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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-8709

Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

125 Broad Street, New York, NY
(Address of principal executive offices)

10004
(Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 725-6666

Date of fiscal year end: April 30

Date of reporting period: April 30, 2006

ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The **Annual** Report to Stockholders is filed herewith.

ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 30, 2006

Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc.

INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: NOT FDIC INSURED NO BANK GUARANTEE MAY LOSE VALUE

Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc.

Annual Report April 30, 2006

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Fund Objective

The Fund seeks to maximize current income. As a secondary objective, the Fund seeks capital appreciation to the extent consistent with maximization of current income.

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Letter from the Chairman

R. JAY GERKEN, CFA

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Dear Shareholder,

The U.S. economy was generally strong during the one-year period of this report. After expanding 3.3% in the second quarter of 2005, third quarter gross domestic product (GDP) advanced 4.1%. GDP growth then slipped to 1.7% in the fourth quarter. This marked the first quarter in which GDP growth did not surpass 3.0% since the first three months of 2003. However, as expected, the economy rebounded sharply in the first quarter of 2006, with GDP rising an estimated 5.3%. The economic turnaround was prompted by both strong consumer and business spending. In addition, the U.S. Labor Department reported that unemployment hit a five-year low in March.

The Federal Reserve Board (Fed) continued to raise interest rates during the reporting period. Despite the changing of the guard from Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan to Ben Bernanke in early 2006, it was business as usual for the Fed, as it raised short-term interest rates eight times during the reporting period. Since it began its tightening campaign in June 2004, the Fed has increased rates 15 consecutive times, bringing the federal funds rateⁱⁱⁱ from 1.00% to 4.75%. The Fed then raised rates to 5.00% on May 10th, after the end of the reporting period. Coinciding with this latest move, the Fed said that the extent and timing of further rate hikes would depend on future economic data.

Both short- and long-term yields rose over the reporting period. During the one-year period ended April 30, 2006, two-year Treasury yields increased from 3.66% to 4.87%. Over the same period, 10-year Treasury yields moved from 4.21% to 5.07%. During part of the reporting period, the yield curve was inverted, with the yield on two-year Treasuries surpassing that of 10-year Treasuries. An inverted yield curve has historically foreshadowed an economic slowdown or recession. However, some experts, including new

Chairman Bernanke, believe the inverted yield curve was largely a function of strong foreign demand for longer-term bonds. Looking at the one-year period as a whole, the overall bond market, as measured by the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index,^{iv} returned 0.71%.

The high yield market generated strong results during the reporting period, supported by generally solid corporate profits and low default rates. In addition, there was overall solid demand and limited supply as new issuance waned. These factors tended to overshadow several company specific issues, mostly surrounding the automobile industry. During the one-year period ended April 30, 2006, the Citigroup High Yield Market Index^v returned 8.61%.

Emerging markets debt continued to produce strong results over the one-year reporting period, as the JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global (EMBI Global)ⁱ returned 11.97%. A strengthening global economy, solid domestic spending and high energy and commodity prices continue to support many emerging market countries. In addition, a number of these countries have strengthened their balance sheets in recent years. We believe that these positives more than offset the potential negatives associated with rising U.S. interest rates.

Please read on for a more detailed look at prevailing economic and market conditions during the Fund's fiscal year and to learn how those conditions have affected Fund performance.

Special Shareholder Notices

On December 1, 2005, Citigroup Inc. (Citigroup) completed the sale of substantially all of its asset management business, to Legg Mason, Inc. (Legg Mason). As a result, the Fund's investment adviser (the Manager), previously an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Citigroup, has become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Legg Mason. Completion of the sale caused the Fund's then existing investment management contract to terminate. The Fund's shareholders previously approved a new investment management contract between the Fund and the Manager, which became effective on December 1, 2005.

As previously described in proxy statements that were mailed to shareholders of the Fund in connection with the

transaction, Legg Mason intends to combine the fixed-income operations of the Manager with those of Legg Mason's wholly-owned subsidiary, Western Asset Management Company, and its affiliates, (Western Asset). This combination will involve Western Asset and the Manager sharing common systems and procedures, employees (including portfolio managers), investment trading platforms, and other resources. Legg Mason has recommended to the Board of Directors of the Fund that Western Asset be appointed as the sub-advisor to the Fund, subject to applicable regulatory requirements.

The portfolio management team of S. Kenneth Leech, Stephen A. Walsh, Keith J. Gardner and Michael C. Duda assumed portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund on March 17, 2006. These portfolio managers are employees of the Manager for purposes of carrying out their duties relating to the Fund and they also will continue to serve as employees of Western Asset.

The Board is working with the Manager, Western Asset, and the portfolio managers to implement an orderly combination of the Manager's fixed-income operations and Western Asset in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

Information About Your Fund

As you may be aware, several issues in the mutual fund industry have come under the scrutiny of federal and state regulators. The Manager and some of its affiliates have received requests for information from various government regulators regarding market timing, late trading, fees, and other mutual fund issues in connection with various investigations. The regulators appear to be examining, among other things, the open-end funds' response to market timing and shareholder exchange activity, including compliance with prospectus disclosure related to these subjects. The Fund has been informed that the Manager and its affiliates are responding to those information requests, but are not in a position to predict the outcome of these requests and investigations.

Important information concerning the Fund and its Manager with regard to recent regulatory developments is contained in the Notes to Financial Statements included in this report.

As always, thank you for your confidence in our stewardship of your assets. We look forward to helping you continue to meet your financial goals.

Sincerely,

R. Jay Gerken, CFA

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

May 25, 2006

All index performance reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index.

- i Gross domestic product is a market value of goods and services produced by labor and property in a given country.
- ii The Federal Reserve Board is responsible for the formulation of a policy designed to promote economic growth, full employment, stable prices, and a sustainable pattern of international trade and payments.
- iii The federal funds rate is the interest rate that banks with excess reserves at a Federal Reserve district bank charge other banks that need overnight loans.
- iv The Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index is a broad-based bond index comprised of Government, Corporate, Mortgage and Asset-backed issues, rated investment grade or higher, and having at least one year to maturity.
- v The Citigroup High Yield Market Index is a broad-based unmanaged index of high yield securities.
- vi JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global (EMBI Global) tracks total returns for U.S. dollar denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities: Brady bonds, loans, Eurobonds, and local market instruments. Countries covered are Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Cote d Ivoire, Croatia, Ecuador, Greece, Hungary, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey and Venezuela.

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Manager Overview

Q. What were the overall market conditions during the Fund's reporting period?

A. Over the last year, the overall bond market has been impacted by a strong economy, numerous inflationary pressures, and continued rate hikes by the Federal Reserve Board (Fed. To gain some perspective on how far we've come in terms of interest rates, consider the following: In May 2004, the federal funds rateⁱ, a barometer of short-term interest rates, was a mere 1.00%, its lowest level in more than 40 years. This was due, in part, to the Fed's attempt to stimulate the economy in the aftermath of September 11th.

Then, in June 2004, the economy appeared to be on solid footing and the Fed officially ended its accommodative monetary policy by instituting its first rate hike in four years, bringing the federal funds rate from 1.00% to 1.25%. At that time, the Fed telegraphed what it had in mind for short-term rates as it said, "policy accommodation can be removed at a pace that is likely to be measured." The Fed certainly has been true to its word, as it instituted 15 straight 0.25% rate hikes through the end of April 2006, bringing the federal funds rate to 4.75%. After the reporting period ended, the Fed again raised rates in May to 5.00%.

High yield securities significantly outperformed the overall bond market during the one-year period ended April 30, 2006, as the Citigroup High Yield Market Indexⁱⁱⁱ and Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Index^{iv} returned 8.61% and 0.71%, respectively. The high yield market was supported by strong technical factors, with positive supply and demand trends. High yield market fundamentals were positive as well, with strong corporate balance sheets, generally high cash levels and continued low default rates. These factors tended to overshadow a number of company specific issues, many surrounding the automobile industry. For example, during the reporting period both **General Motors Corporation** and **Ford Motor Company** were downgraded to high yield status and automobile parts suppliers **Delphi** and **Dana Corp.** filed for bankruptcy.

Performance Review

For the twelve months ended April 30, 2006, the Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. returned 14.43%, based on its net asset value (NAV) and -1.58% based on its New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) market price per share. In comparison, the Fund's unmanaged benchmark, the Citigroup High Yield Market Index, returned 8.61% and its Lipper High Current Yield (Leveraged) Closed-End Funds Category Average^{vi} increased 11.27% over the same time frame. Please note that Lipper performance returns are based on each fund's NAV per share.

During the twelve-month period, the Fund made distributions to shareholders totaling \$0.91 per share. The performance table shows the Fund's twelve-month total return based on its NAV and market price as of April 30, 2006. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

Performance Snapshot as of April 30, 2006 (unaudited)

| Price Per Share | 12-Month Total Return |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| \$11.74 (NAV) | 14.43% |
| \$10.04 (Market Price) | -1.58% |

All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future results.

Total returns are based on changes in NAV or market price, respectively. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, in additional shares.

Q. What were the most significant factors affecting Fund performance?

What were the leading contributors to performance?

A. The Fund's outperformance versus the benchmark was driven predominantly by positive security selection in the high yield and emerging markets debt markets. In the high yield portion of the portfolio, issue selection was particularly strong in CCC-rated and below securities and in the tower, energy and utilities sectors. Within the Fund's emerging markets debt component, positive issue selection in Mexico, Colombia and Turkey contributed to performance, as did overweight positions in Argentina and Colombia and underweights in Malaysia, China and Russia. The use of leverage also positively contributed to the Fund's performance. Late in the reporting period, the Fund's emphasis on BB-rated bonds, particularly those of General Motors and Ford, benefited as their spreads narrowed. In addition, the Fund's holding in **Visteon**, a global automotive supplier, contributed to performance. Elsewhere, the Fund benefited from a large overweight in the buildings products sector. The Fund remains overweight in this sector despite its strong year-to-date performance, due to continued attractive yields.

What were the leading detractors from performance?

A. Higher-than-average levels of cash in the Fund, due to a series of calls and tenders during the reporting period, detracted from overall performance in the high yield allocation, as did security selection in the cable and other media sector. Within the Fund's emerging markets debt component, an overweight in Mexico and underweight in Venezuela detracted from performance relative to the benchmark. Security selection in Brazil was a drag on results. Toward the end of the reporting period, underweights in both Dana Corp. and **Tembec** detracted from results. Ironically, although Dana Corp. filed for bankruptcy in March 2006, it was the month's best performing high yield issuer.

We believe this was a result of the market being relieved with Dana Corp.'s proactive restructuring. In addition, overweights to pipelines and independent energy in March and April impaired performance as these quality sectors traded off along with Treasuries.

Q. Were there any significant changes to the Fund during the reporting period?

A. Beginning in mid-March, we tactically shifted away from emerging markets debt to reinvest assets into the high yield market based on our assessment of relative valuation. As such, we decreased its exposure to the more liquid emerging markets countries, specifically Brazil, Mexico and Russia, and reallocated assets into the automotive, cable & other media, energy, healthcare and publishing/printing high yield sectors. We also reinvested cash received from calls and tenders in the high yield portion of the Fund during the period back into the high yield market. We decreased the Fund's exposure to BBB- and CCC-rated securities during the 10-month period in favor of mid-quality debt.

During the short period in which the new portfolio management team has managed the Fund, the quality profile of its portfolios has been gradually upgraded. However, the Fund still has a slightly lower quality bias relative to the benchmark.

Looking for Additional Information?

The Fund is traded under the symbol **HIX** and its closing market price is available in most newspapers under the NYSE listings. The daily NAV is available on-line under symbol XHIXX. *Barron's* and *The Wall Street Journal's* Monday editions carry closed-end fund tables that will provide additional information. In addition, the Fund issues a quarterly press release that can be found on most major financial websites as well as www.leggmason.com/InvestorServices.

In a continuing effort to provide information concerning the Fund, shareholders may call 1-888-777-0102 or 1-800-SALOMON (toll free), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time, for the Fund's current NAV, market price and other information.

Thank you for your investment in the Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. As ever, we appreciate that you have chosen us to manage your assets and we remain focused on achieving the Fund's investment goals.

Sincerely,

Salomon Brothers Asset Management Inc

May 31, 2006

The information provided is not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results or investment advice. Views expressed may differ from those of the firm as a whole.

RISKS: As interest rates rise, bond prices fall generally, reducing the value of the Fund. The Fund may use derivatives, such as options and futures, which can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on fund performance. High yield bonds involve greater credit and liquidity risks than investment grade bonds. Foreign securities are subject to certain risks not associated with domestic investing, such as currency fluctuations and changes in political and economic conditions which could result in significant fluctuations. The risks are magnified in emerging markets.

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- v NAV is calculated by subtracting total liabilities from the closing value of all securities held by the Fund (plus all other assets) and dividing the result (total net assets) by the total number of the common shares outstanding. The NAV fluctuates with changes in the market prices of securities in which the Fund has invested. However, the price at which an investor may buy or sell shares of the Fund is at the Fund's market price as determined by supply of and demand for the Fund's shares.
- vi Lipper, Inc. is a major independent mutual-fund tracking organization. Returns are based on the 12-month period ended April 30, 2006, including the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 29 funds in the Fund's Lipper category, and excluding sales charges.

Fund at a Glance (unaudited)

Schedule of Investments (April 30, 2006)

SALOMON BROTHERS HIGH INCOME FUND II INC.

| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|--|---|-------------------|
| CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES 84.1% | | |
| Aerospace & Defense 1.7% | | |
| 4,200,000 | Argo-Tech Corp., Senior Notes, 9.250% due 6/1/11 | \$ 4,446,750 |
| 3,100,000 | DRS Technologies Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.625% due 2/1/18 | 3,196,875 |
| 5,500,000 | L-3 Communications Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.625% due 6/15/12 | 5,692,500 |
| 4,000,000 | Sequa Corp., Senior Notes, 9.000% due 8/1/09 | 4,320,000 |
| Total Aerospace & Defense | | 17,656,125 |
| Airlines 0.3% | | |
| 1,540,000 | American Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2001-02, Class C, 7.800% due 10/1/06 | 1,544,654 |
| 493,588 | Continental Airlines Inc., Pass-Through Certificates: Series 1998-1, Class C, 6.541% due 9/15/08 | 466,212 |
| 1,354,279 | Series 2000-2, Class C, 8.312% due 10/2/12 | 1,290,156 |
| Total Airlines | | 3,301,022 |
| Auto Components 0.8% | | |
| 2,100,000 | Keystone Automotive Operations Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.750% due 11/1/13 | 1,911,000 |
| 1,700,000 | Tenneco Automotive Inc., Senior Secured Notes, Series B, 10.250% due 7/15/13 | 1,891,250 |
| 2,409,000 | TRW Automotive Inc., Senior Notes, 9.375% due 2/15/13 | 2,601,720 |
| 2,320,000 | Visteon Corp., Senior Notes, 8.250% due 8/1/10 | 2,093,800 |
| Total Auto Components | | 8,497,770 |
| Automobiles 2.7% | | |
| 1,150,000 | Ford Motor Co.: Debentures, 8.900% due 1/15/32 | 882,625 |
| 26,660,000 | Notes, 7.450% due 7/16/31 | 19,595,100 |
| 775,000 | Senior Notes, 4.950% due 1/15/08 | 720,687 |
| 2,375,000 | General Motors Corp., Senior Debentures: 8.250% due 7/15/23 | 1,733,750 |
| 5,790,000 | 8.375% due 7/15/33 | 4,342,500 |
| Total Automobiles | | 27,274,662 |
| Building Products 1.7% | | |
| 8,500,000 | Associated Materials Inc., Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 11.239% due 3/1/14 | 5,227,500 |
| 650,000 | Jacuzzi Brands Inc., Secured Notes, 9.625% due 7/1/10 | 699,563 |
| 5,990,000 | Nortek Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.500% due 9/1/14 | 6,169,700 |
| 5,075,000 | Ply Gem Industries Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 2/15/12 | 4,910,062 |
| Total Building Products | | 17,006,825 |
| Capital Markets 0.6% | | |
| 3,104,000 | BCP Crystal U.S. Holdings Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.625% due 6/15/14 | 3,429,920 |
| 2,450,000 | E*TRADE Financial Corp., Senior Notes, 7.375% due 9/15/13 | 2,505,125 |
| Total Capital Markets | | 5,935,045 |

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Schedule of Investments (April 30, 2006) (continued)

| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Chemicals 5.4% | | |
| 2,500,000 | Airgas Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.125% due 10/1/11 | \$ 2,643,750 |
| 2,800,000 | Borden Chemicals & Plastics LP, Notes, 9.500% due 5/1/05 (b)(c)(d)* | 49,000 |
| 3,500,000 | Equistar Chemicals LP, Senior Notes, 10.625% due 5/1/11 | 3,832,500 |
| 8,500,000 | FMC Corp., Senior Debentures, 7.750% due 7/1/11 | 8,838,470 |
| 3,873,000 | Huntsman International LLC, Senior Subordinated Notes: 10.125% due 7/1/09 | 3,960,142 |
| 675,000 | 8.125% due 1/1/15 (e) | 680,063 |
| 3,675,000 | Innophos Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.875% due 8/15/14 | 3,803,625 |
| 1,517,000 | Lyondell Chemical Co., Senior Secured Notes: 9.500% due 12/15/08 | 1,589,058 |
| 1,400,000 | 11.125% due 7/15/12 | 1,554,000 |
| 3,075,000 | Methanex Corp., Senior Notes, 8.750% due 8/15/12 | 3,394,031 |
| 3,550,000 | Millennium America Inc., Senior Notes, 9.250% due 6/15/08 | 3,727,500 |
| 4,475,000 | Montell Finance Co. BV, 8.100% due 3/15/27 (e) | 4,284,812 |
| 6,550,000 | Nalco Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.875% due 11/15/13 | 6,795,625 |
| 4,075,000 | Resolution Performance Products LLC, Senior Subordinated Notes, 13.500% due 11/15/10 | 4,380,625 |
| 374,000 | Rhodia SA: Senior Notes, 10.250% due 6/1/10 | 419,815 |
| 4,586,000 | Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.875% due 6/1/11 | 4,757,975 |
| Total Chemicals | | 54,710,991 |
| Commercial Services & Supplies 1.9% | | |
| 2,100,000 | Allied Security Escrow Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 11.375% due 7/15/11 | 2,089,500 |
| | Allied Waste North America Inc.: Senior Notes, Series B: 8.500% due 12/1/08 | 264,375 |
| 250,000 | 9.250% due 9/1/12 | 1,750,402 |
| 1,617,000 | 7.250% due 3/15/15 | 1,073,625 |
| 1,050,000 | Senior Secured Notes, Series B, 7.375% due 4/15/14 | 5,940,000 |
| 6,000,000 | Brand Services Inc., Senior Notes, 12.000% due 10/15/12 | 3,488,000 |
| 3,200,000 | Cenveo Corp.: Senior Notes, 9.625% due 3/15/12 | 1,072,500 |
| 1,000,000 | Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.875% due 12/1/13 | 2,966,125 |
| 3,050,000 | NationsRent Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 5/1/15 | 316,100 |
| 290,000 | | |
| Total Commercial Services & Supplies | | 18,960,627 |
| Communications Equipment 1.3% | | |
| 10,825,000 | Lucent Technologies Inc., Debentures, 6.450% due 3/15/29 | 9,661,313 |
| 3,640,000 | Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Debentures, 7.000% due 11/15/27 | 3,563,356 |
| Total Communications Equipment | | 13,224,669 |
| Computers & Peripherals 0.7% | | |
| 3,000,000 | Seagate Technology HDD Holdings, Senior Notes, 8.000% due 5/15/09 | 3,105,000 |
| | SunGard Data Systems Inc.: Senior Notes, 9.125% due 8/15/13 (e) | 3,110,250 |
| 2,900,000 | Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.250% due 8/15/15 (e) | 1,047,600 |
| 970,000 | | |
| Total Computers & Peripherals | | 7,262,850 |

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Schedule of Investments (April 30, 2006) (continued)

| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Containers & Packaging 2.7% | | |
| 3,250,000 | Berry Plastics Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.750% due 7/15/12 | \$ 3,558,750 |
| 2,680,000 | Graham Packaging Co. Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.875% due 10/15/14 | 2,767,100 |
| 4,575,000 | Graphic Packaging International Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 8/15/13 | 4,460,625 |
| 2,275,000 | Jefferson Smurfit Corp., Senior Notes, 8.250% due 10/1/12 | 2,218,125 |
| 3,750,000 | JSG Funding PLC, Senior Notes, 9.625% due 10/1/12 | 3,975,000 |
| 985,000 | Plastipak Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 8.500% due 12/15/15 (e) | 999,775 |
| 795,000 | Pliant Corp., Senior Secured Second Lien Notes, 11.125% due 9/1/09 (b) | 839,719 |
| 1,975,000 | Radnor Holdings Corp., Senior Notes, 11.000% due 3/15/10 | 1,340,531 |
| 4,950,000 | Smurfit-Stone Container Enterprises Inc., Senior Notes, 8.375% due 7/1/12 | 4,851,000 |
| 550,000 | Stone Container Finance Co. of Canada II, Senior Notes, 7.375% due 7/15/14 | 508,750 |
| 2,150,000 | Tekni-Plex Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, Series B, 12.750% due 6/15/10 | 1,478,125 |
| Total Containers & Packaging | | 26,997,500 |
| Diversified Consumer Services 0.4% | | |
| Hertz Corp.: | | |
| 2,650,000 | Senior Notes, 8.875% due 1/1/14 (e) | 2,828,875 |
| 1,245,000 | Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.500% due 1/1/16 (e) | 1,383,506 |
| Total Diversified Consumer Services | | 4,212,381 |
| Diversified Financial Services 7.5% | | |
| Alamosa Delaware Inc.: | | |
| 4,430,000 | Senior Discount Notes, 12.000% due 7/31/09 | 4,767,787 |
| 1,950,000 | Senior Notes, 11.000% due 7/31/10 | 2,166,937 |
| 1,255,000 | CitiSteel USA Inc., Pass-Through Trust, Notes, 12.480% due 9/1/10 (e)(f) | 1,302,063 |
| 10,580,000 | Dow Jones CDX HY, Pass-Through Trust, Series 6-T3, 8.125% due 6/29/11 (e) | 10,619,675 |
| Ford Motor Credit Co., Notes: | | |
| 4,495,000 | 6.625% due 6/16/08 | 4,225,273 |
| 3,075,000 | 7.875% due 6/15/10 | 2,842,219 |
| 3,880,000 | 7.000% due 10/1/13 | 3,418,652 |
| General Motors Acceptance Corp.: | | |
| 20,270,000 | Bonds, 8.000% due 11/1/31 | 19,270,628 |
| 6,890,000 | Notes, 6.875% due 8/28/12 | 6,428,177 |
| 3,380,000 | H&E Equipment Services LLC/H&E Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 11.125% due 6/15/12 | 3,751,800 |
| 2,850,000 | Hexion U.S. Finance Corp./Hexion Nova Scotia Finance ULC, Senior Secured Notes, 9.000% due 7/15/14 | 2,956,875 |
| 1,245,000 | Hughes Network Systems LLC/HNS Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 9.500% due 4/15/14 (e) | 1,274,569 |
| 6,438,930 | Iowa Select Farm LP, Secured Notes, 6.500% due 12/1/12 (e) | 3,219,465 |
| 1,950,000 | Nell AF SARL, Senior Notes, 8.375% due 8/15/15 (e) | 1,942,688 |
| 260,000 | UCAR Finance Inc., 10.250% due 2/15/12 | 278,200 |
| 6,910,000 | Vanguard Health Holdings Co. I LLC, Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 9.787% due 10/1/15 | 5,130,675 |
| 1,775,000 | Vanguard Health Holdings Co. II LLC, Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 10/1/14 | 1,841,563 |
| Total Diversified Financial Services | | 75,437,246 |

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Schedule of Investments (April 30, 2006) (continued)

| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Diversified Telecommunication Services 4.0% | | |
| 4,600,000 | AT&T Corp., Senior Notes, 9.750% due 11/15/31 | \$ 5,467,063 |
| 1,810,000 | Cincinnati Bell Inc., Senior Notes, 7.000% due 2/15/15 | 1,805,475 |
| 1,855,000 | Citizens Communications Co., Senior Notes, 9.000% due 8/15/31 | 1,998,762 |
| 1,700,000 | Hawaiian Telcom Communications Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 12.500% due 5/1/15 (e) | 1,802,000 |
| 4,350,000 | Insight Midwest LP/Insight Capital Inc., Senior Notes, 10.500% due 11/1/10 | 4,594,687 |
| | Intelsat Ltd.: | |
| 70,000 | Notes, 7.625% due 4/15/12 | 60,375 |
| 3,200,000 | Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 9.253% due 2/1/15 (e) | 2,336,000 |
| 1,880,000 | Nordic Telephone Co. Holdings, Senior Notes, 8.875% due 5/1/16 (e) | 1,955,200 |
| 1,355,000 | PanAmSat Corp., Senior Notes, 9.000% due 8/15/14 | 1,431,219 |
| | Qwest Communications International Inc., Senior Notes: | |
| 365,000 | 7.500% due 2/15/14 | 369,563 |
| 900,000 | Series B, 7.500% due 2/15/14 | 911,250 |
| | Qwest Corp.: | |
| | Debentures: | |
| 455,000 | 7.500% due 6/15/23 | 453,863 |
| 8,728,000 | 6.875% due 9/15/33 | 8,106,130 |
| 7,325,000 | Notes, 9.125% due 3/15/12 | 8,057,500 |
| 6,000,000 ^{MXN} | Telefonos de Mexico SA de CV, Senior Notes, 8.750% due 1/31/16 | 520,123 |
| 270,000 | Wind Acquisition Finance SA, 10.750% due 12/1/15 (e) | 299,700 |
| Total Diversified Telecommunication Services | | 40,168,910 |
| Electric Utilities 2.3% | | |
| | Edison Mission Energy, Senior Notes: | |
| 4,575,000 | 7.730% due 6/15/09 | 4,706,531 |
| 5,175,000 | 9.875% due 4/15/11 | 5,860,688 |
| 2,925,000 | Mirant Americas Generation LLC, Senior Notes, 9.125% due 5/1/31 | 3,089,531 |
| | Reliant Energy Inc., Senior Secured Notes: | |
| 2,825,000 | 9.250% due 7/15/10 | 2,877,969 |
| 6,475,000 | 9.500% due 7/15/13 | 6,604,500 |
| Total Electric Utilities | | 23,139,219 |
| Energy Equipment & Services 0.3% | | |
| 3,175,000 | Hanover Compressor Co., Senior Notes, 9.000% due 6/1/14 | 3,429,000 |
| Food & Staples Retailing 0.0% | | |
| 310,000 | Rite Aid Corp., Notes, 7.125% due 1/15/07 | 312,325 |
| Food Products 1.2% | | |
| 2,350,000 | Doane Pet Care Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.625% due 11/15/15 | 2,878,750 |
| | Dole Food Co. Inc.: | |
| 1,600,000 | Debentures, 8.750% due 7/15/13 | 1,548,000 |
| | Senior Notes: | |
| 1,975,000 | 7.250% due 6/15/10 | 1,856,500 |
| 1,050,000 | 8.875% due 3/15/11 | 1,029,000 |
| 4,675,000 | Pinnacle Foods Holding Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.250% due 12/1/13 | 4,710,062 |
| Total Food Products | | 12,022,312 |

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| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|---|---|-------------------|
| Health Care Equipment & Supplies 0.3% | | |
| 2,500,000 | Sybron Dental Specialties Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.125% due 6/15/12 | \$ 2,656,250 |
| Health Care Providers & Services 4.3% | | |
| 4,425,000 | AmeriPath Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.500% due 4/1/13 | 4,723,687 |
| 4,450,000 | DaVita Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.250% due 3/15/15 | 4,472,250 |
| 5,120,000 | Extendicare Health Services Inc., Senior Notes, 9.500% due 7/1/10 | 5,408,000 |
| | HCA Inc.: | |
| 7,200,000 | 6.500% due 2/15/16 | 6,958,973 |
| 2,100,000 | Notes, 6.375% due 1/15/15 | 2,032,506 |
| 4,800,000 | IASIS Healthcare LLC/IASIS Capital Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.750% due 6/15/14 | 4,872,000 |
| | Tenet Healthcare Corp., Senior Notes: | |
| 6,000,000 | 7.375% due 2/1/13 | 5,625,000 |
| 3,780,000 | 9.875% due 7/1/14 | 3,940,650 |
| 1,525,000 | 6.875% due 11/15/31 | 1,258,125 |
| 4,550,000 | Triad Hospitals Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.000% due 11/15/13 | 4,464,688 |
| Total Health Care Providers & Services | | 43,755,879 |
| Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 6.6% | | |
| 5,000,000 | AMF Bowling Worldwide Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.000% due 3/1/10 | 5,168,750 |
| | Caesars Entertainment Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes: | |
| 700,000 | 9.375% due 2/15/07 | 720,125 |
| 4,500,000 | 8.875% due 9/15/08 | 4,781,250 |
| 3,000,000 | 8.125% due 5/15/11 | 3,243,750 |
| 2,725,000 | Carrols Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 1/15/13 | 2,779,500 |
| 5,480,000 | Cinemark Inc., Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 9.088% due 3/15/14 | 4,384,000 |
| 4,725,000 | Denny's Holdings Inc., Senior Notes, 10.000% due 10/1/12 | 4,949,437 |
| 4,150,000 | Herbst Gaming Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.000% due 11/15/14 | 4,170,750 |
| 2,980,000 | Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino, Senior Notes, 12.000% due 11/15/10 | 3,240,750 |
| 4,800,000 | Isle of Capri Casinos Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.000% due 3/1/14 | 4,740,000 |
| 1,835,000 | Kerzner International Ltd., Senior Subordinated Notes, 6.750% due 10/1/15 | 1,912,987 |
| 3,850,000 | Las Vegas Sands Corp., Senior Notes, 6.375% due 2/15/15 | 3,715,250 |
| | MGM MIRAGE Inc.: | |
| 1,775,000 | Senior Notes, 6.750% due 9/1/12 | 1,766,125 |
| 485,000 | Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.750% due 6/1/07 | 505,613 |
| | Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, Senior Subordinated Notes: | |
| 1,050,000 | 7.125% due 8/15/14 | 1,044,750 |
| 2,475,000 | 6.875% due 2/15/15 | 2,413,125 |
| 4,700,000 | Pinnacle Entertainment Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.250% due 3/15/12 | 4,935,000 |
| 2,825,000 | Sbarro Inc., Senior Notes, 11.000% due 9/15/09 | 2,923,875 |
| 4,300,000 | Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., Senior Notes, 7.875% due 5/1/12 | 4,644,000 |
| | Station Casinos Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes: | |
| 475,000 | 6.875% due 3/1/16 | 469,063 |
| 4,175,000 | 6.625% due 3/15/18 (e) | 3,992,344 |
| Total Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure | | 66,500,444 |

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| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Household Durables 1.6% | | |
| 271,000 | Applica Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.000% due 7/31/08 | \$ 270,323 |
| 4,000,000 | Holt Group Inc., Senior Notes, 9.750% due 1/15/49 (b)(c)(d)* | 0 |
| | Interface Inc.: | |
| 2,875,000 | Senior Notes, 10.375% due 2/1/10 | 3,162,500 |
| 1,500,000 | Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 2/1/14 | 1,567,500 |
| 2,605,000 | K Hovnanian Enterprises, Senior Notes, 7.500% due 5/15/16 | 2,587,484 |
| 475,000 | Norcraft Cos. LP/Norcraft Finance Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 11/1/11 | 498,750 |
| 1,100,000 | Norcraft Holdings LP/Norcraft Capital Corp., Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 9.778% due 9/1/12 | 896,500 |
| 4,150,000 | Sealy Mattress Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.250% due 6/15/14 | 4,378,250 |
| 2,145,000 | Tempur-Pedic Inc./Tempur Production USA Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.250% due 8/15/10 | 2,308,556 |
| Total Household Durables | | 15,669,863 |
| Household Products 0.6% | | |
| | Nutro Products Inc.: | |
| 435,000 | Senior Notes, 9.230% due 10/15/13 (e)(f) | 445,875 |
| 935,000 | Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.750% due 4/15/14 (e) | 972,400 |
| 2,745,000 | Spectrum Brands Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.500% due 10/1/13 | 2,436,188 |
| 1,890,000 | Visant Holding Corp., Senior Notes, 8.750% due 12/1/13 (e) | 1,852,200 |
| Total Household Products | | 5,706,663 |
| Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders 3.2% | | |
| 130,000 | Aes China Generating Co., Class A, 8.250% due 6/26/10 | 130,602 |
| | AES Corp.: | |
| 730,000 | Secured Notes, 9.000% due 5/15/15 (e) | 799,350 |
| | Senior Notes: | |
| 1,325,000 | 9.500% due 6/1/09 | 1,434,313 |
| 1,900,000 | 9.375% due 9/15/10 | 2,080,500 |
| 40,000 | 8.875% due 2/15/11 | 43,200 |
| 4,425,000 | 7.750% due 3/1/14 | 4,635,187 |
| 2,500,000 | Calpine Generating Co. LLC, Senior Secured Notes, 11.169% due 4/1/11 (b) | 2,687,500 |
| | Dynegy Holdings Inc., Senior Debentures: | |
| 4,550,000 | 7.125% due 5/15/18 | 4,140,500 |
| 8,350,000 | 7.625% due 10/15/26 | 7,598,500 |
| | NRG Energy Inc., Senior Notes: | |
| 1,675,000 | 7.250% due 2/1/14 | 1,687,563 |
| 7,375,000 | 7.375% due 2/1/16 | 7,457,969 |
| Total Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders | | 32,695,184 |
| Industrial Conglomerates 0.1% | | |
| 759,000 | KI Holdings Inc., Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 9.872% due 11/15/14 | 565,455 |
| 2,750,000 | Moll Industries Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.500% due 7/1/08 (b)(c)(d)* | 0 |
| Total Industrial Conglomerates | | 565,455 |

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| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------|
| IT Services 0.5% | | |
| 4,035,000 | Iron Mountain Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.625% due 4/1/13 | \$ 4,221,619 |
| 1,050,000 | Unisys Corp., Senior Notes, 8.000% due 10/15/12 | 1,014,562 |
| Total IT Services | | 5,236,181 |
| Machinery 1.6% | | |
| 450,000 | Case New Holland Inc., Senior Notes: 9.250% due 8/1/11 | 480,375 |
| 1,850,000 | 7.125% due 3/1/14 (e) | 1,826,875 |
| 2,100,000 | Invensys PLC, Senior Notes, 9.875% due 3/15/11 (e) | 2,226,000 |
| 1,525,000 | Mueller Group Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.000% due 5/1/12 | 1,677,500 |
| 4,375,000 | Mueller Holdings Inc., Discount Notes, step bond to yield 13.769% due 4/15/14 | 3,631,250 |
| 1,850,000 | NMHG Holding Co., Senior Notes, 10.000% due 5/15/09 | 1,951,752 |
| 4,000,000 | Terex Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, Series B, 10.375% due 4/1/11 | 4,230,000 |
| Total Machinery | | 16,023,752 |
| Media 11.2% | | |
| 2,580,000 | Affinion Group Inc., 10.125% due 10/15/13 (e) | 2,676,750 |
| 4,455,000 | AMC Entertainment Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 11.000% due 2/1/16 (e) | 4,855,950 |
| 6,435,325 | CanWest Media Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.000% due 9/15/12 | 6,555,987 |
| | CCH I Holdings LLC: Senior Accreting Notes: step bond to yield 16.269% due 5/15/14 | 7,433,625 |
| 11,525,000 | step bond to yield 17.441% due 1/15/15 | 5,400,000 |
| 10,000,000 | Senior Secured Notes, 11.000% due 10/1/15 | 3,799,275 |
| 4,245,000 | Charter Communications Operating LLC, Second Lien Senior Notes, 8.375% due 4/30/14 (e) | 934,250 |
| 925,000 | Chukchansi Economic Development Authority, Senior Notes, 8.000% due 11/15/13 (e) | 1,423,125 |
| 1,375,000 | CSC Holdings Inc.: Debentures: 7.875% due 2/15/18 | 351,038 |
| 345,000 | Series B, 8.125% due 8/15/09 | 4,013,625 |
| 3,850,000 | Senior Notes, Series B, 7.625% due 4/1/11 | 3,476,500 |
| 3,400,000 | Dex Media East LLC/Dex Media East Finance Co., Senior Notes: 9.875% due 11/15/09 | 1,872,500 |
| 1,750,000 | Series B, 12.125% due 11/15/12 | 923,771 |
| 813,000 | Dex Media Inc., Discount Notes, step bond to yield 8.367% due 11/15/13 | 2,864,250 |
| 3,350,000 | Dex Media West LLC/Dex Media Finance Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, Series B, 9.875% due 8/15/13 | 2,593,050 |
| 2,344,000 | DIRECTV Holdings LLC/DIRECTV Financing Co. Inc., Senior Notes, 8.375% due 3/15/13 | 3,244,873 |
| 3,022,000 | EchoStar DBS Corp., Senior Notes, 7.125% due 2/1/16 (e) | 9,150,156 |
| 9,325,000 | Houghton Mifflin Co., Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 11.492% due 10/15/13 | 2,137,500 |
| 2,500,000 | Intelsat Subsidiary Holding Co. Ltd., Senior Notes, 9.614% due 1/15/12 (f) | 1,402,500 |
| 1,375,000 | Interop National Radio Sales Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, Series B, 10.000% due 7/1/08 | 1,618,500 |
| 1,950,000 | | |

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| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Media 11.2% (continued) | | |
| 3,295,000 | LodgeNet Entertainment Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 6/15/13 | \$ 3,566,838 |
| 460,000 | Mediacom LLC/Mediacom Capital Corp., Senior Notes, 9.500% due 1/15/13 | 472,650 |
| 4,825,000 | Nexstar Finance Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 7.000% due 1/15/14 | 4,559,625 |
| 2,565,000 | Primedia Inc., Senior Notes, 8.875% due 5/15/11 | 2,481,638 |
| | R.H. Donnelley Corp.: | |
| | Senior Discount Notes: | |
| 1,000,000 | Series A-1, 6.875% due 1/15/13 (e) | 935,000 |
| 2,200,000 | Series A-2, 6.875% due 1/15/13 (e) | 2,057,000 |
| 5,200,000 | Senior Notes, Series A-3, 8.875% due 1/15/16 (e) | 5,375,500 |
| 900,000 | R.H. Donnelley Finance Corp. I, Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.875% due 12/15/12 (e) | 1,003,500 |
| | Radio One Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes: | |
| 100,000 | 6.375% due 2/15/13 | 94,500 |
| 3,475,000 | Series B, 8.875% due 7/1/11 | 3,657,437 |
| 4,885,000 | Rainbow National Services LLC, Senior Notes, 8.750% due 9/1/12 (e) | 5,239,162 |
| | Rogers Cable Inc.: | |
| 1,000,000 | Senior Secured Notes, 6.250% due 6/15/13 | 978,750 |
| 760,000 | Senior Secured Second Priority Notes, 6.750% due 3/15/15 | 759,050 |
| 4,225,000 | Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.000% due 3/15/12 | 4,320,062 |
| 750,000 | Videotron Ltd., Senior Notes, 6.375% due 12/15/15 | 738,750 |
| | XM Satellite Radio Inc., Senior Notes: | |
| 860,000 | 9.649% due 5/1/13 (e)(f) | 872,900 |
| 1,565,000 | 9.750% due 5/1/14 (e) | 1,580,650 |
| | Yell Finance BV: | |
| 6,776,000 | Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 13.176% due 8/1/11 | 7,131,740 |
| 606,000 | Senior Notes, 10.750% due 8/1/11 | 648,420 |
| Total Media | | 113,200,397 |
| Metals & Mining 0.4% | | |
| 2,225,000 | Aleris International Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 10.375% due 10/15/10 | 2,453,062 |
| 275,000 | Chaparral Steel Co., Senior Notes, 10.000% due 7/15/13 | 309,375 |
| 385,000 | Metals USA Inc., Senior Secured Notes, 11.125% due 12/1/15 (e) | 423,500 |
| 5,000,000 | Republic Technologies International LLC/RTI Capital Corp., Senior Secured Notes, 13.750% due 7/15/09 (b)(c)(d)* | 0 |
| 375,000 | Vale Overseas Ltd., Notes, 6.250% due 1/11/16 | 370,313 |
| Total Metals & Mining | | 3,556,250 |
| Multiline Retail 0.6% | | |
| 2,500,000 | Harry & David Operations, Senior Notes, 9.000% due 3/1/13 | 2,343,750 |
| 2,265,000 | Neiman Marcus Group Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.375% due 10/15/15 (e) | 2,434,875 |
| 1,543,000 | Saks Inc., Notes, 9.875% due 10/1/11 | 1,712,730 |
| Total Multiline Retail | | 6,491,355 |
| Office Electronics 0.4% | | |
| 4,375,000 | Xerox Capital Trust I Exchange Capital Securities, 8.000% due 2/1/27 | 4,528,125 |

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| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 6.6% | | |
| 815,000 | Belden & Blake Corp., Secured Notes, 8.750% due 7/15/12 | \$ 841,488 |
| | Chesapeake Energy Corp., Senior Notes: | |
| 6,250,000 | 6.625% due 1/15/16 | 6,093,750 |
| 2,725,000 | 6.875% due 11/15/20 (e) | 2,690,938 |
| 5,127,000 | Cimarex Energy Co., Senior Notes, 9.600% due 3/15/12 | 5,485,890 |
| | El Paso Corp.: | |
| | Medium-Term Notes: | |
| 5,425,000 | 7.800% due 8/1/31 | 5,397,875 |
| 6,325,000 | 7.750% due 1/15/32 | 6,309,187 |
| 5,200,000 | Notes, 7.875% due 6/15/12 | 5,408,000 |
| 2,510,000 | EXCO Resources Inc., Senior Notes, 7.250% due 1/15/11 | 2,491,175 |
| 2,325,000 | Inergy LP/Inergy Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 8.250% due 3/1/16 (e) | 2,400,563 |
| 1,465,000 | Mariner Energy Inc., Senior Notes, 7.500% due 4/15/13 (e) | 1,457,675 |
| | Pemex Project Funding Master Trust: | |
| 3,100,000 | 6.125% due 8/15/08 | 3,126,350 |
| 250,000 | 7.375% due 12/15/14 | 265,625 |
| 4,575,000 | Plains Exploration & Production Co., Senior Notes, 7.125% due 6/15/14 | 4,655,062 |
| 2,000,000 | Pogo Producing Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, Series B, 8.250% due 4/15/11 | 2,085,000 |
| 500,000 | SemGroup LP, Senior Notes, 8.750% due 11/15/15 (e) | 512,500 |
| 1,000,000 | Swift Energy Co., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.375% due 5/1/12 | 1,067,500 |
| | Whiting Petroleum Corp., Senior Subordinated Notes: | |
| 2,550,000 | 7.250% due 5/1/12 | 2,562,750 |
| 1,975,000 | 7.000% due 2/1/14 | 1,965,125 |
| | Williams Cos. Inc.: | |
| | Notes: | |
| 3,650,000 | 7.875% due 9/1/21 | 3,905,500 |
| 3,225,000 | 8.750% due 3/15/32 | 3,732,937 |
| 3,700,000 | Senior Notes, 7.625% due 7/15/19 | 3,903,500 |
| Total Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels | | 66,358,390 |
| Paper & Forest Products 1.6% | | |
| 3,850,000 | Abitibi-Consolidated Inc., Debentures, 8.850% due 8/1/30 | 3,561,250 |
| 4,375,000 | Appleton Papers Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, Series B, 9.750% due 6/15/14 | 4,440,625 |
| 4,850,000 | Buckeye Technologies Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.000% due 10/15/10 | 4,728,750 |
| 650,000 | Domtar Inc., Notes, 5.375% due 12/1/13 | 547,625 |
| | NewPage Corp., Senior Secured Notes: | |
| 510,000 | 10.000% due 5/1/12 | 548,887 |
| 660,000 | 10.930% due 5/1/12 (f) | 726,000 |
| 800,000 | P.H. Glatfelter, Senior Notes, 7.125% due 5/1/16 (e) | 807,167 |
| 1,000,000 | Smurfit Capital Funding PLC, Debentures, 7.500% due 11/20/25 | 940,000 |
| 435,000 | Tembec Industries Inc., Senior Notes, 7.750% due 3/15/12 | 259,913 |
| Total Paper & Forest Products | | 16,560,217 |
| Personal Products 0.5% | | |
| 4,350,000 | Playtex Products Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.375% due 6/1/11 | 4,556,625 |

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| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|---|---|-------------------|
| Pharmaceuticals 0.4% | | |
| 2,025,000 | Leiner Health Products Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 11.000% due 6/1/12 | \$ 1,984,500 |
| 1,915,000 | Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Senior Notes, 7.000% due 12/15/11 | 1,905,425 |
| Total Pharmaceuticals | | 3,889,925 |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) 1.1% | | |
| 2,500,000 | Host Marriott LP, Senior Notes: 7.125% due 11/1/13 | 2,550,000 |
| 1,625,000 | Series I, 9.500% due 1/15/07 | 1,669,688 |
| 3,400,000 | Series O, 6.375% due 3/15/15 | 3,306,500 |
| 3,525,000 | MeriStar Hospitality Corp., Senior Notes, 9.125% due 1/15/11 | 4,071,375 |
| Total Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) | | 11,597,563 |
| Road & Rail 0.5% | | |
| 1,910,000 | Avis Budget Car Rental LLC/Avis Budget Finance Inc., Senior Notes: 7.576% due 5/15/14 (e)(f) | 1,974,463 |
| 130,000 | 7.750% due 5/15/16 (e) | 132,925 |
| 420,000 | Grupo Transportacion Ferroviaria Mexicana SA de CV, Senior Notes: 10.250% due 6/15/07 | 438,900 |
| 2,500,000 | 9.375% due 5/1/12 | 2,700,000 |
| 160,000 | 12.500% due 6/15/12 | 178,000 |
| Total Road & Rail | | 5,424,288 |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 0.6% | | |
| 2,825,000 | Amkor Technology Inc.: Senior Notes, 9.250% due 2/15/08 | 2,990,969 |
| 2,300,000 | Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.500% due 5/1/09 | 2,354,625 |
| 1,075,000 | MagnaChip Semiconductor, Senior Subordinated Notes, 8.000% due 12/15/14 | 1,007,812 |
| Total Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment | | 6,353,406 |
| Software 0.1% | | |
| 1,380,000 | Activant Solutions Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.500% due 5/1/16 (e) | 1,411,050 |
| Specialty Retail 1.8% | | |
| 700,000 | AutoNation Inc., Senior Notes: 7.045% due 4/15/13 (e)(f) | 715,750 |
| 875,000 | 7.000% due 4/15/14 (e) | 883,750 |
| 305,000 | Blockbuster, Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 9.000% due 9/1/12 (e) | 289,750 |
| 4,050,000 | Buffets Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 11.250% due 7/15/10 | 4,272,750 |
| 565,000 | EPL Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 11.750% due 11/15/13 (e) | 587,600 |
| 2,400,000 | Eye Care Centers of America, Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.750% due 2/15/15 | 2,424,000 |
| 1,600,000 | Finlay Fine Jewelry Corp., Senior Notes, 8.375% due 6/1/12 | 1,408,000 |
| 3,325,000 | Hines Nurseries Inc., Senior Notes, 10.250% due 10/1/11 | 3,308,375 |
| 2,281,000 | Jafra Cosmetics International Inc., Senior Subordinated Notes, 10.750% due 5/15/11 | 2,463,480 |
| 1,680,000 | Suburban Propane Partners LP/Suburban Energy Finance Corp., Senior Notes, 6.875% due 12/15/13 | 1,600,200 |
| Total Specialty Retail | | 17,953,655 |

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Schedule of Investments (April 30, 2006) (continued)

| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods 1.3% | | |
| | Levi Strauss & Co., Senior Notes: | |
| 1,150,000 | 9.740% due 4/1/12 (f) | \$ 1,203,187 |
| 810,000 | 12.250% due 12/15/12 | 919,350 |
| 4,825,000 | 9.750% due 1/15/15 | 5,114,500 |
| 665,000 | Russell Corp., Senior Notes, 9.250% due 5/1/10 | 698,250 |
| 2,950,000 | Simmons Co., Senior Discount Notes, step bond to yield 9.995% due 12/15/14 | 2,050,250 |
| 3,275,000 | Tommy Hilfiger USA Inc., Notes, 6.850% due 6/1/08 | 3,389,625 |
| Total Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods | | 13,375,162 |
| Wireless Telecommunication Services 2.7% | | |
| 1,825,000 | American Tower Corp., Senior Notes, 7.500% due 5/1/12 | 1,879,750 |
| 2,125,000 | Centennial Communications Corp., Senior Notes, 10.740% due 1/1/13 (f) | 2,231,250 |
| 325,000 | Dobson Cellular Systems Inc., First Priority Senior Secured Notes, 8.375% due 11/1/11 | 346,125 |
| 14,050,000 | Nextel Communications Inc., Senior Notes, Series D, 7.375% due 8/1/15 | 14,678,358 |
| 3,800,000 | U.S. Unwired Inc., Second Priority Secured Notes, Series B, 10.000% due 6/15/12 | 4,275,000 |
| 3,900,000 | UbiquiTel Operating Co., Senior Notes, 9.875% due 3/1/11 | 4,299,750 |
| Total Wireless Telecommunication Services | | 27,710,233 |
| TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS & NOTES (Cost \$848,882,228) | | 851,325,791 |
| CONVERTIBLE BOND & NOTE 0.3% | | |
| Wireless Telecommunication Services 0.3% | | |
| 2,675,000 | American Tower Corp., Notes, 5.000% due 2/15/10 (Cost \$1,509,937) | 2,664,969 |
| ASSET-BACKED SECURITY 0.0% | | |
| Diversified Financial Services 0.0% | | |
| 1,975,400 | Airplanes Pass-Through Trust, Subordinated Notes, Series D, 10.875% due 3/15/19 (b)(c)(d)* (Cost \$2,052,466) | 0 |
| U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS 2.1% | | |
| U.S. Government Obligations 2.1% | | |
| | U.S. Treasury Notes: | |
| 9,570,000 | 4.500% due 2/15/16 | 9,155,801 |
| 14,000,000 | 4.500% due 2/15/36 | 12,585,790 |
| TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS (Cost \$22,248,029) | | 21,741,591 |
| SOVEREIGN BONDS 9.0% | | |
| Argentina 0.3% | | |
| | Republic of Argentina: | |
| 1,400,000 ^{EUR} | 9.250% due 10/21/02 (b) | 525,769 |
| 300,000 ^{EUR} | 9.000% due 6/20/03 (b) | 112,665 |
| 250,000 ^{EUR} | 10.250% due 1/26/07 (b) | 101,383 |
| 275,000 ^{EUR} | 8.000% due 2/26/08 (b) | 105,446 |

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Schedule of Investments (April 30, 2006) (continued)

| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Argentina 0.3% (continued) | | |
| 1,841,875 | 4.889% due 8/3/12 (f) | \$ 1,735,234 |
| 825,000 ^{EUR} | GDP Linked Securities, 0.000% due 12/15/35 (f) | 106,747 |
| | Medium-Term Notes: | |
| 600,000 ^{EUR} | 8.125% due 10/4/03 (b) | 226,276 |
| 1,175,000 ^{EUR} | 7.000% due 3/18/04 (b) | 457,957 |
| 525,000 ^{EUR} | 9.000% due 5/24/05 (b)(e) | 204,619 |
| Total Argentina | | 3,576,096 |
| Brazil 1.6% | | |
| 7,670,000 | Federative Republic of Brazil: 11.000% due 8/17/40 | 9,882,795 |
| 3,449,000 | Collective Action Securities: 8.000% due 1/15/15 | 3,748,201 |
| 2,005,000 | 8.750% due 2/4/25 | 2,270,662 |
| Total Brazil | | 15,901,658 |
| Chile 0.2% | | |
| 1,910,000 | Republic of Chile, 5.500% due 1/15/13 | 1,881,789 |
| Colombia 0.5% | | |
| 3,325,000 | Republic of Colombia: 11.750% due 2/25/20 | 4,746,438 |
| 105,000 | 10.375% due 1/28/33 | 144,506 |
| Total Colombia | | 4,890,944 |
| Ecuador 0.2% | | |
| 2,100,000 | Republic of Ecuador, 9.000% due 8/15/30 (e) | 2,175,600 |
| El Salvador 0.2% | | |
| 1,300,000 | Republic of El Salvador: 7.750% due 1/24/23 (e) | 1,413,750 |
| 270,000 | 8.250% due 4/10/32 (e) | 292,950 |
| Total El Salvador | | 1,706,700 |
| Indonesia 0.0% | | |
| 400,000 | Republic of Indonesia, 8.500% due 10/12/35 (e) | 441,500 |
| Mexico 1.7% | | |
| 1,020,000 | United Mexican States: 11.375% due 9/15/16 | 1,412,700 |
| 1,410,000 | 8.125% due 12/30/19 | 1,635,600 |
| | Medium-Term Notes: | |
| 870,000 | 5.625% due 1/15/17 | 834,113 |
| | Series A: | |
| 516,000 | 6.375% due 1/16/13 | 525,804 |
| 2,894,000 | 5.875% due 1/15/14 | 2,859,272 |
| 8,795,000 | 8.000% due 9/24/22 | 10,120,846 |
| Total Mexico | | 17,388,335 |

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Schedule of Investments (April 30, 2006) (continued)

| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Panama 0.4% | | |
| 1,285,000 | Republic of Panama: 9.625% due 2/8/11 | \$ 1,468,113 |
| 550,000 | 7.250% due 3/15/15 | 580,525 |
| 1,689,509 | PDI, 5.563% due 7/17/16 (f) | 1,668,390 |
| Total Panama | | 3,717,028 |
| Peru 0.6% | | |
| 40,000 | Republic of Peru: 9.875% due 2/6/15 | 47,550 |
| 169,750 | FLIRB, 5.000% due 3/7/17 (e)(f) | 162,536 |
| 220,000 | Global Bonds: 8.375% due 5/3/16 | 240,240 |
| 6,150,000 | 7.350% due 7/21/25 | 6,103,875 |
| Total Peru | | 6,554,201 |
| Philippines 0.5% | | |
| 1,675,000 | Republic of the Philippines: 8.250% due 1/15/14 | 1,819,427 |
| 700,000 | 9.375% due 1/18/17 | 816,795 |
| 1,975,000 | 9.500% due 2/2/30 | 2,341,560 |
| Total Philippines | | 4,977,782 |
| Russia 1.4% | | |
| 377,778 | Russian Federation: 8.250% due 3/31/10 (e) | 397,139 |
| 1,225,000 | 11.000% due 7/24/18 (e) | 1,736,437 |
| 275,000 | 12.750% due 6/24/28 (e) | 481,250 |
| 10,475,000 | 5.000% due 3/31/30 (e) | 11,378,469 |
| Total Russia | | 13,993,295 |
| South Africa 0.1% | | |
| 575,000 | Republic of South Africa: 9.125% due 5/19/09 | 629,912 |
| 725,000 | 6.500% due 6/2/14 | 745,844 |
| Total South Africa | | 1,375,756 |
| Turkey 0.7% | | |
| 500,000 | Republic of Turkey: 11.750% due 6/15/10 | 599,250 |
| 5,875,000 | 7.000% due 6/5/20 | 5,933,750 |
| 335,000 | 11.875% due 1/15/30 | 510,875 |
| Total Turkey | | 7,043,875 |
| Ukraine 0.1% | | |
| 810,000 | Republic of Ukraine, 7.650% due 6/11/13 (e) | 848,475 |

Uruguay 0.1%

955,000

Republic of Uruguay, Benchmark Bonds, 7.500% due 3/15/15

988,425

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Schedule of Investments (April 30, 2006) (continued)

| Face Amount | Security(a) | Value |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Venezuela 0.4% | | |
| 965,000 | Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela: 5.375% due 8/7/10 (e) | \$ 937,980 |
| 750,000 | 7.650% due 4/21/25 | 807,562 |
| 1,550,000 | Collective Action Securities, Notes, 10.750% due 9/19/13 | 1,933,625 |
| Total Venezuela | | 3,679,167 |
| TOTAL SOVEREIGN BONDS (Cost \$87,534,986) | | 91,140,626 |
| Shares | | |
| ESCROWED SHARES (b)(d) 0.0% | | |
| 8,800,000 | Breed Technologies Inc. (c)* | 0 |
| 2,025,000 | Pillowtex Corp.* | 0 |
| 2,648,056 | Vlasic Foods International Inc. (c)(d)* | 52,961 |
| TOTAL ESCROWED SHARES (Cost \$0) | | 52,961 |
| COMMON STOCKS 4.0% | | |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 2.2% | | |
| Household Durables 0.3% | | |
| 10,685,938 | Home Interiors of Gifts Inc. (c)(d)* | 2,885,204 |
| 52,472 | Mattress Discounters Corp. (c)(d)* | 0 |
| Total Household Durables | | 2,885,204 |
| Media 1.9% | | |
| 681,436 | NTL Inc.* | 18,725,861 |
| TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY | | 21,611,065 |
| CONSUMER STAPLES 0.0% | | |
| Food Products 0.0% | | |
| 3,784 | Imperial Sugar Co. | 129,299 |
| MATERIALS 0.1% | | |
| Chemicals 0.1% | | |
| 93,506 | Applied Extrusion Technologies Inc., Class A Shares (g)* | 748,048 |
| TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES 1.7% | | |
| Wireless Telecommunication Services 1.7% | | |
| 507,364 | American Tower Corp., Class A Shares* | 17,321,407 |
| UTILITIES 0.0% | | |
| Independent Power Producers & Energy Traders 0.0% | | |
| 11,762 | Mirant Corp.* | 288,875 |
| TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Cost \$38,910,100) | | 40,098,694 |

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Schedule of Investments (April 30, 2006) (continued)

| Shares | Security(a) | Value |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| PREFERRED STOCK (c)(d) 0.0% | | |
| FINANCIALS 0.0% | | |
| Diversified Financial Services 0.0% | | |
| 17,552 | TCR Holdings Corp., Class B Shares* | \$ 17 |
| 9,654 | TCR Holdings Corp., Class C Shares* | 10 |
| 25,451 | TCR Holdings Corp., Class D Shares* | 25 |
| 52,657 | TCR Holdings Corp., Class E Shares* | 53 |
| TOTAL PREFERRED STOCK | | 105 |
| (Cost \$6,260) | | |
| Warrants | | |
| WARRANTS 0.1% | | |
| 18,500 | Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Oil-linked payment obligations, Expires 4/15/20* | 647,500 |
| 3,500 | Brown Jordan International Inc., Expires 8/15/07 (c)(e)* | 32 |
| 30,928,049 | ContiFinancial Corp., Liquidating Trust, Units of Interest (Represents interest in the liquidation of ContiFinancial Corp. and its affiliates) (b)(c)* | 93 |
| 2,750 | Leap Wireless International Inc., Expires 4/15/10 (c)(d)(e)* | 0 |
| 3,500 | Mattress Discounters Co., Expires 7/15/07 (c)(d)(e)* | 0 |
| 13,614 | Pillowtex Corp., Expires 11/24/09 (c)(d)* | 68 |
| 5,000 | UbiquiTel Inc., Expires 4/15/10 (c)(d)(e)* | 50 |
| | United Mexican States: | |
| 2,000 | Series XW05, Expires 11/9/06* | 64,000 |
| 1,625 | Series XW10, Expires 10/10/06* | 77,187 |
| 1,500 | Series XW20, Expires 9/1/06* | 124,500 |
| TOTAL WARRANTS | | 913,430 |
| (Cost \$689,986) | | |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS | | |
| (Cost \$1,001,833,992) | | 1,007,938,167 |
| Face Amount | | |
| SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 0.4% | | |
| Repurchase Agreement 0.3% | | |
| \$ 2,971,000 | Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. repurchase agreement dated 4/28/06, 4.750% due 5/1/06; Proceeds at maturity \$2,972,176; (Fully collateralized by various U.S. Treasury obligations, 0.875% due 4/15/10; Market value - \$3,033,061) | |
| | (Cost \$2,971,000) | 2,971,000 |
| Shares | | |
| Securities Purchased from Securities Lending Collateral 0.1% | | |
| 748,048 | State Street Navigator Securities Lending Trust Prime Portfolio | |
| | (Cost \$748,048) | 748,048 |
| TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS | | 3,719,048 |
| (Cost \$3,719,048) | | |
| | | \$ 1,011,657,215 |

TOTAL INVESTMENTS 100.0%
(Cost \$1,005,553,040#)

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Schedule of Investments (April 30, 2006) (continued)

* Non-income producing security.

Face amount denominated in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise noted.

(a) All securities except for those that are on loan are segregated as collateral pursuant to a loan agreement and/or extended settlements.

(b) Security is currently in default.

(c) Illiquid security.

(d) Security is valued in good faith at fair value by or under the direction of the Board of Directors (See Note 1).

(e) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. This security may be resold in transactions that are exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. This security has been deemed liquid pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors, unless otherwise noted.

(f) Variable rate security. Interest rate disclosed is that which is in effect at April 30, 2006.

(g) All or a portion of this security is on loan (See Notes 1 and 3).

Aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is \$1,005,789,343.

Abbreviations used in this schedule:

| | |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| EUR | Euro |
| FLIRB | Front-Loaded Interest Reduction Bonds |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| MXN | Mexican Peso |
| PDI | Past Due Interest |

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (April 30, 2006)**ASSETS:**

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Investments, at value (Cost \$1,005,553,040) | \$ 1,011,657,215 |
| Cash | 111 |
| Receivable for securities sold | 21,602,749 |
| Interest receivable | 19,525,430 |
| Prepaid expenses | 53,175 |

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Total Assets | 1,052,838,680 |
|---------------------|----------------------|

LIABILITIES:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Loan payable (Note 4) | 125,000,000 |
| Payable for securities purchased | 14,381,916 |
| Payable for loaned securities collateral (Notes 1 and 3) | 748,048 |
| Investment management fee payable | 679,269 |
| Interest payable (Note 4) | 481,776 |
| Directors' fees payable | 267 |
| Accrued expenses | 209,404 |

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Liabilities | 141,500,680 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Net Assets | \$ 911,338,000 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|

NET ASSETS:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Par value (\$0.001 par value; 77,614,787 shares issued and outstanding; 100,000,000 shares authorized) | \$ 77,615 |
| Paid-in capital in excess of par value | 1,041,434,075 |
| Undistributed net investment income | 684,512 |
| Accumulated net realized loss on investments, swap contracts and foreign currency transactions | (136,962,010) |
| Net unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currencies | 6,103,808 |

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Net Assets | \$ 911,338,000 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Shares Outstanding | 77,614,787 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Net Asset Value | \$11.74 |
|------------------------|----------------|

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of Operations (For the year ended April 30, 2006)**INVESTMENT INCOME:**

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Interest | \$ 91,164,379 |
| Income from securities lending | 782,040 |
| Dividends | 151,985 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Investment Income | 92,098,404 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|

EXPENSES:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Interest expense (Notes 3 and 4) | 9,883,300 |
| Investment management fee (Note 2) | 9,825,676 |
| Administration fees | 323,722 |
| Transfer agent fees | 158,341 |
| Custody fees | 109,795 |
| Shareholder reports | 102,997 |
| Directors fees | 70,661 |
| Audit and tax | 66,949 |
| Stock exchange listing fees | 64,937 |
| Loan fees | 64,927 |
| Legal fees | 39,793 |
| Insurance | 19,953 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 5,042 |

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Total Expenses | 20,736,093 |
| Less: Fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements (Note 2) | (19,902) |

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Net Expenses | 20,716,191 |
|---------------------|-------------------|

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Net Investment Income | 71,382,213 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, SWAP CONTRACTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS (NOTES 1 AND 3):

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Net Realized Gain (Loss) From: | |
| Investment transactions | 47,017,661 |
| Swap contracts | 238,453 |
| Foreign currency transactions | (35,949) |

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Net Realized Gain | 47,220,165 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation From: | |
| Investments | 1,411,529 |
| Swap contracts | 318,962 |
| Foreign currencies | (276) |

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation | 1,730,215 |
|---|------------------|

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Net Gain on Investments, Swap Contracts and Foreign Currency Transactions | 48,950,380 |
|--|-------------------|

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Increase in Net Assets From Operations | \$ 120,332,593 |
|---|-----------------------|

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statements of Changes in Net Assets (For the years ended April 30,)

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| OPERATIONS: | | |
| Net investment income | \$ 71,382,213 | \$ 78,287,028 |
| Net realized gain | 47,220,165 | 41,148,981 |
| Change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation | 1,730,215 | (20,898,279) |
| Increase in Net Assets From Operations | 120,332,593 | 98,537,730 |
| DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM (NOTE 1): | | |
| Net investment income | (70,629,457) | (93,751,761) |
| Decrease in Net Assets From Distributions to Shareholders | (70,629,457) | (93,751,761) |
| FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS: | | |
| Proceeds from shares issued on reinvestment of distributions (1,549,854 shares issued) | | 17,827,283 |
| Increase in Net Assets From Fund Share Transactions | | 17,827,283 |
| Increase in Net Assets | 49,703,136 | 22,613,252 |
| NET ASSETS: | | |
| Beginning of year | 861,634,864 | 839,021,612 |
| End of year* | \$ 911,338,000 | \$ 861,634,864 |
| * Includes undistributed (overdistributed) net investment income of: | \$684,512 | \$(264,582) |

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of Cash Flows (For the year ended April 30, 2006)**CASH FLOWS PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Interest and dividends received | \$ 87,592,830 |
| Operating expenses paid | (11,262,967) |
| Net sales of short-term investments | 55,515,000 |
| Realized loss on foreign currency transactions | (35,949) |
| Realized gain on swap contracts | 238,453 |
| Net change in unrealized depreciation on foreign currencies | (276) |
| Purchases of long-term investments | (587,313,708) |
| Proceeds from disposition of long-term investments | 808,415,420 |
| Interest paid | (10,253,769) |

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities | 342,895,034 |
|--|--------------------|

CASH FLOWS PROVIDED (USED) BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Cash distributions paid on Common Stock | (70,629,457) |
| Received from brokers for initial margin on credit default swap contracts | 330,000 |
| Repayment on loan | (175,000,000) |
| Repayment of reverse repurchase agreements | (97,596,250) |

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Net Cash Flows Used By Financing Activities | (342,895,707) |
|--|----------------------|

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Net Decrease in Cash | (673) |
| Cash, Beginning of year | 784 |

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Cash, End of year | \$ 111 |
|--------------------------|---------------|

RECONCILIATION OF INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH FLOWS PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Increase in Net Assets From Operations | \$ 120,332,593 |
| Accretion of discount on investments | (10,238,140) |
| Amortization of premium on investments | 2,250,210 |
| Decrease in investments, at value | 236,180,488 |
| Increase in payable for securities purchased | 12,662,409 |
| Decrease in interest and dividends receivable | 3,482,356 |
| Increase in receivable for securities sold | (20,974,337) |
| Decrease in prepaid expenses | 1,315 |
| Decrease in interest payable | (370,469) |
| Decrease in accrued expenses | (431,391) |

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Adjustments | 222,562,441 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Net Cash Flows Provided By Operating Activities | \$ 342,895,034 |
|--|-----------------------|

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Financial Highlights

For a share of capital stock outstanding throughout each year ended April 30:

| | 2006 | 2005 ⁽¹⁾ | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year | \$ 11.10 | \$ 11.03 | \$ 10.42 | \$ 10.48 | \$ 11.08 |
| Income (Loss) From Operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | 0.92 | 1.02 | 1.12 | 1.18 | 1.27 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | 0.63 | 0.27 | 0.85 | 0.12 | (0.50) |
| Total Income From Operations | 1.55 | 1.29 | 1.97 | 1.30 | 0.77 |
| Less Distributions From: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.91) | (1.22) | (1.38) | (1.16) | (1.18) |
| Return of capital | | | | (0.22) | (0.20) |
| Total Distributions | (0.91) | (1.22) | (1.38) | (1.38) | (1.38) |
| Increase in Net Asset Value Due to Shares Issued on Reinvestment of Distributions | | | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Net Asset Value, End of Year | \$ 11.74 | \$ 11.10 | \$ 11.03 | \$ 10.42 | \$ 10.48 |
| Market Price, End of Year | \$ 10.04 | \$ 11.14 | \$ 11.75 | \$ 11.65 | \$ 11.65 |
| Total Return, Based on Net Asset Value | 14.43% | 12.13% | 19.99% | 15.58% | 7.84% |
| Total Return, Based on Market Price Per Share⁽²⁾ | (1.58)% | 5.39% | 13.51% | 15.00% | 20.83% |
| Net Assets, End of Year (000s) | \$ 911,338 | \$ 861,635 | \$ 839,022 | \$ 771,566 | \$ 750,334 |
| Ratios to Average Net Assets: | | | | | |
| Gross expenses | 2.31% | 2.69% | 2.17% | 2.49% | 2.80% |
| Gross expenses, excluding interest expense | 1.21 | 1.67 | 1.57 | 1.63 | 1.57 |
| Net expenses | 2.30 ⁽³⁾ | 2.69 | 2.17 | 2.49 | 2.80 |
| Net expenses, excluding interest expense | 1.20 ⁽³⁾ | 1.67 | 1.57 | 1.63 | 1.57 |
| Net investment income | 7.94 | 8.99 | 10.18 | 12.64 | 12.08 |
| Portfolio Turnover Rate | 55% | 54% | 50% | 87% | 118% |
| Supplemental Data: | | | | | |
| Loans Outstanding, End of Year (000s) | \$ 125,000 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 260,000 |
| Asset Coverage For Loan Outstanding | 829% | 387% | 380% | 357% | 389% |
| Weighted Average Loan (000s) | \$ 203,630 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 260,000 |
| Weighted Average Interest Rate on Loans | 4.21% | 2.44% | 1.64% | 2.15% | 3.44% |

(1) Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares method.

(2) The total return calculation assumes that all distributions are reinvested in accordance with the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan and the broker commissions paid to purchase or sell a share is excluded. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

(3) The investment manager voluntarily waived a portion of its fees and/or reimbursed expenses.

Performance figures may reflect voluntary fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. In the absence of voluntary fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, the total return would have been lower. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

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Notes to Financial Statements

1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

The Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. (the Fund) was incorporated in Maryland and is registered as a diversified, closed-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (the 1940 Act). The Fund seeks to maximize current income by investing at least 80% of its net assets plus any borrowings for investment purposes in high yield debt securities. As a secondary objective, the Fund seeks capital appreciation to the extent consistent with its objective of seeking to maximize current income.

The following are significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund and are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Estimates and assumptions are required to be made regarding assets, liabilities and changes in net assets resulting from operations when financial statements are prepared. Changes in the economic environment, financial markets and any other parameters used in determining these estimates could cause actual results to differ.

(a) Investment Valuation. Debt securities are valued at the mean between the bid and asked prices provided by an independent pricing service that are based on transactions in debt obligations, quotations from bond dealers, market transactions in comparable securities and various other relationships between securities. Equity securities for which market quotations are available are valued at the last sale price or official closing price on the primary market or exchange on which they trade. Publicly traded foreign government debt securities are typically traded internationally in the over-the-counter market, and are valued at the mean between the bid and asked prices as of the close of business of that market. When prices are not readily available, or are determined not to reflect fair value, such as when the value of a security has been significantly affected by events after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded, but before the Fund calculates its net asset value, the Fund may value these investments at fair value as determined in accordance with the procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors. Short-term obligations with maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

(b) Repurchase Agreements. When entering into repurchase agreements, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian or a third party custodian take possession of the underlying collateral securities, the market value of which at least equals the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest. To the extent that any repurchase transaction exceeds one business day, the value of the collateral is marked-to-market to ensure the adequacy of the collateral. If the seller defaults, and the market value of the collateral declines or if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited.

(c) Reverse Repurchase Agreements. The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements in which the Fund sells portfolio securities and agrees to repurchase them from the buyer at a specified date and price. Whenever the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund's custodian delivers liquid assets to the counterparty in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest). The Fund pays interest on amounts obtained pursuant to reverse repurchase agreements. Reverse repurchase agreements are considered to be borrowings, which may create leverage risk to the Fund.

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(d) Credit Default Swaps. The Fund may enter into credit default swap contracts for investment purposes, to manage its credit risk or to add leverage. As a seller in a credit default swap contract, the Fund is required to pay the notional or other agreed-upon value to the counterparty in the event of a default by a third party, such as a U.S. or foreign corporate issuer, on the referenced debt obligation. In return, the Fund receives from the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default has occurred. If no default occurs, the Fund keeps the stream of payments and has no payment obligations. Such periodic payments are accrued daily and accounted for as realized gain.

The Fund may also purchase credit default swap contracts in order to hedge against the risk of default of debt securities held, in which case the Fund functions as the counterparty referenced in the preceding paragraph. As a purchaser of a credit default swap contract, the Fund receives the notional or other agreed upon value from the counterparty in the event of a default by a third party, such as a U.S. or foreign corporate issuer, on the referenced debt obligation. In return, the Fund makes periodic payments to the counterparty over the term of the contract provided no event of default has occurred. Such periodic payments are accrued daily and accounted for as realized loss.

Swaps are marked-to-market daily based upon quotations from market makers and the change in value, if any, is recorded as unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the Fund's Statement of Operations. For a credit default swap sold by the Fund, payment of the agreed upon amount made by the Fund in the event of default of the referenced debt obligation is recorded as the cost of the referenced debt obligation purchased/received. For a credit default swap purchased by the Fund, the agreed upon amount received by the Fund in the event of default of the referenced debt obligation is recorded as proceeds from sale/delivery of the referenced debt obligation and the resulting gain or loss realized on the referenced debt obligation is recorded as such by the Fund.

Entering into credit default swaps involves, to varying degrees, elements of credit, market and documentation risk in excess of the related amounts recognized on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Such risks involve the possibility that there will be no liquid market for these agreements, that the counterparty to the agreements may default on its obligation to perform or disagree as to the meaning of the contractual terms in the agreements, and that there will be unfavorable changes in net interest rates.

(e) Lending of Portfolio Securities. The Fund has an agreement with its custodian whereby the custodian may lend securities owned by the Fund to brokers, dealers and other financial organizations. In exchange for lending securities under the terms of the agreement with its custodian, the Fund receives a lender's fee. Fees earned by the Fund on securities lending are recorded as securities lending income. Loans of securities by the Fund are collateralized by cash, U.S. government securities or high quality money market instruments that are maintained at all times in an amount at least equal to the current market value of the loaned securities, plus a margin which varies depending on the type of securities loaned. The custodian establishes and maintains the collateral in a segregated account. The Fund has the right under the lending agreement to recover the securities from the borrower on demand.

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The Fund maintains the risk of any loss on the securities on loan as well as the potential loss on investments purchased with cash collateral received from securities lending.

(f) Credit and Market Risk. The Fund invests in high yield and emerging market instruments that are subject to certain credit and market risks. The yields of high yield and emerging market debt obligations reflect, among other things, perceived credit and market risks. The Fund's investment in securities rated below investment grade typically involve risks not associated with higher rated securities including, among others, greater risk related to timely and ultimate payment of interest and principal, greater market price volatility and less liquid secondary market trading. The consequences of political, social, economic or diplomatic changes may have disruptive effects on the market prices of investments held by the Fund. The Fund's investment in non-dollar denominated securities may also result in foreign currency losses caused by devaluations and exchange rate fluctuations.

(g) Cash Flow Information. The Fund invests in securities and distributes dividends from net investment income and net realized gains, which are paid in cash and may be reinvested at the discretion of shareholders. These activities are reported in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets and additional information on cash receipts and cash payments are presented in the Statement of Cash Flows.

(h) Security Transactions and Investment Income. Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. The cost of investments sold is determined by use of the specific identification method. To the extent any issuer defaults on an expected interest payment, the Fund's policy is to generally halt any additional interest income accruals and consider the realizability of interest accrued up to the date of default.

(i) Foreign Currency Translation. Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts based upon prevailing exchange rates on the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts based upon prevailing exchange rates on the respective dates of such transactions.

The Fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments.

Net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, including gains and losses on forward foreign currency contracts, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the fair values of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities, at the date of valuation, resulting from changes in exchange rates.

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Foreign security and currency transactions may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of U.S. dollar denominated transactions as a result of, among other factors, the possibility of lower levels of governmental supervision and regulation of foreign securities markets and the possibility of political or economic instability.

(j) Distributions to Shareholders. Distributions from net investment income for the Funds, if any, are declared and paid on a monthly basis. Distributions of net realized gains, if any, are declared at least annually. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date and are determined in accordance with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

(k) Federal and Other Taxes. It is the Fund's policy to comply with the federal income and excise tax requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies. Accordingly, the Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its income and net realized gains on investments, if any, to shareholders each year. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required in the Fund's financial statements.

(l) Reclassification. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets be adjusted to reflect permanent differences between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset values per share. During the current year, the following reclassifications have been made:

| | Undistributed Net Investment Income | Accumulated Net Realized Loss | Paid-in Capital |
|-----|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| (a) | \$ 43,788 | | \$ (43,788) |
| (b) | 152,550 | \$ (152,550) | |

(a) Reclassifications are primarily due to a prior year taxable overdistribution.

(b) Reclassifications are primarily due to foreign currency transactions treated as ordinary income for tax purposes and book/tax differences in the treatment of credit default swap contracts, and book/tax differences in the treatment of passive foreign investment companies.

2. Investment Management Agreement and Other Transactions with Affiliates

On December 1, 2005, Citigroup Inc. (Citigroup) completed the sale of substantially all of its asset management business, Citigroup Asset Management (CAM), to Legg Mason, Inc. (Legg Mason). As a result, the Fund's investment manager, Salomon Brothers Asset Management Inc. (the Manager or SBAM), previously an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Citigroup, has become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Legg Mason. Completion of the sale caused the Fund's existing investment management and administrative contracts to terminate. The Fund's shareholders approved a new investment management contract between the Fund and the Manager, which became effective on December 1, 2005.

Legg Mason, whose principal executive offices are in Baltimore, Maryland, is a financial services holding company.

Prior to the Legg Mason transaction, and under the new investment management agreement, the Fund paid the Manager a fee calculated at an annual rate of 0.80% of the Fund's average weekly net assets plus the proceeds of any outstanding borrowings used for leverage. These fees were calculated daily and paid monthly.

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Prior to August 1, 2005, the Fund had separate investment management and administration agreements. SBAM was compensated at an annual rate of 1.00% for management services and Smith Barney Fund Management LLC (Administrator), which for the period of this report was another indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Citigroup, acted as the Fund's administrator for which the Fund paid a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.10% of the value of the Fund's average weekly net assets plus the proceeds of any outstanding borrowings used for leverage.

Effective August 1, 2005, the Board of Directors of the Fund terminated the administration agreements and as a result this administration fee was no longer applicable as of that date.

During periods in which the Fund is utilizing financial leverage, the fees which are payable to the Manager as a percentage of the Fund's assets will be higher than if the Fund did not utilize leverage because the fees are calculated as a percentage of the Fund's assets, including those investments purchased with leverage.

During the year ended April 30, 2006, the Manager reimbursed a portion of its management fee amounting to \$19,902.

Certain officers and one Director of the Fund are employees of Legg Mason or its affiliates and do not receive compensation from the Fund.

3. Investments

During the year ended April 30, 2006, the aggregate cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments (excluding short-term investments) were as follows:

| | |
|-----------|----------------|
| Purchases | \$ 599,940,778 |
| Sales | 828,612,699 |

At April 30, 2006, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Gross unrealized appreciation | \$ 52,056,895 |
| Gross unrealized depreciation | (46,189,023) |
| Net unrealized appreciation | \$ 5,867,872 |

Transactions in reverse repurchase agreements for the Fund during the year ended April 30, 2006 were as follows:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Average Daily Balance | Weighted Average Interest Rate | Maximum Amount Outstanding |
| \$96,567,934 | 2.990% | \$106,327,000 |

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Interest rates on reverse repurchase agreements ranged from 0.35% to 3.65% during the year ended April 30, 2006. Interest expense incurred on reverse repurchase agreements totaled \$1,307,940.

At April 30, 2006, the Fund had no open reverse repurchase agreements.

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At April 30, 2006, the Fund loaned securities having a market value of \$724,672. The Fund received cash collateral amounting to \$748,048 which was invested into the State Street Navigator Securities Lending Trust Prime Portfolio, a Rule 2a-7 money market fund, registered under the 1940 Act.

4. Loan

At April 30, 2006, the Fund had a \$125,000,000 loan pursuant to a revolving credit and security agreement with Crown Point Capital Company LLC (Lender) and Citicorp North America, Inc. (CNA). In addition, CNA acts as administrative agent of the credit facility. The loan generally bears interest at a variable rate based on the weighted average interest rates of the Lender 's commercial paper or LIBOR plus any applicable margin. Securities held by the Fund are subject to a lien, granted to the lenders, to the extent of the borrowings outstanding and any additional expenses. For the year ended April 30, 2006, the Fund incurred interest expense on this loan in the amount of \$8,575,360.

5. Dividends Subsequent to April 30, 2006

On February 22, 2006, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Fund declared a distribution in the amount of \$0.070 per common share payable on May 26, 2006 to shareholders of record on May 23, 2006.

On May 3, 2006, the Fund 's Board declared three distributions, each in the amount of \$0.070 per share, payable on June 30, 2006, July 28, 2006 and August 25, 2006 to shareholders of record on June 27, 2006, July 25, 2006 and August 22, 2006, respectively.

6. Income Tax Information and Distributions to Shareholders

The tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal years ended April 30, were as follows:

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Distributions paid from: | | |
| Ordinary Income | \$ 70,629,457 | \$ 93,751,761 |

As of April 30, 2006, the components of accumulated earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Undistributed ordinary income net | \$ 1,131,017 |
| Capital loss carryforward* | (136,825,268) |
| Other book/tax temporary differences (a) | (446,505) |
| Unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) (b) | 5,967,066 |
| Total Accumulated Earnings/(Losses) Net | \$ (130,173,690) |

* During the taxable year ended April 30, 2006, the Fund utilized \$45,833,036 of its capital loss carryover available from prior years. As of April 30, 2006, the Fund had the following net capital loss carryforwards remaining:

| Year of Expiration | Amount |
|--------------------|--------|
|--------------------|--------|

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| | |
|-----------|------------------|
| 4/30/2010 | \$ (59,694,085) |
| 4/30/2011 | (77,131,183) |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ (136,825,268) |
| | <hr/> |

These amounts will be available to offset any future taxable capital gains.

- (a) Other book/tax temporary differences are attributable primarily to book/tax differences in the accrual of income on securities in default.
- (b) The difference between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) is attributable primarily to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales and book/tax differences in the treatment of passive foreign investment companies.

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7. Regulatory Matters

On May 31, 2005, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued an order in connection with the settlement of an administrative proceeding against Smith Barney Fund Management LLC (SBFM) and Citigroup Global Markets (CGM) relating to the appointment of an affiliated transfer agent for the Smith Barney family of mutual funds (the Affected Funds).

The SEC order finds that SBFM and CGM willfully violated Section 206(1) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (Advisers Act). Specifically, the order finds that SBFM and CGM knowingly or recklessly failed to disclose to the boards of the Affected Funds in 1999 when proposing a new transfer agent arrangement with an affiliated transfer agent that: First Data Investors Services Group (First Data), the Affected Funds then existing transfer agent, had offered to continue as transfer agent and do the same work for substantially less money than before; and that Citigroup Asset Management (CAM), the Citigroup business unit that, at the time, included the Affected Funds investment manager and other investment advisory companies, had entered into a side letter with First Data under which CAM agreed to recommend the appointment of First Data as sub-transfer agent to the affiliated transfer agent in exchange for, among other things, a guarantee by First Data of specified amounts of asset management and investment banking fees to CAM and CGM. The order also finds that SBFM and CGM willfully violated Section 206(2) of the Advisers Act by virtue of the omissions discussed above and other misrepresentations and omissions in the materials provided to the Affected Funds boards, including the failure to make clear that the affiliated transfer agent would earn a high profit for performing limited functions while First Data continued to perform almost all of the transfer agent functions, and the suggestion that the proposed arrangement was in the Affected Funds best interests and that no viable alternatives existed. SBFM and CGM do not admit or deny any wrongdoing or liability. The settlement does not establish wrongdoing or liability for purposes of any other proceeding.

The SEC censured SBFM and CGM and ordered them to cease and desist from violations of Sections 206(1) and 206(2) of the Advisers Act. The order requires Citigroup to pay \$208.1 million, including \$109 million in disgorgement of profits, \$19.1 million in interest, and a civil money penalty of \$80 million. Approximately \$24.4 million has already been paid to the Affected Funds, primarily through fee waivers. The remaining \$183.7 million, including the penalty, has been paid to the U.S. Treasury and will be distributed pursuant to a plan submitted for the approval of the SEC. At this time, there is no certainty as to how the above-described proceeds of the settlement will be distributed, to whom such distributions will be made, the methodology by which such distributions will be allocated, and when such distributions will be made.

The order also required that transfer agency fees received from the Affected Funds since December 1, 2004 less certain expenses be placed in escrow and provided that a portion of such fees might be subsequently distributed in accordance with the terms of the order.

On April 3, 2006, an aggregate amount of approximately \$9 million was distributed to the Affected Funds. The order required SBFM to recommend a new transfer agent contract to the Affected Funds boards within 180 days of the entry of the order; if a Citigroup

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affiliate submitted a proposal to serve as transfer agent or sub-transfer agent, SBFM and CGM would have been required, at their expense, to engage an independent monitor to oversee a competitive bidding process. On November 21, 2005, and within the specified timeframe, the Fund's Board selected a new transfer agent for the Fund. No Citigroup affiliate submitted a proposal to serve as transfer agent. Under the order, SBFM also must comply with an amended version of a vendor policy that Citigroup instituted in August 2004.

Although there can be no assurance, SBFM does not believe that this matter will have a material adverse effect on the Affected Funds.

This Fund is not one of the Affected Funds and therefore did not implement the transfer agent arrangement described above and therefore has not received and will not receive any portion of the distributions.

On December 1, 2005, Citigroup completed the sale of substantially all of its global asset management business, including SBFM, to Legg Mason.

8. Other Matters

On September 16, 2005, the staff of the SEC informed SBFM and SBAM that the staff is considering recommending that the Commission institute administrative proceedings against SBFM and SBAM for alleged violations of Section 19(a) and 34(b) of the Investment Company Act (and related Rule 19a-1). The notification is a result of an industry wide inspection by the SEC and is based upon alleged deficiencies in disclosures regarding dividends and distributions paid to shareholders of certain funds. Section 19(a) and related Rule 19a-1 of the Investment Company Act generally require funds that are making dividend and distribution payments to provide shareholders with a written statement disclosing the source of the dividends and distributions, and, in particular, the portion of the payments made from each of net investment income, undistributed net profits and/or paid-in capital. In connection with the contemplated proceedings, the staff may seek a cease and desist order and/or monetary damages from SBFM or SBAM.

Although there can be no assurance, SBAM believes that this matter is not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Fund or SBAM's ability to perform investment management services relating to the Fund.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. as of April 30, 2006, and the related statement of operations, changes in net assets, cash flows and the financial highlights for the year then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audit. The statement of changes in net assets for the year ended April 30, 2005 and the financial highlights for each of the years in the four-year period then ended were audited by other independent registered public accountants whose report thereon, dated June 22, 2005, expressed an unqualified opinion on that financial statement and those financial highlights.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of April 30, 2006, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers or by other appropriate auditing procedures. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. as of April 30, 2006, and the results of its operations, changes in its net assets, its cash flows and the financial highlights for the year then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

New York, New York

June 29, 2006

Additional Information (unaudited)

Information about Directors and Officers

The business and affairs of Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. (Fund) are managed under the direction of the Board of Directors. Information pertaining to the Directors and Officers of the Fund is set forth below.

| Name, Address and Birth Year | Position(s) Held with Fund ⁽¹⁾ | Term of Office ⁽¹⁾ and Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years | Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Director |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| Non-Interested Directors: | | | | | |
| Carol L. Colman Colman Consulting Co. 278 Hawley Road North Salem, NY 10560 Birth Year: 1946 | Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class III | Since 2002 | President, Colman Consulting Co. | 37 | None |
| Daniel P. Cronin c/o Chairman of the Fund 399 Park Avenue 4th Floor New York, NY 10022 Birth Year: 1946 | Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class I | Since 1998 | Formerly Associate General Counsel, Pfizer Inc. | 34 | None |
| Leslie H. Gelb c/o Chairman of the Fund 399 Park Avenue 4th Floor New York, NY 10022 Birth Year: 1946 | Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class II | Since 1998 | President, Emeritus and Senior Board Fellow, The Council on Foreign Relations; Formerly, Columnist, Deputy Editorial Page Editor and Editor, Op-Ed Page, The New York Times | 34 | Director of two registered investment companies advised by Blackstone Asia Advisors L.L.C. (Blackstone Advisors) |
| William R. Hutchinson 535 N. Michigan Avenue Suite 1012 Birth Year: 1937 | Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class III | Since 2003 | President, W.R. Hutchinson & Associates Inc.; Formerly Group Vice President, Mergers and Acquisitions, BP Amoco p.l.c. | 44 | Associated Banc-Corp. |

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Professor and Director,
Latin America Studies
Program, Paul H. Nitze
School of Advanced
International Studies, The
Johns Hopkins University

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| Name, Address and Birth Year | Position(s) Held with Fund ⁽¹⁾ | Term of Office ⁽¹⁾ and Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years | Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Director |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| Non-Interested Directors: Jeswald W. Salacuse c/o Chairman of the Fund 399 Park Avenue 4th Floor New York, NY 10022 Birth Year: 1938 | Director and Member of the Nominating and Audit Committees, Class I | Since 1998 | Henry J. Braker Professor of Commercial Law and formerly Dean, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University | 34 | Director of two registered investment companies advised by Blackstone Advisors |
| Interested Directors: R. Jay Gerken, CFA ⁽²⁾ Legg Mason & Co., LLC (Legg Mason) 399 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022 Birth Year: 1951 | Director, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Class III | Since 2002 | Managing Director of Legg Mason; President and Chief Executive Officer of Smith Barney Fund Management LLC (SBFM) and Citi Fund Management Inc. (CFM); President and Chief Executive Officer of certain mutual funds associated with Legg Mason; Formerly, Chairman of SBFM and CFM (from 2002 to 2006); Formerly, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Travelers Investment Advisers, Inc. (from 2002 to 2005) | 169 | Trustee, Consulting Group Capital Markets Fund |
| Officers: Andrew B. Shoup Legg Mason 125 Broad Street, 11th Floor New York, NY 10004 Birth Year: 1956 | Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer | Since 2003 | Director of Legg Mason; Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of certain mutual funds associated with Legg Mason; Formerly Head of International Funds Administration of Legg Mason or its predecessors (from 2001 to 2003) | N/A | N/A |

Additional Information (unaudited) (continued)

| Name, Address and Birth Year | Position(s) Held with | Term of Office ⁽¹⁾ and Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years | Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Director |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| Officers: | Fund ⁽¹⁾ | | | | |
| Frances M. Guggino Legg Mason 125 Broad Street, 10th Floor New York, NY 10004 Birth Year: 1957 | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer | Since 2004 | Director of Legg Mason; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of certain mutual funds associated with Legg Mason, Formerly Controller of certain mutual funds associated with Legg Mason (from 1999 to 2004) | N/A | N/A |
| Ted P. Becker Legg Mason 399 Park Avenue, 4th Floor New York, NY 10022 Birth Year: 1951 | Chief Compliance Officer | Since 2006 | Managing Director of Compliance at Legg Mason, (2005-Present); Chief Compliance Officer with certain mutual funds associated with Legg Mason (since 2006); Managing Director of Compliance at Legg Mason or its predecessors (2002-2005). Prior to 2002, Managing Director-Internal Audit & Risk Review at Citigroup, Inc. | N/A | N/A |
| Wendy S. Setnicka Legg Mason 125 Broad Street, 10th Floor New York, NY 10004 Birth Year: 1964 | Controller | Since 2004 | Vice President of Legg Mason (since 2003); Controller of certain mutual funds associated with Legg Mason; Formerly, Assistant Controller of Legg Mason (from 2002 to 2004); Accounting Manager of Legg Mason (from 1998 to 2002) | N/A | N/A |

Additional Information (unaudited) (continued)

| Name, Address and Birth Year | Position(s) Held with Fund ⁽¹⁾ | Term of Office ⁽¹⁾ and Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years | Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director (including the Fund) | Other Board Memberships Held by Director |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| Officers: Robert I. Frenkel | Secretary and Chief Legal Officer | Since 2003 | Managing Director and General Counsel of Global Mutual Funds for Legg Mason and its predecessor (since 1994); Secretary and Chief Legal Officer of mutual funds associated with Legg Mason | N/A | N/A |
| Legg Mason 300 First Stamford Place 4th Floor Stamford, CT 06902 | | | | | |

Birth Year: 1954

(1) The Fund's Board of Directors is divided into three classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. The terms of office of the Class I, II and III Directors expire at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in the year 2008, year 2006 and year 2007, respectively, or thereafter in each case when their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. The Fund's executive officers are chosen each year at the first meeting of the Fund's Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to hold office until the meeting of the Board following the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

(2) Mr. Gerken is an interested person of the Fund as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, because Mr. Gerken is an officer of SBFM and certain of its affiliates.

Annual Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Certification (unaudited)

The Fund's CEO has submitted to the NYSE the required annual certification and, the Fund also has included the Certifications of the Fund's CEO and CFO required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in the Fund's Form N-CSR filed with the SEC, for the period of this report.

Additional Shareholder Information (unaudited)

Results of a Special Meeting of Shareholders

On November 15, 2005, a Special Meeting of Shareholders was held to approve a new management agreement. The following table provides the number of votes cast for, against or withheld, as well as the number of abstentions and broker non-votes as for the matter voted on at the Special Meeting of Shareholders.

| Item Voted on | Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| New Management Agreement | 38,590,025 | 3,511,930 | 2,011,223 | 0 |

Dividend Reinvestment Plan (unaudited)

Pursuant to certain rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission the following additional disclosure is provided.

Each shareholder purchasing shares of common stock (Shares) of Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. (Fund) will be deemed to have elected to be a participant in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan (Plan), unless the shareholder specifically elects in writing (addressed to the Agent at the address below or to any nominee who holds Shares for the shareholder in its name) to receive all distributions in cash, paid by check, mailed directly to the record holder by or under the direction of American Stock Transfer & Trust Company as the Fund's dividend-paying agent (Agent). A shareholder whose Shares are held in the name of a broker or nominee who does not provide an automatic reinvestment service may be required to take such Shares out of street name and register such Shares in the shareholder's name in order to participate, otherwise dividends and distributions will be paid in cash to such shareholder by the broker or nominee. Each participant in the Plan is referred to herein as a Participant. The Agent will act as Agent for each Participant, and will open accounts for each Participant under the Plan in the same name as their Shares are registered.

Unless the Fund declares a distribution payable only in the form of cash, the Agent will apply all distributions in the manner set forth below.

If, on the determination date (as defined below), the market price per Share equals or exceeds the net asset value per Share on that date (such condition, a market premium), the Agent will receive the distribution in newly issued Shares of the Fund on behalf of Participants. If, on the determination date, the net asset value per Share exceeds the market price per Share (such condition, a market discount), the Agent will purchase Shares in the open market. The determination date will be the fourth New York Stock Exchange trading day (a New York Stock Exchange trading day being referred to herein as a Trading Day) preceding the payment date for the distribution. For purposes herein, market price will mean the average of the highest and lowest prices at which the Shares sell on the New York Stock Exchange on the particular date, or if there is no sale on that date, the average of the closing bid and asked quotations.

Purchases made by the Agent will be made as soon as practicable commencing on the Trading Day following the determination date and terminating no later than 30 days after the distribution payment date except where temporary curtailment or suspension of purchase is necessary to comply with applicable provisions of federal securities law; provided, however, that such purchases will, in any event, terminate on the Trading Day prior to the ex-dividend date next succeeding the distribution payment date.

If (i) the Agent has not invested the full distribution amount in open market purchases by the date specified at the bottom of the prior page as the date on which such purchases must terminate or (ii) a market discount shifts to a market premium during the purchase period, then the Agent will cease making open market purchases and will receive the uninvested portion of the distribution amount in newly issued Shares (x) in the case of (i) above, at the close of business on the date the Agent is required to terminate making open market purchases as specified at the bottom of the prior page or (y) in the case of (ii) above, at the close of business on the date such shift occurs; but in no event prior to the payment date for the distribution.

Dividend Reinvestment Plan (unaudited) (continued)

In the event that all or part of a distribution amount is to be paid in newly issued Shares, such Shares will be issued to Participants in accordance with the following formula: (i) if, on the valuation date, the net asset value per share is less than or equal to the market price per Share, then the newly issued Shares will be valued at net asset value per Share on the valuation date provided, however, that if the net asset value is less than 95% of the market price on the valuation date, then such Shares will be issued at 95% of the market price and (ii) if, on the valuation date, the net asset value per share is greater than the market price per Share, then the newly issued Shares will be issued at the market price on the valuation date. The valuation date will be the distribution payment date, except that with respect to Shares issued pursuant to the paragraph above, the valuation date will be the date such Shares are issued. If a date that would otherwise be a valuation date is not a Trading Day, the valuation date will be the next preceding Trading Day.

The open market purchases provided for above may be made on any securities exchange on which the Shares of the Fund are traded, in the over-the-counter market or in negotiated transactions, and may be on such terms as to price, delivery and otherwise as the Agent shall determine. Funds held by the Agent uninvested will not bear interest, and it is understood that, in any event, the Agent shall have no liability in connection with any inability to purchase Shares within the time periods herein provided, or with the timing of any purchases effected. The Agent shall have no responsibility as to the value of the Shares acquired for the Participant's account. The Agent may commingle amounts of all Participants to be used for open market purchases of Shares and the price per Share allocable to each Participant in connection with such purchases shall be the average price (including brokerage commissions) of all Shares purchased by the Agent.

The Agent will maintain all Participant accounts in the Plan and will furnish written confirmations of all transactions in each account, including information needed by Participants for personal and tax records. The Agent will hold Shares acquired pursuant to the Plan in noncertificated form in the Participant's name or that of its nominee, and each Participant's proxy will include those Shares purchased pursuant to the Plan. The Agent will forward to Participants any proxy solicitation material and will vote any Shares so held for Participants only in accordance with the proxy returned by Participants to the Fund. Upon written request, the Agent will deliver to Participants, without charge, a certificate or certificates for the full Shares.

The Agent will confirm to Participants each acquisition made for their respective accounts as soon as practicable but not later than 60 days after the date thereof. Although Participants may from time to time have an undivided fractional interest (computed to three decimal places) in a Share of the Fund, no certificates for fractional shares will be issued. Distributions on fractional shares will be credited to each Participant's account. In the event of termination of a Participant's account under the Plan, the Agent will adjust for any such undivided fractional interest in cash at the market value of the Fund's Shares at the time of termination less the pro rata expense of any sale required to make such an adjustment.

Any share dividends or split shares distributed by the Fund on Shares held by the Agent for Participants will be credited to their respective accounts. In the event that the Fund makes available to Participants rights to purchase additional Shares or other securities, the

Dividend Reinvestment Plan (unaudited) (continued)

Shares held for Participants under the Plan will be added to other Shares held by the Participants in calculating the number of rights to be issued to Participants.

The Agent's service fee for handling distributions will be paid by the Fund. Participants will be charged a pro rata share of brokerage commissions on all open market purchases.

Participants may terminate their accounts under the Plan by notifying the Agent in writing. Such termination will be effective immediately if notice is received by the Agent not less than ten days prior to any distribution record date; otherwise such termination will be effective on the first Trading Day after the payment due for such distribution with respect to any subsequent distribution. The Plan may be amended or terminated by the Fund as applied to any distribution paid subsequent to written notice of the change or termination sent to Participants at least 30 days prior to the record date for the distribution. The Plan may be amended or terminated by the Agent, with the Fund's prior written consent, on at least 30 days' written notice to Plan Participants. Notwithstanding the preceding two sentences, the Agent or the Fund may amend or supplement the Plan at any time or times when necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable law or rules or policies of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority. Upon any termination, the Agent will cause a certificate or certificates for the full Shares held by each Participant under the Plan and cash adjustment for any fraction to be delivered to each Participant without charge. If the Participant elects by notice to the Agent in writing in advance of such termination to have the Agent sell part or all of a Participant's Shares and remit the proceeds to Participant, the Agent is authorized to deduct a \$2.50 fee plus brokerage commission for this transaction from the proceeds.

Any amendment or supplement shall be deemed to be accepted by each Participant unless, prior to the effective date thereof, the Agent receives written notice of the termination of the Participant's account under the Plan. Any such amendment may include an appointment by the Agent in its place and stead of a successor Agent under these terms and conditions, with full power and authority to perform all or any of the acts to be performed by the Agent under these terms and conditions. Upon any such appointment of an Agent for the purpose of receiving distributions, the Fund will be authorized to pay to such successor Agent, for each Participant's account, all distributions payable on Shares of the Fund held in each Participant's name or under the Plan for retention or application by such successor Agent as provided in these terms and conditions.

In the case of Participants, such as banks, broker-dealers or other nominees, which hold Shares for others who are beneficial owners (Nominee Holders), the Agent will administer the Plan on the basis of the number of Shares certified from time to time by each Nominee Holder as representing the total amount registered in the Nominee Holder's name and held for the account of beneficial owners who are to participate in the Plan.

The Agent shall at all times act in good faith and use its best efforts within reasonable limits to insure the accuracy of all services performed under this Agreement and to comply with applicable law, but assumes no responsibility and shall not be liable for loss or damage due to errors unless such error is caused by its negligence, bad faith, or willful misconduct or that of its employees.

All correspondence concerning the Plan should be directed to the Agent at 1-888-888-0151.

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Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 that the Fund may purchase at market prices from time to time shares of its common stock in the open market.

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available on the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The Fund's Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington D.C., and how information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800-SEC-0330. To obtain information on Form N-Q from the Fund, shareholders can call 800-446-1013.

Information on how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the prior 12-month period ended June 30th of each year and a description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies related to portfolio transactions is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-446-1013, (2) on each Fund's website at www.leggmason.com/InvestorServices and (3) on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

The registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

The Board of Directors of the registrant has determined that William R. Hutchinson, the Chairman of the Board's Audit Committee, possesses the technical attributes identified in Instruction 2(b) of Item 3 to Form N-CSR to qualify as an audit committee financial expert, and has designated Mr. Hutchinson as the Audit Committee's financial expert. Mr. Hutchinson is an independent Director pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of Item 3 to Form N-CSR.

ITEM 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

a) Audit Fees. Effective June 17, 2005, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) resigned as the Registrant's principal accountant (the Auditor). The Registrant's audit committee approved the engagement of KPMG LLP (KPMG) as the Registrant's new principal accountant for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2006. The aggregate fees billed in the last two fiscal years ending April 30, 2005 and April 30, 2006 (the Reporting Periods) for professional services rendered by PwC for the audit of the Registrant's annual financial statements, or services that are normally provided by the Auditor in connection with the statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for the Reporting Periods, were \$33,000 in 2005 and \$33,000 in 2006. KPMG has not billed the Registrant for professional services rendered as of April 30, 2006.

b) Audit-Related Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for assurance and related services by PwC or KPMG that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the Registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item 4 were \$8,500 in 2005 and \$8,755 in 2006.

In addition, there were no Audit-Related Fees billed in the Reporting Period for assurance and related services by the Auditor to the Registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. (service affiliates), that were reasonably related to the performance of the annual audit of the service affiliates. Accordingly, there were no such fees that required pre-approval by the Audit Committee for the Reporting Periods (prior to May 6, 2003 services provided by the Auditor were not required to be pre-approved).

(c) Tax Fees. The aggregate fees billed in the Reporting Periods for professional services rendered by PwC for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning (Tax Services) were \$7,300 in 2005 and \$5,666 in 2006. These services consisted of (i) review or preparation of U.S. federal, state, local and excise tax returns; (ii) U.S. federal, state and local tax planning, advice and assistance regarding statutory, regulatory or administrative developments, and (iii) tax advice regarding tax qualification matters and/or

treatment of various financial instruments held or proposed to be acquired or held. As of April 30, 2006, KPMG has not billed the Registrant for any Tax Services rendered.

There were no fees billed for tax services by PwC or KPMG to service affiliates during the Reporting Periods that required pre-approval by the Audit Committee.

d) There were no non-audit services rendered by KPMG to SBAM, or any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with SBAM that provided ongoing services to the Registrant.

All Other Fees. There were no other non-audit services rendered by PwC or KPMG to Smith Barney Fund Management LLC (SBFM), and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with SBFM that provided ongoing services to Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. requiring pre-approval by the Audit Committee in the Reporting Period.

(e) Audit Committee's pre-approval policies and procedures described in paragraph (c) (7) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

(1) The Charter for the Audit Committee (the Committee) of the Board of each registered investment company (the Fund) advised by Smith Barney Fund Management LLC or Salomon Brothers Asset Management Inc. or one of their affiliates (each, an Adviser) requires that the Committee shall approve (a) all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided to the Fund and (b) all permissible non-audit services to be provided by the Fund's independent auditors to the Adviser and any Covered Service Providers if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund. The Committee may implement policies and procedures by which such services are approved other than by the full Committee.

The Committee shall not approve non-audit services that the Committee believes may impair the independence of the auditors. As of the date of the approval of this Audit Committee Charter, permissible non-audit services include any professional services (including tax services), that are not prohibited services as described below, provided to the Fund by the independent auditors, other than those provided to the Fund in connection with an audit or a review of the financial statements of the Fund. Permissible non-audit services may not include: (i) bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements of the Fund; (ii) financial information systems design and implementation; (iii) appraisal or valuation services, fairness opinions or contribution-in-kind reports; (iv) actuarial services; (v) internal audit outsourcing services; (vi) management functions or human resources; (vii) broker or dealer, investment adviser or investment banking services; (viii) legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit; and (ix) any other service the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board determines, by regulation, is impermissible.

Pre-approval by the Committee of any permissible non-audit services is not required so long as: (i) the aggregate amount of all such permissible non-audit services provided to the Fund, the Adviser and any service providers controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser that provide ongoing services to the Fund (Covered Service Providers) constitutes not more than 5% of the total amount of revenues paid to the independent auditors during the fiscal year in which the permissible non-

audit services are provided to (a) the Fund, (b) the Adviser and (c) any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund during the fiscal year in which the services are provided that would have to be approved by the Committee; (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 delegate(s)) prior to the completion of the audit.

(2) For the Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc., the percentage of fees that were approved by the audit committee, with respect to: Audit-Related Fees were 100% and 100% for 2005 and 2006; Tax Fees were 100% and 100% for 2005 and 2006; and Other Fees were 100% and 100% for 2005 and 2006.

(f) N/A

(g) All Other Fees. The aggregate fees billed for all other non-audit services rendered by PwC to Salomon Brothers Asset Management (SBAM), and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with SBAM that provided ongoing services to Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc., requiring pre-approval by the Audit Committee for the year ended April 30, 2005 which include the issuance of reports on internal control under SAS No. 70 related to various Citigroup Asset Management (CAM) entities a profitability review of the Adviser and phase 1 of an analysis of Citigroup s current and future real estate occupancy requirements in the tri-state area and security risk issues in the New York metro region was \$1.3 million all of which was pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

Non-audit fees billed by PwC for services rendered to Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. and CAM and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with CAM that provides ongoing services to Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. during the reporting period was \$2.7 million for the year ended April 30, 2005.

Non-audit fees billed by KPMG for services rendered to Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. and CAM and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with CAM that provides ongoing services to Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. during the reporting period was \$75,000 and \$0 for the years ended April 30, 2005 and April 30, 2006, respectively. Such fees relate to services provided in connection with the transfer agent matter as fully described in the notes to the financial statements.

(h) Yes. The Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. s Audit Committee has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to Service Affiliates which were not pre-approved (not requiring pre-approval) is compatible with maintaining the Accountant s independence. All services provided by the Auditor to the Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc. or to Service Affiliates, which were required to be pre-approved, were pre-approved as required.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

a) Registrant has a separately-designated standing Audit Committee established in accordance with *Section 3(a)58(A) of the Exchange Act*. The Audit Committee consists of the following Board members:

Carol L. Colman

Daniel P. Cronin

Leslie H. Gelb

William R. Hutchinson

Riordan Roett

Jeswald W. Salacuse

b) Not applicable

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Included herein under Item 1.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Concerning Citigroup Asset Management¹(CAM) Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

The following is a brief overview of the Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (the Policies) that CAM has adopted to seek to ensure that CAM votes proxies relating to equity securities in the best interest of clients.

CAM votes proxies for each client account with respect to which it has been authorized to vote proxies. In voting proxies, CAM is guided by general fiduciary principles and seeks to act prudently and solely in the best interest of clients. CAM attempts to consider all factors that could affect the value of the investment and will vote proxies in the manner that it believes will be consistent with efforts to maximize shareholder values. CAM may utilize an external service provider to provide it with information and/or a recommendation with regard to proxy votes. However, the CAM adviser (business unit) continues to retain responsibility for the proxy vote.

In the case of a proxy issue for which there is a stated position in the Policies, CAM generally votes in accordance with such stated position. In the case of a proxy issue for which there is a list of factors set forth in the Policies that CAM considers in voting on such issue, CAM votes on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the general principles set forth above and considering such enumerated factors. In the case of a proxy issue for which there is no stated position or list of factors that CAM considers in voting on such issue, CAM votes on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the general principles set forth above. Issues for which there is a stated position set forth in the Policies or for which there is a list of factors set forth in the Policies that CAM considers in voting on such issues fall into a variety of categories, including election of directors, ratification of auditors, proxy and tender offer defenses, capital structure issues, executive and director compensation, mergers and corporate restructurings, and social and environmental issues. The stated position on an issue set forth in the Policies can always be superseded, subject to the duty to act

solely in the best interest of the beneficial owners of accounts, by the investment management professionals responsible for the account whose shares are being voted. Issues applicable to a particular industry may cause CAM to abandon a policy that would have otherwise applied to issuers generally. As a result of the independent investment advisory services provided by distinct CAM business units, there may be occasions when different business units or different portfolio managers within the same business unit vote differently on the same issue. A CAM business unit or investment team (e.g. CAM's Social Awareness Investment team) may adopt proxy voting policies that supplement these policies and procedures. In addition, in the case of Taft-Hartley clients, CAM will comply with a client direction to vote proxies in accordance with Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) PVS Voting Guidelines, which ISS represents to be fully consistent with AFL-CIO guidelines.

In furtherance of CAM's goal to vote proxies in the best interest of clients, CAM follows procedures designed to identify and address material conflicts that may arise between CAM's interests and those of its clients before voting proxies on behalf of such clients. To seek to identify conflicts of interest, CAM periodically notifies CAM employees in writing that they are under an obligation (i) to be aware of the potential for conflicts of interest on the part of CAM with respect to voting proxies on behalf of client accounts both as a result of their personal relationships and due to special circumstances that may arise during the conduct of CAM's business, and (ii) to bring conflicts of interest of which they become aware to the attention of CAM's compliance personnel. CAM also maintains and considers a list of significant CAM relationships that could present a conflict of interest for CAM in voting proxies. CAM is also sensitive to the fact that a significant, publicized relationship between an issuer and a non-CAM Legg Mason affiliate might appear to the public to influence the manner in which CAM decides to vote a proxy with respect to such issuer. Absent special circumstances or a significant, publicized non-CAM Legg Mason affiliate relationship that CAM for prudential reasons treats as a potential conflict of interest because such relationship might appear to the public to influence the manner in which CAM decides to vote a proxy, CAM generally takes the position that relationships between a non-CAM Legg Mason affiliate and an issuer (e.g. investment management relationship between an issuer and a non-CAM Legg Mason affiliate) do not present a conflict of interest for CAM in voting proxies with respect to such issuer. Such position is based on the fact that CAM is operated as an independent business unit from other Legg Mason business units as well as on the existence of information barriers between CAM and certain other Legg Mason business units.

CAM maintains a Proxy Voting Committee to review and address conflicts of interest brought to its attention by CAM compliance personnel. A proxy issue that will be voted in accordance with a stated CAM position on such issue or in accordance with the recommendation of an independent third party is not brought to the attention of the Proxy Voting Committee for a conflict of interest review because CAM's position is that to the extent a conflict of interest issue exists, it is resolved by voting in accordance with a pre-determined policy or in accordance with the recommendation of an

independent third party. With respect to a conflict of interest brought to its attention, the Proxy Voting Committee first determines whether such conflict of interest is material. A conflict of interest is considered material to the extent that it is determined that such conflict is likely to influence, or appear to influence, CAM's decision-making in voting proxies. If it is determined by the Proxy Voting Committee that a conflict of interest is not material, CAM may vote proxies notwithstanding the existence of the conflict.

If it is determined by the Proxy Voting Committee that a conflict of interest is material, the Proxy Voting Committee is responsible for determining an appropriate method to resolve such conflict of interest before the proxy affected by the conflict of interest is voted. Such determination is based on the particular facts and circumstances, including the importance of the proxy issue and the nature of the conflict of interest.

¹ Citigroup Asset Management comprises CAM North America, LLC, Salomon Brothers Asset Management Inc, Smith Barney Fund Management LLC, and other affiliated investment advisory firms. On December 1, 2005, Citigroup Inc. (Citigroup) sold substantially all of its worldwide asset management business, Citigroup Asset Management, to Legg Mason, Inc. (Legg Mason). As part of this transaction, CAM North America, LLC, Salomon Brothers Asset Management Inc and Smith Barney Fund Management LLC became wholly-owned subsidiaries of Legg Mason. Under a licensing agreement between Citigroup and Legg Mason, the names of CAM North America, LLC, Salomon Brothers Asset Management Inc, Smith Barney Fund Management LLC and their affiliated advisory entities, as well as all logos, trademarks, and service marks related to Citigroup or any of its affiliates (Citi Marks) are licensed for use by Legg Mason. Citi Marks include, but are not limited to, Citigroup Asset Management, Salomon Brothers Asset Management and CAM . All Citi Marks are owned by Citigroup, and are licensed for use until no later than one year after the date of the licensing agreement. Legg Mason and its subsidiaries, including CAM North America, LLC, Salomon Brothers Asset Management Inc, and Smith Barney Fund Management LLC are not affiliated with Citigroup.

ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

(a)(1):

| NAME AND ADDRESS ADDRESS | LENGTH OF TIME SERVED | PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| S. Kenneth Leech Western Asset 385 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101 | Since 2006 | Co-portfolio manager of the fund; employee of SBAM since 2006 and Chief Investment Officer of Western Asset since 1998. |
| Stephen A. Walsh Western Asset 385 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91101 | Since 2006 | Co-portfolio manager of the fund; employee of SBAM since 2006 and Deputy Chief Investment Officer of Western Asset since 2000. |
| Keith J. Gardner Western Asset 385 East Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA | Since 2006 | Co-portfolio manager of the fund; employee of SBAM since 2006 and portfolio manager and research analyst at Western Asset since 1994. |

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Co-portfolio manager of the fund; employee of SBAM since 2006; Managing Director and head of U.S. Credit Products from 2003-2005 at Credit Suisse Asset Management; Executive Vice President and portfolio manager for Janus Capital in 2003; Managing Director and head of High Yield Trading from 1998-2003 at Blackrock Financial Management.

(a)(2): DATA TO BE PROVIDED BY FINANCIAL CONTROL

The following tables set forth certain additional information with respect to the fund's portfolio managers for the fund. Unless noted otherwise, all information is provided as of April 30, 2006.

Other Accounts Managed by Portfolio Managers

The table below identifies the number of accounts (other than the fund) for which the fund's portfolio managers have day-to-day management responsibilities and the total assets in such accounts, within each of the following categories: registered investment companies, other pooled investment vehicles, and other accounts. For each category, the number of accounts and total assets in the accounts where fees are based on performance is also indicated.

| Portfolio Manager(s) | Registered Investment Companies | Other Pooled Investment Vehicles | Other Accounts |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|
| S. Kenneth Leech | 90 registered investment companies with \$42.3 billion in total assets under management | 20 Other pooled investment vehicles with \$21.8 billion in assets under management | 886 Other accounts with \$215.5 billion in total assets under management* |
| Stephen A. Walsh | 90 registered investment companies with \$42.3 billion in total assets under management | 20 Other pooled investment vehicles with \$21.8 billion in assets under management | 886 Other accounts with \$215.5 billion in total assets under management* |

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|---------------------|--|---|--|
| Keith J. Gardner | 5 registered investment companies with \$705 million in total assets under management | 3 Other pooled investment vehicles with \$1.87 billion in assets under management | 4 Other accounts with \$368.3 billion in total assets under management** |
| Michael C. Buchanan | 12 registered investment Companies with \$4.5 Billion in total assets Under management | 2 Other pooled investment vehicles with \$2.26 billion in assets under management | 9 Other accounts with \$820 million in total assets under management |

* Includes 48 accounts managed, totaling \$13.4 billion, for which advisory fee is performance based.

** Includes 1 account managed, totaling \$12.6 million, for which advisory fee is performance based.

The numbers above reflect the overall number of portfolios managed by employees of Western Asset Management Company (Western Asset). Mr. Leech and Mr. Walsh are involved in the management of all the Firm 's portfolios, but they are not solely responsible for particular portfolios. Western Asset 's investment discipline emphasizes a team approach that combines the efforts of groups of specialists working in different market sectors. They are responsible for overseeing implementation of Western Asset 's overall investment ideas and coordinating the work of the various sector teams. This structure ensures that client portfolios benefit from a consensus that draws on the expertise of all team members.

(a)(3): Portfolio Manager Compensation

With respect to the compensation of the portfolio managers, the Advisers' compensation system assigns each employee a total compensation target and a respective cap, which are derived from annual market surveys that benchmark each role with their job function and peer universe. This method is designed to reward employees with total compensation reflective of the external market value of their skills, experience, and ability to produce desired results.

Standard compensation includes competitive base salaries, generous employee benefits, and a retirement plan.

In addition, employees are eligible for bonuses. These are structured to closely align the interests of employees with those of the Advisers, and are determined by the professional's job function and performance as measured by a formal review process. All bonuses are completely discretionary. One of the principal factors considered is a portfolio manager's investment performance versus appropriate peer groups and benchmarks. Because portfolio managers are generally responsible for multiple accounts (including the Portfolio) with similar investment strategies, they are compensated on the performance of the aggregate group of similar accounts, rather than a specific account. A smaller portion of a bonus payment is derived from factors that include client service, business development, length of service to the Adviser, management or supervisory responsibilities, contributions to developing business strategy and overall contributions to the Adviser's business.

Finally, in order to attract and retain top talent, all professionals are eligible for additional incentives in recognition of outstanding performance. These are determined based upon the factors described above and include Legg Mason, Inc. stock options and long-term incentives that vest over a set period of time past the award date.

Potential Conflicts of Interest

Potential conflicts of interest may arise in connection with the management of multiple accounts (including accounts managed in a personal capacity). These could include potential conflicts of interest related to the knowledge and timing of a Portfolio's trades, investment opportunities and broker selection. Portfolio managers may be privy to the size, timing and possible market impact of a Portfolio's trades.

It is possible that an investment opportunity may be suitable for both a Portfolio and other accounts managed by a portfolio manager, but may not be available in sufficient quantities for both the Portfolio and the other accounts to participate fully. Similarly, there may be limited opportunity to sell an investment held by a Portfolio and another account. A conflict may arise where the portfolio manager may have an incentive to treat an account preferentially as compared to a Portfolio because the account pays a performance-based fee or the portfolio manager, the Advisers or an affiliate has an interest in the account. The Advisers have adopted procedures for allocation of portfolio transactions and investment opportunities across multiple client accounts on a fair and equitable basis over time. All eligible accounts that can participate in a trade share the same price on a pro-rata allocation basis in an attempt to mitigate any conflict of interest. Trades are allocated among similarly managed accounts to maintain consistency of portfolio strategy, taking into account cash availability, investment restrictions and guidelines, and portfolio composition versus strategy.

With respect to securities transactions for the Portfolios, the Advisers determine which broker or dealer to use to execute each order, consistent with their duty to seek best execution of the transaction. However, with respect to certain other accounts (such as pooled investment vehicles that are not registered investment companies and other accounts managed for organizations and individuals), the Advisers may be limited by the client with respect to the selection of brokers or dealers or may be instructed to direct trades through a particular broker or dealer. In these cases, trades for a Portfolio in a particular security may be placed separately from, rather than aggregated with, such other accounts. Having separate transactions with respect to a security may temporarily affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transaction, or both, to the possible detriment of a Portfolio or the other account(s) involved. Additionally, the management of multiple Portfolios and/or other accounts may result in a portfolio manager devoting unequal time and attention to the management of each Portfolio and/or other account.

It is theoretically possible that portfolio managers could use information to the advantage of other accounts they manage and to the possible detriment of a Portfolio. For example, a portfolio manager could short sell a security for an account immediately prior to a Portfolio's sale of that security. To address this conflict, the Advisers have adopted procedures for reviewing and comparing selected trades of alternative investment accounts (which may make directional trades such as short sales) with long only accounts (which include the Portfolios) for timing and pattern related issues. Trading decisions for alternative investment and long only accounts may not be identical even though the same Portfolio Manager may manage both types of accounts. Whether the Adviser allocates a particular investment opportunity to only alternative investment accounts or to alternative investment and long only accounts will depend on the investment strategy being implemented. If, under the circumstances, an investment opportunity is appropriate for both its alternative investment and long only accounts, then it will be allocated to both on a pro-rata basis.

A portfolio manager may also face other potential conflicts of interest in managing a Portfolio, and the description above is not a complete description of every conflict of interest that could be deemed to exist in managing both a Portfolio and the other accounts listed above.

(a)(4): Portfolio Manager Securities Ownership

The table below identifies the dollar range of securities beneficially owned by each portfolio managers as of April 20, 2006.

| <u>Portfolio Manager(s)</u> | <u>Dollar Range of Portfolio Securities Beneficially Owned</u> |
|-----------------------------|--|
| S. Kenneth Leech | None |
| Stephen A. Walsh | None |
| Michael C. Buchanan | None |
| Keith J. Gardner | None |

ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

None.

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) are effective as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the disclosure controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal half-year (the registrant's second fiscal half-year in the case of an annual report) that have materially affected, or are likely to materially affect the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

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(a) Code of Ethics attached hereto.

Exhibit 99.CODE ETH

(b) Attached hereto.

Exhibit 99.CERT Certifications pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Exhibit 99.906CERT Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, there unto duly authorized.

Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc.

By: /s/ R. Jay Gerken
R. Jay Gerken
Chief Executive Officer of
Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc.

Date: July 10, 2006

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ R. Jay Gerken
(R. Jay Gerken)
Chief Executive Officer of
Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc.

Date: July 10, 2006

By: /s/ Frances M. Guggino
(Frances M. Guggino)
Chief Financial Officer of
Salomon Brothers High Income Fund II Inc.

Date: July 10, 2006