for each meeting of the Board attended by him or her and was reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with his or her attendance at the Fund's Board meetings. The total remuneration paid by the Fund during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018 to all such Non-Interested Trustees was \$125,419. The Chairman of the Board receives an additional annual fee of \$5,000 and the Audit Committee Chairman receives an additional annual fee of \$2,000.

During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018, the Board convened nine times. Each Trustee attended at least seventy-five percent of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and any committees on which he or she served during the period for which he or she was a Trustee.

#### **Leadership Structure and Oversight Responsibilities**

Overall responsibility for oversight of the Fund rests with the Board. The Fund has engaged Credit Suisse to manage the Fund on a day-to-day basis. The Board is responsible for overseeing Credit Suisse and other service providers in the operations of the Fund in accordance with the provisions of the 1940 Act, applicable provisions of state and other laws and the Fund's charter. The Board is currently composed of five members, each of whom, other than Mr. Popp, is a Non-Interested Trustee. The Board meets in-person at regularly scheduled quarterly meetings each year. In addition, the Board may hold special in-person or telephonic meetings or informal conference calls to discuss specific matters that may arise or require action between regular meetings. As described below, the Board has established a Nominating Committee and an Audit Committee, and may establish ad hoc committees or working groups from time to time, to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. The Non-Interested Trustees have also engaged independent legal counsel to assist them in performing their oversight responsibilities.

The Board has appointed Steven Rappaport, a Non-Interested Trustee, to serve in the role of Chairman. The Chairman's role is to preside at all meetings of the Board and to act as a liaison with Credit Suisse, counsel and other Trustees generally between meetings. The Chairman serves as a key point person for dealings between management and the Trustees. The Chairman may also perform such

other functions as may be delegated by the Board from time to time. The Board reviews matters related to its leadership structure annually. The Board has determined that the Board's leadership structure is appropriate because it allows the Board to exercise informed and independent judgment over the matters under its purview and it allocates areas of responsibility among committees of Trustees and the full Board in a manner that enhances effective oversight.

The Fund is subject to a number of risks, including investment, compliance, operational and valuation risks, among others. Risk oversight forms part of the Board's general oversight of the Fund and is addressed as part of various Board and committee activities. Day-to-day risk management functions are subsumed within the responsibilities of Credit Suisse and other service providers (depending on the nature of the risk), which carry out the Fund's investment management and business affairs. Credit Suisse and other service providers employ a variety of processes, procedures and controls to identify various events or circumstances that give rise to risks, to lessen the probability of their occurrence and/or to mitigate the effects of such events or circumstances if they do occur. Each of Credit Suisse and other service providers has their own independent interest in risk management, and their policies and methods of risk management will depend on their functions and business models. The Board recognizes that it is not possible to identify all of the risks that may affect the Fund or to develop processes and controls to eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects. As part of its regular oversight of the Fund, the Board interacts with and reviews reports from, among others, Credit Suisse, the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer, the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and counsel, as appropriate, regarding risks faced by the Fund and applicable risk controls. The Board may, at any time and in its discretion, change the manner in which it conducts risk oversight.

All of the Trustees, except for John Popp, 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 NYSE American, LLC, formerly known as NYSE MKT (the NYSE American)). The Audit Committee convened four times during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018. The Audit Committee advises the full Board with respect to accounting, auditing and financial matters affecting the Fund.

All of the Trustees, except for John Popp, 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 is defined by the listing standards of NYSE American). The Nominating Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018. At a meeting of the Nominating Committee held on November 12, 2018, the Nominating Committee nominated each of Mahendra R. Gupta and John G. Popp for a three-year term, Jeffrey E. Garten for a one-year term and Laura A. DeFelice for a two-year term. The Nominating Committee selects and nominates new Trustees. The Board has adopted a Nominating Committee Charter (a copy of which was included as Appendix A to the Fund's

proxy statement dated December 29, 2017). 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. With respect to diversity, the Nominating Committee considers whether a candidate's background, experience and skills will contribute to the diversity of the Board.

The Nominating Committee will consider candidates submitted by shareholders or from other sources it deems appropriate. Any recommendation should be submitted to the Secretary of the Fund, c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, Eleven Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010. Shareholders or shareholder groups submitting proposed candidates must substantiate compliance with the requirements in the Fund's By-laws at the time of submitting their proposed candidate. Any submission should include, at a minimum, the following information: As to each individual proposed for election or re-election as trustee, 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 discretion of the Nominating 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 1934 Act, 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 trustee (if elected)). To be considered for inclusion in the Fund's proxy statement, the submission must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Fund not later than 120 days, nor earlier than 150 days, before the first anniversary of the date on which the Fund first mailed its 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 stockholder to be timely must be so received not earlier than 150 days prior to such annual meeting and 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. Any such 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.

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 c/o the Secretary of the Fund. 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 AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter adopted by the Board (a copy of which was included as Appendix B to the Fund's proxy statement dated December 29, 2017), 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 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 KPMG LLP (KPMG) to the Fund and to Credit Suisse 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 audits in accordance with standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).

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, 2018. The Audit Committee has also met with the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG, and discussed with them certain matters required by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 114, The Auditor's Communication with those Charged with Governance, 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 from KPMG the letter required by the SEC's independence rules describing any relationships between it and the Fund, Credit Suisse and its affiliates that may be thought to bear upon the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee has discussed with KPMG its independence and has considered whether the provision of services by KPMG to the Fund, Credit Suisse and its affiliates was compatible with maintaining KPMG'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 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 2018 Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018 and be mailed to shareholders and filed with the SEC.

**Submitted by the Audit Committee of the Fund's Board of Trustees**

Terry F. Bovarnick

James J. Cattano

Lawrence J. Fox

Steven N. Rappaport

**INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

At a meeting held on November 13, 2018, the Fund's Audit Committee approved the selection of KPMG as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2019. KPMG has been the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm since February 24, 2015, and has informed the Fund that it has no material direct or indirect financial interest in the Fund. A representative of KPMG 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 provides for services, all approved by the Audit Committee, rendered to the Fund by KPMG, the Fund's current independent registered public accounting firm, for its fiscal years ended October 31, 2017 and October 31, 2018.

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Audit Fees	\$ 36,400	\$ 38,875
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 6,150	\$ 5,751
Tax Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 3,420	\$ 3,420
All Other Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 59,500	\$ 30,000
Total	\$ 105,470	\$ 78,046

<sup>(1)</sup> Services include agreed-upon procedures in connection with the Fund's semi-annual financial statements \$6,150 in 2017 and \$5,751 in 2018 to KPMG.



- (2) Tax services in connection with the Fund's excise tax calculations and review of the Fund's applicable tax returns.
- (3) Fees include \$59,500 paid to KPMG in 2017 and \$30,000 paid to KPMG in 2018 for the issuance of a comfort letter and consent letters in connection with the Fund's registration statement on Form N-2.

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 Credit Suisse and any service provider to the Fund controlling, controlled by or under common control with Credit Suisse 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 Audit Committee, and the Chairperson shall report to the Audit Committee, at its next regularly 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 Audit Committee's pre-approval responsibilities to other persons (other than Credit Suisse 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, Credit Suisse 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 Audit Committee and approved by the Audit Committee (or its delegate(s)) prior to the completion of the audit.

The aggregate fees billed by KPMG for fiscal years ended October 31, 2017 and October 31, 2018 for non-audit services rendered to the Fund, Credit Suisse or Covered Service Providers were \$0 and \$0, respectively.

All of the services described above were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

### **COMPENSATION**

The following table shows certain compensation information for the Trustees for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018. All officers of the Fund are employees of and are compensated by Credit Suisse. None of the Fund's executive officers or

Trustees who are also officers or directors of Credit Suisse 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 Fund and Fund Complex Paid to Trustee or Nominee*
<b><u>Non-Interested Trustees:</u></b>		
Terry F. Bovarnick**	\$ 30,000	\$ 59,000
Lawrence J. Fox***	\$ 28,000	\$ 55,000
James J. Cattano****	\$ 31,419	\$ 62,006
Steven N. Rappaport	\$ 36,000	\$ 184,350

\* 9 funds comprise the Fund Complex. See the Trustees table for the number of funds each Trustee serves.

\*\* Ms. Bovarnick will resign as a Trustee effective December 31, 2018.

\*\*\* Mr. Fox will retire as a Trustee at the expiration of his term at the Meeting.

\*\*\*\* Mr. Cattano will retire as a Trustee effective December 31, 2018.

**THE FUND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES, INCLUDING THE NON-INTERESTED TRUSTEES, RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE FUND'S NOMINEES 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 14, 2018, to the Fund's knowledge the following shareholder beneficially owned over 5% of the Fund's shares:

Name and Address	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Share Class
First Trust Advisors L.P.  120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  Wheaton, Illinois 60187	15,773,045*	15.79%

\* As stated in Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on January 16, 2018.

##### 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 and written representations received by it, the Fund believes that, for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2018, such forms were filed on a timely basis.

## 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 2020 annual meeting of shareholders, the shareholder proposal must be received by the Fund no earlier than August 1, 2019 and no later than August 31, 2019. 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 at least \$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 in compliance with the requirements in the Fund's By-laws.

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) to and received by, Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Fund c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, Eleven Madison Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10010 not later than 120 days, nor earlier than 150 days, before the first anniversary of the date on which the Fund first mailed its 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 earlier than 150 days prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the 10<sup>th</sup> 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:

- (i) as to any business that the shareholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting, a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting, the text of the proposal or business (including the text of any resolutions proposed for consideration), the reasons for conducting

such business at the annual meeting and any material interest in such business of such shareholder and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is made; and

(ii) as to the shareholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is made:

- (1) the name and address of such shareholder, as they appear on the Fund's books, and of such beneficial owner,
- (2) the class and number of shares which are owned beneficially and of record by such shareholder and such beneficial owner and any Person<sup>1</sup> who has a Disclosable Relationship<sup>2</sup> with such shareholder or beneficial owner ( Shareholder Associate ),
- (3) the name of each nominee holder of shares owned beneficially but not of record by such shareholder and such beneficial owner and their respective Shareholder Associates, and the number of such shares held by each such nominee holder,
- (4) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding (whether written or oral) with respect to the proposal between or among such shareholder and such beneficial owner, any of their respective Shareholder Associates, and any other Person or Persons (including their names) in connection with the proposal of such business and any material interest of such Person or any Shareholder Associate of such

<sup>1</sup> Person means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, a limited liability company, an association, a trust or any other entity or organization, including a series or portfolio of any of the foregoing, or a government or political subdivision or an agency or instrumentality thereof.

<sup>2</sup> Disclosable Relationship with respect to another Person means (A) the existence at any time during the current calendar year or at any time within the two most recently completed calendar years of any agreement, arrangement, understanding (whether written or oral) or practice, including sharing of information, decisions or actions, of a Person with such other Person with respect to the Fund or shares of the Fund, (B) the beneficial ownership of securities of any Person known by such Person to beneficially own shares of the Fund and of which such Person knows such other Person also beneficially owns any securities, (C) sharing beneficial ownership of any securities with such other Person, (D) being an immediate family member of such other Person, (E) the existence at any time during the current calendar year or at any time within the two most recently completed calendar years of a material business or professional relationship with such other Person or with any Person of which such other Person is a holder of 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities, officer, director, general partner, managing member or employee or (F) controlling, being controlled by or being under common control with such other Person.

Person, in such business, including any anticipated benefit therefrom to such Person, or any Shareholder Associate of such Person,

(5) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding, whether written or oral (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options, warrants, stock appreciation or similar rights, hedging transactions, and borrowed or loaned shares), that has been entered into as of the date of the shareholder's notice by, or on behalf of, such shareholder and such beneficial owners or their respective Shareholder Associates, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss to, manage the risk of or benefit from Fund share price changes, or increase or decrease the voting power of, such shareholder or such beneficial owner or their respective Shareholder Associates, with respect to shares of the Fund,

(6) a description of all commercial and professional relationships and transactions between or among such shareholder and such beneficial owners or their respective Shareholder Associates, and any other Person or Persons known to such shareholder and such beneficial owners or their respective Shareholder Associates to have a material interest in the matter that is the subject of such notice,

(7) the investment strategy or objective, if any, of such shareholder and such beneficial owners and their respective Shareholder Associates that are not individuals, and a copy of the most recent prospectus, offering memorandum or similar document, if any, provided to investors or potential investors in such shareholder, beneficial owner and each such Shareholder Associate,

(8) 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 propose such business,

(9) a representation whether the shareholder or the beneficial owner, if any, intends or is part of a group which intends (a) to deliver a proxy statement and/or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Fund's outstanding shares required to approve or adopt the proposal and/or (b) otherwise to solicit proxies from shareholders in support of such proposal, and

(10) any other information relating to such shareholder and such beneficial owner that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filing required to be made in connection with the solicitation of proxies by such shareholder or beneficial owner with respect to the proposed business to be brought by such Shareholder or beneficial owner before the meeting pursuant to Section 14 of the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, whether or not the shareholder submitting the notice intends to deliver a proxy statement or solicit proxies.



(iii) A shareholder providing notice of any business proposed to be brought before a meeting of shareholders shall further update and supplement such notice, if necessary, so that the information provided or required to be provided in such notice shall be true and correct as of the record date for determining the shareholders entitled to receive notice of the meeting of shareholders and such update and supplement shall be received by the Secretary of the Fund at the principal executive offices of the Fund not later than 5 business days after the record date for determining the shareholders entitled to receive notice of the meeting of shareholders.

The foregoing notice requirements shall be deemed satisfied by a shareholder if the shareholder has notified the Fund of his, her or its intention to present a proposal at a meeting in compliance with Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the 1934 Act and such shareholder's proposal has been included in a proxy statement that has been prepared by the Fund to solicit proxies for such meeting.

The Fund may exercise discretionary voting authority with respect to any shareholder proposals for the 2020 annual meeting of shareholders not included in the proxy statement and form of proxy that 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 the form of proxy.

**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.**

#### **Delivery of Proxy**

Only one copy of this Proxy Statement may be mailed to households, even if more than one person in a household is a shareholder of record. If a shareholder needs an additional copy of this Proxy Statement, please contact the Fund at (800) 293-1232. If any shareholder does not want the mailing of this Proxy Statement to be combined with those for other members of your household, please contact the Fund in writing at: Eleven Madison Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10010 or call the Fund at (800) 293-1232.

#### **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.

*CREDIT SUISSE*

*HIGH YIELD BOND FUND*

*February 12, 2019*

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**ANNUAL MEETING PROXY CARD**

**Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Fund**

Eleven Madison Avenue

Floor 2B

New York, NY 10010

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF CREDIT SUISSE HIGH YIELD BOND FUND

The undersigned hereby appoints Laurie Pecha and Karen Regan, each with the full power of substitution, and hereby authorizes them to represent and vote, as designated below 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, Eleven Madison Avenue, Floor 2B, New York, NY 10010, on February 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**This proxy when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed therein by the undersigned shareholder. If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted as recommended by the Board of Trustees in favor of the Board's nominees for Trustee named below.**

**In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly be presented to the meeting or any adjournments, postponements, continuations, or reschedulings thereof.**

**YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED.** Please sign this proxy exactly as your name or names appear hereon. Each joint owner should sign. Trustees and other fiduciaries should indicate the capacity in which they sign. If a corporation, partnership or other entity, this signature should be that of a duly authorized individual who should state his or her title.

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Signature  
Date

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Signature (if held jointly)  
Date

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Title if a corporation, partnership or other entity

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

TO VOTE, MARK ONE BOX IN BLUE OR BLACK INK. Example:

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR ALL THE NOMINEES LISTED.**

**For      Withhold**

Mahendra R. Gupta

John G. Popp

Jeffrey E. Garten

Laura A. DeFelice

Mahendra R. Gupta and John G. Popp are each being nominated to serve a three-year term. Jeffrey E. Garten is nominated to serve a one-year term. Laura A. DeFelice is nominated to serve a two-year term.

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