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2011

Date of reporting period September 1, 2010 - February 28, 2011

Item 1. Report to Stockholders:

The following is a copy of the report transmitted to stockholders pursuant to Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940:

Putnam High Income Securities Fund

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Message from the Trustees

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

The U.S. economy and stock market continue to show resilience, even in the face of rising head winds around the globe. On March 9, 2011, U.S. equities marked the two-year anniversary of the beginning of the most powerful bull market since the 1950s, with the S&P 500 Index doubling from its 2009 low.

While Putnam maintains a positive outlook for U.S. equities and the overall economy in 2011, we believe volatility will punctuate the year ahead. Civil unrest in the Middle East and North Africa, high unemployment, rising oil prices, and Japan's earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crisis have all created a climate of uncertainty. In addition, the U.S. fixed-income market continues to struggle, as yields have risen and bond prices have fallen. We believe

that Putnam's active, research-intensive approach is well suited to uncovering opportunities in this environment.

In developments affecting oversight of your fund, we wish to thank Richard B. Worley and Myra R. Drucker, who have retired from the Board of Trustees, for their many years of dedicated and thoughtful leadership.

Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome new shareholders to the fund and to thank all of our investors for your continued confidence in Putnam.

About the fund

Seeking opportunities from high-yield bonds and convertibles

The average investor may think of bonds as government-sponsored securities that offer relatively low risk and less volatility than the stock market. However, high-yield corporate bonds and convertible securities, the types of investments primarily held by Putnam High Income Securities Fund, are different. Both are issued by companies rather than the government. Moreover, high-yield corporates and convertibles can offer greater returns than other bonds but also carry a greater potential for risk, such as the risk of corporate default or periodic illiquidity.

High-yield bonds are deemed to be less than investment-grade status, which means their issuing companies are considered more likely to default on their loans than more credit-worthy counterparts. High-yield bond prices tend to follow individual companies' fundamentals as well as interest-rate levels. While lower-rated corporate bonds may carry higher risk, they provide potentially higher levels of yield to compensate investors for that risk.

What sets convertible securities apart is a unique built-in option that allows the investor to exchange or convert the security for a fixed number of shares of common stock of the issuer. Like most bonds, convertible securities pay interest, although frequently at a lower rate, and the amount of interest does not change as the price of the underlying stock(s) increases or decreases. Issuers can include large, well-known S&P 500 corporations; small, rapidly growing companies; or businesses in cyclically depressed areas such as the automotive industry in 2009.

Building a portfolio of high-yield bonds and convertible securities with the appropriate balance of risk and return potential requires intensive research and analysis. Putnam's global equity and credit research analysts conduct rigorous research in an effort to determine the true worth of the issuing company's business. The fund's portfolio managers then construct a portfolio that they believe offers the best return potential without undue risk.

Consider these risks before investing: Lower-rated bonds may offer higher yields in return for more risk. Funds that invest in bonds are subject to certain risks, including interest-rate risk, credit risk, and inflation risk. As interest rates rise, the prices of bonds fall. Long-term bonds are more exposed to interest-rate risk than short-term bonds. Unlike bonds, bond funds have ongoing fees and expenses. The fund's shares trade on a stock exchange at market prices, which may be lower than the fund's net asset value.

How do closed-end funds differ from open-end funds?

More assets at work While open-end funds need to maintain a cash position to meet redemptions, closed-end funds are not subject to redemptions and can keep more of their assets invested in the market.

Traded like stocks Closed-end fund shares are traded on stock exchanges, and their market prices fluctuate in response to supply and demand, among other factors.

Net asset value vs. market price Like an open-end fund's net asset value (NAV) per share, the NAV of a closed-end fund share is equal to the current value of the fund's assets, minus its liabilities, divided by the number of shares outstanding. However, when buying or selling closed-end fund shares, the price you pay or receive is the market price. Market price reflects current market supply and demand, and may be higher or lower than the NAV.

Data are historical. Past performance does not guarantee future results. More recent returns may be less or more than those shown. Investment return and net asset value will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares. Performance assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. Fund returns in the bar chart are at NAV. See pages 5 and 11-12 for additional performance information, including fund returns at market price. Index and Lipper results should be compared to fund performance at NAV. Lipper calculates performance differently than the closed-end funds it ranks, due to varying methods for determining a fund's monthly reinvestment NAV.

*** The fund's benchmarks, the BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index and the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index, were introduced on 12/31/92 and 12/31/94, respectively, which post-date the inception of the fund.**

Returns for the six-month period are not annualized, but cumulative.

Interview with your fund's portfolio managers

Eric Harthun and Robert Salvin

How did the fund perform for the six months ended February 28, 2011?

Rob: Putnam High Income Securities Fund returned 15.27% at net asset value, underperforming both its primary benchmark, the BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index, which advanced 23.48%, and the average return of its Lipper peer group, Convertible Securities Funds [closed-end], which finished at 18.27%. During the same period, the fund's secondary benchmark, the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index, gained 10.20%.

How would you characterize the market environment for high-yield convertibles and bonds during this period?

Eric: As hybrid securities, convertibles are affected by trends in both the equity and credit markets. Similarly, high-yield bonds are influenced by credit-market conditions, and also by expectations for economic growth and corporate profitability. During the past six months, as the U.S. economy showed renewed signs of vigor, and total corporate profits eclipsed their pre-recession peak, stocks registered very strong returns, and credit market conditions remained supportive. As a result, high-yield convertibles and bonds outperformed other fixed-income categories by substantial margins. In fact, the performance of high-yield convertibles was on par with that of many equity-market segments.

Rob: In the high-yield bond market specifically, the record pace of new-issuance witnessed in 2010 continued into the early months of 2011. As U.S. corporations achieved robust earnings, and access to capital became easier and cheaper, companies refinanced existing debt and strengthened their balance sheets, thereby reducing the risk of default.

This comparison shows your fund's performance in the context of broad market indexes for the six months ended 2/28/11. See pages 4 and 11-12 for additional fund performance information. Index descriptions can be found on page 13.

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The high-yield bond default rate declined from nearly 14% at the end of 2009 to low single-digit levels by the end of the period, moving well below historical averages.

Why did the fund underperform its primary benchmark?

Eric: From a sector perspective, on the high-yield convertibles side of the fund, adverse security selection in consumer cyclicals and weak positioning in communication services, financials, and energy more than offset positive contributions from transportation, consumer staples, and basic materials. In addition, the fund's bias toward somewhat higher-quality high-yield convertibles and bonds hurt results in a market that was led by lower-rated, more-speculative issuers. Lastly, while high-yield bonds performed well, they underperformed high-yield convertibles. Consequently, the fund's approximately 40% allocation to high-yield bonds dampened its total return.

Which holdings were the primary detractors?

Eric: A key aspect of our investment strategy is to seek to control the fund's risk by keeping the portfolio broadly diversified. This approach typically prevents us from taking index-sized positions in many of the primary benchmark's largest constituents. As a result, an underweighted position in **Ford Motor**, which we view positively and which performed well, was the biggest individual detractor. Ford's convertibles are heavily represented in the index, and the fund was hurt by its underweighted exposure during the time the company's convertibles increased the most.

An out-of-benchmark investment in **General Motors [GM]** proved disappointing. We participated in GM's initial public offering in late 2010, believing the convertibles — which were issued concurrently with its new common stock — represented an attractive opportunity. However, when GM announced

Credit qualities are shown as a percentage of net assets as of 2/28/11. A bond rated Baa or higher (Prime-3 or higher, for short-term debt) is considered investment grade. The chart reflects Moody's ratings; percentages may include bonds or derivatives not rated by Moody's but rated by Standard & Poor's (S&P) or, if unrated by S&P, by Fitch, and then included in the closest equivalent Moody's rating. Ratings will vary over time.

Derivative instruments, including currency forwards, are only included to the extent of any unrealized gain or loss on such instruments and are shown in the not-rated category. The fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.

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lower-than-expected quarterly earnings in February 2011, the prices of both its common shares and convertibles declined.

Insurance underwriter **Old Republic International** was also not in the benchmark was another detractor. Faced with a challenging environment for its core businesses, especially mortgage insurance, Old Republic's earnings were volatile during the period, and its securities underperformed as a result.

Two out-of-index holdings listed among the fund's detractors actually performed quite well but trailed the fund's primary benchmark from the time we initially invested to the end of the period. These were wireless communication company **Crown Castle International** and mobile telephony provider **NII Holdings**, which has a strong presence in Latin America.

Rob: Among individual high-yield bond positions, the primary detractors were real estate brokerage and franchising operator **Realogy**, whose brands include CENTURY 21 and Coldwell Banker; advertising agency **Vertis**; and magazine publisher **American Media**.

Which investments were the biggest contributors to relative performance?

Eric: The top overall contributors were two out-of-benchmark positions: **Safeguard Scientifics**, which is a private equity and venture capital firm specializing in expansion financing for technology companies, and **Retail Ventures**, which operates DSW and Value City retail stores. Safeguard began to reap the benefits from many of the companies it has helped finance, and the cash

The table shows the fund's top 10 individual holdings and the percentage of the fund's net assets that each represented as of 2/28/11. Short-term holdings are excluded. Holdings will vary over time.

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flows it received from its investments boosted the company's credit profile and its securities. In the case of Retail Ventures, the company is a relatively small retailer with significant debt on its balance sheet. Its securities were severely punished during the credit crisis and recession before rebounding sharply as the equity and convertibles markets recovered.

Underweighting underperforming telecommunication services provider **Equinix** also helped, as the company issued disappointing revenue guidance and a profit warning in October, and the prices of its convertibles fell precipitously.

A greater-than-benchmark stake in **General Cable** was another leading contributor. The company makes copper, aluminum, and fiber optic wire and cable products, and has benefited from increased demand from the communication distribution/transmission and construction industries amid the global economic recovery.

An overweight in **FelCor Lodging Trust**, which is one of the largest hotel real estate investment trusts in the United States, also boosted results. FelCor Lodging runs hotels in the United States and Canada. Its properties are positioned in the "upscale" and "upper-upscale" segments, and include such brands as Holiday Inn, Doubletree, Sheraton, Embassy Suites, and Westin. The company substantially recapitalized its balance sheet, and despite pressure on average room rates, benefited from increases in both business and leisure travel.

Rob: Top individual contributors among the fund's high-yield bond holdings included semiconductor maker **Freescale Semiconductor**, satellite provider Intelsat Bermuda [now known as **Intelsat Luxembourg**], and airbag maker and safety-parts supplier **TRW Automotive**.

This chart shows how the fund's weightings have changed over the past six months. Weightings are shown as a percentage of net assets. Summary information may differ from the portfolio schedule included in the financial statements due to the inclusion of derivative securities and the exclusion of as-of trades, if any, and the use of different classifications of securities for presentation purposes. Holdings will vary over time.

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What is your outlook for the economy and the high-yield convertible and bond markets over the coming months?

Eric: We evaluate the convertibles market by looking at three key factors: fundamentals, valuation, and [technical], or the balance of supply and demand. As of now, we have a positive view of all three factors.

Looking first at fundamentals, while the U.S. stock market advanced sharply during the period, we believe stocks' upward momentum may continue, given increasing signs of a strengthening economy. This is not to say there are no clouds on the horizon. Unrest in the Middle East has driven oil prices above \$100 per barrel. If oil prices continue to move higher, this could severely dampen U.S. growth prospects.

Regarding valuation, during the period, convertible valuations moved back toward more normal levels versus their historical average. As a result, in our view, convertible valuations are once again statistically attractive.

As for technicals, convertible new-issue volume has been below historical averages, with investment-grade and high-yield bonds garnering the lion's share of new issuance. However, as 2011 progresses, we believe interest rates will continue to rise as the economy strengthens, which would likely boost issuance of new convertibles. In our view, this would be a positive development for the market, as increased supply would likely be met by firm demand.

Rob: In the high-yield bond market, we believe defaults are likely to remain low, and, all told, the fundamentals driving the corporate bond market appear quite positive. In addition, the sector has attracted a significant amount of capital flows, creating a very supportive technical environment.

Thanks for updating us, gentlemen.

The views expressed in this report are exclusively those of Putnam Management. They are not meant as investment advice.

Please note that the holdings discussed in this report may not have been held by the fund for the entire period. Portfolio composition is subject to review in accordance with the fund's investment strategy and may vary in the future. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

Portfolio Manager **Eric Harthun** has an M.B.A. from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a B.S. from San Diego State University. A CFA charterholder, Eric joined Putnam in 2000 and has been in the investment industry since 1994.

Portfolio Manager **Robert Salvin** has an M.B.A. from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a B.S. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He joined Putnam in 2000 and has been in the investment industry since 1986.

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IN THE NEWS

The Federal Reserve continues to back its stimulus efforts already under way. Besides maintaining its near-zero interest-rate policy, the Federal Open Market Committee at its March 15 meeting remained committed to completing its second round of quantitative easing, dubbed "QE2." The central bank launched QE2, which involves the purchase of \$600 billion in U.S. Treasury securities, last fall with the primary aim of preventing deflation in the U.S. economy. Last summer, the United States teetered perilously on the verge of a deflationary cliff, as inflation rates had fallen to 50-year lows. Deflation, which occurs when prices fall in an economy, can cause long-term significant damage to growth. QE2 may have worked, as inflation is back. In January, prices measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) were up 1.6% from a year earlier, the biggest increase in eight months. Core inflation rose by 0.5%, the highest increase since October 2008.

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Your fund's performance

This section shows your fund's performance, price, and distribution information for periods ended February 28, 2011, the end of the first half of its current fiscal year. In accordance with regulatory requirements for mutual funds, we also include performance as of the most recent calendar quarter-end. Performance should always be considered in light of a fund's investment strategy. Data represent past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. More recent returns may be less or more than those shown. Investment return, net asset value, and market price will fluctuate, and you may have a gain or a loss when you sell your shares.

Fund performance Total return for periods ended 2/28/11

	NAV	Market price
Annual average		
Life of fund (since 7/9/87)	9.66%	9.14%
10 years	146.43	117.67
Annual average	9.44	8.09
5 years	46.11	55.14
Annual average	7.88	9.18
3 years	28.55	36.56
Annual average	8.73	10.95
1 year	21.26	15.78
6 months	15.27	6.69

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Performance assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes.

Comparative index returns For periods ended 2/28/11

	BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index	JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index	Lipper Convertible Securities Funds (closed-end) category average
Annual average			
Life of fund (since 7/9/87)	□*	□*	8.69%
10 years	109.20%	131.59%	74.36
Annual average	7.66	8.76	5.53
5 years	46.74	55.32	29.88
Annual average	7.97	9.21	5.33
3 years	30.49	42.37	15.20
Annual average	9.28	12.50	4.70
1 year	24.73	17.34	21.42
6 months	23.48	10.20	18.27

Index and Lipper results should be compared to fund performance at net asset value. Lipper calculates performance differently than the closed-end funds it ranks, due to varying methods for determining a fund's monthly reinvestment NAV.

* The fund's benchmarks, the BofA Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index and the JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index, were introduced on 12/31/92 and 12/31/94, respectively, which post-date the inception of the fund.

□ Over the 6-month, 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, 10-year, and life-of-fund periods ended 2/28/11, there were 11, 11, 11, 9, 4, and 2 funds, respectively, in this Lipper category.

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Fund price and distribution information For the six-month period ended 2/28/11

Distributions

Number	6
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Income		\$0.2634
Capital gains		□
Total		\$0.2634
Share value	NAV	Market price
8/31/10	\$7.93	\$8.19
2/28/11	8.86	8.47
Current yield (end of period)		
Current dividend rate*	5.95%	6.22%

The classification of distributions, if any, is an estimate. Final distribution information will appear on your year-end tax forms.

* Most recent distribution, excluding capital gains, annualized and divided by NAV or market price at end of period.

Fund performance as of most recent calendar quarter

Total return for periods ended 3/31/11

	NAV	Market price
Annual average		
Life of fund (since 7/9/87)	9.62%	9.12%
10 years	150.52	157.14
Annual average	9.62	9.90
5 years	44.71	54.87
Annual average	7.67	9.14
3 years	30.87	42.48
Annual average	9.38	12.53
1 year	16.79	12.02
6 months	10.27	1.00

Terms and definitions

Important terms

Total return shows how the value of the fund's shares changed over time, assuming you held the shares through the entire period and reinvested all distributions in the fund.

Net asset value (NAV) is the value of all your fund's assets, minus any liabilities, divided by the number of outstanding shares.

Market price is the current trading price of one share of the fund. Market prices are set by transactions between buyers and sellers on exchanges such as the New York Stock Exchange.

Current yield is the annual rate of return earned from dividends or interest of an investment. Current yield is expressed as a percentage of the price of a security, fund share, or principal investment.

Comparative indexes

Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged index of U.S. investment-grade fixed-income securities.

BofA (Bank of America) Merrill Lynch All-Convertibles Speculative Quality Index is an unmanaged index of U.S. convertible securities.

BofA (Bank of America) Merrill Lynch U.S. 3-Month Treasury Bill Index is an unmanaged index that seeks to measure the performance of U.S. Treasury bills available in the marketplace.

JPMorgan Developed High Yield Index is an unmanaged index of high-yield fixed-income securities issued in developed countries.

S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of common stock performance.

Indexes assume reinvestment of all distributions and do not account for fees. Securities and performance of a fund and an index will differ. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Lipper is a third-party industry-ranking entity that ranks mutual funds. Its rankings do not reflect sales charges. Lipper rankings are based on total return at net asset value relative to other funds that have similar current investment styles or objectives as determined by Lipper. Lipper may change a fund's category assignment at its discretion. Lipper category averages reflect performance trends for funds within a category.

Other information for shareholders

Important notice regarding share repurchase program

In September 2010, the Trustees of your fund approved the renewal of a share repurchase program that had been in effect since 2005. This renewal will allow your fund to repurchase, in the 12 months beginning October 8, 2010, up to 10% of the fund's common shares outstanding as of October 7, 2010.

Important notice regarding delivery of shareholder documents

In accordance with SEC regulations, Putnam sends a single copy of annual and semiannual shareholder reports, prospectuses, and proxy statements to Putnam shareholders who share the same address, unless a shareholder requests otherwise. If you prefer to receive your own copy of these documents, please call Putnam at 1-800-225-1581, and Putnam will begin sending individual copies within 30 days.

Proxy voting

Putnam is committed to managing our mutual funds in the best interests of our shareholders. The Putnam funds' proxy voting guidelines and procedures, as well as information regarding how your fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the 12-month period ended June 30, 2010, are available in the Individual Investors section of putnam.com, and on the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. If you have questions about finding forms on the SEC's website, you may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. You may also obtain the Putnam funds' proxy voting guidelines and procedures at no charge by calling Putnam's Shareholder Services at 1-800-225-1581.

Fund portfolio holdings

The fund will file a complete schedule of its portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Shareholders may obtain the fund's Forms N-Q on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, the fund's Forms N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. You may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for information about the SEC's website or the operation of the Public Reference Room.

Trustee and employee fund ownership

Putnam employees and members of the Board of Trustees place their faith, confidence, and, most importantly, investment dollars in Putnam mutual funds. As of February 28, 2011, Putnam employees had approximately \$372,000,000 and the Trustees had approximately \$69,000,000 invested in Putnam mutual funds. These amounts include investments by the Trustees' and employees' immediate family members as well as investments through retirement and deferred compensation plans.

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Financial statements

A guide to financial statements

These sections of the report, as well as the accompanying Notes, constitute the fund's financial statements.

The fund's portfolio lists all the fund's investments and their values as of the last day of the reporting period. Holdings are organized by asset type and industry sector, country, or state to show areas of concentration and diversification.

Statement of assets and liabilities shows how the fund's net assets and share price are determined. All investment and non-investment assets are added together. Any unpaid expenses and other liabilities are subtracted from this total. The result is divided by the number of shares to determine the net asset value per share. (For funds with preferred shares, the amount subtracted from total assets includes the liquidation preference of preferred shares.)

Statement of operations shows the fund's net investment gain or loss. This is done by first adding up all the fund's earnings — from dividends and interest income — and subtracting its operating expenses to determine net investment income (or loss). Then, any net gain or loss the fund realized on the sales of its holdings — as well as any unrealized gains or losses over the period — is added to or subtracted from the net investment result to determine the fund's net gain or loss for the fiscal period.

Statement of changes in net assets shows how the fund's net assets were affected by the fund's net investment gain or loss, by distributions to shareholders, and by changes in the number of the fund's shares. It lists distributions and their sources (net investment income or realized capital gains) over the current reporting period and the most recent fiscal year-end. The distributions listed here may not match the sources listed in the Statement of operations because the distributions are determined on a tax basis and may be paid in a different period from the one in which they were earned. Dividend sources are estimated at the time of declaration. Actual results may vary. Any non-taxable return of capital cannot be determined until final tax calculations are completed after the end of the fund's fiscal year.

Financial highlights provide an overview of the fund's investment results, per-share distributions, expense ratios, net investment income ratios, and portfolio turnover in one summary table, reflecting the five most recent reporting periods. In a semiannual report, the highlights table also includes the current reporting period.

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The fund's portfolio 2/28/11 (Unaudited)

CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.2%)*	Principal amount	Value
Basic materials (3.2%)		
Associated Materials, LLC 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9 1/8s, 2017	\$130,000	\$140,563
Atkore International, Inc. 144A sr. notes 9 7/8s, 2018	115,000	125,206
Celanese US Holdings, LLC 144A company guaranty sr. notes 6 5/8s, 2018 (Germany)	55,000	57,475
Chemtura Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2018	25,000	26,688
Compass Minerals International, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2019	150,000	163,500
Edgen Murray Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 12 1/4s, 2015	50,000	47,750
Ferro Corp. sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2018	175,000	186,375

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FMG Resources August 2006 Pty, Ltd. 144A sr. notes 7s, 2015 (Australia)		90,000	93,773
FMG Resources August 2006 Pty, Ltd. 144A sr. notes 6 7/8s, 2018 (Australia)		150,000	152,591
Graphic Packaging International, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2018		50,000	54,000
Hexion U.S. Finance Corp./Hexion Nova Scotia Finance, ULC company guaranty sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2018		30,000	32,213
Hexion U.S. Finance Corp./Hexion Nova Scotia Finance, ULC 144A sr. notes 9s, 2020		55,000	58,506
Huntsman International, LLC company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 8 5/8s, 2020		60,000	66,600
Huntsman International, LLC 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 8 5/8s, 2021		55,000	61,050
Ineos Finance PLC 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9s, 2015 (United Kingdom)		200,000	220,000
Ineos Group Holdings PLC company guaranty sr. unsec. notes Ser. REGS, 7 7/8s, 2016 (United Kingdom)	EUR	105,000	142,636
KRATON Polymers, LLC/KRATON Polymers Capital Corp. 144A sr. notes 6 3/4s, 2019		\$40,000	40,800
Kronos International, Inc. sr. notes 6 1/2s, 2013 (Germany)	EUR	80,000	111,232
Lyondell Chemical Co. sr. notes 11s, 2018		\$320,000	367,200
Lyondell Chemical Co. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 8s, 2017		292,000	328,683
Momentive Performance Materials, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 12 1/2s, 2014		15,000	16,744
Momentive Performance Materials, Inc. 144A notes 9s, 2021		185,000	196,794

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Nalco Co. 144A sr. notes 6 5/8s, 2019	45,000	46,519
NewPage Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 11 3/8s, 2014	150,000	149,625
Novelis, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 1/4s, 2015	120,000	123,000
Novelis, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 8 3/4s, 2020	195,000	214,924
Old All, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9s, 2014 (In default) ^F	230,000	1
Omnova Solutions, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7 7/8s, 2018	125,000	128,281
PE Paper Escrow GmbH sr. notes Ser. REGS, 11 3/4s, 2014 (Austria)	EUR 55,000	87,224
PE Paper Escrow GmbH 144A sr. notes 12s, 2014 (Austria)	\$140,000	161,700

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.2%)* cont.

	Principal amount	Value
Basic materials cont.		
Rohm & Haas Co. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7.85s, 2029	\$145,000	\$170,645
Sappi Papier Holding GmbH 144A company guaranty 6 3/4s, 2012 (Austria)	90,000	93,825
Smurfit Kappa Funding PLC sr. sub. notes 7 3/4s, 2015 (Ireland)	EUR 15,000	21,286
Smurfit Kappa Funding PLC sr. unsec. sub. notes 7 3/4s, 2015 (Ireland)	\$180,000	184,500
Solutia, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2020	100,000	109,250

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Steel Dynamics, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2016	65,000	68,575
Teck Resources Limited sr. notes 10 3/4s, 2019 (Canada)	105,000	135,272
TPC Group, LLC 144A sr. notes 8 1/4s, 2017	105,000	111,694
Tube City IMS Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 9 3/4s, 2015	160,000	167,600
USG Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 8 3/8s, 2018	45,000	47,222
Vartellus Specialties, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9 3/8s, 2015	60,000	64,538
Verso Paper Holdings, LLC/Verso Paper, Inc. company guaranty Ser. B, 11 3/8s, 2016	15,000	15,938
Verso Paper Holdings, LLC/Verso Paper, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes FRN Ser. B, 4.054s, 2014	80,000	79,600
Verso Paper Holdings, LLC/Verso Paper, Inc. 144A sr. notes 8 3/4s, 2019	55,000	57,475
		4,929,073
Capital goods (2.0%)		
Alliant Techsystems, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 6 7/8s, 2020	25,000	25,875
Allison Transmission, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 11 1/4s, 2015 ☐☐	117,500	128,075
Altra Holdings, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 8 1/8s, 2016	185,000	197,488
Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC sr. notes Ser. REGS, 7 3/8s, 2017 (Ireland)	EUR 100,000	142,629
BE Aerospace, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 7/8s, 2020	\$35,000	36,313
Berry Plastics Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 9 1/2s, 2018	70,000	70,175

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Berry Plastics Corp. 144A sr. notes 9 3/4s, 2021	70,000	70,175
Briggs & Stratton Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 7/8s, 2020	90,000	94,950
Crown Americas, LLC/Crown Americas Capital Corp. III 144A sr. notes 6 1/4s, 2021	90,000	90,900
Exide Technologies 144A sr. notes 8 5/8s, 2018	60,000	63,975
Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 10s, 2017	130,000	146,575
Legrand SA unsec. unsub. debs. 8 1/2s, 2025 (France)	325,000	381,902
Mueller Water Products, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/8s, 2017	60,000	58,500
Mueller Water Products, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 3/4s, 2020	20,000	22,150
Polypore International, Inc. 144A sr. notes 7 1/2s, 2017	75,000	77,625
Pregis Corp. company guaranty sr. sub. notes 12 3/8s, 2013	70,000	70,525
Reynolds Group DL Escrow, Inc./Reynolds Group Escrow, LLC 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7 3/4s, 2016 (Luxembourg)	115,000	122,475
Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc. 144A sr. notes 9s, 2019	120,000	125,100

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.2%)* cont.

	Principal amount	Value
Capital goods cont.		
Reynolds Group Issuer, Inc. 144A sr. notes 7 1/8s, 2019	\$100,000	\$102,500

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Ryerson Holding Corp. sr. disc. notes zero %, 2015	100,000	53,500
Ryerson, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 12s, 2015	225,000	241,875
Tenneco, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2018	50,000	53,813
Tenneco, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 6 7/8s, 2020	90,000	93,375
Terex Corp. sr. unsec. sub. notes 8s, 2017	120,000	125,700
Thermadyne Holdings Corp. 144A sr. notes 9s, 2017	155,000	163,719
Thermon Industries, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 9 1/2s, 2017	130,000	140,725
TransDigm, Inc. 144A sr. sub. notes 7 3/4s, 2018	140,000	150,850
		3,051,464
Communication services (4.8%)		
Adelphia Communications Corp. escrow bonds zero %, 2012	235,000	3,549
Adelphia Communications Corp. escrow bonds zero %, 2011	20,000	302
Atlantic Broadband Finance, LLC company guaranty 9 3/8s, 2014	225,000	228,938
Bresnan Broadband Holdings, LLC 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2018	45,000	47,588
Cablevision Systems Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 5/8s, 2017	125,000	140,000
Cablevision Systems Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2020	35,000	38,150
Cablevision Systems Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2018	65,000	69,550
CCH II, LLC/CCH II Capital company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 13 1/2s, 2016	154,815	187,520
CCO Holdings, LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2018	55,000	58,713

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CCO Holdings, LLC/CCO Holdings Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsub. notes 7s, 2019	130,000	132,600
Cequel Communications Holdings I LLC/Cequel Capital Corp. 144A sr. notes 8 5/8s, 2017	280,000	296,100
Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital 144A company guaranty sr. notes 8s, 2012	50,000	52,625
Cincinnati Bell, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 8 3/4s, 2018	130,000	123,500
Clearwire Communications, LLC/Clearwire Finance, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 12s, 2015	185,000	201,650
Clearwire Communications, LLC/Clearwire Finance, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 12s, 2015	120,000	130,800
CPI International Acquisition, Inc. 144A sr. notes 8s, 2018	35,000	35,263
Cricket Communications, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2020	215,000	205,863
Cricket Communications, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2016	85,000	89,888
CSC Holdings LLC sr. notes 6 3/4s, 2012	26,000	27,073
Digicel Group, Ltd. 144A sr. notes 8 1/4s, 2017 (Jamaica)	265,000	276,925
Frontier Communications Corp. sr. unsec. notes 8 1/2s, 2020	110,000	122,100
Frontier Communications Corp. sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2017	65,000	71,825
Frontier Communications Corp. sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2014	25,000	28,094
Frontier Communications Corp. sr. unsec. notes 8 1/8s, 2018	35,000	38,938
Intelsat Intermediate Holding Co., Ltd. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/4s, 2015 (Luxembourg)	70,000	72,538

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.2%)* cont.	Principal amount	Value
Communication services cont.		
Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 1/4s, 2020 (Bermuda)	\$140,000	\$143,850
Intelsat Luxembourg SA company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 11 1/2s, 2017 (Luxembourg) ☐☐	237,187	263,278
Intelsat Luxembourg SA company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 11 1/4s, 2017 (Luxembourg)	580,000	641,625
Level 3 Financing, Inc. company guaranty 9 1/4s, 2014	300,000	309,750
Mediacom Broadband, LLC/Mediacom Broadband Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 1/2s, 2015	50,000	52,000
Mediacom LLC/Mediacom Capital Corp. sr. unsec. notes 9 1/8s, 2019	55,000	58,438
MetroPCS Wireless, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2018	230,000	241,500
MetroPCS Wireless, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 5/8s, 2020	50,000	48,688
Nextel Communications, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes Ser. D, 7 3/8s, 2015	255,000	255,638
NII Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 10s, 2016	215,000	243,488
NII Capital Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 7/8s, 2019	50,000	55,250

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PAETEC Escrow Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 7/8s, 2018	160,000	172,400
PAETEC Holding Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2017	50,000	54,250
PAETEC Holding Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9 1/2s, 2015	145,000	152,794
Qwest Communications International, Inc. company guaranty 7 1/2s, 2014	20,000	20,300
Qwest Corp. sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2014	90,000	103,050
Qwest Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 3/8s, 2016	20,000	23,875
Qwest Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/4s, 2025	65,000	68,575
SBA Telecommunications, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2019	35,000	38,588
SBA Telecommunications, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2016	145,000	158,050
Sprint Capital Corp. company guaranty 6 7/8s, 2028	365,000	328,956
Sprint Nextel Corp. sr. notes 8 3/8s, 2017	185,000	205,119
Virgin Media Finance PLC company guaranty sr. notes Ser. 1, 9 1/2s, 2016 (United Kingdom)	175,000	201,906
Wind Acquisition Finance SA 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7 1/4s, 2018 (Netherlands)	80,000	82,600
Wind Acquisition Finance SA 144A sr. notes 11 3/4s, 2017 (Netherlands)	110,000	126,225
Wind Acquisition Finance SA 144A sr. notes 11 3/4s, 2017 (Netherlands)	EUR 50,000	79,498
Wind Acquisition Holdings Finance SA 144A company guaranty		

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sr. notes 12 1/4s, 2017 (Italy) ☐☐	\$113,707	133,037
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Windstream Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 5/8s, 2016	110,000	116,325
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Windstream Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 1/8s, 2018	35,000	37,450
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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.2%)* cont.	Principal amount	Value
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Communication services cont.		
Windstream Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 1/8s, 2013	\$95,000	\$104,619
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Windstream Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 7/8s, 2017	125,000	135,781
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		7,336,995
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Conglomerates (☐%)		
Nexeo Solutions, LLC/Nexeo Solutions Finance Corp. 144A sr. sub. notes 8 3/8s, 2018	35,000	35,613
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		35,613
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Consumer cyclicals (8.9%)		
Affinia Group Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 11 5/8s, 2015	105,000	108,938
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Affinia Group Inc. 144A sr. sub. notes 9s, 2014	45,000	45,900
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Affinion Group Holdings, Inc. 144A sr. notes 10 3/4s, 2016	105,000	119,700
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Affinion Group, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 11 1/2s, 2015	125,000	131,563
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Affinion Group, Inc. 144A sr. notes 7 7/8s, 2018	135,000	129,263
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AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc. 144A sr. sub. notes 9 3/4s, 2020	185,000	198,413
American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5 1/4s, 2014	255,000	257,550
American Casino & Entertainment Properties LLC sr. notes 11s, 2014	160,000	170,000
American Media, Inc. 144A notes 13 1/2s, 2018	18,955	19,358
American Media Operations, Inc. 144A sr. sub. notes 14s, 2013 ^F □□	224,930	78,725
Ameristar Casinos, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/4s, 2014	80,000	86,000
Autonation, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2018	40,000	41,600
Beazer Homes USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 7/8s, 2015	50,000	49,625
Beazer Homes USA, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9 1/8s, 2018	65,000	67,275
Beazer Homes USA, Inc. 144A sr. notes 9 1/8s, 2019	75,000	77,344
Belo Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2016	30,000	32,738
Bon-Ton Department Stores, Inc. (The) company guaranty 10 1/4s, 2014	160,000	164,200
Brickman Group Holdings, Inc. 144A sr. notes 9 1/8s, 2018	35,000	37,188
Building Materials Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7 1/2s, 2020	100,000	104,250
Building Materials Corp. 144A sr. notes 7s, 2020	45,000	47,419
Building Materials Corp. 144A sr. notes 6 7/8s, 2018	50,000	51,250
Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10s, 2019	90,000	90,900

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Cedar Fair LP/Canada's Wonderland Co./Magnum Management Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/8s, 2018	20,000	21,800
Cengage Learning Acquisitions, Inc. 144A sr. notes 10 1/2s, 2015	210,000	217,875
Cenveo Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2018	95,000	95,475
Cenveo Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10 1/2s, 2016	40,000	40,400
Cinemark, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 5/8s, 2019	85,000	92,650
Citadel Broadcasting Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2018	35,000	37,538

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.2%)* cont.	Principal amount	Value
Consumer cyclicals cont.		
CityCenter Holdings LLC/CityCenter Finance Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 10 3/4s, 2017 ☐☐	\$130,000	\$135,850
Clear Channel Communications, Inc. company guaranty unsec. unsub. notes 10 3/4s, 2016	280,000	273,000
Clear Channel Communications, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 5 1/2s, 2014	100,000	91,000
Clear Channel Communications, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9s, 2021	90,000	91,800
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9 1/4s, 2017	20,000	22,200
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc. company		

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guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes Ser. B, 9 1/4s, 2017	160,000	178,000
Compucom Systems, Inc. 144A sr. sub. notes 12 1/2s, 2015	205,000	221,400
Corrections Corporation of America company guaranty sr. notes 7 3/4s, 2017	150,000	163,875
Dana Holding Corp. sr. unsec. notes 6 3/4s, 2021	65,000	65,813
DISH DBS Corp. company guaranty 7 1/8s, 2016	110,000	117,425
DISH DBS Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2019	135,000	146,306
FelCor Lodging LP company guaranty sr. notes 10s, 2014 R	195,000	221,813
Ford Motor Credit Co., LLC sr. unsec. notes 8 1/8s, 2020	135,000	153,900
Giraffe Acquisition Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 1/8s, 2018	55,000	56,100
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. (The) sr. unsec. notes 10 1/2s, 2016	135,000	153,900
Gray Television, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 10 1/2s, 2015	130,000	138,125
Hanesbrands, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/8s, 2020	85,000	81,983
Hanesbrands, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2016	75,000	81,188
Harrah's Operating Co., Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 10s, 2018	432,000	406,080
Harrah's Operating Co., Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 10s, 2015	30,000	30,675
Harrah's Operating Co., Inc. sr. notes 11 1/4s, 2017	220,000	249,700
Interactive Data Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 10 1/4s, 2018	240,000	268,800
Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. company guaranty 7s, 2014	195,000	193,294
Jarden Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2016	50,000	54,750

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Jarden Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 7 1/2s, 2017	280,000	297,850
Lamar Media Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 9 3/4s, 2014	10,000	11,625
Lamar Media Corp. company guaranty sr. sub. notes 7 7/8s, 2018	40,000	43,000
Lear Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. bonds 7 7/8s, 2018	25,000	27,563
Lear Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/8s, 2020	190,000	212,800
Lender Processing Services, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 1/8s, 2016	145,000	150,800
Levi Strauss & Co. sr. unsec. notes 8 7/8s, 2016	80,000	83,700
Limited Brands, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7s, 2020	50,000	52,875
M/I Homes, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 5/8s, 2018	180,000	183,150
Macy's Retail Holdings, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 5.9s, 2016	160,000	170,800
Macy's Retail Holdings, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 3/8s, 2015	75,000	86,813
Mashantucket Western Pequot Tribe 144A bonds 8 1/2s, 2015 (In default) □	200,000	20,000

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.2%)* cont.

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Consumer cyclicals cont.

McClatchy Co. (The) company guaranty sr. notes 11 1/2s, 2017	\$105,000	\$119,175
MGM Resorts International company guaranty sr. unsec. notes		

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6 5/8s, 2015	50,000	47,500
MGM Resorts International sr. notes 10 3/8s, 2014	20,000	22,400
MGM Resorts International sr. notes 6 3/4s, 2012	2,000	2,030
MGM Resorts International 144A sr. notes 9s, 2020	25,000	27,313
Michaels Stores, Inc. company guaranty 11 3/8s, 2016	225,000	245,813
MTR Gaming Group, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 12 5/8s, 2014	225,000	239,625
Navistar International Corp. sr. notes 8 1/4s, 2021	165,000	182,325
Neiman-Marcus Group, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9s, 2015	587	615
Neiman-Marcus Group, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 10 3/8s, 2015	65,000	68,819
Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc./Mission Broadcasting, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2017	130,000	141,050
Nielsen Finance, LLC/Nielsen Finance Co. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2018	95,000	102,719
Nortek, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 11s, 2013	110,155	117,315
Nortek, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10s, 2018	70,000	74,725
Owens Corning company guaranty unsec. unsub. notes 9s, 2019	170,000	199,750
Penn National Gaming, Inc. sr. unsec. sub. notes 8 3/4s, 2019	30,000	33,450
Penske Automotive Group, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 7 3/4s, 2016	150,000	154,875
PETCO Animal Supplies, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9 1/4s, 2018	65,000	70,200

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PHH Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 1/4s, 2016	60,000	65,100
Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 5/8s, 2017	35,000	38,413
Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 7 1/2s, 2015	180,000	182,700
Ply Gem Industries, Inc. 144A sr. notes 8 1/4s, 2018	45,000	46,069
QVC Inc. 144A sr. notes 7 1/2s, 2019	140,000	149,450
QVC Inc. 144A sr. notes 7 3/8s, 2020	65,000	68,900
Realogy Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10 1/2s, 2014	90,000	93,600
Realogy Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7 7/8s, 2019	35,000	35,131
Regal Entertainment Group company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/8s, 2018	90,000	96,300
Roofing Supply Group, LLC/Roofing Supply Finance, Inc. 144A sr. notes 8 5/8s, 2017	185,000	195,869
Sabre Holdings Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8.35s, 2016	235,000	227,950
Scotts Miracle-Gro Co. (The) 144A sr. notes 6 5/8s, 2020	90,000	92,475
Sealy Mattress Co. 144A company guaranty sr. sec. notes 10 7/8s, 2016	104,000	118,040
Sears Holdings Corp. 144A sr. notes 6 5/8s, 2018	85,000	82,875
Sirius XM Radio, Inc. 144A sr. notes 9 3/4s, 2015	35,000	39,594
Standard Pacific Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 10 3/4s, 2016	115,000	135,125
Standard Pacific Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7s, 2015	25,000	26,250

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.2%)* cont.	Principal amount	Value
Consumer cyclicals cont.		
Standard Pacific Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 3/8s, 2021	\$90,000	\$94,950
Toys R Us <input type="checkbox"/> Delaware, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7 3/8s, 2016	30,000	31,875
Toys R Us Property Co., LLC company guaranty sr. notes 8 1/2s, 2017	110,000	119,625
Toys R Us Property Co., LLC company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10 3/4s, 2017	195,000	222,788
Travelport LLC company guaranty 11 7/8s, 2016	150,000	141,188
Travelport LLC company guaranty 9 7/8s, 2014	155,000	151,319
Travelport, LLC/Travelport, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9s, 2016	55,000	51,975
TRW Automotive, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes Ser. REGS, 6 3/8s, 2014	EUR 60,000	87,514
TRW Automotive, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 3/8s, 2014	EUR 80,000	116,685
Uncle Acquisition 2010 Corp. 144A sr. notes 8 5/8s, 2019	\$55,000	58,575
Universal City Development Partners, Ltd. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 7/8s, 2015	50,000	54,625
Univision Communications, Inc. 144A company		

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guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/2s, 2021	150,000	156,375
Univision Communications, Inc. 144A sr. notes 7 7/8s, 2020	115,000	123,338
Vertis, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 13 1/2s, 2014 (In default) ☐☐☐	184,377	9,219
WGM Acquisition Corp. company guaranty sr. sub. notes 7 3/8s, 2014	60,000	58,575
WGM Holdings Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. disc. notes 9 1/2s, 2014	30,000	30,225
Wynn Las Vegas, LLC/Wynn Las Vegas Capital Corp. company guaranty mtge. notes 7 3/4s, 2020	70,000	74,025
XM Satellite Radio, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 13s, 2013	145,000	172,913
XM Satellite Radio, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 5/8s, 2018	130,000	137,800
Yankee Acquisition Corp. company guaranty sr. notes Ser. B, 8 1/2s, 2015	190,000	198,788
YCC Holdings, LLC/Yankee Finance, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 10 1/4s, 2016	65,000	66,950
Yonkers Racing Corp. 144A sr. notes 11 3/8s, 2016	180,000	202,050
		13,457,807
Consumer staples (3.2%)		
ACCO Brands Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 10 5/8s, 2015	80,000	90,400
Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC/Avis Budget Finance, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9 5/8s, 2018	30,000	33,525
Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC/Avis Budget Finance, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/4s, 2016	150,000	156,375
Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC/Avis Budget Finance, Inc.		

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company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 5/8s, 2014	53,000	54,524
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Bumble Bee Acquisition Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9s, 2017	100,000	108,000
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Burger King Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 7/8s, 2018	75,000	80,063
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Consumer staples cont.		
Central Garden & Pet Co. company guaranty sr. sub. notes 8 1/4s, 2018	\$140,000	\$147,175
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CKE Restaurants, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 11 3/8s, 2018	115,000	129,088
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Claire's Escrow Corp. 144A sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2019	90,000	90,338
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Constellation Brands, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/4s, 2016	145,000	155,875
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Darling International, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/2s, 2018	30,000	32,363
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Dave & Buster's, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 11s, 2018	130,000	145,600
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Dean Foods Co. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7s, 2016	95,000	90,250
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Dean Foods Co. 144A sr. notes 9 3/4s, 2018	30,000	31,125
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DineEquity, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 1/2s, 2018	125,000	135,313
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Dole Food Co. sr. notes 13 7/8s, 2014	94,000	115,033
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Dole Food Co. 144A sr. notes 8s, 2016	35,000	37,363

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Dunkin Finance Corp. 144A sr. notes 9 5/8s, 2018	50,000	50,625
Elizabeth Arden, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 3/8s, 2021	105,000	110,250
Harry & David Operations Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9s, 2013 (In default) □	130,000	51,350
Harry & David Operations Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes FRN 5.3s, 2012 (In default) □	70,000	26,600
Hertz Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 6 3/4s, 2019	45,000	45,900
Hertz Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2018	45,000	47,644
Hertz Holdings Netherlands BV 144A sr. bonds 8 1/2s, 2015 (Netherlands)	EUR 110,000	165,137
JBS USA LLC/JBS USA Finance, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 11 5/8s, 2014	\$60,000	70,200
Landry's Restaurants, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 11 5/8s, 2015	45,000	48,825
Libbey Glass, Inc. sr. notes 10s, 2015	80,000	87,400
Michael Foods, Inc. 144A sr. notes 9 3/4s, 2018	55,000	60,225
Pinnacle Foods Finance LLC/Pinnacle Foods Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/4s, 2015	45,000	46,913
Prestige Brands, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2018	90,000	94,838
Prestige Brands, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2018	45,000	47,419
Reddy Ice Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 11 1/4s, 2015	125,000	131,250
Revlon Consumer Products Corp. company guaranty notes		

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9 3/4s, 2015	80,000	86,800
Rite Aid Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 10 1/4s, 2019	40,000	44,050
Rite Aid Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 7 1/2s, 2017	65,000	65,406
Rite Aid Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9 1/2s, 2017	210,000	193,200
Rite Aid Corp. company guaranty sr. unsub. notes 8s, 2020	35,000	37,844
Roadhouse Financing, Inc. 144A sr. notes 10 3/4s, 2017	75,000	82,031
RSC Equipment Rental, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2021	60,000	63,450
Service Corporation International sr. notes 7s, 2019	50,000	51,625
Service Corporation International sr. notes 7s, 2017	65,000	69,225
Service Corporation International sr. unsec. 7 3/8s, 2014	125,000	136,406

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Consumer staples cont.		
Simmons Foods, Inc. 144A sr. notes 10 1/2s, 2017	\$75,000	\$80,625
Smithfield Foods, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 10s, 2014	130,000	153,400
Spectrum Brands, Inc. sr. unsec. sub. bonds 12s, 2019 ☐☐	117,016	131,643
Spectrum Brands, Inc. 144A sr. notes 9 1/2s, 2018	95,000	106,400
Tyson Foods, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 10 1/2s, 2014	305,000	368,288
United Rentals North America, Inc. company		

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guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 8 3/8s, 2020	45,000	47,475
Wendy's/Arby's Restaurants LLC company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 10s, 2016	225,000	250,313
West Corp. 144A sr. notes 7 7/8s, 2019	65,000	66,706
West Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 5/8s, 2018	55,000	58,300
		4,810,173
Energy (5.3%)		
Anadarko Finance Co. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes Ser. B, 7 1/2s, 2031	210,000	232,627
Anadarko Petroleum Corp. sr. notes 5.95s, 2016	105,000	114,962
Anadarko Petroleum Corp. sr. unsec. notes 6 3/8s, 2017	25,000	27,865
Anadarko Petroleum Corp. sr. unsec. notes 6.2s, 2040	50,000	48,945
Arch Coal, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 1/4s, 2020	105,000	111,563
Arch Western Finance, LLC company guaranty sr. notes 6 3/4s, 2013	95,000	95,950
ATP Oil & Gas Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 11 7/8s, 2015	50,000	51,000
Brigham Exploration Co. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 3/4s, 2018	90,000	99,900
Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 5/8s, 2018	170,000	180,625
Chaparral Energy, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 7/8s, 2017	155,000	163,525
Chaparral Energy, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2021	45,000	45,788
Chaparral Energy, Inc. 144A sr. notes 9 7/8s, 2020	85,000	94,563

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Chesapeake Energy Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/2s, 2015	35,000	43,400
Complete Production Services, Inc. company guaranty 8s, 2016	100,000	105,750
Compton Petroleum Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10s, 2017 (Canada)	100,725	79,573
Comstock Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsub. notes 8 3/8s, 2017	110,000	113,988
Connacher Oil and Gas, Ltd. 144A sec. notes 10 1/4s, 2015 (Canada)	300,000	317,250
Connacher Oil and Gas, Ltd. 144A sr. sec. notes 11 3/4s, 2014 (Canada)	15,000	16,238
CONSOL Energy, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2020	215,000	237,038
CONSOL Energy, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2017	130,000	141,050
Crosstex Energy LP/Crosstex Energy Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 7/8s, 2018	230,000	253,575
Denbury Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 8 1/4s, 2020	95,000	104,975
Denbury Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 6 3/8s, 2021	65,000	65,406

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Energy cont.

EXCO Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes

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7 1/2s, 2018	\$250,000	\$249,375
Expro Finance Luxemburg 144A sr. notes 8 1/2s, 2016 (Luxembourg)	130,000	133,575
Ferrellgas LP/Ferrellgas Finance Corp. 144A sr. notes 6 1/2s, 2021	65,000	63,375
Forest Oil Corp. sr. notes 8s, 2011	185,000	193,325
Frac Tech Services, LLC/Frac Tech Finance, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7 1/8s, 2018	115,000	119,025
Goodrich Petroleum Corp. 144A sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2019	125,000	125,156
Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 1/2s, 2016	345,000	358,800
Hercules Offshore, Inc. 144A sr. notes 10 1/2s, 2017	60,000	59,550
Inergy LP/Inergy Finance Corp. 144A sr. notes 6 7/8s, 2021	135,000	138,038
International Coal Group, Inc. sr. notes 9 1/8s, 2018	225,000	251,438
Key Energy Services, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 3/8s, 2014	235,000	255,563
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. 144A sr. notes 9 1/2s, 2019	85,000	89,038
Newfield Exploration Co. sr. unsec. sub. notes 7 1/8s, 2018	90,000	96,300
Newfield Exploration Co. sr. unsec. sub. notes 6 5/8s, 2014	210,000	214,725
Offshore Group Investments, Ltd. 144A sr. notes 11 1/2s, 2015	95,000	106,400
OPTI Canada, Inc. company guaranty sr. sec. notes 8 1/4s, 2014 (Canada)	50,000	27,250
OPTI Canada, Inc. company guaranty sr. sec. notes 7 7/8s, 2014 (Canada)	290,000	158,050

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OPTI Canada, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9 3/4s, 2013 (Canada)	35,000	34,606
OPTI Canada, Inc. 144A sr. notes 9s, 2012 (Canada)	5,000	4,988
Peabody Energy Corp. company guaranty 7 3/8s, 2016	295,000	333,350
Peabody Energy Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 1/2s, 2020	10,000	10,700
Petrohawk Energy Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10 1/2s, 2014	135,000	155,250
Petroleum Development Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 12s, 2018	265,000	299,450
Plains Exploration & Production Co. company guaranty 7 3/4s, 2015	75,000	78,750
Plains Exploration & Production Co. company guaranty 7s, 2017	375,000	390,938
Quicksilver Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2015	50,000	51,625
Quicksilver Resources, Inc. sr. notes 11 3/4s, 2016	70,000	81,725
Range Resources Corp. company guaranty sr. sub. notes 6 3/4s, 2020	50,000	52,813
Rosetta Resources, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/2s, 2018	135,000	149,513
Sabine Pass LNG LP sec. notes 7 1/2s, 2016	185,000	187,313
SandRidge Energy, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2018	230,000	240,925
SandRidge Energy, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 7/8s, 2016	55,000	61,050
SM Energy Co. 144A sr. unsec. notes 6 5/8s, 2019	55,000	55,619

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.2%)* cont.	Principal amount	Value
Energy cont.		
Trico Shipping AS 144A sr. notes 13 7/8s, 2014 (Norway) (In default) ☐	\$191,427	\$157,448
Whiting Petroleum Corp. company guaranty 7s, 2014	90,000	95,850
Williams Cos., Inc. (The) sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2021	115,000	143,736
		7,970,188
Financials (4.3%)		
ABN Amro North American Holding Preferred Capital Repackage Trust I 144A jr. sub. bonds FRB 6.523s, Perpetual maturity	75,000	69,000
ACE Cash Express, Inc. 144A sr. notes 11s, 2019	90,000	92,588
Ally Financial, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8.3s, 2015	65,000	73,369
Ally Financial, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2020	60,000	67,575
Ally Financial, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes FRN 2 1/2s, 2014	65,000	63,873
Ally Financial, Inc. unsec. sub. notes 8s, 2018	65,000	71,825
Ally Financial, Inc. 144A company guaranty notes 6 1/4s, 2017	90,000	93,938
Ally Financial, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 7 1/2s, 2020	65,000	71,094
American International Group, Inc. jr. sub. bonds FRB 8.175s, 2058	140,000	153,650

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BAC Capital Trust VI bank guaranty jr. unsec. sub. notes 5 5/8s, 2035	85,000	73,709
BAC Capital Trust XI bank guaranty jr. unsec. sub. notes 6 5/8s, 2036	70,000	68,202
BankAmerica Capital II bank guaranty jr. unsec. sub. notes 8s, 2026	30,000	30,450
Capital One Capital IV company guaranty jr. unsec. sub. notes FRN 6.745s, 2037	105,000	105,394
CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 5/8s, 2020	35,000	36,094
CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 11 5/8s, 2017	170,000	200,388
CIT Group, Inc. sr. bonds 7s, 2017	616,354	620,977
CIT Group, Inc. sr. bonds 7s, 2016	319,538	322,334
CIT Group, Inc. sr. bonds 7s, 2015	102,723	104,135
CNO Financial Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9s, 2018	35,000	37,275
Dresdner Funding Trust I 144A bonds 8.151s, 2031	140,000	126,700
E*Trade Financial Corp. sr. unsec. notes 7 3/8s, 2013	90,000	90,225
E*Trade Financial Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 12 1/2s, 2017	137,000	162,345
HBOS Capital Funding LP 144A bank guaranty jr. unsec. sub. FRB 6.071s, Perpetual maturity (Jersey)	175,000	156,625
HBOS PLC 144A sr. unsec. sub. notes 6 3/4s, 2018 (United Kingdom)	135,000	128,307
HUB International Holdings, Inc. 144A sr. sub. notes 10 1/4s, 2015	180,000	187,200
HUB International Holdings, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. unsub. notes 9s, 2014	115,000	120,463

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Icahn Enterprises LP/Icahn Enterprises Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2018	240,000	248,400
ING Groep NV jr. unsec. sub. notes 5.775s, Perpetual maturity (Netherlands)	40,000	35,600
iStar Financial, Inc. sr. unsec. unsub. notes Ser. B, 5.95s, 2013 R	110,000	107,800
Leucadia National Corp. sr. unsec. notes 7 1/8s, 2017	168,000	176,400

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.2%)* cont.	Principal amount	Value
Financials cont.		
Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty jr. sub. notes FRB 10 3/4s, 2058	\$25,000	\$32,250
Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty jr. unsec. sub. bonds 7.8s, 2037	50,000	50,000
Liberty Mutual Group, Inc. 144A company guaranty jr. unsec. sub. notes FRN 7s, 2037	30,000	29,293
National Money Mart Co. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 10 3/8s, 2016 (Canada)	190,000	211,375
NB Capital Trust IV jr. unsec. sub. notes 8 1/4s, 2027	30,000	30,675
Nuveen Investments, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. unsub. notes 10 1/2s, 2015	145,000	148,263
Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. 144A sr. notes 6 3/4s, 2022 R	125,000	126,250
Provident Funding Associates 144A sr. notes 10 1/4s, 2017	115,000	127,075

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Provident Funding Associates 144A sr. notes 10 1/8s, 2019	60,000	61,575
Regions Financing Trust II company guaranty jr. unsec. sub. bonds FRB 6 5/8s, 2047	160,000	144,000
Residential Capital LLC company guaranty jr. notes 9 5/8s, 2015	275,000	277,750
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC jr. unsec. sub. bonds FRB 7.648s, 2049 (United Kingdom)	235,000	216,200
Sabra Health Care LP/Sabra Capital Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 8 1/8s, 2018 R	80,000	84,400
SLM Corp. sr. notes Ser. MTN, 8s, 2020	90,000	95,513
SLM Corp. sr. notes Ser. MTN, 6 1/4s, 2016	110,000	113,486
SLM Corp. sr. unsec. unsub. notes Ser. MTN, 8.45s, 2018	320,000	352,000
Springleaf Finance Corp. sr. unsec. notes Ser. MTNI, 5.85s, 2013	65,000	63,944
Springleaf Finance Corp. sr. unsec. notes Ser. MTNI, 4 7/8s, 2012	175,000	172,156
Springleaf Finance Corp. sr. unsec. notes Ser. MTNJ, 6.9s, 2017	295,000	264,763
		6,496,903
Health care (3.1%)		
Aviv Healthcare Properties LP 144A sr. notes 7 3/4s, 2019	85,000	88,613
Biomet, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10s, 2017	90,000	100,238
Capella Healthcare, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9 1/4s, 2017	130,000	139,750
CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 8 7/8s, 2015	185,000	196,100
ConvaTec Healthcare E SA 144A sr. unsec. notes 10 1/2s, 2018 (Luxembourg)	200,000	213,500

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DaVita, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 5/8s, 2020	30,000	30,413
DaVita, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 3/8s, 2018	90,000	91,238
Elan Finance PLC/Elan Finance Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 3/4s, 2016 (Ireland)	160,000	168,800
Fresenius Medical Care US Finance, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 5 3/4s, 2021	140,000	135,450
Giant Funding Corp. 144A sr. notes 8 1/4s, 2018 (Spain)	100,000	102,750
HCA Holdings, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2021	110,000	115,775
HCA, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 9 7/8s, 2017	45,000	50,625
HCA, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 9 5/8s, 2016 ☐☐	267,000	289,695
HCA, Inc. company guaranty sr. notes 8 1/2s, 2019	215,000	240,800
HCA, Inc. sr. notes 6.95s, 2012	70,000	73,063

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CORPORATE BONDS AND NOTES (39.2%)* cont.	Principal amount	Value
Health care cont.		
HCA, Inc. sr. sec. notes 9 1/4s, 2016	\$355,000	\$383,400
Health Management Associates, Inc. sr. notes 6 1/8s, 2016	245,000	248,675
IASIS Healthcare/IASIS Capital Corp. sr. sub. notes 8 3/4s, 2014	355,000	364,319
Multiplan, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9 7/8s, 2018	95,000	102,244
Quintiles Transnational Corp. 144A sr. notes 9 1/2s, 2014 ☐☐	50,000	51,313

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Select Medical Corp. company guaranty 7 5/8s, 2015	85,000	86,381
Surgical Care Affiliates, Inc. 144A sr. sub. notes 10s, 2017	80,000	83,000
Surgical Care Affiliates, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 8 7/8s, 2015 ☐☐	131,119	133,741
Talecris Biotherapeutics Holdings Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2016	30,000	32,775
Tenet Healthcare Corp. company guaranty sr. notes 10s, 2018	15,000	17,625
Tenet Healthcare Corp. sr. notes 9s, 2015	215,000	236,500
Tenet Healthcare Corp. sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2019	55,000	62,563
Tenet Healthcare Corp. sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2020	110,000	113,300
United Surgical Partners International, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 8 7/8s, 2017	265,000	279,575
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7s, 2020	20,000	20,675
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 6 7/8s, 2018	45,000	46,800
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International 144A sr. notes 6 3/4s, 2017	20,000	20,700
Vanguard Health Systems, Inc. 144A sr. notes zero %, 2016	130,000	83,850
Ventas Realty LP/Capital Corp. company guaranty 9s, 2012 R	280,000	299,084
		4,703,330
Technology (2.5%)		
Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 8 1/8s, 2017	55,000	58,575
Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2020	40,000	41,800
Alcatel-Lucent USA, Inc. unsec. debs. 6.45s, 2029	25,000	21,750

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Avaya, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 3/4s, 2015	180,000	186,300
Avaya, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7s, 2019	120,000	118,800
Buccaneer Merger Sub., Inc. 144A sr. notes 9 1/8s, 2019	120,000	129,600
Ceridian Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 12 1/4s, 2015 ☐☐	212,350	225,622
Ceridian Corp. sr. unsec. notes 11 1/4s, 2015	65,000	68,088
CommScope, Inc. 144A sr. notes 8 1/4s, 2019	90,000	93,375
Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 7/8s, 2020	35,000	38,850
Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 5/8s, 2017	65,000	71,663
First Data Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10.55s, 2015 ☐☐	149,824	159,188
First Data Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 11 1/4s, 2016	225,000	217,125
First Data Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 8 7/8s, 2020	45,000	49,275
First Data Corp. 144A sr. bonds 12 5/8s, 2021	315,000	329,963
Freescale Semiconductor, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 9 1/8s, 2014 ☐☐	23,647	24,711
Freescale Semiconductor, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 7/8s, 2014	21,000	21,971
Freescale Semiconductor, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 10 1/8s, 2018	85,000	96,688

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Technology cont.		
Freescale Semiconductor, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9 1/4s, 2018	\$115,000	\$128,225
Freescale Semiconductor, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10 3/4s, 2020	285,000	329,175
Iron Mountain, Inc. company guaranty 8 3/4s, 2018	55,000	57,819
Iron Mountain, Inc. sr. sub. notes 8 3/8s, 2021	25,000	27,656
Jazz Technologies, Inc. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2015 F	491,000	473,815
NXP BV/NXP Funding, LLC 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9 3/4s, 2018 (Netherlands)	250,000	285,625
Seagate HDD Cayman 144A company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2018 (Cayman Islands)	120,000	123,000
SunGard Data Systems, Inc. company guaranty 10 1/4s, 2015	116,000	122,235
SunGard Data Systems, Inc. 144A sr. unsec. notes 7 5/8s, 2020	135,000	139,388
Unisys Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. sub. notes 14 1/4s, 2015	165,000	197,175
		3,837,457
Transportation (0.2%)		
AMGH Merger Sub., Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 9 1/4s, 2018	90,000	95,850
Swift Services Holdings, Inc. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 10s, 2018	140,000	153,300
Western Express, Inc. 144A sr. notes 12 1/2s, 2015	110,000	106,700
		355,850
Utilities and power (1.7%)		
AES Corp. (The) sr. unsec. notes 8s, 2020	55,000	60,225

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AES Corp. (The) sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2017	85,000	92,225
Calpine Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. notes 7 7/8s, 2020	100,000	105,250
Colorado Interstate Gas Co. debs. 6.85s, 2037 (Canada)	95,000	101,657
Dynegy Holdings, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2019	230,000	166,175
Edison Mission Energy sr. unsec. notes 7 3/4s, 2016	75,000	67,125
Edison Mission Energy sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2013	20,000	20,025
Edison Mission Energy sr. unsec. notes 7.2s, 2019	85,000	67,575
Edison Mission Energy sr. unsec. notes 7s, 2017	40,000	32,500
El Paso Corp. sr. unsec. notes Ser. GMTN, 7.8s, 2031	100,000	105,500
El Paso Natural Gas Co. debs. 8 5/8s, 2022	40,000	50,443
Energy Future Holdings Corp. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 11 1/4s, 2017 ☐☐	28,090	22,964
Energy Future Holdings Corp. 144A company guaranty sr. bonds 10 1/4s, 2020	45,000	46,861
Energy Future Intermediate Holdings Co., LLC sr. notes 10s, 2020	62,000	64,719
Energy Future Intermediate Holdings Co., LLC sr. notes 9 3/4s, 2019	256,000	262,400
Energy Transfer Equity LP company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2020	95,000	102,956
GenOn Americas Generation, LLC sr. unsec. notes 8.3s, 2011	170,000	171,275
GenOn Escrow Corp. 144A sr. notes 9 7/8s, 2020	190,000	199,975
GenOn Escrow Corp. 144A sr. unsec. notes 9 1/2s, 2018	25,000	26,188

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Ipalco Enterprises, Inc. 144A sr. notes 7 1/4s, 2016	25,000	27,125
NRG Energy, Inc. company guaranty 7 3/8s, 2017	100,000	105,000
NRG Energy, Inc. sr. notes 7 3/8s, 2016	260,000	269,100
NV Energy, Inc. sr. unsec. notes 6 1/4s, 2020	70,000	71,477

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Utilities and power cont.		
PNM Resources, Inc. unsec. unsub. notes 9 1/4s, 2015	\$140,000	\$157,150
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. sr. unsec. unsub. debs. 7s, 2028	15,000	16,703
Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Co., LLC company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 10 1/2s, 2016 ☐☐	178,506	99,963
Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Co., LLC 144A company guaranty sr. notes 15s, 2021	75,000	66,750
		2,579,306
Total corporate bonds and notes (cost \$56,472,647)		\$59,564,159

CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES (30.5%)*	Principal amount	Value
Basic materials (1.2%)		
Steel Dynamics, Inc. cv. sr. notes 5 1/8s, 2014	\$535,000	\$679,116
U.S. Steel Corp. cv. sr. unsec. notes 4s, 2014	335,000	644,875
USEC, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 3s, 2014	600,000	519,750

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		1,843,741
Capital goods (1.1%)		
Alliant Techsystems, Inc. cv. company guaranty sr. sub. notes 3s, 2024	80,000	91,000
General Cable Corp. cv. unsec. sub. notes stepped-coupon 4 1/2s (2 1/4s, 11/15/19) 2029 ☐☐	1,075,000	1,511,719
Trinity Industries, Inc. cv. unsec. sub. notes 3 7/8s, 2036	95,000	97,494
		1,700,213
Communication services (6.1%)		
Clearwire Communications, LLC/Clearwire Finance, Inc. 144A cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. notes 8 1/4s, 2040	1,385,000	1,471,563
Cogent Communication Group, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 1s, 2027	888,000	781,440
Equinix, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 4 3/4s, 2016	695,000	902,631
Leap Wireless International, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 4 1/2s, 2014	1,160,000	1,078,800
Level 3 Communications, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 6 1/2s, 2016	800,000	1,142,000
Level 3 Communications, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 3 1/2s, 2012	610,000	604,663
NII Holdings, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 3 1/8s, 2012	1,400,000	1,393,000
Virgin Media, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 6 1/2s, 2016 (United Kingdom)	1,170,000	1,956,825
		9,330,922
Consumer cyclicals (5.9%)		
CBIZ, Inc. 144A cv. sr. sub. notes 4 7/8s, 2015	397,000	476,152
Charming Shoppes, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 1 1/8s, 2014	1,270,000	1,079,500
Ford Motor Co. cv. sr. unsec. notes 4 1/4s, 2016	631,000	1,153,531
Icahn Enterprises LP 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes FRN 4s, 2013	900,000	891,000

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Liberty Media, LLC cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 3 1/2s, 2031	1,900,000	1,083,095
Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 2 7/8s, 2027	1,420,000	1,276,225
Morgans Hotel Group Co. cv. sr. sub. notes 2 3/8s, 2014	800,000	699,000
Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. cv. unsec. sub. debs 6s, 2012	1,525,000	1,517,375
XM Satellite Radio Holdings, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 7s, 2014	547,000	747,202
		8,923,080
Consumer staples (0.9%)		
Rite Aid Corp. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8 1/2s, 2015	470,000	481,186
Spartan Stores, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 3 3/8s, 2027	883,000	832,228
		1,313,414

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CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES (30.5%)* cont.	Principal amount	Value
Energy (3.2%)		
Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4 3/8s, 2028	\$225,000	\$222,469
Chesapeake Energy Corp. cv. sr. unsec. notes company guaranty 2 1/2s, 2037	1,455,000	1,620,506
Global Industries, Ltd. cv. sr. unsec. notes 2 3/4s, 2027	573,000	444,791
Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 3 1/4s, 2025	1,325,000	1,316,719
Peabody Energy Corp. cv. jr. unsec. sub. debs. 4 3/4s, 2041	400,000	514,000
Penn Virginia Corp. cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 4 1/2s, 2012	700,000	704,375

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Trico Marine Services, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. debts. 3s, 2027 (In default) □	500,000	45,000
		4,867,860
Financials (3.9%)		
Annaly Capital Management, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 4s, 2015 R	400,000	466,000
Ares Capital Corp. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 5 3/4s, 2016	610,000	656,513
CapitalSource, Inc. cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 7 1/4s, 2037	300,000	309,000
Digital Realty Trust LP 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 5 1/2s, 2029 R	545,000	793,316
KKR Financial Holdings, LLC cv. sr. unsec. notes 7 1/2s, 2017	598,000	861,868
MF Global Holdings Ltd. cv. sr. unsec. notes 9s, 2038	720,000	873,000
Old Republic International Corp. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes 8s, 2012	944,000	1,128,080
Tower Group, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 5s, 2014	679,000	797,825
		5,885,602
Health care (2.8%)		
Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 3s, 2014	850,000	772,438
China Medical Technologies, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. bonds Ser. CMT, 4s, 2013 (China)	1,065,000	955,838
China Medical Technologies, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 6 1/4s, 2016 (China)	445,000	510,916
Hologic, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes stepped-coupon 2s (zero %, 12/15/16) 2037 □□	625,000	728,906
Hologic, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. unsub. notes stepped-coupon 2s (zero %, 12/15/13) 2037 □□	600,000	578,250
LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 3 1/4s, 2025	400,000	411,000

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Providence Service Corp. (The) cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 6 1/2s, 2014	302,000	302,378
		4,259,726
Technology (5.2%)		
Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. notes 6s, 2015	1,309,000	1,340,089
EnerSys cv. sr. unsec. notes stepped-coupon 3 3/8s (zero %, 6/1/15) 2038 ☐☐	367,000	435,354
ON Semiconductor Corp. cv. company guaranty sr. unsec. sub. notes 2 5/8s, 2026	650,000	819,813
Powerwave Technologies, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 3 7/8s, 2027	920,000	861,350
Quantum Corp. 144A cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 3 1/2s, 2015	793,000	776,902
Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. cv. sr. unsec. sub. notes 10 1/8s, 2014	1,800,000	2,763,000
TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. 144A cv. sr. unsec. notes 4 1/2s, 2014	875,000	830,113
		7,826,621
Transportation (0.2%)		
AMR Corp. cv. company guaranty sr. unsub. notes 6 1/4s, 2014	355,000	383,844
		383,844
Total convertible bonds and notes (cost \$39,186,620)		\$46,335,023

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CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS (25.6%)*	Shares	Value
Basic materials (1.3%)		
Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. zero % cv. pfd. F	65,720	\$657
Vale Capital II \$3.375 cv. pfd. (Cayman Islands)	21,400	2,038,350

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		2,039,007
Communication services (2.0%)		
Cincinnati Bell, Inc. Ser. B, \$3.378 cum. cv. pfd.	30,900	1,220,550
Crown Castle International Corp. \$3.125 cum. cv. pfd.	29,498	1,766,340
		2,986,890
Consumer cyclicals (6.5%)		
FelCor Lodging Trust, Inc. Ser. A, \$0.488 cum. cv. pfd. R	88,700	2,342,230
General Motors Co. Ser. B, \$2.375 cv. pfd.	67,775	3,448,392
Interpublic Group of Cos, Inc. (The) Ser. B, 5.25% cv. pfd.	1,055	1,218,525
Nielsen Holdings NV \$3.125 cv. pfd.	12,985	721,447
Retail Ventures, Inc. \$3.312 cv. pfd.	19,725	1,216,638
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. \$4.75 cv. pfd.	8,247	974,177
		9,921,409
Consumer staples (2.2%)		
Bunge, Ltd. \$4.875 cv. pfd.	11,750	1,223,469
Dole Food Automatic Exchange 144A 7.00% cv. pfd. □	45,742	624,836
Newell Financial Trust I \$2.625 cum. cv. pfd.	30,380	1,427,860
		3,276,165
Energy (0.7%)		
Apache Corp. Ser. D, \$3.00 cv. pfd.	14,535	988,961
		988,961
Financials (7.4%)		
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. Ser. D, \$1.75 cv. pfd.	28,010	724,759
AMG Capital Trust II \$2.575 cv. pfd.	31,375	1,378,539
Assured Guaranty, Ltd. \$4.25 cv. pfd. (Bermuda)	4,440	271,994

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Bank of America Corp. Ser. L, 7.25% cv. pfd.	1,802	1,808,758
Citigroup, Inc. \$7.50 cv. pfd.	12,180	1,638,210
Entertainment Properties Trust Ser. C, \$1.438 cum. cv. pfd.	51,500	1,047,253
Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (The) \$1.182 cv. pfd.	32,960	913,612
Huntington Bancshares Ser. A, 8.50% cv. pfd.	844	962,160
Wells Fargo & Co. Ser. L, 7.50% cv. pfd.	1,050	1,081,500
XL Group, Ltd. \$2.688 cv. pfd.	41,450	1,334,690
		11,161,475
Miscellaneous (0.5%)		
Swift Mandatory Common Exchange Security Trust 144A 6.00% cv. pfd.	57,635	784,989
		784,989
Technology (1.6%)		
Lucent Technologies Capital Trust I 7.75% cv. pfd.	1,140	1,112,925
Unisys Corp. Ser. A, 6.25% cv. pfd.	13,090	1,339,238
		2,452,163
Utilities and power (3.4%)		
AES Trust III \$3.375 cv. pfd.	30,565	1,493,864
El Paso Corp. 4.99% cv. pfd.	1,090	1,565,513
Great Plains Energy, Inc. \$6.00 cv. pfd.	20,806	1,299,335
PPL Corp. \$4.75 cv. pfd.	15,240	812,444
		5,171,156
Total convertible preferred stocks (cost \$33,918,700)		\$38,782,215

COMMON STOCKS (1.6%)*	Shares	Value
AES Corp. (The) ☐	6,265	\$77,498
Alliance HealthCare Services, Inc. ☐	14,750	61,065
American Media Operations, Inc. 144A F	3,597	1
Ameristar Casinos, Inc.	3,770	63,148
Avis Budget Group, Inc. ☐	3,210	49,177
Bohai Bay Litigation, LLC (Escrow) F	406	1,267
Cincinnati Bell, Inc. ☐	31,355	82,777
CIT Group, Inc. ☐	936	40,548
CONSOL Energy, Inc.	1,300	65,923
El Paso Corp.	4,940	91,884
FelCor Lodging Trust, Inc. ☐ R	8,485	64,231
Fortescue Metals Group, Ltd. (Australia) ☐	9,200	62,927
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. Class B	2,200	116,490
General Motors Co. ☐	2,830	94,890
Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (The) ☐	6,010	79,332
Kinder Morgan, Inc./Kansas ☐	4,710	143,655
L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.	840	66,604

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Macy's, Inc.	2,695	64,411
Merck & Co., Inc.	19,621	639,056
Nortek, Inc. □	470	20,915
Owens Corning □	975	34,837
Petrohawk Energy Corp. □	4,123	89,057
Sealy Corp. □	29,223	84,162
Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. □	2,429	69,712
Sprint Nextel Corp. □	19,115	83,533
Stallion Oilfield Holdings, Ltd.	693	25,468
Terex Corp. □	2,105	71,044
Trump Entertainment Resorts, Inc. ^F	152	759
TRW Automotive Holdings Corp. □	1,540	87,472
Vantage Drilling Co. □	16,505	34,330
Verso Paper Corp. □	1,441	8,531
Vertis Holdings, Inc. ^F	7,497	7
Total common stocks (cost \$2,460,646)		\$2,474,711
UNITS (0.9%)*	Units	Value
Hercules, Inc. cv. jr. unsec. sub. debs. units 6 1/2s, 2029	1,540,000	\$1,309,000
Total units (cost \$1,253,981)		\$1,309,000

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PREFERRED STOCKS (0.1%)*	Shares	Value
Ally Financial, Inc. 144A Ser. G, 7.00% cum. pfd.	211	\$201,090
Total preferred stocks (cost \$122,992)		\$201,090

WARRANTS (□%)* □	Expiration date	Strike price	Warrants	Value
Smurfit Kappa Group PLC 144A (Ireland) ^F	10/1/13	EUR 0.001	119	\$7,676
Tower Semiconductor, Ltd. 144A (Israel) ^F	6/30/15	\$0.01	168,777	40,506
Total warrants (cost \$38,280)				\$48,182

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SENIOR LOANS (□%)* ^C	Principal amount	Value
GateHouse Media, Inc. bank term loan FRN Ser. B, 2.26s, 2014	\$54,785	\$25,667
GateHouse Media, Inc. bank term loan FRN Ser. DD, 2.26s, 2014	20,442	9,577
Total senior loans (cost \$72,023)		\$35,244

SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (1.1%)*	Shares	Value
Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund 0.17% ^e	1,689,158	\$1,689,158
Total short-term investments (cost \$1,689,158)		\$1,689,158

TOTAL INVESTMENTS

Total investments (cost \$135,215,047)

\$150,438,782

Key to holding's currency abbreviations

EUR Euro

USD / \$ United States Dollar

Key to holding's abbreviations

FRB Floating Rate Bonds

FRN Floating Rate Notes

GMTN Global Medium Term Notes

MTN Medium Term Notes

MTNI Medium Term Notes Class I

MTNJ Medium Term Notes Class J

Notes to the fund's portfolio

Unless noted otherwise, the notes to the fund's portfolio are for the close of the fund's reporting period, which ran from September 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011 (the reporting period).

* Percentages indicated are based on net assets of \$151,783,113.

□ Non-income-producing security.

□ The interest rate and date shown parenthetically represent the new interest rate to be paid and the date the fund will begin accruing interest at this rate.

□ Income may be received in cash or additional securities at the discretion of the issuer.

C Senior loans are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but contain certain restrictions on resale and cannot be sold publicly. These loans pay interest at rates which adjust periodically. The interest rates shown for senior loans are the current interest rates at the close of the reporting period. Senior loans are also subject to mandatory and/or optional prepayment which cannot be predicted. As a result, the remaining maturity may be substantially less than the stated maturity shown (Notes 1 and 7).

e See Note 6 to the financial statements regarding investments in Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund. The rate quoted in the security description is the annualized 7-day yield of the fund at the close of the reporting period.

F Is valued at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. Securities may be classified as Level 2 or Level 3 for Accounting Standards Codification ASC 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820) based on the securities' valuation inputs. At the close of the reporting period, fair value pricing was also used for certain foreign securities in the portfolio (Note 1).

R Real Estate Investment Trust.

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At the close of the reporting period, the fund maintained liquid assets totaling \$2,318 to cover certain derivatives contracts.

Debt obligations are considered secured unless otherwise indicated.

144A after the name of an issuer represents securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

The rates shown on FRB and FRN are the current interest rates at the close of the reporting period.

The dates shown on debt obligations are the original maturity dates.

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FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS at 2/28/11 (aggregate face value \$1,548,150) (Unaudited)

Counterparty	Currency	Contract type	Delivery date	Value	Aggregate face value	Unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)
Bank of America, N.A.						
	Canadian Dollar	Sell	3/16/11	\$36,031	\$35,187	\$(844)
	Euro	Sell	3/16/11	122,547	122,456	(91)
Citibank, N.A.						
	Euro	Buy	3/16/11	23,046	23,026	20
Credit Suisse AG						
	Euro	Buy	3/16/11	21,252	21,229	23
Deutsche Bank AG						
	Euro	Sell	3/16/11	131,103	131,014	(89)
Goldman Sachs International						
	Euro	Sell	3/16/11	125,169	125,030	(139)
HSBC Bank USA, National Association						

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Euro	Sell	3/16/11	52,441	52,404	(37)
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.					
Euro	Buy	3/16/11	142,971	142,825	146
Royal Bank of Scotland PLC (The)					
Euro	Buy	3/16/11	77,834	77,775	59
State Street Bank and Trust Co.					
Euro	Sell	3/16/11	67,069	67,001	(68)
UBS AG					
Euro	Sell	3/16/11	1,656	1,655	(1)
Westpac Banking Corp.					
Australian Dollar	Sell	3/16/11	63,459	62,962	(497)
Canadian Dollar	Buy	3/16/11	38,811	38,083	728
Euro	Sell	3/16/11	648,062	647,503	(559)
Total					\$(1,349)

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ASC 820 establishes a three-level hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of the fund's investments. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 □ Valuations based on quoted prices for identical securities in active markets.

Level 2 □ Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 □ Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the fund's net assets as of the close of the reporting period:

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Investments in securities:	Valuation inputs		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Common stocks:			
Basic materials	\$125,021	\$62,927	\$0
Capital goods	71,044	0	0
Communication services	166,310	0	0
Consumer cyclicals	593,398	0	767
Consumer staples	118,889	0	0
Energy	189,310	25,468	1,267
Financials	40,548	0	0
Health care	700,121	0	0
Technology	66,604	0	0
Utilities and power	313,037	0	0
Total common stocks	2,384,282	88,395	2,034
Convertible bonds and notes	0	46,335,023	0
Convertible preferred stocks	0	38,781,558	657
Corporate bonds and notes	0	59,002,399	561,760
Preferred stocks	0	201,090	0
Senior loans	0	35,244	0
Units	0	1,309,000	0

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Warrants			48,182
Short-term investments	1,689,158		
Totals by level	\$4,073,440	\$145,752,709	\$612,633

	Valuation inputs		
Other financial instruments:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Forward currency contracts	\$0	\$(1,349)	\$0
Totals by level	\$0	\$(1,349)	\$0

At the start and/or close of the reporting period, Level 3 investments in securities were not considered a significant portion of the fund's portfolio.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of assets and liabilities 2/28/11 (Unaudited)

ASSETS

Investment in securities, at value (Note 1):	
Unaffiliated issuers (identified cost \$133,525,889)	\$148,749,624
Affiliated issuers (identified cost \$1,689,158) (Note 6)	1,689,158
Cash	8,693
Dividends, interest and other receivables	1,986,617
Receivable for investments sold	1,545,411
Unrealized appreciation on forward currency contracts (Note 1)	976
Total assets	153,980,479

LIABILITIES

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Distributions payable to shareholders	746,381
Payable for investments purchased	1,011,719
Payable for compensation of Manager (Note 2)	252,298
Payable for investor servicing fees (Note 2)	6,248
Payable for custodian fees (Note 2)	9,274
Payable for Trustee compensation and expenses (Note 2)	83,684
Payable for administrative services (Note 2)	547
Unrealized depreciation on forward currency contracts (Note 1)	2,325
Other accrued expenses	84,890

Total liabilities **2,197,366**

Net assets **\$151,783,113**

REPRESENTED BY

Paid-in capital (Unlimited shares authorized) (Note 5)	\$166,324,775
Undistributed net investment income (Note 1)	608,148
Accumulated net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions (Note 1)	(30,371,527)
Net unrealized appreciation of investments and assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	15,221,717

Total Representing net assets applicable to capital shares outstanding **\$151,783,113**

COMPUTATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

Net asset value per share (\$151,783,113 divided by 17,129,764 shares) **\$8.86**

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Statement of operations Six months ended 2/28/11 (Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME

Interest (including interest income of \$1,186 from investments in affiliated issuers) (Note 6)	\$4,129,046
Dividends	1,081,888
Total investment income	5,210,934

EXPENSES

Compensation of Manager (Note 2)	500,996
Investor servicing fees (Note 2)	36,224
Custodian fees (Note 2)	8,784
Trustee compensation and expenses (Note 2)	7,617
Administrative services (Note 2)	1,169
Auditing	51,446
Other	53,297
Total expenses	659,533
Expense reduction (Note 2)	(294)
Net expenses	659,239
Net investment income	4,551,695

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Net realized gain on investments (Notes 1 and 3)	4,700,977
Net realized loss on foreign currency transactions (Note 1)	(15,702)
Net unrealized depreciation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies during the period	(30,816)
Net unrealized appreciation of investments during the period	11,174,397
Net gain on investments	15,828,856
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$20,380,551

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Statement of changes in net assets

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	Six months ended 2/28/11*	Year ended 8/31/10
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$4,551,695	\$8,811,603
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	4,685,275	(338,122)
Net unrealized appreciation of investments and assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	11,143,581	14,295,462
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	20,380,551	22,768,943
Distributions to shareholders (Note 1):		
From ordinary income		
Net investment income	(4,510,925)	(9,031,073)
Increase in capital share transactions from reinvestment of distributions	136,106	105,783

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Decrease from capital shares repurchased (Note 5) □ (1,322,649)

Total increase in net assets **16,005,732** **12,521,004**

NET ASSETS

Beginning of period 135,777,381 123,256,377

End of period (including undistributed net investment income of \$608,148 and \$567,378, respectively) **\$151,783,113** **\$135,777,381**

NUMBER OF FUND SHARES

Shares outstanding at beginning of period 17,113,325 17,294,890

Shares issued in connection with reinvestment of distributions 16,439 13,170

Shares repurchased (Note 5) □ (194,735)

Shares outstanding at end of period 17,129,764 17,113,325

* Unaudited

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Financial highlights (For a common share outstanding throughout the period)

PER-SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE

	Six months ended**	Year ended				
		2/28/11	8/31/10	8/31/09	8/31/08	8/31/07
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$7.93	\$7.13	\$8.23	\$9.15	\$8.82	\$8.69

Investment operations:

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Net investment income (loss) ^a	.27	.51	.50	.56	.55	.54
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	.92	.81	(1.10)	(.98)	.30	.06
Total from investment operations	1.19	1.32	(.60)	(.42)	.85	.60
<i>Less distributions:</i>						
From net investment income	(.26)	(.53)	(.55)	(.55)	(.55)	(.53)
Total distributions	(.26)	(.53)	(.55)	(.55)	(.55)	(.53)
Increase from shares repurchased	□	.01	.05	.05	.03	.04
Increase from payments by affiliates	□	□	□	□	□	.02 ^e
Net asset value, end of period	\$8.86	\$7.93	\$7.13	\$8.23	\$9.15	\$8.82
Market price, end of period	\$8.47	\$8.19	\$6.80	\$7.29	\$8.24	\$7.87
Total return at market price (%) ^b	6.69 *	29.08	2.60	(5.09)	11.64	8.05

RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	\$151,783	\$135,777	\$123,256	\$149,717	\$175,989	\$190,582
Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%) ^c	.45 *	.93	1.04 ^d	.96 ^d	.96 ^d	1.05 ^d
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets (%)	3.12 *	6.60	8.11 ^d	6.36 ^d	5.96 ^d	6.18 ^d
Portfolio turnover (%)	41 *	61	50	42	44	48

* Not annualized.

** Unaudited.

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- a** Per share net investment income (loss) has been determined on the basis of the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.
- b** Total return assumes dividend reinvestment.
- c** Includes amounts paid through expense offset and brokerage/service arrangements (Note 2).
- d** Reflects an involuntary contractual expense limitation and/or waivers of certain fund expenses in connection with investments in Putnam Prime Money Market Fund in effect during the period. As a result of such limitation and/or waivers, the expenses of the fund for the periods ended August 31, 2009, August 31, 2008, August 31, 2007 and August 31, 2006 reflect a reduction of less than 0.01% of average net assets.
- e** Reflects a voluntary reimbursement of \$404,272 from Putnam Management relating to an operational error. The reimbursement had no impact on total return at market price and increased total return at net asset value by 0.24%.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to financial statements 2/28/11 (Unaudited)

Note 1: Significant accounting policies

Putnam High Income Securities Fund (the fund), is a Massachusetts business trust, which is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The investment objective of the fund is to seek to provide high current income as a primary objective and capital appreciation as a secondary objective by investing in a portfolio primarily consisting of high-yielding convertible and nonconvertible securities with the potential for capital appreciation. The fund may invest in higher yielding, lower rated bonds that may have a higher rate of default.

In the normal course of business, the fund enters into contracts that may include agreements to indemnify another party under given circumstances. The fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be, but have not yet been, made against the fund. However, the fund's management team expects the risk of material loss to be remote.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Subsequent events after the Statement of assets and liabilities date through the date that the financial statements were issued have been evaluated in the preparation of the financial statements. Unless otherwise noted, the reporting period represents the period from September 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011.

A) Security valuation Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last reported sales price on their principal exchange, or official closing price for certain markets, and are classified as Level 1 securities. If no sales are reported as in the case of some securities traded over-the-counter a security is valued at its last reported bid price and is generally categorized as a Level 2 security.

Market quotations are not considered to be readily available for certain debt obligations and other investments; such investments are valued on the basis of valuations furnished by an independent pricing service approved by the Trustees or dealers selected by Putnam Investment Management, LLC (Putnam Management), the fund's manager, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Putnam Investments, LLC. Such services or dealers determine valuations for normal institutional-size trading units of such securities using methods based on market transactions for comparable securities and various relationships, generally recognized by institutional traders, between securities (which considers such factors as security prices, yields, maturities and ratings). These securities will generally be categorized as Level 2.

Many securities markets and exchanges outside the U.S. close prior to the close of the New York Stock Exchange and therefore the closing prices for securities in such markets or on such exchanges may not fully reflect events that occur after such close but before the close of the New York Stock Exchange. Accordingly, on certain days, the fund will fair value foreign equity securities taking into account multiple factors including movements in the U.S. securities markets, currency valuations and comparisons to

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the valuation of American Depository Receipts, exchange-traded funds and futures contracts. These securities, which will generally represent a transfer from a Level 1 to a Level 2 security, will be classified as Level 2. The number of days on which fair value prices will be used will depend on market activity and it is possible that fair value prices will be used by the fund to a significant extent. At the close of the reporting period, fair value pricing was used for certain foreign securities in the portfolio. Securities quoted in foreign currencies, if any, are translated into U.S. dollars at the current exchange rate.

To the extent a pricing service or dealer is unable to value a security or provides a valuation that Putnam Management does not believe accurately reflects the security's fair value, the security will be valued at fair value by Putnam Management. Certain investments, including certain restricted and illiquid securities and derivatives, are also valued at fair value following procedures approved by the Trustees. These valuations consider such factors as significant market or specific security events such as interest rate or credit quality changes, various relationships with other securities, discount rates, U.S. Treasury, U.S. swap and credit yields, index levels, convexity exposures and recovery rates. These securities are classified as Level 2 or as Level 3 depending on the priority of the significant inputs.

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Such valuations and procedures are reviewed periodically by the Trustees. The fair value of securities is generally determined as the amount that the fund could reasonably expect to realize from an orderly disposition of such securities over a reasonable period of time. By its nature, a fair value price is a good faith estimate of the value of a security in a current sale and does not reflect an actual market price, which may be different by a material amount.

B) Security transactions and related investment income Security transactions are recorded on the trade date (the date the order to buy or sell is executed). Gains or losses on securities sold are determined on the identified cost basis.

Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income, net of applicable withholding taxes, is recognized on the ex-dividend date except that certain dividends from foreign securities, if any, are recognized as soon as the fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Non-cash dividends, if any, are recorded at the fair market value of the securities received. Dividends representing a return of capital or capital gains, if any, are reflected as a reduction of cost and/or as a realized gain.

All premiums/discounts are amortized/accreted on a yield-to-maturity basis.

The fund earned certain fees in connection with its senior loan purchasing activities. These fees are treated as market discount and are amortized into income in the Statement of operations.

C) Foreign currency translation The accounting records of the fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. The market value of foreign securities, currency holdings, and other assets and liabilities is recorded in the books and records of the fund after translation to U.S. dollars based on the exchange rates on that day. The cost of each security is determined using historical exchange rates. Income and withholding taxes are translated at prevailing exchange rates when earned or incurred. The fund does not isolate that portion of realized or unrealized gains or losses resulting from changes in the foreign exchange rate on investments from fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of the securities. Such gains and losses are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on investments. Net realized gains and losses on foreign currency transactions represent net realized exchange gains or losses on closed forward currency contracts, disposition of foreign currencies, currency gains and losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and the difference between the amount of investment income and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized appreciation and depreciation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies arise from changes in the value of open forward currency contracts and assets and liabilities other than investments at the period end, resulting from changes in the exchange rate. Investments in foreign securities involve certain risks, including those related to economic instability, unfavorable political developments, and currency fluctuations, not present with domestic investments. The fund may be subject to taxes imposed by governments of countries in which it invests. Such taxes are generally based on either income or gains earned or repatriated. The fund accrues and applies such taxes to net investment income, net realized gains and net unrealized gains as income and/or capital gains are earned. In some cases, the fund may be entitled to reclaim all or a portion of such taxes, and such reclaim amounts, if any, are reflected as an asset on the fund's books. In many cases, however, the fund may not receive such amounts for an extended period of time, depending on the country of investment.

D) Forward currency contracts The fund buys and sells forward currency contracts, which are agreements between two parties to buy and sell currencies at a set price on a future date. These contracts are used to hedge foreign exchange risk. The U.S. dollar value of forward currency contracts is determined using current forward currency exchange rates supplied by a quotation service. The market value of the contract will fluctuate with changes in currency exchange rates. The contract is marked to market daily and the change in market value is recorded as an unrealized gain or loss. When the contract is closed, the fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed. The fund could be exposed to risk if the value of the currency changes unfavorably, if the counterparties to the contracts are unable to meet the terms of their contracts or if the fund is unable to enter into a closing position. Risks may exceed amounts recognized on the Statement of assets and liabilities. Forward currency contracts

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outstanding at period end, if any, are listed after the fund's portfolio. Outstanding contracts on forward currency contracts at the close of the reporting period are indicative of the volume of activity during the reporting period.

E) Master agreements The fund is a party to ISDA (International Swap and Derivatives Association, Inc.) Master Agreements (Master Agreements) with certain counterparties that govern over-the-counter derivative and foreign exchange contracts entered into from time to time. The Master Agreements may contain provisions regarding, among other things, the parties' general obligations, representations, agreements, collateral requirements, events of default and early termination. With respect to certain counterparties, in accordance with the terms of the Master

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Agreements, collateral posted to the fund is held in a segregated account by the fund's custodian and with respect to those amounts which can be sold or repledged, are presented in the fund's portfolio. Collateral pledged by the fund is segregated by the fund's custodian and identified in the fund's portfolio. Collateral can be in the form of cash or debt securities issued by the U.S. Government or related agencies or other securities as agreed to by the fund and the applicable counterparty. Collateral requirements are determined based on the fund's net position with each counterparty. Termination events applicable to the fund may occur upon a decline in the fund's net assets below a specified threshold over a certain period of time. Termination events applicable to counterparties may occur upon a decline in the counterparty's long-term and short-term credit ratings below a specified level. In each case, upon occurrence, the other party may elect to terminate early and cause settlement of all derivative and foreign exchange contracts outstanding, including the payment of any losses and costs resulting from such early termination, as reasonably determined by the terminating party. Any decision by one or more of the fund's counterparties to elect early termination could impact the fund's future derivative activity.

At the close of the reporting period, the fund had a net liability position of \$1,597 on derivative contracts subject to the Master Agreements. There was no collateral posted by the fund.

F) Interfund lending The fund, along with other Putnam funds, may participate in an interfund lending program pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). This program allows the fund to lend to other Putnam funds that permit such transactions. Interfund lending transactions are subject to each fund's investment policies and borrowing and lending limits. Interest earned or paid on the interfund lending transaction will be based on the average of certain current market rates. During the reporting period, the fund did not utilize the program.

G) Federal taxes It is the policy of the fund to distribute all of its taxable income within the prescribed time period and otherwise comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), applicable to regulated investment companies. It is also the intention of the fund to distribute an amount sufficient to avoid imposition of any excise tax under Section 4982 of the Code. The fund is subject to the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification ASC 740 *Income Taxes* (ASC 740). ASC 740 sets forth a minimum threshold for financial statement recognition of the benefit of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The fund did not have a liability to record for any unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying financial statements. No provision has been made for federal taxes on income, capital gains or unrealized appreciation on securities held nor for excise tax on income and capital gains. Each of the fund's federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

At August 31, 2010, the fund had a capital loss carryover of \$34,848,105 available to the extent allowed by the Code to offset future net capital gain, if any. The amounts of the carryovers and the expiration dates are:

Loss carryover	Expiration
\$7,031,613	August 31, 2011
133,642	August 31, 2016
4,037,408	August 31, 2017
23,645,442	August 31, 2018

Under the recently enacted Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, the fund will be permitted to carry forward capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010 for an unlimited period. However, any losses incurred during those future years will be required to be utilized prior to the losses incurred in pre-enactment tax years. As a result of this ordering rule, pre-enactment capital loss carryforwards may be more likely to expire unused. Additionally, post-enactment capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses rather than being considered all short-term as under previous law.

Pursuant to federal income tax regulations applicable to regulated investment companies, the fund has elected to defer to its fiscal year ending August 31, 2011 \$63,073 of losses recognized during the period from November 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010.

The aggregate identified cost on a tax basis is \$135,360,671, resulting in gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of \$17,406,364 and \$2,328,253, respectively, or net unrealized appreciation of \$15,078,111.

H) Distributions to shareholders Distributions to shareholders from net investment income are recorded by the fund on the ex-dividend date. Distributions from capital gains, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date and paid at least annually. The amount and character of income and gains to be distributed are determined in accordance

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with income tax regulations, which may differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Dividend sources are estimated at the time of declaration. Actual results may vary. Any non-taxable return of capital cannot be determined until final tax calculations are completed after the end of the fund's fiscal year. Reclassifications are made to the fund's capital accounts to reflect income and gains available for distribution (or available capital loss carryovers) under income tax regulations.

Note 2: Management fee, administrative services and other transactions

The fund pays Putnam Management for management and investment advisory services quarterly based on the average net assets (including assets, but excluding liabilities, attributable to leverage for investment purposes) of the fund. The fee is based on the following annual rates:

0.70%	of the first \$500 million of average net assets,
0.60%	of the next \$500 million of average net assets,
0.55%	of the next \$500 million of average net assets,
0.50%	of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,
0.475%	of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,
0.455%	of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,
0.44%	of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,
0.43%	of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,
0.42%	of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,
0.41%	of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,
0.40%	of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,
0.39%	of the next \$5 billion of average net assets,
0.38%	of the next \$8.5 billion of average net assets,
0.37%	of any excess thereafter.

Putnam Investments Limited (PIL), an affiliate of Putnam Management, is authorized by the Trustees to manage a separate portion of the assets of the fund as determined by Putnam Management from time to time. Putnam Management pays a quarterly

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sub-management fee to PIL for its services at an annual rate of 0.40% of the average net assets (including assets, but excluding liabilities, attributable to leverage for investment purposes) of the portion of the fund managed by PIL.

The fund reimburses Putnam Management an allocated amount for the compensation and related expenses of certain officers of the fund and their staff who provide administrative services to the fund. The aggregate amount of all such reimbursements is determined annually by the Trustees.

Custodial functions for the fund's assets are provided by State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street). Custody fees are based on the fund's asset level, the number of its security holdings and transaction volumes.

Putnam Investor Services, a division of Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company (PFTC), which is an affiliate of Putnam Management, provided investor servicing agent functions to the fund through December 31, 2010. Subsequent to December 31, 2010 these services were provided by Putnam Investor Services, Inc., an affiliate of Putnam Management. Both Putnam Investor Services and Putnam Investor Services, Inc. were paid a monthly fee for investor servicing at an annual rate of 0.05% of the fund's average net assets. The amounts incurred for investor servicing agent functions during the reporting period are included in Investor servicing fees in the Statement of operations.

The fund has entered into expense offset arrangements with PFTC and State Street whereby PFTC's and State Street's fees are reduced by credits allowed on cash balances. The fund also reduced expenses through brokerage/service arrangements. For the reporting period, the fund's expenses were reduced by \$77 under the expense offset arrangements and by \$217 under the brokerage/service arrangements.

Each independent Trustee of the fund receives an annual Trustee fee, of which \$93, as a quarterly retainer, has been allocated to the fund, and an additional fee for each Trustees meeting attended. Trustees also are reimbursed for expenses they incur relating to their services as Trustees.

The fund has adopted a Trustee Fee Deferral Plan (the Deferral Plan) which allows the Trustees to defer the receipt of all or a portion of Trustees fees payable on or after July 1, 1995. The deferred fees remain invested in certain Putnam funds until distribution in accordance with the Deferral Plan.

The fund has adopted an unfunded noncontributory defined benefit pension plan (the Pension Plan) covering all Trustees of the fund who have served as a Trustee for at least five years and were first elected prior to 2004. Benefits under the Pension Plan are equal to 50% of the Trustee's average annual attendance and retainer fees for

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the three years ended December 31, 2005. The retirement benefit is payable during a Trustee's lifetime, beginning the year following retirement, for the number of years of service through December 31, 2006. Pension expense for the fund is included in Trustee compensation and expenses in the Statement of operations. Accrued pension liability is included in Payable for Trustee compensation and expenses in the Statement of assets and liabilities. The Trustees have terminated the Pension Plan with respect to any Trustee first elected after 2003.

Note 3: Purchases and sales of securities

During the reporting period, cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investment securities other than short-term investments aggregated \$58,423,459 and \$59,197,675, respectively. There were no purchases or proceeds from sales of long-term U.S. government securities.

Note 4: Summary of derivative activity

The following is a summary of the market values of derivative instruments as of the close of the reporting period:

Market values of derivative instruments as of the close of the reporting period

	Asset derivatives	Liability derivatives
Derivatives not accounted for as	Statement of	Statement of

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hedging instruments under ASC 815	assets and liabilities location	Market value	assets and liabilities location	Market value
Foreign exchange contracts	Receivables	\$976	Payables	\$2,325
Equity contracts	Investments	48,182	Payables	□
Total		\$49,158		\$2,325

The following is a summary of realized and change in unrealized gains or losses of derivative instruments on the Statement of operations for the reporting period (see Note 1):

Amount of realized gain or (loss) on derivatives recognized in net gain or (loss) on investments

Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815	Warrants	Forward currency contracts	Total
Foreign exchange contracts	\$□	\$(17,180)	\$(17,180)
Equity contracts	(725)	□	\$(725)
Total	\$(725)	\$(17,180)	\$(17,905)

Change in unrealized appreciation or (depreciation) on derivatives recognized in net gain or (loss) on investments

Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC 815	Warrants	Forward currency contracts	Total
Foreign exchange contracts	\$□	\$(31,396)	\$(31,396)
Equity contracts	4,741	□	\$4,741
Total	\$4,741	\$(31,396)	\$(26,655)

Note 5: Shares repurchased

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In September 2010, the Trustees approved the renewal of the repurchase program to allow the fund to repurchase up to 10% of its outstanding common shares over the 12-month period ending October 7, 2011 (based on shares outstanding as of October 7, 2010). Prior to this renewal, the Trustees had approved a repurchase program to allow the fund to repurchase up to 10% of its outstanding common shares over the 12-month period ending October 7, 2010 (based on shares outstanding as of October 7, 2009) and prior to that, to allow the fund to repurchase up to 10% of its outstanding common shares over the 12-month period ending October 7, 2009 (based on shares outstanding as of October 5, 2008). Repurchases are made when the fund's shares are trading at less than net asset value and in accordance with procedures approved by the fund's Trustees.

For the reporting period, the fund did not repurchase any of its common shares.

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Note 6: Investment in Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund

The fund invested in Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund, an open-end management investment company managed by Putnam Management. Investments in Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund are valued at its closing net asset value each business day. Income distributions earned by the fund are recorded as interest income in the Statement of operations and totaled \$1,186 for the reporting period. During the reporting period, cost of purchases and proceeds of sales of investments in Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund aggregated \$32,438,880 and \$32,252,286, respectively. Management fees charged to Putnam Money Market Liquidity Fund have been waived by Putnam Management.

Note 7: Senior loan commitments

Senior loans are purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis and may be settled a month or more after the trade date, which from time to time can delay the actual investment of available cash balances; interest income is accrued based on the terms of the securities. Senior loans can be acquired through an agent, by assignment from another holder of the loan, or as a participation interest in another holder's portion of the loan. When the fund invests in a loan or participation, the fund is subject to the risk that an intermediate participant between the fund and the borrower will fail to meet its obligations to the fund, in addition to the risk that the borrower under the loan may default on its obligations.

Note 8: Regulatory matters and litigation

In late 2003 and 2004, Putnam Management settled charges brought by the SEC and the Massachusetts Securities Division in connection with excessive short-term trading in Putnam funds. Distribution of payments from Putnam Management to certain open-end Putnam funds and their shareholders is expected to be completed in the next several months. These allegations and related matters have served as the general basis for certain lawsuits, including purported class action lawsuits against Putnam Management and, in a limited number of cases, some Putnam funds. Putnam Management believes that these lawsuits will have no material adverse effect on the funds or on Putnam Management's ability to provide investment management services. In addition, Putnam Management has agreed to bear any costs incurred by the Putnam funds as a result of these matters.

Note 9: Market and credit risk

In the normal course of business, the fund trades financial instruments and enters into financial transactions where risk of potential loss exists due to changes in the market (market risk) or failure of the contracting party to the transaction to perform (credit risk). The fund may be exposed to additional credit risk that an institution or other entity with which the fund has unsettled or open transactions will default.

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Shareholder meeting results (Unaudited)

January 28, 2011 annual meeting

At the meeting, each of the nominees for Trustees was elected, as follows:

Votes for

Votes withheld

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Ravi Akhoury	13,753,188	369,777
Barbara M. Baumann	13,737,781	385,184
Jameson A. Baxter	13,752,470	370,495
Charles B. Curtis	13,745,723	377,242
Robert J. Darretta	13,766,925	356,040
Myra R. Drucker*	13,752,608	370,357
John A. Hill	13,754,598	368,367
Paul L. Joskow	13,750,228	372,737
Kenneth R. Leibler	13,747,093	375,872
Robert E. Patterson	13,760,478	362,487
George Putnam, III	13,718,944	404,021
Robert L. Reynolds	13,758,966	363,999
W. Thomas Stephens	13,730,359	392,606

* Myra Drucker retired from the Board of Trustees of the Putnam funds effective January 30, 2011.

All tabulations are rounded to the nearest whole number.

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Fund information

About Putnam Investments

Founded over 70 years ago, Putnam Investments was built around the concept that a balance between risk and reward is the hallmark of a well-rounded financial program. We manage over 100 funds across income, value, blend, growth, asset allocation, absolute return, and global sector categories.

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Item 2. Code of Ethics:

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Not Applicable

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert:

Not Applicable

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services:

Not Applicable

Item 5. Audit Committee

Not Applicable

Item 6. Schedule of Investments:

The registrant's schedule of investments in unaffiliated issuers is included in the report to shareholders in Item 1 above.

Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures For Closed-End Management Investment Companies:

Not applicable

Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies

(a) Not applicable

(b) There have been no changes to the list of the registrant's identified portfolio managers included in the registrant's report on Form N-CSR for the most recent completed fiscal year.

Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Companies and Affiliated Purchasers:

Registrant Purchase of Equity Securities

<u>Period</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased</u>	<u>Average Price Paid per Share</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs*</u>	<u>Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased under the Plans or Programs**</u>
September 1 - September 30, 2010	-	-	-	1,534,754
October 1 - October 7, 2010	-	-	-	1,534,754

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October 8 -				
October 31, 2010	-	-	-	1,711,761
November 1 -				
November 30, 2010	-	-	-	1,711,761
December 1 -				
December 31, 2010	-	-	-	1,711,761
January 1 -				
January 31, 2011	-	-	-	1,711,761
February 1 -				
February 28, 2011	-	-	-	1,711,761

* In October 2005, the Board of Trustees of the Putnam Funds initiated the closed-end fund share repurchase program, which, as subsequently amended, authorized the repurchase of up to 10% of the fund's outstanding common shares over the two-years ending October 5, 2007. The Trustees subsequently renewed the program on four occasions, to permit the repurchase of an additional 10% of the fund's outstanding common shares over each of the twelve-month periods beginning on October 8, 2007, October 8, 2008, October 8, 2009 and October 8, 2010. The October 8, 2008 - October 7, 2009 program, which was announced in September 2008, allowed repurchases up to a total of 1,797,637 shares of the fund. The October 8, 2009 - October 7, 2010 program, which was announced in September 2009, allows repurchases up to a total of 1,729,489 shares of the fund. The October 8, 2010 - October 7, 2011 program, which was announced in September 2010, allows repurchases up to a total of 1,711,761 shares of the fund.

**Information prior to October 7, 2010 is based on the total number of shares eligible for repurchase under the program, as amended through September 2009. Information from October 8, 2010 forward is based on the total number of shares eligible for repurchase under the program, as amended through September 2010.

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, based on their evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that the design and operation of such procedures are generally effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the registrant in this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.

(b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting: Not applicable

Item 12. Exhibits:

(a)(1) Not applicable

(a)(2) Separate certifications for the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are filed herewith.

(b) The certifications required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, are filed herewith.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

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By (Signature and Title):

/s/Janet C. Smith

Janet C. Smith
Principal Accounting Officer

Date: April 28, 2011

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 (Signature and Title):

/s/Jonathan S. Horwitz

Jonathan S. Horwitz
Principal Executive Officer

Date: April 28, 2011

By (Signature and Title):

/s/Steven D. Krichmar

Steven D. Krichmar
Principal Financial Officer

Date: April 28, 2011
