

FLAHERTY & CRUMRINE PREFERRED INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND

To the Shareholders of Flaherty & Crumrine Preferred Income Opportunity Fund (“PFO”):

While the first fiscal quarter¹ began on a very weak note, with fixed-income markets (including preferreds) down sharply in December 2018, markets did a 180-degree turn as the Fed changed its tune on monetary policy. Rebounding prices were broad-based and more than made up for weakness in December, and investors are once again on a hunt for yield. Total return² on net asset value (“NAV”) for the first fiscal quarter was 5.9%, while total return on market price was 3.1%.

As discussed in our Annual Report dated November 30, 2018, there were many factors contributing to weakness in 2018. A few of them continue today, including a global economic slowdown, ongoing trade wars, and continuous political headlines from both sides of the aisle. However, the Federal Reserve’s unexpected pivot on its outlook for future rate hikes and size of its balance sheet (System Open Market Account (SOMA) portfolio) deserve most of the credit for the market’s sudden mood change. As of its March 20 meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee estimates no rate increases in 2019 and one 0.25% hike in 2020, which would leave the year-end 2021 fed funds rate 0.5% below earlier projections. It also plans to halt SOMA reductions in October 2019, an earlier end point than previously expected.

The Fed’s revised positions on rates and SOMA have been followed by similar policy statements from the European Central Bank (ECB). Investors globally have shifted expectations and now expect government officials to keep close watch over economies and markets with continued dovish monetary policies. The result has been lower, and remarkably stable, Treasury rates and a dramatic re-tightening of credit spreads.

Flow data on money going into and out of markets and investment products from late-2018 indicate many may have underestimated the degree of concern among investors. Outflows, particularly from corporate credit fixed-income funds, were substantial and help explain the magnitude of market weakness. Flows back into markets in 2019 have been impressive as well, although thus far they have fallen short of making up for late-2018’s outflows.

Macro factors have been driving markets, and there is little new to say about the Fund’s portfolio. Our allocations continue to focus on credit quality and structure – both of which remain healthy – and portfolio turnover remains low. The economic outlook and related macro factors – such as global monetary policy and trade – should continue to have an outsized impact on our market’s direction over the near-term.

Credit fundamentals for most issuers of preferreds are strong, and we expect them to remain resilient even if the pace of economic growth slows over the next several years. Supply of newly-issued preferreds should remain very manageable, providing technical support to the market. Combined with competitive yields, tax advantages, and benign credit conditions, we believe the case for preferreds as an income investment remains intact.

Sincerely,

The Flaherty & Crumrine Portfolio Management Team

March 29, 2019

¹ December 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019

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

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW
February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)

Fund Statistics

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Net Asset Value | \$ 10.97 |
| Market Price | \$ 11.08 |
| Premium | 1.00% |
| Yield on Market Price† | 6.77% |
| Common Stock Shares Outstanding | 12,568,413 |

† February 2019 dividend of \$0.0625 per share, annualized, divided by Market Price.

Security Ratings % of Net Assets††**

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| A | 1.1% |
| BBB | 53.8% |
| BB | 31.1% |
| Below "BB" | 0.9% |
| Not Rated*** | 9.9% |

Portfolio Rating Guidelines % of Net Assets††

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| Security Rated Below Investment Grade By All**** | 30.6% |
| Issuer or Senior Debt Rated Below Investment Grade by All***** | 1.7% |

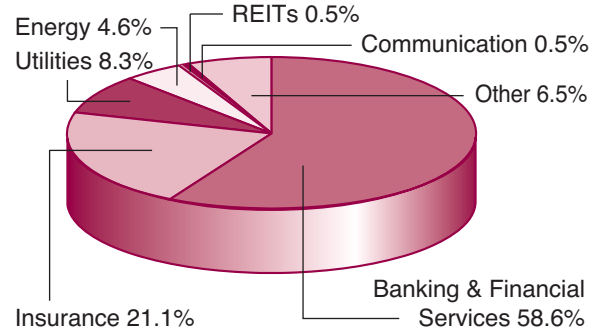
** Ratings are from Moody's Investors Service, Inc. "Not Rated" securities are those with no ratings available from Moody's. May not sum to 100% due to rounding.

*** Excludes common stock and money market fund investments and net other assets and liabilities of 3.2%.

**** Security rating below investment grade by all of Moody's, S&P Global Ratings, and Fitch Ratings.

***** Security rating and issuer's senior unsecured debt or issuer rating are below investment grade by all of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. The Fund's investment policy currently limits such securities to 15% of Net Assets.

Industry Categories* % of Net Assets††



*Categories may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Top 10 Holdings by Issuer % of Net Assets††

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| JPMorgan Chase & Co | 4.2% |
| MetLife Inc | 4.2% |
| Morgan Stanley | 3.9% |
| PNC Financial Services Group Inc | 3.8% |
| BNP Paribas | 3.2% |
| Fifth Third Bancorp | 3.1% |
| Wells Fargo & Company | 3.0% |
| Liberty Mutual Group | 2.8% |
| HSBC Holdings PLC | 2.7% |
| Citigroup Inc | 2.7% |

% of Net Assets*** ††**

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| Holdings Generating Qualified Dividend Income (QDI) for Individuals | 62% |
| Holdings Generating Income Eligible for the Corporate Dividends Received Deduction (DRD) | 44% |

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

†† Net Assets includes assets attributable to the use of leverage.

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)

| <u>Shares/\$ Par</u> | | <u>Value</u> |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Preferred Stock & Hybrid Preferred Securities^s — 76.2% | | |
| Banking — 40.8% | | |
| Bank of America Corporation: | | |
| \$ 2,100,000 | 5.875% to 03/15/28 then 3ML + 2.931%, Series FF | \$ 2,073,277 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 300,000 | 6.30% to 03/10/26 then 3ML + 4.553%, Series DD | 327,009 ^{*(4)} |
| Capital One Financial Corporation: | | |
| 2,020 | 6.00%, Series B | 51,278 ^{*(4)} |
| 12,400 | 6.00%, Series H | 322,089 ^{*(4)} |
| 7,000 | 6.20%, Series F | 182,630 ^{*(4)} |
| 24,333 | 6.70%, Series D | 631,563 ^{*(4)} |
| Citigroup, Inc.: | | |
| \$ 250,000 | 5.875% to 03/27/20 then 3ML + 4.059%, Series O | 252,864 ^{*(4)} |
| \$ 430,000 | 5.95% to 05/15/25 then 3ML + 3.905%, Series P | 433,859 ^{*(4)} |
| 115,370 | 6.875% to 11/15/23 then 3ML + 4.13%, Series K | 3,103,453 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| 74,694 | 7.125% to 09/30/23 then 3ML + 4.04%, Series J | 2,042,575 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| Citizens Financial Group, Inc.: | | |
| 35,000 | 6.35% to 04/06/24 then 3ML + 3.642%, Series D | 910,525 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 900,000 | 6.375% to 04/06/24 then 3ML + 3.157%, Series C | 893,452 ^{*(4)} |
| CoBank ACB: | | |
| 13,500 | 6.125%, Series G, 144A**** | 1,367,550 ^{*(4)} |
| 9,000 | 6.20% to 01/01/25 then 3ML + 3.744%, Series H, 144A**** | 932,850 ^{*(4)} |
| 10,000 | 6.25% to 10/01/22 then 3ML + 4.557%, Series F, 144A**** | 1,035,000 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 415,000 | 6.25% to 10/01/26 then 3ML + 4.66%, Series I, 144A**** | 431,600 ^{*(4)} |
| 232,307 | Fifth Third Bancorp, 6.625% to 12/31/23 then 3ML + 3.71%, Series I | 6,612,038 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| First Horizon National Corporation: | | |
| 750 | First Tennessee Bank, 3ML + 0.85%, min 3.75%, 3.75% ⁽⁵⁾ , 144A**** | 551,250 ^{*(4)} |
| 1 | FT Real Estate Securities Company, 9.50% 03/31/31, 144A**** | 1,293,750 |
| Goldman Sachs Group: | | |
| \$ 2,000,000 | 5.00% to 11/10/22 then 3ML + 2.874%, Series P | 1,842,950 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 195,000 | 5.70% to 05/10/19 then 3ML + 3.884%, Series L | 195,244 ^{*(4)} |
| 50,000 | 6.375% to 05/10/24 then 3ML + 3.55%, Series K | 1,340,000 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| HSBC Holdings PLC: | | |
| \$ 800,000 | HSBC Capital Funding LP, 10.176% to 06/30/30 then 3ML + 4.98%, 144A**** .. | 1,173,776 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
| Huntington Bancshares, Inc.: | | |
| 99,000 | 6.25%, Series D | 2,560,140 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 950,000 | 5.70% to 04/15/23 then 3ML + 2.88%, Series E | 915,168 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| JPMorgan Chase & Company: | | |
| 54,650 | 6.70%, Series T | 1,366,250 ^{*(4)} |
| \$ 2,689,000 | 3ML + 3.47%, 6.2205% ⁽⁵⁾ , Series I | 2,705,739 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 300,000 | 6.00% to 08/01/23 then 3ML + 3.30%, Series R | 309,250 ^{*(4)} |
| \$ 4,167,000 | 6.75% to 02/01/24 then 3ML + 3.78%, Series S | 4,584,804 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| 84,000 | KeyCorp, 6.125% to 12/15/26 then 3ML + 3.892%, Series E | 2,247,319 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 1,550,000 | Lloyds TSB Bank PLC, 12.00% to 12/16/24 then 3ML + 11.756%, 144A**** | 1,880,847 ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ |

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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| <u>Shares/\$ Par</u> | | <u>Value</u> |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Preferred Stock & Hybrid Preferred Securities — (Continued) | | |
| Banking — (Continued) | | |
| \$ 2,240,000 | M&T Bank Corporation, 6.45% to 02/15/24 then 3ML + 3.61%, Series E | \$ 2,387,470 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| 40,220 | MB Financial, Inc., 6.00%, Series C | 1,012,337 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| | Morgan Stanley: | |
| 82,600 | 5.85% to 04/15/27 then 3ML + 3.491%, Series K | 2,094,736 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| 148,000 | 6.875% to 01/15/24 then 3ML + 3.94%, Series F | 4,022,640 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| 77,200 | 7.125% to 10/15/23 then 3ML + 4.32%, Series E | 2,168,162 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| 162,500 | New York Community Bancorp, Inc., 6.375% to 03/17/27 then 3ML + 3.821%, Series A | 4,082,000 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| 16,600 | People's United Financial, Inc., 5.625% to 12/15/26 then 3ML + 4.02%, Series A . . PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.: | 394,665 ^{*(4)} |
| 287,667 | 6.125% to 05/01/22 then 3ML + 4.067%, Series P | 7,649,785 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 395,000 | 6.75% to 08/01/21 then 3ML + 3.678%, Series O | 421,773 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 1,775,000 | Rabobank Nederland, 11.00% to 06/30/19 then 3ML + 10.868%, 144A**** | 1,821,594 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
| 35,000 | Regions Financial Corporation, 6.375% to 09/15/24 then 3ML + 3.536%, Series B . . Sovereign Bancorp: | 941,937 ^{*(4)} |
| 2,600 | Sovereign REIT, 12.00%, Series A, 144A**** | 2,916,147 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| | State Street Corporation: | |
| 83,700 | 5.90% to 03/15/24 then 3ML + 3.108%, Series D | 2,187,709 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 250,000 | 5.625% to 12/15/23 then 3ML + 2.539%, Series H | 249,584 ^{*(4)} |
| 20,517 | Sterling Bancorp, 6.50%, Series A | 562,474 ^{*(4)} |
| 10,000 | Texas Capital Bancshares Inc., 6.50%, Series A | 254,850 ^{*(4)} |
| 24,460 | US Bancorp, 6.50% to 01/15/22 then 3ML + 4.468%, Series F | 672,772 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| 28,000 | Valley National Bancorp, 5.50% to 09/30/22 then 3ML + 3.578%, Series B | 699,440 ^{*(4)} |
| | Wells Fargo & Company: | |
| 15,000 | 5.625%, Series Y | 379,800 ^{*(4)} |
| 225 | 7.50%, Series L | 289,495 ^{*(4)} |
| 56,200 | 5.85% to 09/15/23 then 3ML + 3.09%, Series Q | 1,423,670 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 2,075,000 | 5.875% to 06/15/25 then 3ML + 3.99%, Series U | 2,196,450 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 1,139,000 | 3ML + 3.77%, 6.5582% ⁽⁵⁾ , Series K | 1,148,966 ^{*(4)} |
| 34,400 | 6.625% to 03/15/24 then 3ML + 3.69%, Series R | 946,000 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 1,210,000 | Zions Bancorporation, 7.20% to 09/15/23 then 3ML + 4.44%, Series J | 1,259,410 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| | | <u>86,753,965</u> |
| Financial Services — 1.1% | | |
| \$ 419,000 | AerCap Global Aviation Trust, 6.50% to 06/15/25 then 3ML + 4.30%, 06/15/45, 144A**** | 419,000 ⁽²⁾ |
| \$ 444,000 | E*TRADE Financial Corporation, 5.30% to 03/15/23 then 3ML + 3.16%, Series B . . General Motors Financial Company: | 412,181 ^{*(4)} |
| \$ 420,000 | 5.75% to 09/30/27 then 3ML + 3.598%, Series A | 368,455 ^{*(4)} |
| \$ 725,000 | 6.50% to 09/30/28 then 3ML + 3.436%, Series B | 659,007 ^{*(4)} |
| 20,000 | Stifel Financial Corp., 6.25%, Series B | 504,000 ^{*(4)} |
| | | <u>2,362,643</u> |

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| <u>Shares/\$ Par</u> | | <u>Value</u> |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Preferred Stock & Hybrid Preferred Securities — (Continued) | | |
| Insurance — 18.2% | | |
| 73,000 | Allstate Corporation, 6.625%, Series E | \$ 1,852,010 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| \$ 1,500,000 | American International Group, Inc., 8.175% to 05/15/38 then 3ML + 4.195%, 05/15/58 | 1,742,212 |
| \$ 275,000 | Aon Corporation, 8.205% 01/01/27 | 322,017 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | Arch Capital Group, Ltd.: | |
| 11,000 | 5.25%, Series E | 251,283 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| 9,900 | 5.45%, Series F | 229,185 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| \$ 1,453,000 | AXA SA, 6.379% to 12/14/36 then 3ML + 2.256%, 144A ^{****} | 1,552,894 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| 19,750 | Axis Capital Holdings Ltd., 5.50%, Series E | 469,063 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| | Chubb Ltd.: | |
| \$ 1,200,000 | Ace Capital Trust II, 9.70% 04/01/30 | 1,621,164 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 129,700 | Delphi Financial Group, 3ML + 3.19%, 5.8738% ⁽⁵⁾ 05/15/37 | 2,999,313 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 42,000 | Enstar Group Ltd., 7.00% to 09/01/28 then 3ML + 4.015%, Series D | 1,044,225 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| \$ 1,031,000 | Everest Reinsurance Holdings, 3ML + 2.385%, 5.0688% ⁽⁵⁾ 05/15/37 | 898,460 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 10,000 | Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., 7.875% to 04/15/22 then 3ML + 5.596%, 04/15/42 | 285,950 |
| \$ 3,054,000 | Liberty Mutual Group, 7.80% 03/15/37, 144A ^{****} | 3,485,973 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | MetLife, Inc.: | |
| \$ 3,350,000 | 9.25% 04/08/38, 144A ^{****} | 4,445,551 ⁽¹⁾ |
| \$ 2,704,000 | 10.75% 08/01/39 | 4,034,449 ⁽¹⁾ |
| \$ 350,000 | MetLife Capital Trust IV, 7.875% 12/15/37, 144A ^{****} | 426,494 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | PartnerRe Ltd.: | |
| 23,350 | 5.875%, Series I | 596,126 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| 5,300 | 6.50%, Series G | 138,171 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| 78,200 | 7.25%, Series H | 2,096,542 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| \$ 241,000 | Prudential Financial, Inc., 5.625% to 06/15/23 then 3ML + 3.92%, 06/15/43 | 250,393 |
| 17,000 | RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., 5.75%, Series F | 417,180 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| | Unum Group: | |
| \$ 4,172,000 | Provident Financing Trust I, 7.405% 03/15/38 | 4,347,349 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 24,000 | W.R. Berkley Corporation, 5.75% 06/01/56 | 604,997 |
| | XL Group Limited: | |
| \$ 1,400,000 | Catlin Insurance Company Ltd., 3ML + 2.975%, 5.736% ⁽⁵⁾ , 144A ^{****} | 1,349,565 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
| \$ 3,318,000 | XL Capital Ltd., 3ML + 2.4575%, 5.2448% ⁽⁵⁾ , Series E | 3,127,215 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
| | | 38,587,781 |
| Utilities — 8.3% | | |
| \$ 620,000 | CenterPoint Energy, Inc., 6.125% to 09/01/23 then 3ML + 3.27%, Series A | 630,332 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| | Commonwealth Edison: | |
| \$ 2,512,000 | COMED Financing III, 6.35% 03/15/33 | 2,607,720 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 133,100 | Dominion Energy, Inc., 5.25% 07/30/76, Series A | 3,311,861 ⁽¹⁾ |

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| <u>Shares/\$ Par</u> | | <u>Value</u> |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Preferred Stock & Hybrid Preferred Securities — (Continued) | | |
| Utilities — (Continued) | | |
| | DTE Energy Company: | |
| 7,000 | 5.375% 06/01/76, Series B | \$ 179,725 |
| 13,000 | 6.00% 12/15/76, Series F | 348,465 |
| \$ 2,030,000 | Emera, Inc., 6.75% to 06/15/26 then 3ML + 5.44%, 06/15/76, Series 2016A | 2,104,044 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ |
| 650 | Georgia Power Company, 5.00% 10/01/77, Series 2017A | 16,305 |
| 24,000 | Indianapolis Power & Light Company, 5.65% | 2,418,000 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
| 77,100 | Integrus Energy Group, Inc., 6.00% to 08/01/23 then 3ML + 3.22%, 08/01/73 | 1,949,474 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | NextEra Energy: | |
| \$ 293,000 | NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., 3ML + 2.125%, 4.9132% ⁽⁵⁾ 06/15/67, Series C | 255,344 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | NiSource, Inc.: | |
| \$ 300,000 | 5.65% to 06/15/23 then T5Y + 2.843%, Series A, 144A**** | 289,751 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| 28,000 | 6.50% to 03/15/24 then T5Y + 3.632%, Series B | 747,950 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
| | PECO Energy: | |
| \$ 1,500,000 | PECO Energy Capital Trust III, 7.38% 04/06/28, Series D | 1,622,089 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | PPL Corp: | |
| 26,800 | PPL Capital Funding, Inc., 5.90% 04/30/73, Series B | 672,412 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | Southern California Edison: | |
| 20,000 | SCE Trust V, 5.45% to 03/15/26 then 3ML + 3.79%, Series K | 465,300 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| | | <u>17,618,772</u> |
| Energy — 3.8% | | |
| | DCP Midstream LP: | |
| \$ 1,060,000 | 7.375% to 12/15/22 then 3ML + 5.148%, Series A | 1,021,337 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
| 3,800 | 7.875% to 06/15/23 then 3ML + 4.919%, Series B | 92,169 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| \$ 1,030,000 | Enbridge, Inc., 6.00% to 01/15/27 then 3ML + 3.89%, 01/15/77 | 1,010,873 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ |
| | Energy Transfer Partners LP: | |
| 115,480 | 7.375% to 05/15/23 then 3ML + 4.53%, Series C | 2,784,119 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
| 1,400 | 7.625% to 08/15/23 then 3ML + 4.738%, Series D | 34,300 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| \$ 500,000 | Enterprise Products Operating L.P., 5.25% to 08/16/27 then 3ML + 3.033%, 08/16/77, Series E | 459,234 |
| 31,500 | NuStar Logistics LP, 3ML + 6.734%, 9.5213% ⁽⁵⁾ 01/15/43 | 790,335 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | Transcanada Pipelines, Ltd.: | |
| \$ 1,000,000 | 5.30% to 03/15/27 then 3ML + 3.208%, 03/15/77, Series 2017-A | 931,475 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ |
| \$ 1,000,000 | 5.875% to 08/15/26 then 3ML + 4.64%, 08/15/76, Series 2016-A | 996,475 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ |
| | | <u>8,120,317</u> |
| Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) — 0.5% | | |
| 3,110 | Annaly Capital Management, Inc., 6.95% to 09/30/22 then 3ML + 4.993%, Series F .. | 78,123 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| | National Retail Properties, Inc.: | |
| 5,500 | 5.20%, Series F | 124,850 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| 23,962 | 5.70%, Series E | 596,055 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾ |
| 6,918 | PS Business Parks, Inc., 5.20%, Series W | 160,048 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| | | <u>959,076</u> |

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| Shares/\$ Par | Value | |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Preferred Stock & Hybrid Preferred Securities — (Continued) | | |
| Miscellaneous Industries — 3.5% | | |
| BHP Billiton Limited: | | |
| \$ 400,000 | BHP Billiton Finance U.S.A., Ltd., 6.75% to 10/19/25 then SW5 + 5.093%, 10/19/75, 144A**** | \$ 439,370 ⁽²⁾ |
| \$ 392,000 | General Electric Company, 5.00% to 01/21/21 then 3ML + 3.33%, Series D | 370,038 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| Land O' Lakes, Inc.: | | |
| \$ 240,000 | 7.25%, Series B, 144A**** | 238,200 ^{*(4)} |
| \$ 3,630,000 | 8.00%, Series A, 144A**** | 3,775,200 ^{*(1)(4)} |
| 30,400 | Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25%, 144A**** | 2,644,800 ^{*(4)} |
| | | 7,467,608 |
| Total Preferred Stock & Hybrid Preferred Securities | | |
| (Cost \$155,529,712) | | 161,870,162 |
| Contingent Capital Securities⁽³⁾ — 16.7% | | |
| Banking — 14.1% | | |
| Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., 6.75% to 06/15/26 then ISDA5 + 5.168%, 144A**** | | 1,910,521 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| \$ 1,817,000 | | |
| \$ 2,200,000 | Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA, 6.125% to 11/16/27 then SW5 + 3.87% | 1,984,884 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| \$ 490,000 | Banco Mercantil del Norte SA, 7.625% to 01/06/28 then T10Y + 5.353%, 144A**** | 482,650 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| Barclays Bank PLC: | | |
| \$ 930,000 | 7.75% to 09/15/23 then SW5 + 4.842% | 928,452 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| \$ 2,848,000 | 7.875% to 03/15/22 then SW5 + 6.772%, 144A**** | 2,993,994 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| BNP Paribas: | | |
| \$ 380,000 | 7.00% to 08/16/28 then SW5 + 3.98%, 144A**** | 380,560 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| \$ 4,661,000 | 7.375% to 08/19/25 then SW5 + 5.15%, 144A**** | 4,916,330 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| \$ 1,500,000 | 7.625% to 03/30/21 then SW5 + 6.314%, 144A**** | 1,581,502 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| \$ 270,000 | Credit Agricole SA, 7.875% to 01/23/24 then SW5 + 4.898%, 144A**** | 290,432 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| HSBC Holdings PLC: | | |
| \$ 325,000 | 6.00% to 05/22/27 then ISDA5 + 3.746% | 316,948 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| \$ 3,430,000 | 6.50% to 03/23/28 then ISDA5 + 3.606% | 3,379,750 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| \$ 937,000 | 6.875% to 06/01/21 then ISDA5 + 5.514% | 973,983 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| \$ 500,000 | Macquarie Bank Ltd., 6.125% to 03/08/27 then SW5 + 3.703%, 144A**** | 455,485 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| Societe Generale SA: | | |
| \$ 300,000 | 6.75% to 04/06/28 then SW5 + 3.929%, 144A**** | 272,166 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| \$ 3,800,000 | 7.375% to 09/13/21 then SW5 + 6.238%, 144A**** | 3,942,500 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| Standard Chartered PLC: | | |
| \$ 1,600,000 | 7.50% to 04/02/22 then SW5 + 6.301%, 144A**** | 1,676,000 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| \$ 2,500,000 | 7.75% to 04/02/23 then SW5 + 5.723%, 144A**** | 2,622,437 ^{** (1)(2)(4)} |
| \$ 1,100,000 | Westpac Banking Corporation, 5.00% to 09/21/27 then ISDA5 + 2.888% | 970,964 ^{** (2)(4)} |
| | | 30,079,558 |

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)

| <u>Shares/\$ Par</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Contingent Capital Securities — (Continued) | |
| Financial Services — 0.7% | |
| Credit Suisse Group AG: | |
| \$ 700,000 7.25% to 09/12/25 then SW5 + 4.332%, 144A**** | \$ 701,032**(2)(4) |
| \$ 800,000 7.50% to 07/17/23 then SW5 + 4.60%, 144A**** | 821,668**(2)(4) |
| | <u>1,522,700</u> |
| Insurance — 1.9% | |
| \$ 3,634,000 QBE Insurance Group Ltd., 7.50% to 11/24/23 then SW10 + 6.03%, 11/24/43, 144A**** | 3,943,708 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ |
| | <u>3,943,708</u> |
| Total Contingent Capital Securities | |
| (Cost \$35,337,732) | <u>35,545,966</u> |
| Corporate Debt Securities^s — 3.9% | |
| Banking — 1.8% | |
| 123,450 Texas Capital Bancshares Inc., 6.50% 09/21/42, Sub Notes | 3,199,824 ⁽¹⁾ |
| 18,000 Zions Bancorporation, 6.95% to 09/15/23 then 3ML + 3.89%, 09/15/28, Sub Notes | 526,540 |
| | <u>3,726,364</u> |
| Financial Services — 0.0% | |
| 1,000 B. Riley Financial, Inc., 7.50% 05/31/27 | 24,765 |
| | <u>24,765</u> |
| Insurance — 1.1% | |
| \$ 1,850,000 Liberty Mutual Insurance, 7.697% 10/15/97, 144A**** | 2,379,566 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | <u>2,379,566</u> |
| Energy — 0.5% | |
| \$ 904,000 Energy Transfer Partners LP, 8.25% 11/15/29 | 1,091,786 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | <u>1,091,786</u> |
| Communication — 0.5% | |
| Qwest Corporation: | |
| 19,728 6.50% 09/01/56 | 449,897 |
| 24,920 6.75% 06/15/57 | 596,428 |
| | <u>1,046,325</u> |
| Total Corporate Debt Securities | |
| (Cost \$7,359,680) | <u>8,268,806</u> |
| Common Stock — 0.2% | |
| Energy — 0.2% | |
| 27,067 Kinder Morgan, Inc. | 518,604* |
| | <u>518,604</u> |
| Total Common Stock | |
| (Cost \$731,057) | <u>518,604</u> |

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)
February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)

| Shares/\$ Par | Value |
|---|------------------------|
| Money Market Fund — 2.1% | |
| 4,514,875 | |
| BlackRock Liquidity Funds: | |
| T-Fund, Institutional Class | \$ 4,514,875 |
| Total Money Market Fund | |
| (Cost \$4,514,875) | 4,514,875 |
| Total Investments (Cost \$203,473,056***) | 99.1% 210,718,413 |
| Other Assets And Liabilities (Net) | 0.9% 1,831,358 |
| Total Managed Assets | 100.0%‡ \$ 212,549,771 |
| Loan Principal Balance | (74,700,000) |
| Total Net Assets Available To Common Stock | \$ 137,849,771 |

§ Date shown is maturity date unless referencing the end of the fixed-rate period of a fixed-to-floating rate security.
* Securities eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction and distributing Qualified Dividend Income.
** Securities distributing Qualified Dividend Income only.
*** Aggregate cost of securities held.
**** Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration to qualified institutional buyers. At February 28, 2019, these securities amounted to \$61,841,713 or 29.1% of total managed assets.
(1) All or a portion of this security is pledged as collateral for the Fund's loan. The total value of such securities was \$140,103,807 at February 28, 2019.
(2) Foreign Issuer.
(3) A Contingent Capital Security is a hybrid security with contractual loss-absorption characteristics.
(4) Perpetual security with no stated maturity date.
(5) Represents the rate in effect as of the reporting date.
‡ The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of total managed assets.

ABBREVIATIONS:

| | |
|--------------|--|
| 3ML | — 3-Month ICE LIBOR USD A/360 |
| ISDA5 | — 5-year USD ICE Swap Semiannual 30/360 |
| SW5 | — 5-year USD Swap Semiannual 30/360 |
| SW10 | — 10-year USD Swap Semiannual 30/360 |
| T5Y | — Federal Reserve H.15 5-Yr Constant Maturity Treasury Semiannual yield |
| T10Y | — Federal Reserve H.15 10-Yr Constant Maturity Treasury Semiannual yield |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK⁽¹⁾
For the period from December 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)

| | <u>Value</u> |
|--|------------------------------|
| OPERATIONS: | |
| Net investment income | \$ 2,131,683 |
| Net realized gain/(loss) on investments sold during the period | (3,239,597) |
| Change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments | <u>8,895,146</u> |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | 7,787,232 |
| DISTRIBUTIONS: | |
| Dividends paid from distributable earnings to Common Stock Shareholders ⁽²⁾ | <u>(2,399,182)</u> |
| Total Distributions | (2,399,182) |
| FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS: | |
| Increase from shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan | <u>231,542</u> |
| Net increase in net assets available to Common Stock resulting from Fund share transactions | 231,542 |
| NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK FOR THE PERIOD | <u>\$ 5,619,592</u> |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK: | |
| Beginning of period | \$ 132,230,179 |
| Net increase in net assets during the period | <u>5,619,592</u> |
| End of period | <u>\$ 137,849,771</u> |

⁽¹⁾ These tables summarize the three months ended February 28, 2019 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including notes to financial statements, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2018.

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

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS⁽¹⁾

**For the period December 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 (Unaudited)
For a Common Stock share outstanding throughout the period**

PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE:

Net asset value, beginning of period \$ 10.54

INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:

Net investment income 0.17
 Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments 0.45
 Total from investment operations 0.62

DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

From net investment income (0.19)
 Total distributions to Common Stock Shareholders (0.19)
 Net asset value, end of period \$ 10.97
 Market value, end of period \$ 11.08
 Common Stock shares outstanding, end of period 12,568,413

RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCK SHAREHOLDERS:

Net investment income† 6.48%*
 Operating expenses including interest expense 3.30%*
 Operating expenses excluding interest expense 1.45%*

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA: ††

Portfolio turnover rate 2%**
 Total managed assets, end of period (in 000's) \$ 212,550
 Ratio of operating expenses including interest expense to
 average total managed assets 2.11%*
 Ratio of operating expenses excluding interest expense to
 average total managed assets 0.93%*

⁽¹⁾ These tables summarize the three months ended February 28, 2019 and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's audited financial statements, including notes to the financial statements, in its Annual Report dated November 30, 2018.

* Annualized.

** Not annualized.

† The net investment income ratio reflects income net of operating expenses, including interest expense.

†† Information presented under heading Supplemental Data includes loan principal balance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)
Per Share of Common Stock (Unaudited)

| | Total Dividends Paid | Net Asset Value | NYSE Closing Price | Dividend Reinvestment Price⁽¹⁾ |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| December 31, 2018..... | \$0.0660 | \$10.29 | \$10.53 | \$10.29 |
| January 31, 2019..... | 0.0625 | 10.88 | 11.39 | 10.88 |
| February 28, 2019..... | 0.0625 | 10.97 | 11.08 | 10.97 |

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

1. Aggregate Information for Federal Income Tax Purposes

At February 28, 2019, the aggregate cost of securities for federal income tax purposes was \$204,732,690, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$10,084,094 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$4,098,371.

2. Additional Accounting Standards

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

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Transfers in and out of levels are recognized at market value at the end of the period.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of February 28, 2019 is as follows:

| | Total Value at February 28, 2019 | Level 1 Quoted Price | Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs | Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs |
|--|--|----------------------------|--|--|
| Preferred Stock & Hybrid Preferred Securities | | | | |
| Banking | \$ 86,753,965 | \$ 70,690,116 | \$16,063,849 | \$ — |
| Financial Services | 2,362,643 | 1,943,643 | 419,000 | — |
| Insurance | 38,587,781 | 23,360,611 | 15,227,170 | — |
| Utilities | 17,618,772 | 9,021,489 | 8,597,283 | — |
| Energy | 8,120,317 | 8,120,317 | — | — |
| Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) | 959,076 | 959,076 | — | — |
| Miscellaneous Industries | 7,467,608 | 809,408 | 6,658,200 | — |
| Contingent Capital Securities | | | | |
| Banking | 30,079,558 | 29,596,908 | 482,650 | — |
| Financial Services | 1,522,700 | 1,522,700 | — | — |
| Insurance | 3,943,708 | — | 3,943,708 | — |
| Corporate Debt Securities | | | | |
| Banking | 3,726,364 | 3,726,364 | — | — |
| Financial Services | 24,765 | 24,765 | — | — |
| Insurance | 2,379,566 | — | 2,379,566 | — |
| Energy | 1,091,786 | — | 1,091,786 | — |
| Communication | 1,046,325 | 1,046,325 | — | — |
| Common Stock | | | | |
| Energy | 518,604 | 518,604 | — | — |
| Money Market Fund | 4,514,875 | 4,514,875 | — | — |
| Total Investments | \$ 210,718,413 | \$155,855,201 | \$54,863,212 | \$ — |

During the reporting period, there were no transfers into Level 1 from Level 2 or into Level 2 from Level 1. During the reporting period, there were no transfers into or out of Level 3.

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

Securities with quotes that are based on actual trades or actionable bids and offers with a sufficient level of activity on or near the measurement date are classified as Level 1. Securities that are priced using quotes derived from implied values, indicative bids and offers, or a limited number of actual trades—or the same information for securities that are similar in many respects to those being valued—are classified as Level 2. If market information is not available for securities being valued, or materially-comparable securities, then those securities are classified as Level 3. In considering market information, management evaluates changes in liquidity, willingness of a broker to execute at the quoted price, the depth and consistency of prices from pricing services, and the existence of observable trades in the market.

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Quarterly Report

February 28, 2019

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